

Seeing our students getting along and forming positive friendships always makes us smile!

Brock recently taught Lucas how to play Snakes & Ladders. They were both very respectful - Brock giving the instructions clearly and Lucas listening very carefully. Well done Brock and Lucas, great to see our school values at play!



We are Safe, Respectful Learners

DATES TO REMEMBER NOVEMBER

Wed 1st/Thur 2nd

- Healthy Harold & the Life Ed Van

Friday 3rd

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 7th

- Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th

- School Council Meeting

Mon 20th Fri 24th

- Scholastic Book Fair

DECEMBER

Friday 1st

WSSS Open Garden Day

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Hi all,

Welcome to Week 5.

It has been one year since 'Buzz' our Blue Banded Bee mascot joined WDSS and our Buzz Buck shop was opened.

Our WDSS students earn Buzz Bucks across the week for following our school values and being good school community members. Buzz Bucks contribute to individual, class, and whole school goals. At an individual level, each student uses their Buzz bucks to buy a variety of items from our on-line shop with the purchased items being delivered fortnightly on a Friday.

Each week all classes look at our expected behaviours on how to be Safe, Respectful Learners and each class completes some great learnings and work around these behaviours. This week our focus is 'We support & encourage others'.

Last Friday the 27th of October was World Teachers Day I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful teachers at WDSS (and beyond) for all their continuous hard work and dedication to our wonderful students and their learning!

This Friday is a Student Free day, all our staff will be working hard on assessments, reporting and IEPs throughout the day. We then look forward to seeing our students Monday before our Melbourne Cup school closure day on Tuesday. It is nice to see that there is blue skies and sunshine ahead for this weekend, let's hope it carries into next week!

Take Care and have a Great week,



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.

Juniors

Room 3

Room 3 were so excited to get back into swimming last week. Everyone walked to and from the pool very safely. In Science, we have looked at floating and sinking by conducting an experiment. We had LOTS of fun playing with the water! We have really enjoyed our cooking this term with everyone having a go at some new foods when making nachos. Lastly, we have had a great time participating in SSS. Everyone did really well trying their hardest to blow bubbles and communicate whether they liked or disliked the tastes and smells.

- Renee



Charlotte & Stevie thought the bubble attack was hilarious!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Room 20

Room 20 got some fish.

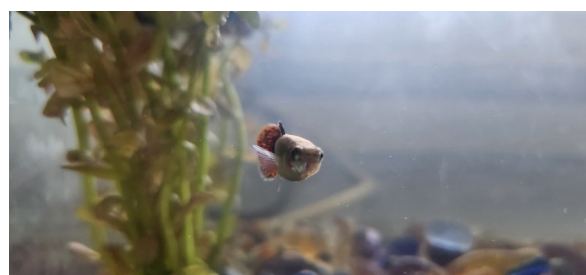
We had some die.

We got some more fish from the pet shop.

We also had babies. They are so cool. They have black eyes and fins. They are getting bigger.

We feel good looking after our fish.

By Jayden Dixon, Room 20 reporter.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROOM 9

In Science last term and this term, Room 9 have been learning about plants and how they grow. We grew cress in eggshells and a few students tried the cress. They said it tasted funny, like grass or peppery lettuce. The cress grew quickly, and we learnt about what it needed – soil, water, and sunlight!

We also planted sunflower seeds into pots, but unfortunately some were lost to greedy bunnies and snails. They are starting to come back up now, hopefully we will get some sunshine and they will grow nice and tall.

Lastly, we learned about growing house plants from cuttings. We cut some pieces off a trailing plant and waited for the roots to grow in water. It took a long time.

Now we are waiting for them to grow new leaves, in their new pots with soil.



- Steph



SENIORS

Work Experience



If you haven't been down to Coffee Vibes at the West Gippsland Arts Centre, I highly recommend paying them a visit! The food and service is awesome and prices are also very reasonable. Coffee is great too (thank you 2022 Graduate Nathan!).

