



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#18

29th November 2018

CALENDAR 2018

Thur	29 Nov	Musical Soiree at 6.30pm
Wed	5 Dec	2019 Foundation orientation sessions
Thur	6 Dec	Junior Sports Day Thank You Morning Tea
Fri	7 Dec	Senior Assembly
Tues	11 Dec	Year 6 to 2019 Year 7 Transition day 2019 Foundation Orientation sessions
Fri	14 Dec	JSC Christmas Food Drive and Christmas Dress up day in aid of Baw Baw Combined Food Relief
Wed	19 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Thur	21 Dec	Mini Concert Students visit their 2019 grades Academic program concludes for 2018 at 3.30pm
Fri	22 Dec	Clean up and moving day - 1.30pm dismissal

CALENDAR 2019

Thur	31 Jan	Term One commences for all students 9.00am 'Tea & Tissues' for parents of Foundation students
Sat	23 Feb	WNPS FETE AT LOGAN PARK

TERM FOUR ASSEMBLIES

Friday 7 December - Year Three to Six



Principal's Report

Building Project Update - Portable Buildings Arrive

As advised earlier this year Warragul North Primary School is to receive an architect-designed permanent modular building during 2019 to replace our original 1950s building. The new building will be constructed off-site and delivered to the school.

The first stage of the building project has commenced with the arrival of two portable buildings which are now located on the oval. Each portable comprises two classrooms with an adjoining common room. A further four portables are expected.

Watch this space for ongoing updates and photos as this very exciting project progresses.



Principal's Report *cont.*



Parent Club 2019

At the Annual General Meeting of Parent Club Ms Amy Mapleson was elected as co-ordinator and Mrs Kirstyn Pratt was elected as assistant co-ordinator. We congratulate them and thank them most sincerely for taking on these roles for 2019 and wish them well for a successful year.

At the A.G.M. Mrs Anita Witherow and Ms Amy Mapleson were thanked for their excellent contribution to the students of WNPS as convenor and assistant convenor respectively during 2018.

On behalf of our school community I thank Anita for her leadership and achievements as convenor of Parent Club during 2018.

Professional Learning Communities Coaching

WNPS successfully applied for a grant to continue the professional learning of our Professional Learning Communities (P.L.C.) Leaders. Consequently a P.L.C. Coach was appointed to our school to provide ongoing learning to our extremely hard-working P.L.C. Leaders from Foundation to Year Six. Our coach, Marg Orme, has attended a P.L.C. meeting for each year level over three days providing feedback to each P.L.C. Leader afterwards. Our school is very grateful for the support DET has provided to our school as part of the P.L.C. Pilot Project and for the opportunity to receive coaching for our P.L.C. Leaders. The P.L.C. process improves teaching through research, using pre and post test data to review the impact of each P.L.C.s teaching and ensuring the focus remains on the best pedagogy to ensure all students progress in their learning to reach their potential.

Corinne Collins
Principal

Warragul North Primary School Values

 **School Values**

Literacy

Engagement

Achievement


Respect

Numeracy

Integrity

Nurturing

Getting Along

 **School Values**

Getting Along

Getting along means

1. **Being Tolerant of Others** - accepting people with their differences and not making overall judgements of people's character ('good person', 'bad person') based on their differences or behaviour. This means being kind and friendly.
2. **Thinking First** - thinking that when someone treats you badly, you need to think about different ways you can act, the consequences of each possible action, and the impact of your actions on how the other person will feel.
3. **Playing By The Rules** - thinking that by following important school and home rules, you will live in a better world where everyone's rights are respected.

Examples of Getting Along behaviour:

- ☺ Treating teachers and classmates with respect.
- ☺ Following important classroom and school rules.
- ☺ Listening and not interrupting in class when someone else is talking.
- ☺ Being helpful when working in a group.
- ☺ Talking rather than fighting when someone acts unfairly.
- ☺ Sharing materials.
- ☺ Helping someone else with their learning.

In a 'nutshell' Getting Along means being kind, friendly, including others and co-operating with each other.

GETTING ALONG - *Foundation - Violet (0MU)* ENGAGEMENT - *Year Two - Ava (2RA)*
LITERACY - *Year One - Paisley (1DE)*



School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 23rd November to Violet, Paisley and Ava. Congratulations!

Thank You Morning Tea

An invitation is extended to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped in any way during 2018 to attend a 'thank you morning tea'. The staff of Warragul North Primary School would like to thank you for your assistance during the year.

Thank you to those that have helped in the canteen, been part of the Parent Club and School Council, worked on the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, assisted in classrooms, attended excursions and camps.

To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a 'Morning Tea' on Thursday 6th December at 11.00am in the staffroom.

We hope you can join us on this day.



MORNING TEA INVITATION

The Staff of Warragul North Primary School would like to thank you for your assistance during 2018.

To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a morning tea in our staffroom on:

**Thursday
6th December**

We hope you can join us on this day.

P.E. 'Wall of Fame'

Every week in Physical Education one student from the Junior (Years 1/2), Middle (Years 3/4) and Senior (Years 5/6) school is rewarded with being named the P.E Wall of Fame champion for that week.

The P.E Wall of Fame champion is a student who has shown great determination, effort, encouragement, sportsmanship and resilience during their Physical Education class.

