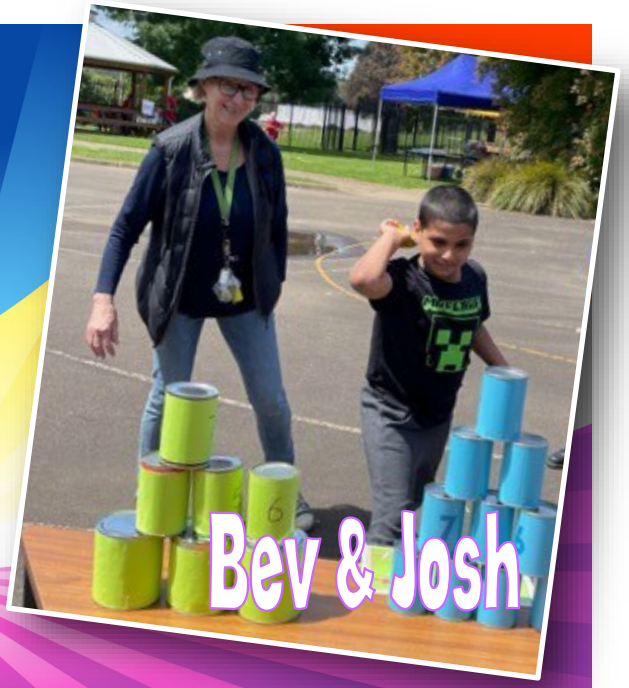
The school was abuzz with excitement last week for the WDSS Fun Day! After a LOT of planning it was wonderful to see everyone have such a good time ! See pages 5–7 for photos



Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 4 Issue 34, Tuesday 6th December 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Thursday 8th
- LAST DAY OF CANTEEN

Friday 9th
- 2023 Class Orientation

Tues 13th
- Statewide School Transition Day

Monday 19th
- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 20th
- Last day of Term 4 12:30pm finish

The Christmas countdown has begun with just 2 weeks to go before the end of the 2022 school year. The staff and students are working hard to finish projects and programs. RDA have their last ride this week and our seniors will deliver the last canteen lunch for 2022 this Thursday. In addition to this, many classrooms are partaking in lots of fun and exciting end of year activities, with many end of year parties over the next week or so, so keep an eye on what is happening in your child's class. The main office looks very festive with their Christmas decorations up and sparkling, as do many classrooms.

Throughout this term, we have been supporting students and families who have been transitioning into our school. This Friday will be our first official transition day, with our Foundation students spending from 9.30am to 10.30am here at school and all other students spending time with their 2023 classes in the afternoon. This enables students to meet their classmates and see their new room and perhaps meet a new teacher. We have a few new staff joining us in 2023 and we look forward to welcoming them to our school. The transition days will continue next week.

Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us for the Junior and Middle school fun days last week. It was lovely to see you back in the school and joining us for some fun. Students have said that the day was an absolute success. Animals on the Move provided our petting zoo for the day, which was a real highlight. Both students and staff enjoyed a cuddle from our barnyard friends on the day.

A reminder that Monday the 19th of Dec is a Pupil free day and an important Curriculum Day for staff. We hope all our students and families have a happy and successful last few weeks of the school year.

Keep Smiling and have a Super week,

Chris

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Parents & Friends Association

Parents, Carers and Friends of WDSS are invited to PFA's final get together for the year, a BBQ in the park!

Wednesday 7th December

Commencing at 5:30pm

Burke Street Park, Warragul

(opposite Warragul Leisure Centre has a great playground for the kids!)

RSVP:

to the school office Ph: 5623 1385

Warragul & District Specialist School

Parents & Friends Association

Dear Parents / Carers,

PFA are running a Street Stall in Palmerston Street, Warragul on Friday 16th December and we need HELP from ALL families! We last had Street Stalls in 2019 and raised money which enabled us to purchase a new playground for Juniors.

- ➔ We need Volunteers to help throughout the day from 8:30am to 4:00pm (even one hour of your time is a BIG help).
- ➔ We would also like donations of baked goods (slices, biscuits, cakes) or other items to sell from each family.
- ➔ You could bake something simple such as Honey Joys / Chocolate Crackles / Shortbread or more elaborate cakes / slices. We will provide labels to list ingredients etc
- ➔ Items to sell could include plants, flowers, home grown fruit / vegetables, pickles, sauces and other preserved items are always popular. Even hand sewn or knitted pieces would be great!

NO SECOND HAND GOODS PLEASE

We have containers and labels available at the office for baked goods. Contributions can be dropped off to the school on Thursday 15th December by 12:00pm.

Contact Emma on 0447 770 892 or Angie/Cheryl at the school with any queries, suggestions or to volunteer your time.

