



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#1

13th February 2019



11 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



22 AFL VISIT

## CALENDAR 2019

Thur	14 Feb	Parent Club Meeting at 2.30pm
Fri	22 Feb	District Swimming Senior Assembly - Years 3 to 6
Sat	23 Feb	WNPS FETE AT LOGAN PARK
Tue	26 Feb	Author Visit incursion - Years 4 to 6
Mon	4 Mar	Student Support Group meetings commence
Thur	7 Mar	Author Visit incursion - Foundation to Year 3
Fri	8 Mar	Junior Assembly - Foundation to Year 2
Mon	11 Mar	Labour Day Holiday - no school
Wed	13 Mar	Foundation students attend school

## Principal's Report

### Super Start to School Year

On Thursday 31st January students returned from summer holidays and commenced school for 2019. They quickly settled into their new classrooms with their classroom teachers.

The Foundation students looked very smart in their summer uniforms. As our Foundation grades busily engaged in many hands on activities, parents were invited to attend a 'Tea and Tissues' morning tea put on by our Parent Club. Amy Mapleson, the Parent Club Co-ordinator for 2019 and I enjoyed welcoming parents as they enjoyed a cuppa and a get to know you chat. Altogether a super start to the year at Warragul North Primary School.

## TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

Friday 22nd February - Years 3 to 6

Friday 8th March - Foundation to Year 2

Friday 22nd March - Years 3 to 6

## TERM DATES 2019

TERM 1	Thursday 31st January to Friday 5th April
TERM 2	Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 28th June
TERM 3	Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September
TERM 4	Monday 7th October to Friday 20th December



Sienna, Alfie and Jack with their mum and dad, Renee and Bryce,  
very excited for the first day of school.

# Principal's Report *cont.*

## Professional Learning – English

Staff at Warragul North Primary School spent the 29th and 30th of January learning with Jo-Anne Dooner, a highly regarded English Consultant, about the teaching of reading and the importance of working memory and long term memory.

As reading is a focus for 2019 at Warragul North Primary School staff will be able to use the knowledge learnt from Jo-Anne Dooner to plan their reading program and teaching for 2019 effectively.

I commend staff on the obvious engagement and interest they displayed over the two days. I am positive this powerful professional learning will have a beneficial effect on the teaching of reading and student achievement throughout the year.

## A warm welcome to our new staff for 2019

It is my pleasure to introduce and welcome our new staff members for 2019. We look forward to working with them and wish them every success in their roles.

**Corinne Collins**  
*Principal*



**Michael Jessep**  
*Year Five*



**Jo Hill**  
*Year Six*



**Kellie Shiells**  
*Year Four/Five &  
Performing Arts*



**Meaghan Newitt**  
*L.O.T.E.*



**Rachel  
Wanigavitharana**  
*First Aid*



**Nicole  
Germershausen**  
*Administration*



Parents are reminded that Warragul North Primary School sunsmart hats are a compulsory part of our school uniform in terms one and four. Children not wearing a Warragul North Primary School sunsmart hat will be required to play in the undercover area. Hats are now in stock at Beleza in Williams Square, Warragul.

Thank you!



# Warragul North Primary School Values & Rules

The purpose of our school is to provide a happy, caring, learning environment where children achieve to their potential (Warragul North Primary School Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022).

Students can reach their potential only when they are happy, healthy and safe. Students also need a positive school culture to engage and support them in their learning. When home and school operate in partnership to provide these conditions, student learning can support young learners to reach their potential.

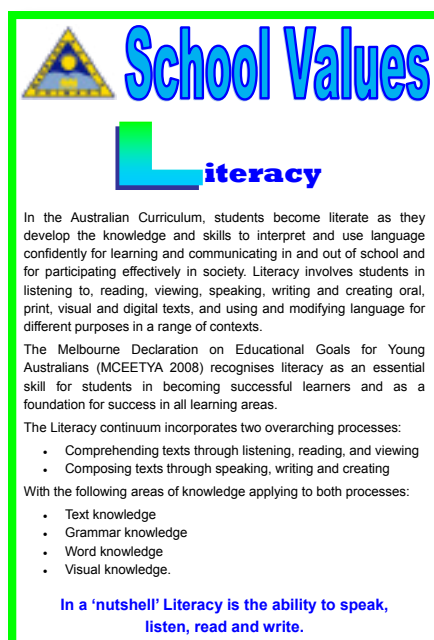
Our Warragul North Primary School values and rules help provide a happy and safe environment for all. I encourage our school community to assist students learn about the values and rules.