Mrs Lisa Pyle, Mrs Deb Magyar and Ms Karyn Porch
Physical Education Teachers

Term Four - Week 6 Champions

Junior



Nina (2RA)

Middle



Hannah (4CU)

Senior



Liam (5WI)

Term Four - Week 7 Champions

Junior



Riley (2HE)

Middle



Gemma (3GA)

Senior



Blair (6BA)

Canteen Roster

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS THE CANTEEN WILL ONLY OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Thursday 29th November	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Aimee Beck
Friday 30th November	9.00am to 10.15am	Elvira Honey Victoria Lee Rachel Steenholdt
Wednesday 5th December	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Aimee Beck
Thursday 6th December	1.30pm to 2.15pm	
Friday 7th December	9.00am to 10.15am	Tracey Armstrong Helen Sibley

LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN AND LUNCH ORDERS FOR 2018 IS FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER.



Hello from the *Acorn Room*



Among the most lasting and powerful traditions in family life is one that seems to have more influence than almost any other – the family meal. Research has shown that regular and meaningful family meals offer a large variety of benefits to children and parents. Family meals are an opportunity for strengthening family connection

and passing on family values. Conversation around the dinner table teaches patience and respect in communication. Parents have the opportunity to be aware of and monitor their children's moods, behaviours and activities with friends. If a child knows that he or she can expect a reliable schedule, such as an evening meal as a family, it increases his or her sense of security and improves well-being. Family meals make a positive impact on young children's language acquisition and literacy development and are strongly associated with increased consumption of healthy foods and reduced risk of childhood obesity in children and adolescence. Other positive outcomes include decreased risk of substance use or delinquency, heightened personal and social well-being, and better academic performance.

Although there are many benefits to eating meals as a family, there are also many obstacles to achieving this. It is hard to all be in the same place at the same time, let alone with a cooked meal on the table and everyone ready and willing to connect as a family!

My suggestion is to start with what is achievable for you and your family. Perhaps just aim for one meal together a week. If even that is near impossible, make a special event out of morning tea, afternoon tea, dessert or supper. Ensure all screens are off or put away, and perhaps try some of the conversation starters below.

1. What's your favourite place in the house? Why?
2. What's the best thing that happened today?
3. If you could only eat one food and nothing else for three days in a row, what would it be?
4. What made you laugh today?
5. If you could go on a holiday anywhere in the world, where would it be? Why?
6. Invent a new ice cream flavour.
7. If you were famous for something, what would it be?
8. Describe yourself in three words.

Mrs Sheryn Cutler
WNPS Chaplain

Warragul North Primary School offers chaplaincy and pastoral care to students and families in the Acorn Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

How much school is a child missing throughout their education?

1 day a fortnight = 20 days a year = 4 weeks a year = over 1.5 years (P - 12)

1 day a week = 40 days a year = 8 weeks a year = over 2.5 years (P - 12)

2 days a week = 80 days a year = 16 weeks a year = over 5 years (P - 12)

3 days a week = 120 days a year = 24 weeks a year = nearly 8 years (P - 12)

A student who is half an hour late each day misses the equivalent of 16.6 days of learning each year. This is equivalent to over 4 weeks a year = 1.5 years (P - 12)

Setting Future Directions for Warragul North Primary School

Our reviewer, Mrs Zenda Clark, returned on Friday 23rd November to finalise the school review report which will now be forwarded to DET for endorsement.

The draft report indicated that the next strategic plan (2019 – 2022) should have Mathematics and Reading as priorities.

The next plan will include a number of achievement targets in student voice and student agency. Between now and the end of the school year we will write our new strategic plan for 2019 – 2022 with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT



As part of Warragul North Primary School's commitment to the safety of all our students, meeting legislative requirements and advice from the Anaphylaxis Advisory Service of the Royal Children's Hospital, parents/carers of students diagnosed with anaphylaxis are reminded of the importance of:

- Keeping the school informed of any changes to your child's medical condition.
- Ensuring the school has the correct and in date medication for your child.
- Reviewing your child's ASCIA Action Plan annually (or after an allergic reaction) with your medical practitioner, and providing the school with the new plan.

WNPS FACEBOOK PAGE



Warragul North Primary School is now officially on Facebook. Please find our page and follow it. We will be using the page to promote school news, achievements and items of interest with the wider school community. Notes home, our newsletter and FlexiBuzz will still be the main source of reminders and important information to parents.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER



Year Six Graduation preparations are in full swing. The day will commence at 9.00am with a graduation ceremony in the gymnasium, followed by morning tea in the staffroom for parents and graduating students. Year Six children are to go home following the morning tea.

A diligent band of parents have worked together to arrange a dinner and dance for the graduating children which will be held in the evening, commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 9.00pm. Year Six students are reminded that the graduation dinner is a fairly formal occasion and the children are encouraged to dress accordingly (shirt and pants for boys) without going over the top.

A big thank you to everyone who has assisted in the planning and preparation for this very special occasion to ensure that the evening will be a great success and form fond memories for our graduating students as their final social event in their primary school years!

WNPS VOLUNTEERS POLICY

The Warragul North Primary School Council have completed an in depth review of the Child Safe Standards this year. The WNPS Volunteers Policy has been reviewed and some significant changes made by School Council. Please read the policy which is included in this newsletter.

Volunteers Policy

PURPOSE

To outline the processes that Warragul North Primary school will follow to recruit, screen, supervise and manage volunteers to provide a child safe environment, and to explain the legal rights of volunteers.

DEFINITIONS

Child-related work: work that usually involves direct contact (including in person, over the phone, written and online communication) with a child that is a central part of that person's duties. It does not include work that involves occasional contact with children that is incidental to the work.

Closely related family member: parent, carer, parent/ carer's spouse or domestic partner, stepparent, parent/ carer's mother or father in-law, grandparent, uncle or aunt, brother or sister, including step or half siblings.

