

Many thanks go to the Baw Baw Shire immunisation incentive program for again recognising our parent and staff collaboration in reaching 100% timely return rate of the immunisation consent cards for 2023.



With our monetary reward we were able to purchase a new wheelchair for the first aid room for patient transport and also pay for some professional development for staff.

Connor looks very comfortable being the first one to test drive the new chair!

- Meredith



DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Monday 11th

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 20th

- Senior Info Night & WDSS Post School Options Expo

Friday 22nd

- Seniors, Farm World Excursion

Thursday 28th

- Last Day of Term 1, 2:00pm finish



PLEASE NOTE: Parents / Carers need to advise the school office if your student is getting picked up and not travelling home by bus.

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 4, Tuesday 5th March 2024

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 1

Over the past few weeks, we have started rolling out our new communication app, Seesaw, across the school. Seesaw will replace classroom diaries for daily communication between the classroom staff and families. Timely messages should still be communicated to the front office, such as changes to that days bus routine. Seesaw will also offer an insight into the classroom through photos, videos and work samples. We encourage families to use Seesaw to prompt recall questions with their children. For example, looking at a photo of their daily learning and asking 'What did you do today? I see you did...'. Students may respond by smiling at our touching their photo, using facial or hand cues, or providing a verbal response. Thanks to all those families who have already downloaded the app and connected with their classroom. For those still waiting, your classroom teacher will have sent out a permission form. Please sign and return, so we can send you a link to connect with the classroom. If you need any additional support, please speak to your classroom teacher. Alternatively you can come and speak to myself, Jade Nedic – Junior Unit Coordinator.

It's fantastic to see our students demonstrating school values of **'Be Safe'**, **'Be Respectful'**, and **'Be a Learner'** across the school. Students are acknowledged for their positive behaviours across the school with Buzz Bucks, which they spend in the school shop. A new popular option for students are Pokémon cards, which have proven to be a motivator for demonstrating expected behaviours. Well done to everyone who has been rewarded with Buzz Bucks this week, and enjoy your purchases from the shop.

For families of our senior students, a reminder of our upcoming Post School Options Expo, to be held on Wednesday 20th March from 5:00pm to 5:40pm and the Post School options Expo from 5:30pm onwards and organisations will be available until around 6:30pm. Please let your classroom teacher know you plan to attend through Sentral or Seesaw.

For all families, a reminder that Monday 11th March is the Labour Day public holiday. There will be no school on that day.



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The Victorian Government has invested \$1.5 million from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund to provide up to 95,000 Little Angler Kits to primary school aged children in Victoria.

This initiative aims to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn how to fish, as well as learning more about marine life and the natural environment.

All WDSS students born from 2013 - 2018 are eligible to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Please contact the school by 20th March if you would like a kit. Please note: parents are required to pick up the kits from the school as they cannot go home on buses.

Any remaining kits will then be offered to older students.

Fishing kits should be stored securely at home in a place where children cannot access it, and children should be supervised by an adult when using the kit and when spending time around water. The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle and information on how to use them to catch a fish. Please note that the tackle tray includes fishing hooks and lead sinkers. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer.

The Little Angler hub on the Victorian Fisheries Authority website, has safety information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish. Access via this link: [Victorian Fishing Authority Little Angler Kits](#)

What's In Your Little Angler Kit?

Your kit contains everything you need to get hooked on fishing as a fun and exciting hobby that you can enjoy with school friends, neighbours and family. Fishing trips are full of adventure and can take you all across Victoria and beyond, creating lifelong memories and great stories to share. As a Little Angler, you're now part of a special club with thousands of other kids!

- fishing rod
- reel with fishing line
- tackle box
- hooks, swivels and lure
- carry case.



Seesaw

What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is an APP being introduced by WDSS this year. It will be used by our school staff to share student learning with families. It will also replace diary communication by allowing for direct communication with classroom staff.

Seesaw provides a safe and at times creative way for students to document their learning, while practicing digital literacy skills in a controlled environment.

Students will have an individual learning journal which staff will post to weekly.

How do I get Seesaw?

The Seesaw APP can be downloaded to any apple or android device from the store. Classroom teachers will soon send home some terms and conditions for use. When signed consent is received, classroom teachers will either send home a class code, text message or email for you to connect your child to the APP.

How often will teachers post?

Classroom teachers will post weekly learning experiences that your child is engaged in. Teacher will also check the Seesaw inbox daily for any communication between families and school. Important communication which is time sensitive (such as student changes to the bus) should still be communicated to the front office by phone as teachers will not check Seesaw while teaching.

I need help!

Your child's classroom teacher should be able to help with any questions you may have. Alternatively, you can drop into the office and ask to speak with Jade Nedic our Junior Unit Co-ordinator who will happily help connect you on the APP.

What do I do now?

To get started on Seesaw, you will need to return the signed consent form, download the Seesaw APP, and connect with your child's classroom. Once your connected, all you need to do is regularly check your child's learning journal to see all the amazing things happening in the classroom.