The Student Leaders for 2019 will present School Values medals at each assembly throughout the year. At the junior assembly which was held on Friday 8th February medals were presented to:



**School Values**

- L**iteracy
- E**ngagement
- A**chievement
- R**espect
- N**umeracy
- I**ntegrity
- G**etting Along



**School Values**

**L**iteracy

In the Australian Curriculum, students become literate as they develop the knowledge and skills to interpret and use language confidently for learning and communicating in and out of school and for participating effectively in society. Literacy involves students in listening to, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating oral, print, visual and digital texts, and using and modifying language for different purposes in a range of contexts.

The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (MCEETYA 2008) recognises literacy as an essential skill for students in becoming successful learners and as a foundation for success in all learning areas.

The Literacy continuum incorporates two overarching processes:

- Comprehending texts through listening, reading, and viewing
- Composing texts through speaking, writing and creating

With the following areas of knowledge applying to both processes:

- Text knowledge
- Grammar knowledge
- Word knowledge
- Visual knowledge.

In a 'nutshell' Literacy is the ability to speak, listen, read and write.



**School Rules**

1. Follow the teacher's instruction the first time.
2. Be in the appropriate area.
3. Respect others.
4. Respect property.
5. Keep yourself and others safe.

School Rules!



## LITERACY

– Foundation – Laura (0JO)

## ENGAGEMENT

– Year One – Henry (1DE)

## ACHIEVEMENT

– Year Two – Andrew (2BR)

School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 9th November to Laura, Andrew and Henry. Congratulations!



# Introducing the WNPS 2019 School Captains

## Emily Rhodes

Hello! My name is Emily Rhodes and I am delighted to be your female school captain for 2019. Warragul North Primary School has always been a wonderful place to learn and grow, and I look forward to representing the school and all it stands for.

Some of my favourite subjects in school include Mathematics, Physical Education and Performing Arts. In the past two years I have made it to regional and state level for school athletics.

Outside of school I love competing in cheerleading for Storm Elite Allstars and I also enjoy spending time with friends and family. At home I live with my mum, dad and younger sister, Olivia.

I hope I am an excellent role model for all students and I can't wait to see what the school year will bring us!

## Angus Parker

Nice to meet you! I'm Angus Parker and I am one of the two school captains for 2019. I've wanted to be school captain since I was in prep and now that I have achieved my goal I strive to be the best one I can possibly be.

At school my favourite subjects are Mathematics and English and I also enjoy all specialist subjects (Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Physical Education). I have been involved in a few extracurricular activities including Coding Club and Tournament of Minds. I like spending time with my friends at recess and lunch.

Outside of school I play basketball for Chalkies and I love riding around town with my friends. I also like playing video games and reading a book. Playing board games with my sister is also enjoyable.

Being school captain is such an honour, I hope to be a great role model to younger students and my peers. I'm looking forward to a great 2019."





# Welcome to our 2019 Foundation Classes

We are very excited to welcome our new families to Warragul North Primary School and in particular our Foundation classes who are commencing their primary school education.

The Foundation children had a wonderful first day of school. We remind parents that Foundation children will not attend school on Wednesdays until Wednesday 13th March, 2019.







**WARRAGUL NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FETE**

★ ★ - 2019 - ★ ★

**SAT 23RD FEBRUARY 2019**

**LOGAN PARK, HOWITT ST, WARRAGUL**

**10AM - 3PM**

**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**

**SHOWBAGS  
FACEPAINTING  
OPEN AUCTION  
MARKET HALL  
MYSTERY JARS**

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

**RIPTIDE**

**RIPTIDE NOT INCLUDED  
WITH WRISTBAND  
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SEPERATELY**



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## ***WARRAGUL PANELS***



# It's All Happening...

## Marble Alley Update

Over the summer holidays the bulk of the work on the Marble Alley project was undertaken by an amazing team. The area is looking rejuvenated and full of adventure activities and creative play zones for students to enjoy. The feedback from those peeping through the fencing is very positive.