Volunteer worker: A volunteer school worker is a person who voluntarily engages in school work or approved community work without payment or reward.

School work: School work means:

- Carrying out the functions of a school council
- Any activity carried out for the welfare of a school, by the school council, any parents' club or association or any other body organised to promote the welfare of the school
- Any activity carried out for the welfare of the school at the request of the principal or school council
- Providing assistance in the work of any school or kindergarten
- Attending meetings in relation to government schools convened by any organisation which receives government financial support

This is a broad definition and means that volunteers who participate in school community activities, such as fundraising and assisting with excursions, are legally protected (ie indemnified) from action by others in the event of an injury or accident whilst they are performing volunteer school work in good faith.

POLICY

Warragul North Primary School is committed to implementing and following practices which protect the safety and wellbeing of children and our staff and volunteers. The procedures set out in this policy are designed to ensure that Warragul North Primary School's volunteers are suitable to work with children and are well-placed to make a positive contribution to our school community.

Working with students

Warragul North Primary School values the many volunteers that assist in our classrooms/with sports events/camps/excursions/school concerts/other events and programs. To ensure that we are meeting our legal obligations under the *Working With Children Act 2005* (Vic) and the Child Safe Standards, Warragul North Primary School is required to undertake suitability checks which may include a Working With Children Check, proof of identity, work history involving children and/or reference checks.

Considering our legal obligations, and our commitment to ensuring that Warragul North Primary School is a child safe environment, we will require volunteers to hold a current WWC Check and have a copy of their valid card recorded by administration staff for verification in the following circumstances:

- **Volunteers who are not parent/family members** of any student at the school are required to have a WWC Check if they are engaged in child-related work regardless of whether they are being supervised.
- **Parent/family volunteers** who are assisting with any classroom or school activities involving direct contact with children in circumstances where the volunteer's child is not participating, or does not ordinarily participate in, the activity.
- **Parent/family volunteers** who assist with excursions (including swimming), camps and similar events, regardless of whether their own child is participating or not.
- **Parent/family volunteers** who regularly assist in school activities, regardless of whether their own child is participating or not

In addition, depending on the nature of the volunteer work, our school may ask the volunteer to provide other suitability checks at its discretion (for example, references, work history involving children and/or qualifications). Proof of identity may also be required in some circumstances.

Non child-related work

On some occasions, parents and other members of the school community may volunteer to do work that is not child-related. For example; volunteering on the weekend for gardening, maintenance, working bees, parents and friends club coordination, school council, participating in sub-committees of school council, fete coordination, other fundraising groups that meet in the evenings] during which children will not be, or would not reasonably be expected to be, present.

Volunteers for this type of work are not required to have Working with Children or other suitability checks as they are not engaged in child-related work and children are not generally present during these activities. However, Warragul North Primary School reserves the right to undertake suitability checks, including proof of identity, Working with Children Checks, at its discretion if considered necessary for any particular activities or circumstances.

School council members and volunteers on any sub-committee of school council will be required to provide a valid WWC Check. Whilst we acknowledge that these volunteers will not be engaging in child-related work as part of their role, we believe that it is important that our volunteers who are involved in making important decisions about our school which will have an impact on students do have a valid WWC Check.

Management and supervision

Volunteer workers will be expected to comply with any reasonable direction of the principal (or their nominee). This will include the requirement to follow our school's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety and our Child Safety Code of Conduct. The principal has the discretion to make a decision about the ongoing suitability of a volunteer worker and may determine at any time whether or not a person is suitable to volunteer at Warragul North Primary School.

Warragul North Primary School will provide any appropriate induction and/or training for volunteer workers. The principal (or their nominee) will determine what induction and/or training is necessary depending on what type of work the volunteer will be undertaking.

Volunteers will be provided induction in relation to Warragul North Primary School's child safety practices, including reporting obligations and procedures.

The principal (or their nominee) will determine what supervision, if any, of volunteers is required for the type of work being performed.

Compensation

Personal injury

Volunteer workers are covered by the Department of Education and Training's Workers Compensation Policy if they suffer personal injury in the course of engaging in school work.

Property damage

If a volunteer worker suffers damage to their property in the course of carrying out school work, the Minister (or delegate) may authorise such compensation as they consider reasonable in the circumstances. Claims of this nature should be directed to the principal who will direct them to the Department's Legal Division.

Public liability insurance

The Department of Education and Training's public liability insurance policy applies when a volunteer worker engaged in school work is legally liable for:

- a claim for bodily injury to a third party
- damage to or the destruction of a third party's property.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's five year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council in July 2018



AFL Clinic

During Term Four our Year Four, Five and Six grades have had the opportunity to attend an Australian Rules Football Clinic run by George Morgan and Paul Vaughan. George and Paul are representatives from AFL Australia and AFL Gippsland.

The pilot program delivered, has been developed through discussions with AFL Gippsland, AFL Victoria and Warragul North Primary School. Together we have worked towards aligning the values of our school and the wider sporting community. The children have been introduced to the fundamentals of umpiring and football. They have also been made aware of the wide range of opportunities available to them through football. George and Paul have also ensured that the characteristics of good sportsmanship have been highlighted throughout the three-week clinic.

I would like to thank George and Paul for leaving such a positive impact on our staff and students and for giving their time so freely.

