WARRAGUL & DISTRICT SPECIALIST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A message from Chris

Welcome Back to Term 4!

It has been wonderful to see all of our students, staff and families returning to school, and we hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break.

Daylight Savings has certainly taken a little getting used to, with the challenge of losing an hour of sleep! However, it is lovely to have some extra daylight at the end of the day, and with the weather starting to warm up, it feels like summer is just around the corner.

We are excited to welcome **Rachel Morgan** back this term as part of our Leadership Team. We also have several new Education Support staff joining us, and we look forward to welcoming them to our school community and seeing the positive contributions they will make.

You may have noticed some new windows in our offices and a new set of doors in the foyer. These look fantastic and are already helping to improve visibility across the school, while also supporting the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. The doors will be locked between 9:20am and 2:50pm, please check in at the front office when you arrive.

There is a lot to look forward to this term, with an exciting calendar of events and activities planned. Some highlights include **Junior Grandparents Day, our 80s-themed School Disco, Senior School Camp and a Middle School Sleepover**, along with many other opportunities for our students to learn, connect and have fun.

☀️ **SunSmart Reminder**

As the weather warms up, we would like to remind everyone that **Term 4 is a SunSmart term**. Please encourage your child to wear their school hat when outside and make sure they have a **clearly labelled hat** at school each day.

Let's stay safe while enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine!

We are looking forward to a **fun, exciting and active Term 4** as we make the most of our final term together and work towards finishing the year on a positive note.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school, our students and our staff. We look forward to sharing a fantastic term with you all!

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.

Important Dates for Term 4

80's theme School Disco & Crazy Hair Day-
Friday 16th October

Junior School Grandparents Day-
Wednesday 21st October

Swimming Sports-
Wednesday 28th October

Senior School Camp-
Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th November

Student Free Day-
Monday 16th November

Middle School Sleepover-
Thursday 19th November

Senior Graduation night-
Tuesday 8th December

Student Free Day -
Wednesday 16th December

Last Day of Term 4-
Friday 18th December

Transition visit to tafe Traralgon

In the last week of term 3, a group of our graduates travelled by train to **TAFE Gippsland** in Traralgon for the Foundation studies open day.
Pippa, Josiah, Isaac, Seth, and Kiera learned about the Transition and Work Education courses specifically designed for adults with disabilities and additional needs.

Marcus, our ex-school captain, was a tour guide and speaker/student representative on the day. It was great to see Marcus happy and engaged in his new learning. Marcus said he loves the freedom of TAFE and is travelling on the train independently every day now - fantastic! Marcus and his fellow TAFE students took us on a tour of the building, made sausage rolls in their kitchen, and answered lots of questions. They all did a great job of hosting several school groups.

The TAFE students made arcade games as entertainment for the open day, and participants could earn tickets with points which could then be exchanged for prizes. This was a huge hit with our group who were competing to get 1000 points or more for a prize. Pippa mastered the pinball machine and got over 13,000 points!
The highlight for most of the group was the train travel, and the arcade games.

If you have any questions about the TAFE courses and services suited to our students, please contact Steph R. at school, or contact TAFE Gippsland 1300 615 706.

-Steph R. Transition Coordinator