Josh from Aussie Home and Garden and his team have worked tirelessly to get this finished and open as soon as possible. They are finishing off a couple of parts and giving the grass a bit longer to settle in before Marble Alley is re-opened. The final elements will be added during the term before a grand opening celebration later in the term.

Thank you to the members of the school community who have helped with parts of the project, the parents and students who helped oiling the timber in 35 degree heat, the children who helped in bed the marbles into the concrete, the parents who've helped with sanding, signwriting, laying grass and painting. This has been such a huge project that is made so much more achievable and worthwhile with your help.

Thank you to the State Government for funding this project through the 'Pick My Project' program.

More information about Marble Alley and the opening will be sent home in the coming weeks.





# Thank you **Warragul Woodworkers Club**

Another group who need a huge thanks for their role in the Marble Alley project is the Warragul Woodworkers Club Inc, (Woodies)

After seeing the quoted prices of buddy seats and a shop front for the Marble Alley project we approached this community group to ask if they could assist. Even though they had already wound down for the Christmas break they happily agreed to help us.

We added to their pressure by asking that they be completed and supplied before the children returned to the school for 2019.

The Warragul Woodworkers Club Inc built the buddy seats and donated to our school free of charge.

The Shop Front was built by the Woodworkers Club who only charged us for the materials. This has saved the project thousands of dollars.

A huge effort on behalf of the Warragul Woodworkers Club Inc, and a huge benefit to the Warragul North Primary School.



*Ian Snape, Keith Aitken, Russell Coote and John Huggins  
from the Warragul Woodworkers Club Inc.*

# 300+ Days of Home Reading Awards

At the end of last year medals were presented to 77 dedicated readers who had 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. The reading diary must be signed off by parents. We are hoping that there will be an increase in the number of students achieving a 300+ days of home reading award for 2019. Every student who achieves 300+ days will receive a medal.

## *Why have the Home Reading Awards?*

WNPS has the awards because research shows us that the benefits of reading more improves performance in general knowledge, vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency and spelling.

To achieve a '300+ Home Reading' medal for 2019 a student would need to read seven times a week from Monday 11th February to Sunday 15th December, 2019. The tally would then be that home reading had been completed and signed off by parents 308 times.

## **How do I achieve 300 or more days of home reading?**

**How many days will I read for during 2019 starting from Monday 11th February to Sunday 15th December 2019?**

**Reading 5 times a week = 220 days**

**Reading 6 times a week = 264 days**

**Reading 7 times a week = 308 days**



## MEDICATION

Parents are reminded that when sending medication to school this must be left at the office and a medication form completed to ensure the appropriate dosage is administered.

**Please do not give any medication to students to keep in their bag in any circumstances.**

Thank you for your co-operation!

## ABSENCE REPORTING LINE



## Flexibuzz Update



At Warragul North Primary School we are using the Flexibuzz app to keep you up to date and better communicate with our families. In an emergency situation the Flexibuzz app will be used as a first line of communication. Simply download the Flexibuzz app to your phone or tablet. This app is free to parents.

Don't forget to change your child's year level to their 2019 year so you receive the relevant messages. If you haven't started using Flexibuzz yet just call in to the school office for all the information on how to get started.

For your convenience the 2019 canteen menu is now available through the Flexibuzz app.

# Child Safe Standards

## What do the child safe standards mean for your child and school?

Children have the right to be safe and protected, including at school. The child safe standards have been introduced in Victoria to achieve a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. The seven child safe standards are:

- Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
- A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
- A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
- Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
- Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
- Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
- Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

For your information WNPS has:

- Strategies to embed a culture of child safety at the school and roles and responsibilities within the school for achieving these strategies
- A child safety policy and a statement of commitment to child safety
- Code of conduct outlining clear expectations for appropriate behaviour by school staff with children
- Strategies to promote child empowerment and participation
- Procedures for reporting suspected child abuse

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION 2019

Just a reminder to all families that our newsletter is distributed by e-mail. If you need to update your e-mail details please e-mail them to the school office on [carter.susan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:carter.susan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year's School Council elections are underway and notice of elections were emailed to all families yesterday. The timeline is as follows:

- Tuesday 12th February – call for nominations
- Tuesday 19th February – nominations closed
- Wednesday 20th February – display of candidates
- Tuesday 26th February – ballot papers prepared and distributed
- Tuesday 5th March – close of ballot
- Wednesday 6th March – vote count / declaration of ballot.