Mrs Lisa Pyle

Physical Education Co-ordinator



Junior School Council is having a Christmas Food Drive

Suggested donations are:

- * *Foundation - canned foods*
- * *Year 1 - soft drinks or cordial*
- * *Year 2 - cakes, puddings or lollies*
- * *Year 3 - sauces or condiments*
- * *Year 4 - biscuits; dry, sweet or savoury*
- * *Year 5 - pasta or rice*
- * *Year 6 - personal products e.g. shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap*

Please bring non-perishable donations from Monday 3rd December to Friday 14th December and place them in the collection boxes provided in each classroom.

All children who bring a donation may dress up in their finest Christmas gear on Friday 14th December.

Donations will be given to the Baw Baw Combined Churches Food Relief for distribution to needy families.

Chess Tournament 2018

Once again Warragul North Primary School has offered chess club as a lunch time activity during Terms Two and Three providing the opportunity for children from all year levels to play chess. The children played games of chess against each other, culminating in a chess tournament at the beginning of Term Four. The results of the 2018 Chess Tournament for junior students are:

Junior Champion – Elizabeth (1DE)

Senior Runner-up – Sienna (2RA)

Trophies and certificates were presented at assembly on Friday 23rd November.

Mrs Sue Bond and Mrs Allison Hallyburton
Chess Co-ordinators





**WARRAGUL NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

FETE

★ ★ - 2019 - ★ ★

SAT 23RD FEBRUARY 2019

**LOGAN PARK, HOWITT ST, WARRAGUL
10AM - 3PM**

SHOWBAGS
FACEPAINTING
OPEN AUCTION
MARKET HALL
MYSTERY JARS

**UNLIMITED RIDE
WRIST BANDS**
**SUGAR RUSH • ARCTIC PLUNGE
MINIONS JUMPING CASTLE
PETTING ZOO • CHAIR-O-PLANE**

**\$20 PRE-PURCHASED
BEFORE 20 FEB 2019
-OR-
\$25 AT THE GATE**

**BBQ
BAKED SPUDS
SLUSHIES
DEVONSHIRE TEA
BAKE STALL
COFFEE**

RIPTIDE

**RIPTIDE NOT INCLUDED
WITH WRISTBAND
PURCHASE.**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
SEPERATELY**



'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Frankie (2HU)** Well done!



ARE YOU MOVING?



If you plan on leaving Warragul North Primary School at the end of 2018, it would be appreciated if you could notify the school office as soon as possible. This will assist us with our class

planning for 2019 and also enable us to forward a transfer note to your children's new school. Thanks!

2019 CLASS ALLOCATIONS AND END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Children will be placed in their 2019 classes for half an hour on Thursday 20th December. This will provide an opportunity for the children to become familiar with their 2019 classroom, classmates and if possible their new teacher in preparation for next year. Students will be dismissed at 3.30pm.

The last day of the term will be a cleaning up and moving furniture day in preparation for 2019. Students who attend school on this day must wear full school uniform and will be helping teachers clean up. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday 21st December. **THERE WILL BE NO BUSES ON FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER.**

The first day of school for 2019 is Thursday 31st January, 2019.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER



The Junior School Sports Day will take place on Thursday 6th December at school for Foundation to Year Two children. A note with all the details and a timetable was sent home last week.

TERM FOUR UNIFORM REMINDER

Children need to be in either summer or winter uniform, not a combination of both e.g. summer dress over pants or leggings. (Please note that leggings are not part of our uniform.) A copy of the uniform dress code is available from the school office. Our uniform is available for purchase from Beleza in Williams Square, Warragul.

Black footwear is part of the Warragul North Primary School compulsory uniform. There is a wide range of footwear available in black such as runners, t-bars and velcro styles. As students grow out of (or wear out!) their shoes please replace them with plain black shoes.

Compulsory school uniform is a proud and distinctive part of the Warragul North Primary School identity. Our uniform is neat, attractive, practical, economical and wearing the uniform adds to the feeling of belonging and builds school spirit for students.

Shoes with a Purpose.

With every pair of Student's Choice school shoes sold, you're helping State Schools' Relief to provide assistance to tens of thousands of Victorian students that need our help every year.

Our quality leather shoes can now be purchased online at www.ssr.net.au/shop and directly from 16 retail stores and outlets across Melbourne. All profits from the sales of these shoes are returned to the organisation to further benefit underprivileged students.



STUDENT'S CHOICE



AKA Embroidery
8/10 Norton Drive, Melton VIC 3337
Tel: (03) 9747 3885

Premiere Group
15 Goodyear Drive, Thomastown VIC 3074
Tel: (03) 9466 4250

Beleza Ballarat
22 Doveton St South, Ballarat VIC 3350
Tel: (03) 5332 4320

Beleza Boronia
Shop 4, 216 Dorset Rd, Boronia VIC 3155
Tel: (03) 9761 2438

Beleza Dandenong
162 Cheltenham Rd, Dandenong VIC 3175
Tel: (03) 5126 2165

Beleza Forest Hill
423-524 Springvale Rd, Forest Hill VIC 3131
Tel: (03) 9678 2211

Beleza Geelong
136 Rhyrie St, Geelong VIC 3220
Tel: (03) 5221 8545

Beleza Gisborne
42C Aitken St, Gisborne VIC 3437
Tel: (03) 5428 1285

Beleza Hallam
Shop 7/151-152 Princes Hwy, Hallam VIC 3803
Tel: (03) 9702 3181

Beleza Moe
268 George Street, Moe VIC 3825
Tel: (03) 5126 2165

Beleza Pakenham
7/89 Bald Hill Rd, Pakenham VIC 3810
Tel: (03) 5941 4989

Beleza Somerville
8/13 Eramosa Rd West, Somerville VIC 3912
Tel: (03) 5977 5277

Beleza Traralgon
16A Seymour St, Traralgon VIC 3844
Tel: (03) 5176 5077

Beleza Warragul
Shop 5-6 William Square, Warragul VIC 3820
Tel: (03) 5622 2930

Beleza Wodonga
94 High St, Wodonga VIC 3690
Tel: (03) 6056 9402

State Schools' Relief
1/8 Johnston Crt, Dandenong South VIC 3175
Tel: (03) 8769 8400

Quality Leather School Shoes At Affordable Prices

Scienceworks

Year Five headed off to Scienceworks on Tuesday 13th November. During Semester Two students have been learning about earth and space sciences.

