

Congratulations to Senior Students who took part in the Grandridge Bike Challenge last week. See page 4 for full report.....



The Awesome WDSS Team

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 4 Issue 30, Tuesday 28th November 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Friday 1st

- **WDSS Open Garden Day**

Thursday 7th

- **School Concert - commencing at 11:30am**

Friday 8th

- **Junior Excursion**
- **Middle Excursion**

Thursday 14th

- **Senior Graduation Night**

Tuesday 19th

- **Pupil Free Day**

Wednesday 20th

- **Last day of Term 4 12:30pm finish**

Dear Families and Carers,

The year is finishing with its usual rush towards the finish line! We might all be staggering a bit but we'll get there!

We have a huge few weeks planned, starting with our Open Garden this coming Friday. It is the 10th Anniversary of having our marvellous and lush garden so this year's Open Garden will be extra special with a cake-cutting ceremony and special guests. Please come along if you can, bring some family and friends and enjoy the BBQ and activities with your student.

The following week we'll start student's transitions into their 2024 classes: always an exciting-and stressful-time for our students. At that time students will bring home details of their 2024 class. On Thursday we have the return of the School Concert, and if that wasn't enough excitement: the following day the Juniors and the Middle school students are leaving school for the day on their separate excursions.

So don't plan to do much that weekend- everyone is going to need a big rest!

Cheers,

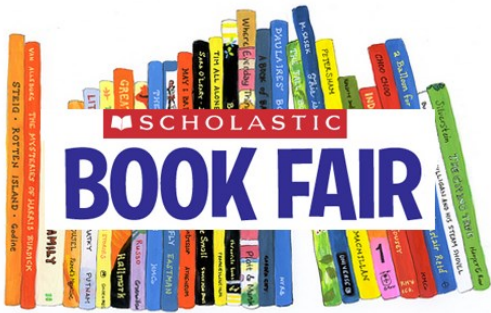


Our Commitment to Child Safety

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Warragul & District Specialist School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the safety of children with a disability as well the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Every person involved in Warragul & District Specialist School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.



An enormous THANKYOU to the school community for another fantastic week of Book Fair.

We had students, parents and staff visit every day to look at the books and it was great to see the books disappearing out the door and the students smiles as they got to make a purchase or maybe they just had the fun of sitting on the floor and enjoying a new book or two or three.

Scholastic Australia reward us generously for holding the Book Fair and I look forward to being able to announce both our sales and our reward next week so watch this space.

Again thankyou everyone. It is always a fun week and I am already excited about repeating the fun next November.

- **Glenda Gray**

Book Vouchers were given out to Riley and Abby in Seniors, Ella in Middle school and Jacob and Alty in Juniors for their efforts in upholding the school values for the week. Well done!



Riley



Abby



Ella



Jacob



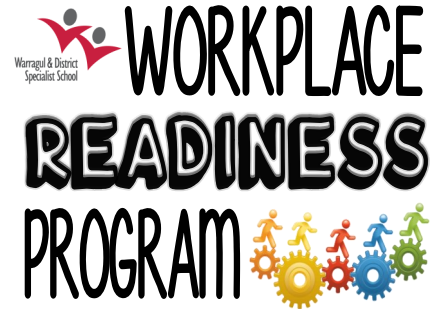
Alty



Again a BIG THANK YOU to Glenda for spending all week here at school running Book Fair, it wouldn't happen without her and we are so gratefully for her generosity !

SENIORS

SENIOR TRANSITION PATHWAYS 2024



Students attended CCG for an orientation for their 2024 VET (vocational educational training) course Cert 2 in Workplace Skills

Michael, Melvin, Coby, Dylan , Ethan and Riley will attend CCG each Thursday next year and will spend Mondays at Knoxbrooke doing SWL (Student Workplace Learning) . This is a new program for our students and we look forward to working in close partnership with CCG and Knoxbrooke.

- Sue



SENIORS

GRANDRIDGE BIKE CHALLENGE

Staff and students had the best time last Thursday on the Boolarra to Mirboo North rail trail.

Thanks to Zoe, Sue and Ally for riding with our fantastic students: Isaac, Riley, William, Liam, Melvin, Jack, Coby, Bayden, Zeth, Marcus, Josiah and Michael (Sue was very pleased that she made it all the way, well done!).

The ride was 13 km up and 13 kms back. So every one completed a 26km ride. Along the way they road past a cute little echidna and Zoe even saw a red belly black snake! At Mirboo North the Lions Club had a yummy BBQ going to refuel the hungry riders.

When they arrived back to school it was time to clean the bikes, Ethan and Eli even jumped in to help out which was awesome.

We are so proud of how respectful our students were on the ride, they were amazing!





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



CALLUM

Being a **LEARNER** by writing his 'I see a ...' sentences.



GRACE

Engaging in walking program, gaining more strength and stability.



ZEAHN

for making a great start at WDSS



JORDAN

Being a **LEARNER** - learning to count by three's and excellent independent writing last week.



LAYLA

Being a **LEARNER** - excellent improvement in her reading throughout the year.



BEN

Being a **LEARNER** - excellent improvement in his reading throughout the year.



SEB

Being a **LEARNER** - excellent improvement in his reading throughout the year.



DEAN

Being a **LEARNER** - excellent improvement in his reading throughout the year.



BROCK

Being a **Safe Respectful Learner** by following the school values when others around him weren't. Well done Brock!



Thursday is the last Canteen day for 2023!