There are four (4) vacancies for parents. Please consider nominating and supporting your child's school.

## PARKING | TRAFFIC FLOW DISABLED PARKING



To assist parents with parking rules around the school, a map explaining legal parking areas and traffic flow will be sent home shortly.

Please be aware that the 'reserved' parking permit area near the administration building is for staff use only and permits must be displayed on the windscreen.

If everyone adheres to the agreed parking areas and direction of traffic flow it creates a safer environment for children during drop off and pick up times.

Just a friendly reminder that the disabled parking space provided outside the administration building is for people with a disabled parking permit only. It is also requested that you be mindful of other people who use this space and not double park across it. There has been reported instances of the space being regularly blocked not allowing access or allowing the vehicle parked to exit. Please do not park across this specially designated car space. Thank you.

To assist families to clearly understand the various parking signs displayed around our school, in our newsletters we will include detailed information from the VicRoads website.

## 'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Nathan (1DE)**  
Well done!



## TERM ONE 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 now 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.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring the school always has the most up to date contact details. In the case of an emergency it is imperative that we are able to get in contact with parents without delay. If your contact details have changed please advise the office as soon as possible.

Please also remember to advise the school of any Intervention Orders or Court Orders that may be in place relating to your children. A copy of the relevant orders must be provided to the school to enable us to follow the orders.

## No Parking Signs

If there is a 'no parking' sign, you can stop for 2 minutes in that area:

- If you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods
- You stay within 3 metres of your vehicle

If you stop in, or partly in, an area showing a no parking sign and you are not picking up or dropping off passengers or goods, you are considered to be parked and can be fined. This is the case even if you stay with your vehicle.







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# Mark Wilson

## is coming to our school!

### Tuesday 26th February 2019

Mark Wilson is a multiple award-winning author/illustrator with 17 books in print worldwide which have been translated into nine languages, including *Flapper*, and *Beth the story of a child convict*. Mark has a passion for Australian history and the environment, particularly endangered animals. He explores these themes through his picture books and workshops.

In his presentation, Mark will discuss picture books and how different writers and illustrators approach them. He also discusses endangered species and Australian history, the main themes that run through his books. There are also stories about our history, our ancestors and our heroes.

Please return your permission form and payment by Friday 15th February, 2019.

Orders for signed books are due back by Friday 15th February 2019.





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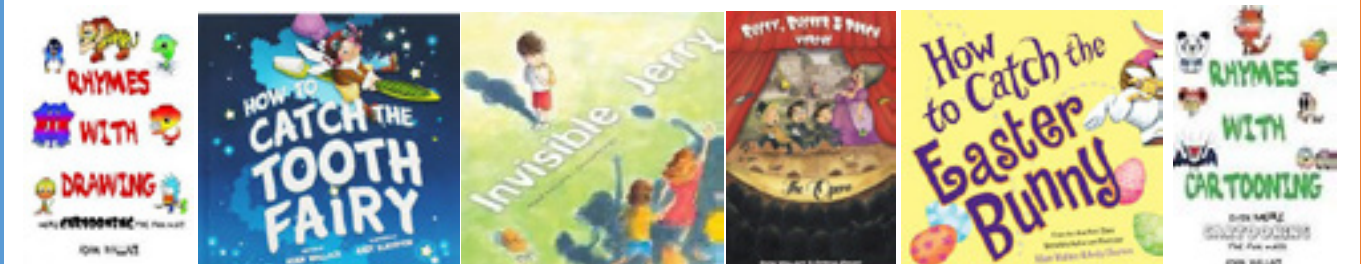
# Adam Wallace

## is coming to our school!

### Thursday 7th of March 2019

Adam Wallace is a children's writer and cartoonist. He is the author of the New York Times bestselling *How to Catch* series and the *Accidentally awesome* series. Adam's exciting visit will be interactive, using creative storytelling, lessons on drawing and his *Rhymes with* series to inspire budding Illustrators and writers.

