



The staff room was a flurry of activity today with students eagerly attending the PFA Fathers Day Stall. A big Thank You to Emma for making the stall happen and to her helpers Jacquie (Jack's in Rm 4's mum), Glenda (awesome WDSS volunteer) and Kerry (staff member)!!

Unfortunately at last weeks PFA meeting we only had parents Emma and Jacqui turn up. 😞

We are again asking Parents/Carers to please consider coming along next time. Our PFA is mostly social & networking with occasionally helping out at school activities. It's great way to catch up with other parents and chat about shared experiences.

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER SEPTEMBER

Friday 2nd

- Seniors - Interschool Soccer

Thursday 8th

- RuOK? Day

Friday 9th

- PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 16th

- Wear Blue or Footy Colours for the Asthma Foundation
- Last day of Term 3
2:00pm finish

Hello to WDSS school community

Gee, I have a feeling that Spring is really on the way and hoping everyone enjoyed the sunshine on the weekend. We are now into Week 8 and Term 3 holidays are not too far away.

It's great to see that most families have had an SSG with their child's teacher this term. It is always an extremely important time where student goals can be discussed and adjusted accordingly. It is also a time where families can discuss any important issues, concerns or queries about their child's education with staff.

A reminder that next Thursday (8th September) is R U OK? Day so dig out any yellow clothes for students to wear on the day. Students will be learning about what it means to be a good friend and a great listener and the importance of seeking support from trusted adults. Senior students have also been involved in the Live4Life program that supports mental health wellbeing for teenagers. The R U OK day is all about promoting positive friendships where students can support each other and know where to go for professional help with life's struggles. I believe that at WDSS there is a real sense of trust amongst students and staff. Students are able to seek out any number of staff for a chat to talk through any issues. This is a real strength at our school!



GREAT NEWS! Two years ago, Alesha and Toni Shaw were involved in designing new sports tops with local Gunai Kurnai elders and our KESOs (Koori Education Support Officers). FINALLY they will be worn by senior and some middle school students this Friday at the Interschool Soccer Day in Newborough. I think you will agree that our students will look fantastic in these tops on the day! What a beautiful design complete with the local blue fairy wrens!

Have a great week !

Sue



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Dear Parents & Carers,

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

The Annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from Tuesday 16th August to Friday 16th September.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Families are randomly selected and will be invited via email to participate in the survey. You will be sent an email with a link to the survey. If you have a new email address, please phone the Office – 5623 1385.

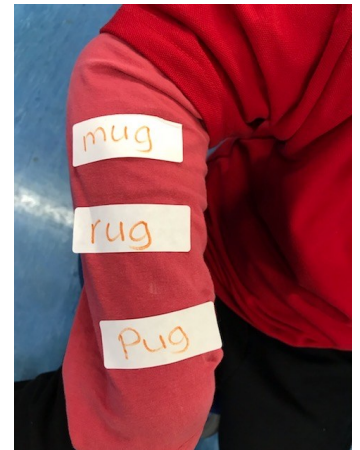
The survey will be conducted online. It only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be shared in our newsletter. If you would like more information about the survey, please contact Matt for a chat.

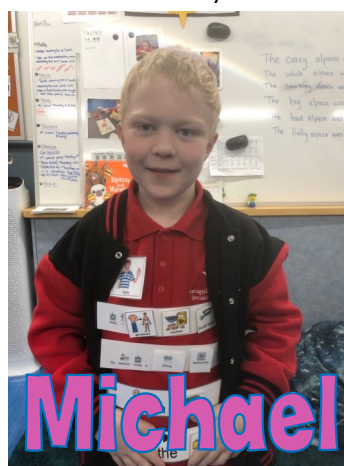
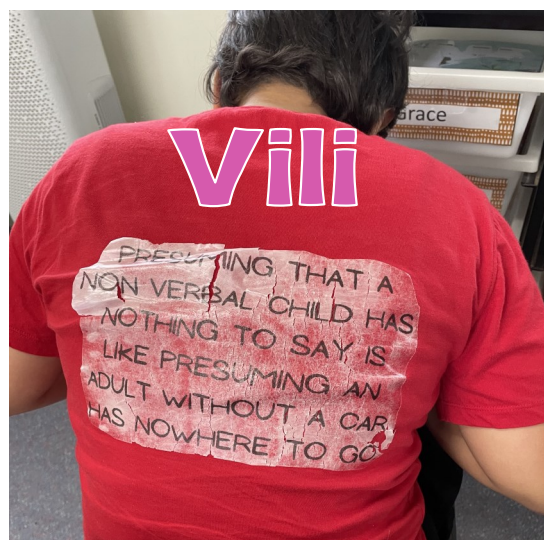


Last weeks Wear your Words Day was a great day.