A massive thank you to the Canteen team for providing us with yummy lunch orders each week.....




Carli April Marcus Melvin Michael Zeth Tyra Eli Josiah Isaac



School Canteen Term 4 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room / Teacher: _____

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	Other Items - Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Rolls (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Frog in a Pond \$1.50 
<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) - \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Icy Pole \$0.50 
<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Potato - \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Coleslaw <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Cream <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon 		<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$ 2.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cupcake \$1.00 
 GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Party Pies - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Party Sausage Rolls - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Chicken Nuggets \$4.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 	Total: \$ _____ Enclosed: \$ _____



Friday 1st December, 11am to 1pm

Gold Coin Donation

Students, families, friends and community members are invited to come along and celebrate 10 years of our school garden!

Have a look around our productive and colourful garden and join in on some fun activities! We will also be unveiling our new garden sign and will celebrate with cake.....

- ☉ Sausage sizzle
- ☉ Slushies & popcorn
- ☉ Face painting
- ☉ Ball games on the oval
- ☉ Potting station
- ☉ Guess the number in the jar competition
- ☉ Garden treasure Hunt



Please ring the school on 5623 for further information

A colorful poster for the 2023 School Concert Summer Celebration. The background is a mix of blue and orange with palm tree silhouettes. The text is written in a playful, hand-drawn style. The main title '2023 School Concert' is in yellow and blue, followed by 'SUMMER CELEBRATION' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, it says 'After a 3 year hiatus the School Concert is back!' and 'Families and Friends are invited to come along and be entertained by our very talented students!'. At the bottom, it gives the date 'Thursday 7th December commencing at 11.30am on the school grounds' and a note 'BYO camp chairs / picnic rug'.

2023 School Concert

SUMMER CELEBRATION

After a 3 year hiatus the School Concert is back!

Families and Friends are invited to come along and be entertained by our very talented students!

Thursday 7th December commencing at 11.30am on the school grounds

BYO camp chairs / picnic rug



THE CASSIDY CREW
CARERS, ADVOCACY, SUPPORT SERVICES,
INDEPENDENCE, DISABILITIES AND YOU!

COME & HAVE FUN

WARRAGUL DISTRICT SPECIAL SCHOOL SUPPORT DAYS

Tuesday December 19th

W.D.S.S PUPIL FREE DAY 9AM - 3PM
Home pick ups and drop offs available

Wednesday December 20th

W.D.S.S EARLY BREAK UP DAY 12.30pm - 3pm
School pick up and home drop offs available

ACTIVITIES

Dunk some hoops at our brand new indoor basketball court!

- Full sized indoor playground.
- Fenced outdoor area with sandpit.
- Music and movement on the stage.
- Dedicated arts and crafts room.
- Games and puzzles.
- Baking and more.
- Full canteen facilities.



Fun, engaged, caring and qualified support workers.
Book now by phoning **1800 601020**



BEST FIT DISABILITY GROUP ACTIVITIES



NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday 18th November 10am to 4pm	MELBOURNE OUTING & MYER WINDOWS	Enjoy a magical day out in Melbourne, explore the Myer Windows, enjoy a lunch out and make a start on some Christmas Shopping. Lunch included.
Friday 24th November 3pm to 11:00pm	WORLD SUPERCROSS AUSTRALIAN DIRTYBIKE GRAND PRIX	Marvel Stadium will be transformed into the ultimate battlefield. An epic night of intense competition racing. 3pm to approx 11pm, depending on traffic - Meal included. Respite available.




DECEMBER 2023

Friday 1st December 3pm to 6pm	BEST FIT DISABILITY GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY	Free event for all clients and families - Surprise visit & BBQ meal supplied - RSVP required please.
Saturday 9th December 9:30am to 4pm	GUMBUYA WORLD DAY OUT	Enjoy a day out at Gumbuya World this Summer, Waterslides, Rides, Animals - Don't forget your swimmers! Lunch provided.
Tuesday 19th December 9am to 4pm	PUPIL FREE DAY AT W.D.S.S IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES BYO LUNCH	Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park and outdoor activities.
Tuesday 19th December 10am to 4pm	MELBOURNE OUTING & MYER WINDOWS	Enjoy a magical day out in the city of Melbourne, explore the Myer Windows, enjoy lunch out and make a start on some Christmas Shopping. Lunch included.
Thursday 21st December 9:30am to 4pm	GUMBUYA WORLD DAY OUT	Enjoy a day out at Gumbuya World this Summer, Waterslides Rides, Animals - Don't forget your swimmers! Lunch provided.



NOTE: All prices may vary depending on level of care required and participants.
For further information & bookings contact 1300 604 374 or enquiries@bfdisability.com.au

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Have your say until Sunday 3rd December.



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OF OUR OPEN SPACES

TOGETHER

YOUR SAY, YOUR WAY.

Council is seeking your ideas for open spaces in Baw Baw Shire.

Tell us how can we improve your experience in our parks and open spaces.



Feeling Fresh
SUPPORT SERVICES

DISABILITY, HOME & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Assistance with self care
- Assistance with daily activities
- Community access
- Travel assistance
- Group activity programs
- Respite services



CLEANING & ORGANISING

- Weekly or fortnightly cleaning
- Deep cleaning
- Organising & decluttering
- Window & exterior cleaning
- Oven cleaning
- Laundry assistance



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- Garden care
- Lawn maintenance
- Hard rubbish removal



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