Please return your permission form and payment by Wednesday 27th February, 2019.  
Orders for signed books are due back by Friday 22nd February 2019.





In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

At Warragul North Primary School we strongly encourage punctuality and attendance. At 8.50am the 'bag bell' sounds and children hang their bags up and enter their classrooms ready for a 9.00am start. We also know the importance of regular attendance and follow the 'It's not ok to be away or late' process. Students who attend every school day for Term One will receive a 100% attendance certificate. The same will happen if they attend every school day for Terms Two, Three and Four. Well done to the 18 children pictured who achieved 100% attendance for 2018.



Allison



Ashlyn



Brody



Connor



Ella



Georgia



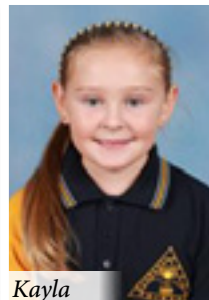
Hannah



Henry



Joel



Kayla



Lachlan



Locki



Madison



Riley



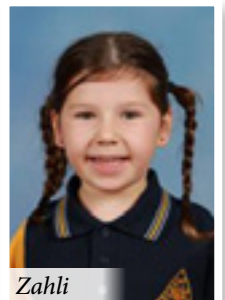
Sam



Tabatha



Tammy



Zahli

## 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)






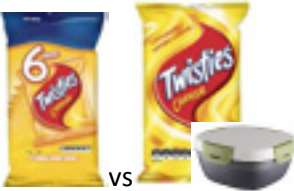

3 days a week = 120 days a year = 24 weeks a year = nearly 8 years (P - 12)

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)

# WNPS – A ‘Zero Waste’ School?

Australia is one of the highest producers of waste in the world and much of it is avoidable.

Can WNPS shirk the trend and be a ‘Zero Waste’ school? Instead of having ‘Nude Food’ day, once a year, couldn’t we practise it every day? Here’s how we can reduce our waste and our environmental impact:

	Help children make nutritious, waste-less lunches and let them make their own lunches. Try packing lunches the night before and storing them in the fridge overnight.
	Discuss with your child what they like to eat and how much. Last year’s Waste Audit showed large quantities of unopened pre-packaged foods, including single-serve yogurts, cheese sticks, sandwiches, uneaten apples/fruit and many near full fruit boxes being thrown away. This costs your family money and creates a lot of waste.
	Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that children can eat some and save the rest for later. For example, it's hard to take some bites from a big apple at recess and save the rest for lunchtime. It's easier to eat a wedge or two then reseal the container. A squeeze of lemon can keep apple slices from going brown.
	If you wish to wrap a sandwich, you could use beeswax food wraps or container. You can make these yourself, or they are also made locally (Google: ‘Little Bumble’ a Gippsland-run business)
	Encourage your children to bring home uneaten food to eat after school. Appreciate that play time is important, so discuss with children how much they can reasonably eat in one day. Often children throw uneaten food away because they don’t want to upset the person who packed the lunch. If you’re not sure how much they can eat at school, start small. eg a piece of fruit and a sandwich, and build it up if they are asking for more.
	If your children have chips, yoghurts or other snacks, try buying a larger bulk pack (rather than the more expensive so called ‘convenience’ packs with lots of excess packaging) and have your children put the same quantity into a reusable labelled container that they bring home each day. Any soft, flexible packaging waste you do have can be recycled at Coles or Woolworths. This is recycled into anything from outdoor furniture to textiles for clothing.
	Avoid buying drinks in packaging that cannot be resealed. Many children take just a few sips at snack time and discard the rest. Buy a bottle of juice and a small drink bottle instead of small, individual drinks. Better yet, send a reusable bottle filled with water – it’s better for their health and learning!

Start small and work your way up to zero waster and you will feel positive about the changes you and your family are making when you practice Nude Food every day. If we all make changes, it also sends a message to retailers and manufacturers – we don’t need overly packaged food.

If we practiced ‘Nude Food Day’ principles at home and school every day, we would greatly reduce our impact on the environment and be fairer to future generations.