On arrival the children enjoyed the general viewing area where there was many interesting exhibits to investigate. In the afternoon the children visited the planetarium and watched the movie, 'Solar System Odyssey' and also learnt some very interesting facts about our night sky and the stars.

It was a fantastic day and a great learning experience for the Year Five students.

Mrs Kim James

Excursion Co-ordinator





SCIENCEWORKS WONDERS

Squeaky squeak go the unrolled chairs as 90 Year Five students lean back as they are about to watch an educational film about space called 'Space Odyssey'.

The students of 5JA visited Scienceworks on Tuesday 13th November experiencing it all from making plants grow with their arms to seeing the old pumping station. Students had the pleasure of going because they were studying 'Space'. Our favourite thing was the planetarium. However it had to compete with all the other cool gadgets such a human upgrade station, control a game with your own hand, build your own building, test your throwing speed and the wheel chair race.

Reported by Austin (5JA)



Above: Year Fives leaning back in the planetarium.

Below: Human upgrade station.

LAY BACK AND WATCH THE STARS FLY BY!

Warragul North Primary School Year Five students took a fascinating trip to Scienceworks in Melbourne Victoria. The Year Fives went to learn about the solar system. I asked a few Year Fives that went on the excursion what they liked the most on the excursion. The majority of them said that the best thing they did there was the planetarium. In the planetarium they watched an animated film called Solar System Odyssey which taught them that there is no other planet in the Solar System that is more habitable than earth. They also got to see a diagram of Melbourne's night sky. In the diagram they saw the constellations they would see that night. They also got to see what constellations they would see when you were in the country. They learnt that in the country you see more constellations than in the city because the city has bright street lights in the sky and the country doesn't so the stars are more visible. Overall the students loved their trip to Scienceworks and would love to visit again.

Reported by Zhara (5JA)



Warragul North
Primary School

fete

Saturday 23rd February 2019

MYSTERY JARS

A much loved fete favourite! Families are asked to donate a jar filled with goods. The jars will then be wrapped and sold at the fete as a mystery jar.

The jars can be any type, size or shape and can be filled with your choice of items such as food, toys, craft supplies, vouchers, etc.

We ask that all items are new and if you choose to fill your jar with food it must be in the original packaging. Please ensure the 'use by date' will be current on the day of the fete.

Please drop your jars off at the office.



The funds raised by next year's school fete will contribute to the next exciting stage of playground renovation to benefit the children at Warragul North Primary School.

Thank you for your support of the 2019 fete.

Marble Alley Update

A BIG thankyou to everyone who put ideas in for the Marble Alley redevelopment, we are busy working away on the project plan. Once the funding is confirmed we are hoping the first stage can be completed over the summer holidays. Lots of the ideas from the school community were great.

The overwhelming themes from the feedback was for a nature based play space, active play spaces and creative, hands on areas. We had a number of requests for swings, trampolines, and flying foxes. Unfortunately these items aren't suited to schools, particularly big schools. If we had three trampolines or swings we calculated that each student would get approximately 15 seconds each per lunchtime and they require huge safety considerations and constant supervision so it's best to enjoy these items at home.

We were hoping to add a slide into the side of the hill but unfortunately the advice we've had from the playground suppliers is that we don't have enough of a slope down the hill without adding a platform which would be costly and a bit unsightly. BUT our wish list for the area is full of interesting and different things to what we have elsewhere in the school yard.

We have tried to include items that allow a number of children to play at once, that provide enjoyment for all year levels, that includes physical activities as well as space for creative, nature based play. We'll have another update on the plan next newsletter.

*Mr Brett Kersten, Mrs Kylie McNair and Mr Brad Mumford
Marble Alley Project Team*



ARTISTS of the Week

Artist of the Week awards were presented at the last assembly to some of our very talented and creative children.

Congratulations to: Back row: Kayne (1BO), Milla (1ME), Kaiden (1BO) and Sophie (1ME). Front row: Mia-Rose (2HU), Coby (1SP), Isla (1ME) and Hailey (0JO).