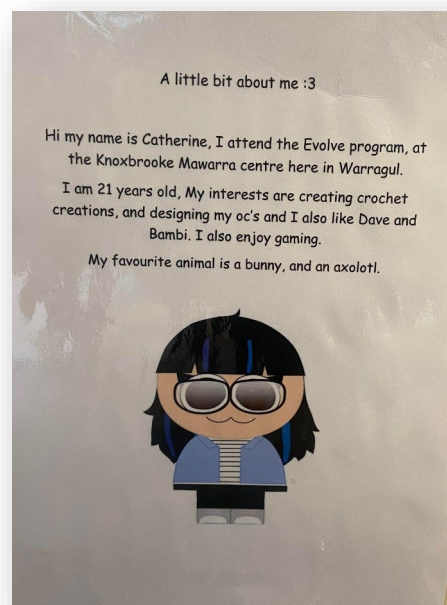
Michael has been doing work experience on Fridays and Nathan and staff have been wonderful showing him the workings of the café. When I visited on Michael's first day, he was already using the register independently!



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?....

I also bumped into 2020 Graduate Catherine at Coffee Vibes. Catherine has just turned 21 and it was wonderful to see how happy she is in her post school life!

Catherine is very skilled at crocheting and you can purchase her amazing creations at Coffee Vibes.





Senior School students recently ventured out to Latrobe Leisure Centre in Newborough.

They participated in the Basketball Victoria All Abilities Eco Cup Competition playing several schools including Baringa, Latrobe, Bass Coast and East Gippsland.



WDSS had three teams compete and it was fantastic to see the students work together and support each other during their games.

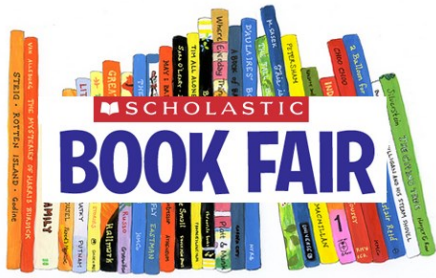
The day ended with students selected to play in a mixed team with Baringa School, to showcase their amazing skills with the support from Ben from the Warragul Warriors.

The Senior School would like to say a massive thank you to Ben and Dale from Warragul Warriors for their training and coaching before the competition and on the day.



- Ally





BOOK FAIR 2023

SAVE THE DATE:

**Monday 20th November to Friday
24th November 2023**

With Term 4 upon us it means that we are getting ready for our annual Book Fair which will be arriving on November 16th.

The book fair is a great time to not only buy some early presents for Christmas but also it is a chance for our students to enjoy new books or old favourites they might not have seen or read for awhile.

As we get closer to mid November every student and their family and friends will get their own invitation to visit Book fair and join in the fun of Book Fair.










Cheers

- **Glenda Gray**



School Canteen Term 4 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room / Teacher: _____

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	Other Items - <small>Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.</small>
<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"/> Sauce <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Party Sausage Rolls - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Sauce <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 1385 for further information



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



JAX

Being a **LEARNER**:
attempting his activity box.



CONNOR

Being a **LEARNER** by writing
his 'The sheep **is** ...'
sentences.



VINCENT

Being **RESPECTFUL** to others
in the garden.



KAYDEN

Demonstrating our school
values by being
RESPECTFUL of others and
using his manners.



MASON

For consistently using his
manners **RESPECTFULLY** and
settling well at his new
school.



PENNY

For encouraging others to
have a go and complete
learning tasks.



VICTORIA

For participating in class
activities more.



JAKE

Being a **LEARNER** by
making his 'Take a photo
of...'
sentences in Literacy.



LIAM

Completing all of his work
and always helping others
around the school.



ZETH

Being a good **LEARNER**
and **RESPECTFUL** on Friday.



PIPPA

Completing all of her work
in an enthusiastic manner
on Friday.



XAVIER

For his accuracy and
dedication in completing a
research project on the NBA
2023/24 basketball season.



STUDENT Awards

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TYRA

For challenging herself when completing her fractions work during Maths Groups.



COREY

For displaying our school values and being a **LEARNER** while exploring some challenging concepts during maths groups.



NOAH

Being a **LEARNER** and showing his skills in researching a topic of interest on the computer and iPad



DOM

Helping Jenny by taking her dog Ajay for a walk to the netball courts during sport.



ZAK

For settling in well to your new school and classroom.



WILLIAM

For helping staff and students around the school .



GRACE

For working hard in the pool to increase strength and showing so much enjoyment.



CHARLIE

For being a good **LEARNER** and working hard.



ERIN

Being a **SAFE RESPONSIBLE LEARNER** - showing all the WDSS school values when attending the Inspiring Young Women Dinner .

Well done Erin!



\$10 REEL DEAL

CATCH IT FOR A STEAL

2 NOVEMBER - 8 NOVEMBER

Margot
Robbie

Ryan
Gosling



Summer
2023

TICKETS
ONLY
\$10

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