These photos show some of the results from our 2018 'End-of-Year Waste Audit'. This was a collection of waste over two days! Notice some of the fruit and sandwiches have hardly been eaten. Also note the large amount of disposable packaging destined for landfill. Multiply these piles by 20 and you get an idea of how much waste is produced per year – most of it avoidable.



We will be running another Waste Audit later this year, and we hope to see these waste piles greatly reduced. We need your help!

Please help us become a ...

**'Zero Waste' school!**

**Brendan Cox**

Environment & Sustainability  
Coordinator



# Term One *Topics*

## Foundation – *My Life, My Place*

- Sequence significant events about personal and family history to create a chronological narrative.
- Describe and explain where places and activities are located.
- Collect and record geographical data and information.

## Year One – *Celebrations around the World*

- How they and their family celebrate past events that are important to them.
- Places and our connections to them. Representation of the location of places and their features on maps and models, including a globe and the location of the major geographical divisions of the world in relation to Australia.

## Year Two – *Olden Days*

- Identify perspectives about changes to daily life from people in the past or present.
- How the present, past and future are signified by terms indicating and describing time.
- Differences and similarities between students' daily lives and perspectives of life during their parents' and grandparents' childhoods, including family traditions, leisure time and communications.
- The effect of changing technology on people's lives and their perspectives on the significance of that change.

## Year Three – *Indigenous Studies*

- The significance of Country and Place to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who belong to a local area.
- One significant narrative, myth or celebration from the past.
- The diversity and longevity of Australia's first peoples and the significant ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are connected to Country and Place (land, sea, waterways and skies) and the effects on their daily lives.
- Similarities and differences in individuals' and groups' feelings and perceptions about places and how they influence views about the protection of these places.

## Year Four – *Science in Action*

- A change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat.
- Natural and processed materials have a range of physical properties; these properties can influence their use.
- Heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another; a change in the temperature of an object is related to the gain or loss of heat by the object.
- Forces can be exerted by one object on another through direct contact or from a distance.

## Year Five – *Natural Disasters*

- Sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect Earth's surface.
- Interpret maps and other geographical data and information using digital and spatial technologies as appropriate to develop identifications, descriptions, explanations and conclusions that use geographical terminology.
- Location of the major countries of Europe and North America in relation to natural disasters.
- Impacts of bushfires or floods on environments and communities and how people can respond.

## Year Six – *Antarctica*

- Scientific understandings, discoveries and inventions are used to inform personal and community decisions and to solve problems that directly affect people's lives.
- Living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment.
- The growth and survival of living things are affected by the physical conditions of their environment.
- Interpret maps and other geographical data and information using digital and spatial technologies as appropriate to develop identifications, descriptions, explanations and conclusions that use geographical terminology.



# Building Demolition

During the holidays the old building was prepared for demolition. The asbestos was removed and the electricity and plumbing were disconnected. On Monday last week the excavators arrived and the demolition commenced. It hasn't taken the demolition team very long to make the building disappear. All that is left is a pile of bricks and rubble which will be removed over the next couple of weeks.

A drawing of what the new buildings will look like is included. Instead of one long building we will have two separate buildings each comprising six classrooms and other assorted rooms. The design will completely change how we move around the





# Hello from the *Acorn Room*



My name is Sheryn Cutler, and I'm delighted to once again be working with this school community in the role of School Chaplain. I want to warmly welcome everyone to Warragul North Primary School for 2019, particularly new students, families and staff. I hope you are all able to settle in and feel at home as

part of this wonderful school community.

The chaplaincy program at this school has a strong history and is an integral part of the school's welfare program. This year, we are again fortunate to have a number of different professionals working in the school in the area of student welfare and wellbeing. A large part of my role is meeting with students one-on-one during class time for personal sessions (after obtaining parental consent and arranging an appropriate time in consultation with the classroom teacher). Students can be referred to see me by school staff, by parents/carers or students can request to see me themselves via a box under the notice board at the school office. I also run lunchtime activities for small groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The term 'chaplain' can be a little confusing as it implies some form of religious role. As part of the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) which this chaplaincy program is funded through, chaplains must be of a recognised faith. In my case, I am a Christian and attend the Warragul Anglican Church. However, the role I play in this school is not particularly religious, but more about general pastoral care for students, families and staff.