SENIORS

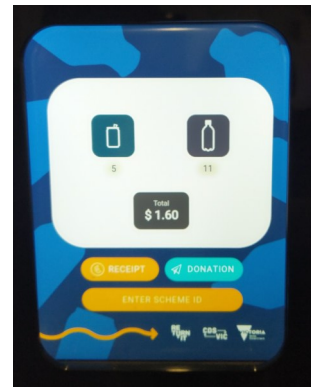
Horticulture & Swimming Program with Jess



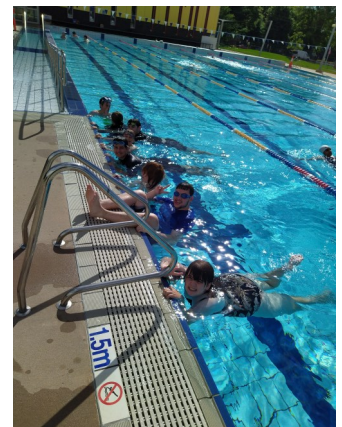
We got free hats at the Trade counter as we collected all the bins for the Container Deposit Scheme. Program is officially launched!



We had a very successful trip to the Container Deposit Scheme depot in Warragul this week. We raised \$9.90 to go toward buying a new interactive whiteboard for the school. Senior students went around to each classroom collecting the containers. Thank you to everyone who is sending them in. Please keep them coming.



Seniors participated in their first swimming session for the year. We completed 10 laps of the pool and look forward to beating our weekly record next week. As it was a HOT weather day we enjoyed a cool down in the outdoor pool after such hard work. Well done senior swimmers!





VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS TO Warragul District Specialist School

We are raising funds for:
New Interactive Whiteboards

We are now collecting cans, bottles, and Prima/Juice-box containers, as part of our:

Senior School Community Connections and Gardening Program.

We would love some community support to help raise much-needed funds for our school.

We have 2 donation options available for our community:

1. Send your cans and bottles to school with your child. **(Non-alcoholic beverages only please)** We will place a specially marked bin near the front entrance of the main building and students can place their items inside. Senior students will collect these and deposit them at the depot.
2. Take your cans and recyclable bottles and containers down to the depot independently....

Please go to: <https://cdsvic.org.au/> for your nearest collection point. At the collection depot, you can deposit your items and **scan our exclusive barcode or key in our exclusive barcode number**. And any funds raised will go directly to the school. YAY!

WDSS Zone ID Barcode:
C2000010419



Thank you so much for supporting our school!



You're invited to
the

BEST FIT EASTER EGGTRAVAGANZA

Friday 22nd March, 2024

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**23 Ashdown Drive,
Warragul**

This is a FREE event.

*Fun Easter activities, Easter Egg hunt,
BBQ meal provided, surprise guest
appearance & a chance to meet the
Best Fit team.*

**Please RSVP via
the attached QR Code**



\$5 KIDZ FLIX

BRINGING BACK YOUR FAMILY FAVOURITES
SATURDAY IS SENSORY FRIENDLY

10.30AM SATURDAY 9TH & SUNDAY 10TH MARCH
10.45AM MONDAY 11TH MARCH



TICKETS ONLY
\$5
UNDER 3
FREE



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\$10 REEL DEAL

CATCH IT FOR A STEAL

7TH MARCH - 13TH MARCH



TICKETS ONLY
\$10



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**A BIG thank you to the
Warragul Cinemas for
their sponsorship of WDSS
-providing free tickets for
student prizes!**

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Carers are invited to attend the Senior School Information Evening being held before the **POST SCHOOL OPTIONS EXPO:**

Wednesday 20th March

5:00pm to 5:30pm - WDSS staff room

It is a great opportunity for to get a better understanding of the Senior School Programs / Pathways and we encourage parents to attend.

Please let your classroom teacher know if you plan to attend through Sentral or Seesaw



On Wednesday March 20th we are having our annual *Post School Options Expo* at the school commencing at 5.30pm to 6:30pm

IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT AGED 16 AND OVER IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED YOU ATTEND THIS SESSION !

Service Providers that will be attending include:

- ◆ Day Service Providers ◆ Disability Employment Agencies
- ◆ Further Education Organisations

Each provider will have a table set up with brochures / details of what their service offers and will be there to answer all of your questions!

~ Tea, coffee and supper will be provided ~

To assist with catering please **RSVP by 8th March to 5623 1385 - via Sentral or Seesaw**

For any other queries please contact the school



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



JACK

Being a **LEARNER** and trying his best when reading with Lynette.



MADDIE

Being a **LEARNER** and practicing finger spelling the Auslan alphabet and colouring on the signs for monkey and snake.



ALEX

For amazing focus, dedication and attention to detail. Alex works hard to complete his school work each & every day.



EBONY

For supporting other students in being Safe, Respectful Learners within the classroom.



BEN

Being **RESPECTFUL** and working toward his daily goals.



DOMINIC

For **RESPECTFUL** interactions with others.



School Canteen Order

Term 1 2024 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room / Teacher: _____

FOOD - Please tick			DRINKS - Please tick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Roll (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$ 2.00 
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Nachos with beef & cheese - \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Salsa <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Cream 		<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 
GLUTEN FREE HOT FOOD - Please tick		SNACKS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Rolls (2) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Frog in a Pond \$1.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Icy Pole \$0.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cupcake \$1.00 
		Total: \$ _____ Enclosed: \$ _____		