Year 4 Camp Mount Evelyn



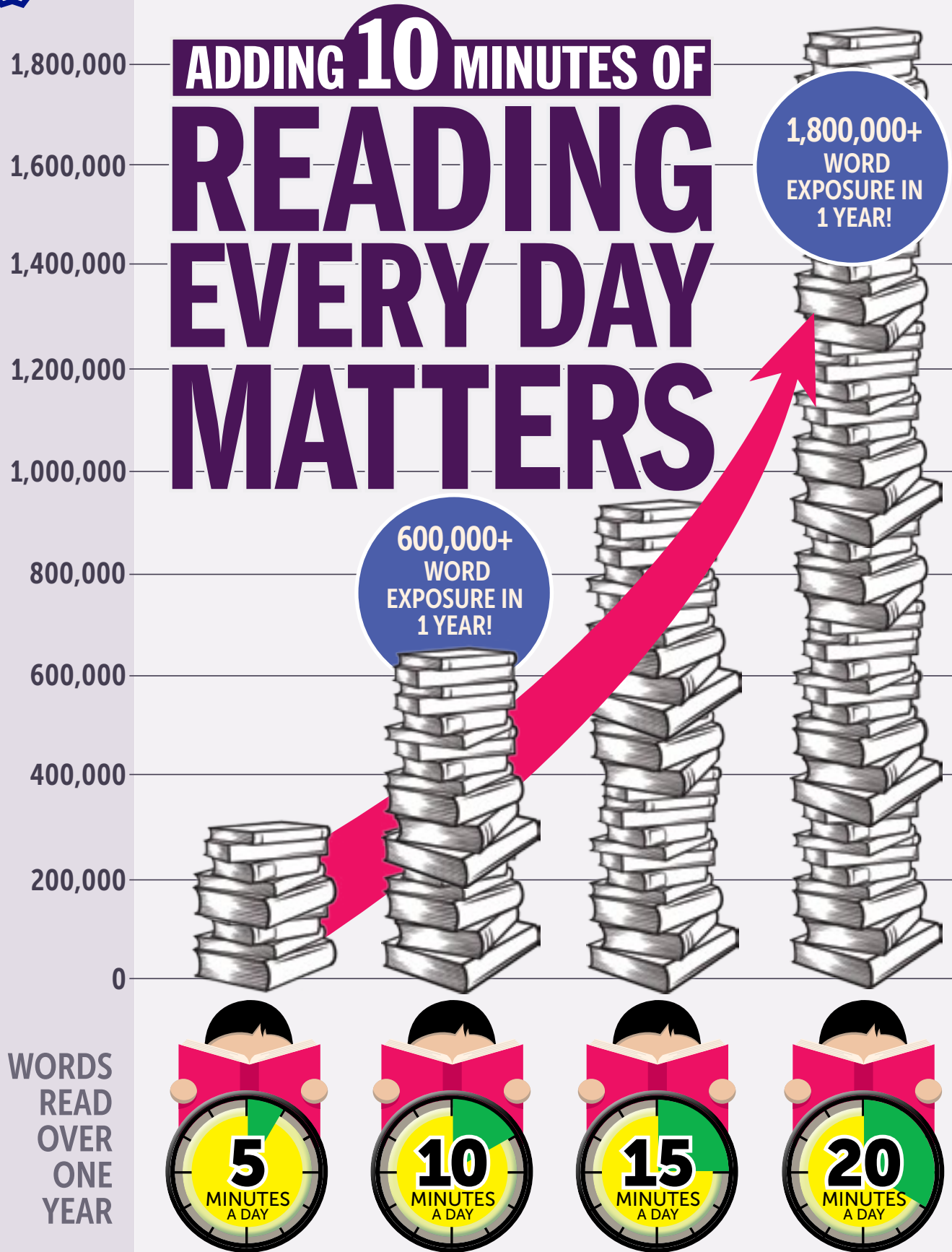
Mt. Evelyn
RECREATION CAMP

The children in Year Four spent three action packed days at the Mount Evelyn camp from Wednesday 21st November to Friday 23rd November. The bus dropped us off at Silvan Dam and we enjoyed a lovely walk through the bush in to the camp. The children experienced the many activities on offer at Mt Evelyn. Students flew down the flying fox, enjoyed a wildlife encounter, soared on the giant swing, rode bikes on a BMX track, went bushwalking and even braved the swimming pool. Our lucky students had a wonderful time at this fantastic camp.

Miss Georgia Carter
Education Support Staff







A COMPARISON OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN

Research shows us that the benefits of reading more improves performance in: general knowledge, vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency and spelling.

Cunningham and Stanovich (1998)

wushka

Learning to Read

Wushka is an online reading program which helps students develop reading skills and includes an extensive selection of fiction and non-fiction levelled texts.

Every levelled text has an online comprehension quiz and printable support material. It is very pleasing that of the 603 students currently enrolled at Warragul North Primary School, 486 have signed up for Wushka. These students have access to Wushka seven days a week.

This is a great program for students to have, especially over holiday periods, as they can use it to maintain and improve their literacy skills.



Dear Parents,

We are now using Wushka's cloud-based levelled reading program at school and would love you to continue reading with your child at home. The program encourages students to engage with fiction and non-fiction texts on interactive devices. All School Readers are levelled from Level 1 through to Level 31+ and have been developed using decades of educational publishing experience.

Recognising that the best outcomes are achieved when students continue reading at home, the Wushka School Readers are now available after school hours. The program is individually tailored by your child's classroom teacher and allows readers to be set for homework.

You will need your child's login details, which will have been given out in class. Please visit wushka.com.au to login to the program.

If you have any questions please speak to your child's classroom teacher or email the Wushka Team at support@wushka.com.au.

Happy reading!



300+ Days

Home Reading Awards

At the end of 2018 special medals will be presented to every student who has achieved 300+ days of home reading in 2018. This award is potentially achievable by all students, regardless of their reading level and reading expertise. To achieve this award reading needs to be recorded in the child's reading diary. We are hoping that many of our students will achieve a 300+ days of home reading award for 2018. The last day for reading to be counted for 2018 is Friday 7th December as this will enable time for the medals to be ordered.

Referral Agreement

Drouin & District Community Bank Branch

The Warragul North Primary School Parent Club is pleased to announce that we have signed a formal Referral Agreement with Drouin & District Community Bank® branch. The Drouin & District Community Bank® branch has assisted WNPS in financing some school projects such as the sound garden. The bank generously reinvested \$5.4m of its profits back to the local Community over the past 16 years. The Community Bank relies on attracting new customers and business to ensure its profitability and ability to continue financially supporting the community.