This is my third year as the chaplain here and I love it. My background is as a Secondary School Teacher in the Wimmera, but in more recent years I have been busy being mum to my children, Jim (9 years) and Lilly (7 years), helping out on our family dairy farm, working as a Pilates instructor and in various voluntary roles at Warragul Anglican Church.

I encourage you to get in touch with me if ever you need to, either via the school office or popping in in person. I really do feel so privileged to be able to journey alongside you through both the challenges and joys life brings.

*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.*

## School Supplies 2019

Included in this newsletter are the details of the school costs for 2019.

Statements were posted out to all families last week 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, Newstart, 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.

# Private Performing Arts Program 2019

Warragul North Primary School has a long history of providing a performing arts program of high quality. The program includes instrumental, voice (singing), drama and dance lessons. We have adopted a philosophy of making all aspects of the performing arts accessible to families. Many students have progressed through their school years pursuing performing arts through their formal education, private tuition and other venues such as the Conservatorium of Music and the College of the Arts.

## Our Teachers:

We are fortunate in 2019 to have a talented team of private teachers who attend the school to give lessons to students from all year levels and assist with the choirs and school bands.

Jessica Benn	Piano
Steve Brown	Guitar
Anthony Gardner	Brass, Woodwind Bass Guitar & Recorder
Judy Harris	Piano
Sam Stephens	Singing
Joe Patrick	Ukulele & Drums
Stephanie Clark	Drama
Sarah Considine	Violin
Sue Legg	Dance

## Lessons on offer:

This year in the Private Performing Arts Program, we are able to offer lessons in, piano, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, recorder, drums, strings, brass, woodwind, ukulele, singing, drama and dance.

## Lesson times:

Lesson times for private performing arts lessons are negotiated with the classroom teacher in order to minimise disruption to the students learning. Lessons are taken in the purpose-built rooms adjoining the music room.

## How to book for lessons:

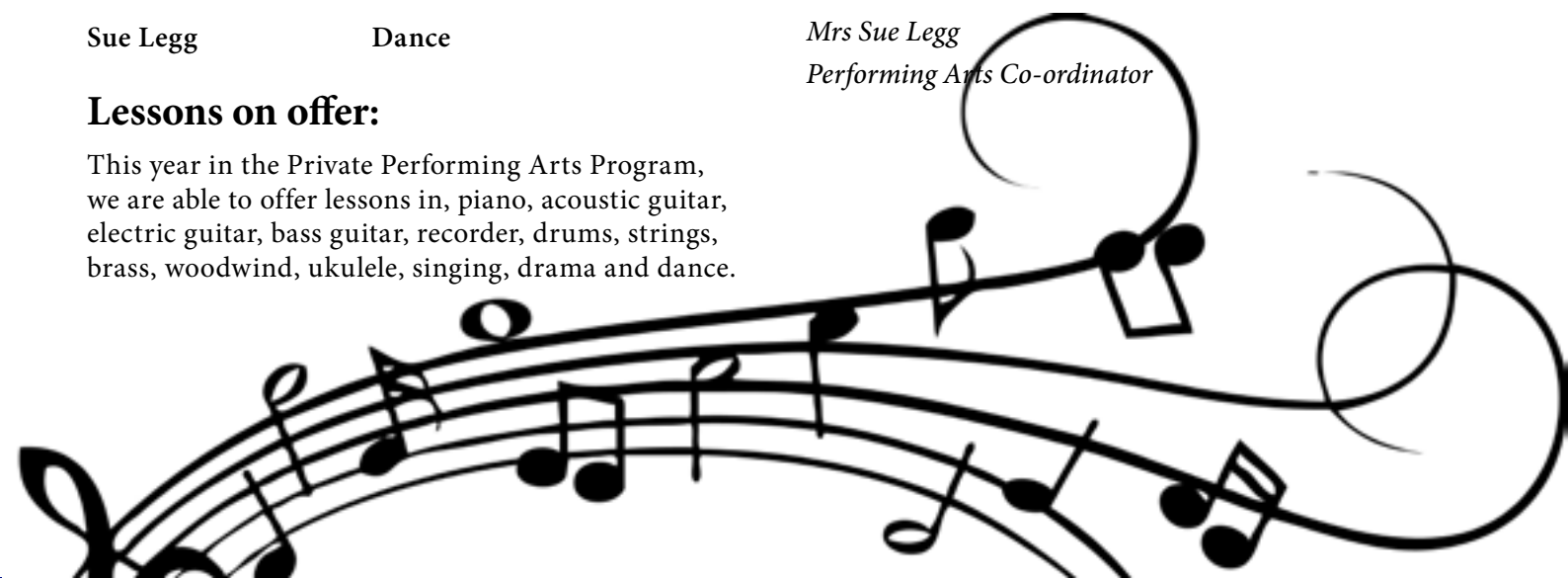
Due to its popularity, registration of interest for lessons as part of the private performing arts program is imperative. To enrol for a lesson or to be listed on the waiting list simply fill out an expression of interest form, available at the school office.