Everyone really loved the competitions - the Core Word Song Competition and the Core Word Scavenger Hunt. Thank you and well done to Bri and Carlea for ensuring the day was a success!



Room 3 really embraced the day! They even wore their Morning Review Words ALL day!





Middle School Staff are Wonderful Word Super Heroes'



Room 1 students and staff had a lot of fun finding the core words in the scavenger hunt!



Lottie, Roy and Xander from Room 4 using their devices

SENIORS

Sue and Zoe's maths groups have been working on patterns, sorting and sharing this term.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?....



It was wonderful to see 2020 Graduate Jaime visit the school last week. She spoke so confidently at our senior assembly about what it is like to leave school and start new adventures. Jaime does still miss school and the friendships she made here.



Jaime has a busy week working and getting out and about. Monday and Fridays a Carer supports Jaime in shopping, cooking and doing activities around Warragul. Tuesdays and Thursdays Jaime works at Oatdale Dairies in Longwarry. She talked about looking after the potty calves. Jaime also does casual work at a farm in Jindivick. Well done Jaime!

Nathan, Georgia, Jaime and Alex at Senior Assembly

Student Achievements

Ky recently attended the Seishin Open Judo Championships in Tasmania. Ky performed really well bringing home 4 medals. Unfortunately he also brought home an injured shoulder ! Well done Ky and we hope that shoulder heals quickly!



Ky attends The Dojo Factory in Drouin. They also run All Ability Judo sessions.

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Jenni



Kelly

Positive Self-Talk

Often we can find ourselves in a position where we lack the motivation and confidence to perform tasks which may challenge us on many levels. Whilst an adult may be able to recognise this and adjust their approach, children can struggle with feelings of anger, frustration, even failure, resulting in low self-esteem and a reluctance to try new things.

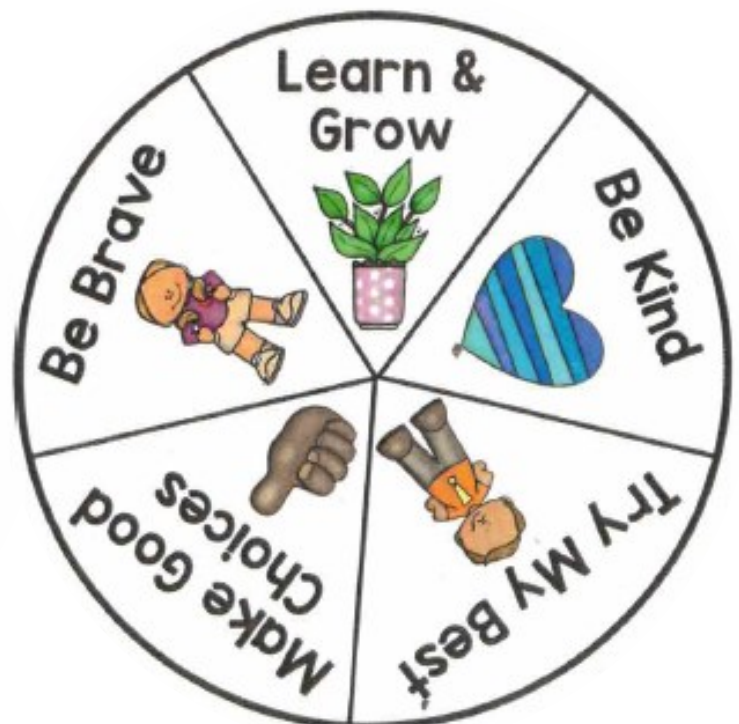
Positive self-talk is when you talk to yourself in a positive way. It is important because it helps children to perform at their best in challenging situations, having a greater impact on self-esteem, rational thinking, and general mood.