The Referral Agreement is designed to be a year round fundraising option for the school to assist with Parent Club projects. Parent Club will receive an upfront payment for completed Home Loans, Business Loans and Equipment Finance. This Agreement is a win/win situation. It provides a great source of income for the Parent Club and at the same time supports the growth of our Drouin & District Community Bank®.

The Drouin & District Community Bank® branch offers a full suite of competitive Bendigo Bank products including:-

- Home Loans
- Business Loans
- Equipment Finance
- Rural Finance
- General Insurance
- Superannuation
- Financial Planning

WNPS supports the Community Bank model and its design to reinvest profits back to all corners of our communities.

Please let the Bank know that you are a Warragul North Primary School member when you call so that you may receive additional concessions on establishment fees and interest rates.

The Bank is located at 42 Princes Way, Drouin and their phone number is 56254544. Office hours are 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 12.00pm Saturday. For loan enquiries please contact Katy Slater or Bruce Sorrell. If you require loan assistance outside of business hours please call Mobile Relationship Manager, Leanne Marriott on 0419122228.

West Gippsland Arts Centre Opening

On Saturday 17th November, 2018 The Choristers proudly represented Warragul North Primary School at the official opening of the West Gippsland Arts Centre. It was a great honour to be invited to such a prestigious event. The Choristers sang beautifully to a very engaged audience. Their confidence and poise was commendable.

Mrs Sue Legg and Mrs Jo Spokes
Chorister Co-ordinators



TERM FOUR

Musical Soiree

Thursday 29th November



As the Performing Arts Co-ordinator at Warragul North Primary School, I am fortunate to have enjoyed watching the talented students from our Private Performing Arts program perform throughout the year at soirées and assemblies. These occasions are great opportunities for our students to showcase their musical talents.

Soirées (music recitals) are a regular event at the school and both teachers and children alike look forward to the evening, where families and friends make up the audience. We encourage all the children who take part in private music lessons at school, to present an item at a soirée during the year. For some children it will be their first real performance.

If you are interested in your child being part of the Private Performing Arts program in 2019 I would like to invite you to our last soirée for 2018 on **Thursday, 29th November** in the BER building at Warragul North Primary School from 6.30pm. This is a great opportunity for you to see how the program works while being entertained by our current students. The teachers will also be happy to have a quick chat with you afterwards.

Looking forward to seeing you at the soiree!

Mrs Sue Legg

Performing Arts Co-ordinator

School Costs 2019

The schools costs for 2019 were confirmed at the October meeting of School Council.

Statements will be posted out to all families at the beginning of 2019 with payment due as soon as possible. Families wishing to pay in two instalments should pay the first instalment by the end of February and the second instalment by the end of Term Two.

Payment can be made in person at the school office, by sending the payment in a named envelope with your child or online using internet banking. Our bank details are: BSB 313-140 ACCOUNT NO. 12012190.

Families who are in receipt of a Centrelink payment (e.g. Family Tax Benefit, Parenting Payment, etc) are able to set up a Centrepay facility to pay their school account in fortnightly instalments. Please call at the school office for further information or to set up Centrepay.

WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COSTS 2019:

The school charges for the 2019 year as set by School Council are as follows:

STUDENT SUPPLIES

\$200.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION)

\$190.00 (PER STUDENT YEARS 1 - 6)

To ensure all WNPS students have the stationery supplies needed for the academic year the Warragul North School Council makes a bulk purchase from reputable suppliers on behalf of parents. This ensures parents are able to purchase their child's supplies very cost effectively and easily. The bulk purchase also means all students have the same supplies (e.g. pencils, pens, rulers, paper, paint, glue, etc). This cost also includes materials and equipment for Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Physical Education. On the school account statement that parents receive the student supplies are charged as 'Essential Education Items' as per the Department of Education guidelines.



MATHS PORTAL (MATHS ONLINE)

\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)

Maths Online is an educational website catering for Kindergarten through to Year 12. Maths Online enables children to use tutorials to learn and revise a large range of topics. It has a comprehensive Australian K - 12 curriculum with more than 1400 animated and narrated mathematics lessons, a bank of tests and instant feedback to students. Once payment has been made a personal password is issued allowing access 24 hours, seven days a week.

ENGLISH PORTAL (WUSHKA)

\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)

Wushka is an online levelled school reading program which helps students learn to read and includes an extensive selection of fiction and non-fiction levelled school readers. Every levelled reader has an online comprehension quiz and printable teacher support material. Teachers manage their own class, easily setting class reading levels, reading groups and choosing readers to read at home. Once payment has been made a personal password is issued allowing access 24 hours, seven days a week.

HEADPHONES

\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)

For use in classrooms with laptops, i-Pads, i-Pods and audio equipment. Students will use the headphones during Digital Technology lessons. Headphones are to be retained from year to year.



MEMORY STICK

\$20.00 (PER STUDENT YEARS 3 - 6)

For use at school and home to enable students to store their school work. These are supplied with a Warragul North Primary School lanyard. Memory sticks are to be retained from year to year.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CHARGE

\$35.00 (PER FAMILY)

Parents are keen to see the school's buildings and grounds properly maintained in order to provide their children with a clean, tidy and safe learning environment. To assist in achieving this goal payment of the grounds maintenance charge will allow the school to engage paid labour.