Juniors

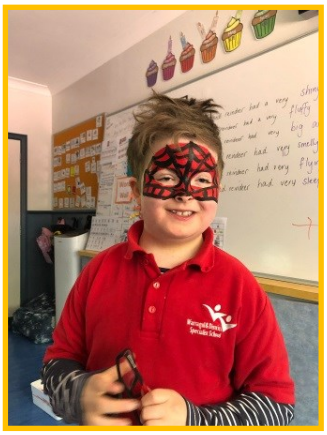
Room 4

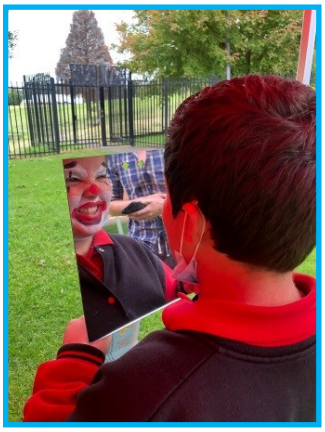
Room 4 have been embracing the Christmas spirit by setting up and decorating the Christmas tree on the first of December. We have been busy creating decorations to hang on the branches and it is looking fantastic. All the students did an awesome job making, baking and painting salt dough decorations and they look fantastic hanging on the tree. We have also been counting down the days until Christmas with a sensory advent calendar, a chocolate advent calendar and we've even made advent paper chains that are hanging up behind our tree. Feel free to come and have a look if you're ever walking past! You'll find us by following the sound of Christmas songs as we have been playing a variety throughout each day.

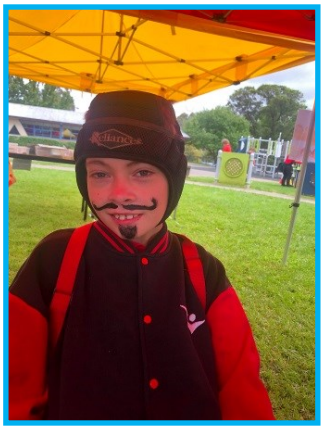
- *Jess*

WDSS FUN DAY

The Fun Day certainly lived up to it's name! Junior and Middle Students has a wonderful time on their allocated days as you can see from their smiles!







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SENIORS

Senior Students had a wonderful day today as they prepared and then enjoyed a lovely Christmas Lunch!

On the menu was Roast Chicken, Ham and Vegetables. For dessert there was Pavlova, Christmas pudding and a selection of slices. Yummm!!!

I am ready Program

Building Confidence

A Program to assist students with a disability or learning barrier to become work ready

Last Friday, Liam and Georgia attended the I Am Ready Program Employability program celebration at the Morwell RSL . The program is provided through Baw Baw LLEN and has been wonderful for WDSS students over the years.

Thanks to our amazing volunteer Glenda for all of her hard work with Book Club & Book Fair- without her it wouldn't happen!

BOOK FAIR 2022

WOW!!! Book fair has finished for 2022 and it was a FANTASTIC week. Thanks to the support from the entire school community, we sold just over $1700 worth of books which means the school has now received **$500 worth of brand new resources for everyone to enjoy.**

Whilst we didn't run competitions this year, every sale at Book fair earned a raffle ticket. The lucky winner was Axl in middle school and he was able to choose a prize from Book fair. A voucher was also awarded to one student in each section for exemplary behaviour during that week. The winners were Jack (Seniors), Nathan (Middle) and Savannah (Juniors). Congratulations to all four recipients.

Again a sincere thankyou to everyone who visited Book fair and to the staff who put up with their staff room being taken over for a fortnight.

We will wait and see what next year brings. Book fair has been re booked and hopefully there might be a corner of the school free for us to set it up in.

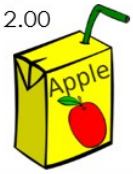
Merry Christmas !

Glenda Gray

School Canteen Order

Term 4 2022 (Thursdays)

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

FOOD - *Please tick*		**DRINKS** - *Please tick*	
☐ Party Sausage Rolls (2) - $2.00 ☐ *Tomato Sauce*	☐ Party Pies (2) - $2.00 ☐ *Tomato Sauce*	☐ Strawberry Milk $ 2.50	☐ Apple Juice $ 2.00 
☐ Chicken Nuggets (6) - $4.00	☐ Dim Sims (3) - $2.50 ☐ *Soy Sauce*	☐ Chocolate Milk $ 2.50	☐ Orange Juice $ 2.00
☐ Fried Rice - $5.00	☐ Frog in a Pond $1.50	☐ Icy Pole $0.50	☐ Cupcake $1.00	**Total: $**_____ **Enclosed: $** _____

STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners !

LAYLA

Being a **LEARNER** in this weeks WOW activities

JOSH

Being a **LEARNER** by fully participating and enjoying the Fun Day.

GEORGIA

Showing her peers how to be safe while walking around the school.

LIAM

Demonstrating how to be **RESPECTFUL** in a classroom.

NATHAN

Being a **LEARNER** making a great start to his transition program for 2023.

DYLAN

Being **RESPECTFUL**

ISAAC

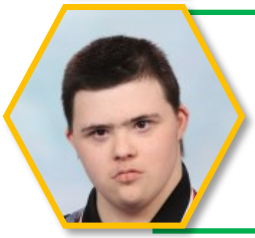
Trying his best and having fun.

SETH

Being a helpful friend

ZETH

Being great in the green zone.



AYDEN

Sharing the swing with peers.

JOSIAH

Following instructions and making good choices.

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.