One of the simplest ways you can encourage your child to use positive self-talk at home, is to remind them of the thing they CAN do. A fun way for them to remember these things and practice when alone, is to make the "I Can" spinner. Simply cut out both the spinner topper and base, place the topper over the base and secure with a pin in the middle of the spinner. The topper will then spin around exposing some positive things your child CAN do. Ask them to give you an example of the "I Can" statement and watch their confidence grow!!

"I Can" Spinner Topper



"I Can" Spinner Base Sheet



School Garden Program

Rain, rain and MORE rain! It was very soggy underfoot again in the garden last week but once again the students got to work in between the drizzle.

Our main job this week was one that we have done a few times before - placing our new raised bed into its final place in the garden - and it looks great! The students filled it two-thirds full with dead prunings from the fruit trees, sheets of cardboard and leaf mulch. Now all the beds are ready to be filled with lovely veggie mix so we can get our Spring planting underway!

Another job planned for last week (which was rained off) was sunflower planting so hopefully the weather will be kind on Thursday and we can get them in the ground.

The garden weaving frame is also being re-strung and it's about halfway done but it can still be used - just thread leaves, stems, grass and small twigs in and out of the strings.

We also did a few rubbish runs to keep the garden looking tidy - it's hard work emptying a wheelie bin into the skip but our students managed it!

In our art afternoon we gave the tealight holders another coat of paint and added the tealights. The cup and saucer bird feeders had glued together really well (thank goodness!) and we added some beads as a hanger. Now both the tealights and the feeders are ready to be sold at the Father's Day Stall!

- Gail





School holiday challenge

2/101 Princes Hwy, Yarragon VIC 3823

"MONSTER" SCULPTURES

- 1) PRIMARY AGE CATEGORY 5 - 11 years
- 2) SECONDARY CATEGORY 11-18 years

**START PLANNING YOUR MASTERPIECE
READY FOR THE CHALLENGE!**

You can submit a 'sculpture' in either Felt,
Sculpey, or Clay.

Entries from 17 Sept till 2nd Oct
voting by Tritec customers
from 3 Oct to 16 Oct

Sizes: from tiny up to roughly a
milk carton type size.



The 3 most popular monsters in
each category will win a \$30
gift voucher to help with buying
their favorite art goodies.

Entries must be named on underside and have contact phone number

(WHILE WE WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO TAKE CARE OF ALL ENTRIES WE CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY
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STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



HAVEN

Being **SAFE** - asking her friends if they want to play.



SOPHIE

For being calm and brave getting her immunisations.



ZOEY

Being a fantastic **LEARNER** sat senior school soccer training.



ALEX

Being a **LEARNER** - playing soccer & being a fantastic role model to his peers



ZETH

Joining in on the soccer.



STUDENT LED AWARD - JOSIAH

Being a good friend.
Nominated by Zeth



STUDENT LED AWARD - ISAAC

Being a good friend and a good gamer Minecraft,
Nominated by Michael H



STUDENT LED AWARD - DYLAN

Playing UNO with Charlie,
Nominated by Charlie



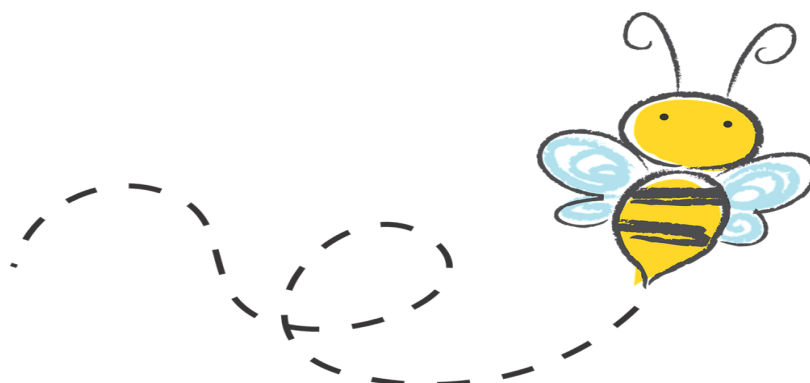
KIRSTEN

Being a **LEARNER** trying new things



ERIN

Being a **LEARNER** in soccer training



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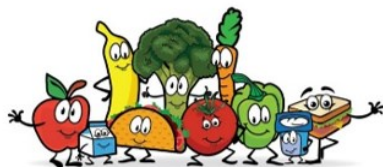
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School Canteen Order

Term 3 2022 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ **Room / Teacher:** _____

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