## Opportunities to perform:

In Terms Two, Three and Four the Performing Arts Department holds a Soirée. This is an evening where the private Performing Arts students perform in a relaxed environment, in front of a friendly and supportive audience, of their family and friends. Students also have the opportunity to perform at eisteddfods, school events, such as assemblies, and community events during the year.

The Performing Arts Department has a strong emphasis on building students confidence through successful experiences.

*Mrs Sue Legg*  
Performing Arts Co-ordinator





# Melbourne FC Visit WNPS



Last week six players from the Melbourne Football Club visited our school. The players delivered a program on leadership which aligned beautifully with our school values and our school rules. The children were engaged throughout, participating in activities identifying the attributes that make a good leader. Students were also given the chance to ask the players questions about their football experiences. Another highlight was our appearance on Win News that evening, with a number of our students making guest appearances.

*Mrs Lisa Pyle*

*Physical Education Co-ordinator*



## 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](http://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](http://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.





# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

We have had a successful start to our OSHC program this year. It was great to see children and families return refreshed from the holidays and ready for a new year. We are very happy to welcome all our new children and their families also. We look forward to providing a safe, happy and caring environment for the children while they are in our care.

We were sad to say goodbye to Marg Hayes at the end of 2018 after 18 years at the OSHC service and wish her well in her retirement. We now welcome our new staff members, Georgia Carter, Breanna Campbell and Lia Marshall.

OSHC provides a healthy breakfast for children attending Before School Care and a fruit and vegetable platter with a healthy snack at After School Care. To keep children busy and happy our program includes a wide range of activities for all ages and abilities with our focus being on everyone enjoying their OSHC experience and feeling safe and secure.

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

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO EXPERIENCE:

**CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT  
CHALLENGING THINKING  
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING  
21ST CENTURY SKILLS**



**2020 ADVANCED CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT (ACE) PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT**

**Tuesday 26th February 2019**

**7pm in the Library**

**Limited spaces available**



55 Burke Street Warragul 3820 | Ph: (03) 5623 9900 | [www.wrc.vic.edu.au](http://www.wrc.vic.edu.au)



Starting school is not only a change for your child. Amid the excitement and preparation it can be important to take a moment to think about how this change affects you and your family.

As you help your child to prepare for the changes ahead, it is important to monitor your own feelings. Having your child start school may lead to a new routine for you and your family. There may also be a period of adjustment as you begin to connect with the new school community and feel the loss of strong relationships formed at your child's early childhood education and care (ECEC) service. Thinking a little about how things are going to change for everyone can help you to make sure the whole family is ready for starting school. Check out the Kids matter website will provide you information on mixed emotions, new family routines, supportive relationships and connecting with your child's school.

[www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school/6-change-whole-family](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school/6-change-whole-family)



Health Promotion Team 56243500



**Hallora Junior  
Football Club**

### **Registration Training Session**

*Current & New Players Welcome*

*Boys & Girls Welcome*

**Sunday 17th February, 2019**

**Hallora Recreation Reserve**

Under 10, Under 12 & Under 14's teams

Light training session 11am – 12pm  
followed by a free sausage sizzle

Come along and meet the coaches, committee members and new families

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