WORKING BEE

\$60.00 (PER FAMILY)



The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee of School Council hold a minimum of two working bees each year. At Warragul North Primary School we recognise that parents cannot always be available on these days. The working bee charge enables families to contribute in lieu of attendance.

'FOR THE RECORD' SCHOOL YEARBOOK

\$30.00 (PER FAMILY)

The school yearbook is issued at the end of the year to the eldest child in each family. It is a fantastic record of the Warragul North Primary School year and includes photos of the many activities the children take part in during the year such as concerts, production, camps, excursions and incursions.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



NUDE FOOD DAY™





Warragul North Primary School

To coincide with one of the orientation days for 2019 Foundation children, we will be holding a second hand uniform sale on

Wednesday 5th December

in the conference room near
the office between

11.30am and 1.30pm

All items \$5.00 each

Payment may be made by cash,
cheque, eftpos and credit card.



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

A Christmas theme is being introduced at OSHC. Children are colouring Christmas pictures and a sign on the OSHC house window is counting down the weeks until Christmas. The vegetables in the garden are growing well and we use the back yard for ball games, sand play and taking turns on the swing, weather permitting. With the wet weather last week some time was spent at the gym during After School Care sessions.

Forms have been handed to families to indicate what sessions they require for OSHC in 2019. These forms need to be returned as soon as possible.

Staff at OSHC have recently reviewed and updated our Policies Book and our Family Handbook.

Don't forget the new Child Care Package came into effect on 1st July so please make sure you have provided all your necessary information to Centrelink via myGov. For more information on this process please visit education.gov.au/childcare

OSHC is available on a permanent or casual basis. Some sessions are fully booked and a waiting list is held for those sessions. Please remember that the Office or OSHC must be notified if your child is not going to attend a session they have been booked in for. That place can then be used for a casual booking.

Once you have a permanent booking you will be billed for that placement whether your child attends or not.

Phone numbers for bookings and cancellations are:

School Office 5623 4066

OSHC Mobile 0418 662 225

Hours for OSHC are:

Before School Care: 7am. to 8.45am.

NO EARLY DROP OFFS

After School Care: 3.30pm. to 6pm

NO LATE PICK UPS

Judy Eastwell, OSHC Co-ordinator



Community News



*He made a way
in a Manger*

**Christmas On Bowen
Carols Concert**

Sunday 9th December
Warragul Church of Christ - 155 Bowen St, Warragul

- Food & Drinks From 5.00 - 7.00pm
- Carols Concert From 7.00 - 8.30pm
- Followed by Supper
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting & More

www.cocwarragul.org.au



MVFC FOOTBALL PROGRAM

W-League Open Training Clinic
Saturday December 1
@ Latrobe City Stadium
2:30pm – 5pm

Before our Westfield W-League girls take on the Wanderers, be sure to take in our junior clinic and open training session!

Register: mvf.club/rer
Clinic ages: 7-15 years
Arrive: 2:30pm for clinic
Clinic: 3:00 – 4:00pm
Open training: 4:00 – 5:00pm

MELBOURNE Victory FC

OUR COMMUNITY



The Hallora Marathon

Between Towns Fun Run/Ride
Warragul, Drouin and Hallora

Sunday 9th December Adults \$20 Children \$10

5, 8, 16, 24 or 42.2km bike ride/walk/run

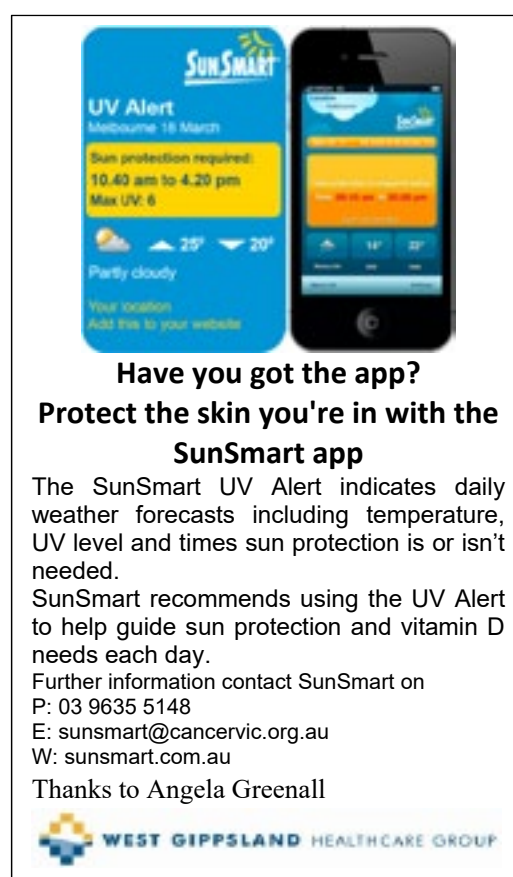
Raise money for Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation.
Anyone can participate for your health, fitness and lots of fun!

100% of donations go to Peter Mac

Peter Mac
Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation
Proud Supporter 2018

Contact Daniel Pratt: 0408 205 097
Danielpratt14@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Halloramathon/>



SUNSMART

UV Alert
Melbourne: 16 March

Sun protection required:
10.40 am to 4.20 pm
Max UV: 6

Partly cloudy
25° 20°

Your location:
Add this to your website

Have you got the app?
Protect the skin you're in with the SunSmart app

The SunSmart UV Alert indicates daily weather forecasts including temperature, UV level and times sun protection is or isn't needed.

SunSmart recommends using the UV Alert to help guide sun protection and vitamin D needs each day.

Further information contact SunSmart on
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Thanks to Angela Greenall

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