



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#10

8th August 2019



10 NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY



3 100 DAYS OF LEARNING



2 ALICE THE MUSICAL

CALENDAR 2019

Fri	9 Aug	Years 5 & 6 Footsteps Dance Parent Club Discos
Tues	13 Aug	Parent Club meeting at 2.30pm
Thur	15 Aug	Senior Concert at West Gippsland Arts Centre
Fri	16 Aug	Junior Assembly
Wed	21 Aug	Year 1 Old Gipps town excursion Year 5 & 6 Vic Spell
Fri	23 Aug	Book Week dress up day & poster competition
Tues	27 Aug	Parent Club Father's Day Stall
Wed	28 Aug	Lion's Club Public Speaking Competition Final
Fri	30 Aug	Senior Assembly

Principal's Report

Alice the Musical

Students from Years Five and Six put on two truly wonderful performances on Saturday 27th July. The children confidently danced, sang and acted throughout Alice the Musical. They provided us with great entertainment and the audience chuckled and laughed throughout the performance.

Well done to the students for persisting through rehearsals, they worked as a team and the fun they had performing as a group together on stage was obvious.

Thank you to our parents for the wonderful support you gave your children, for making props and for the fantastic costumes you provided.

A big thank you to Mrs Sue Legg, the director and choreographer of the production. Thank you also to Mrs Lisa Pyle, Miss Sarah Hunkin, Ms Caroline Allen and Mrs Heather Mason who ably assisted Mrs Legg. The efforts and dedication of the 'Fab Five' ensured Alice the Musical was a fantastic production. We also appreciate the excellent photos taken by one of our talented parents, Lauren Murphy.



TERM THREE ASSEMBLIES

Friday 16th August - Foundation to Year 2

Friday 30th August - Years 3 to 6

Friday 13th September - Foundation to Year 2

Principal's Report *cont.*



Why celebrate 100 days of learning?

Morning routines are a daily feature at Warragul North Primary School. These routines are conducted in every classroom to improve student learning in English and Mathematics. Part of the morning routine each day is the 100 days of school segment. During this segment students learn about place value, counting, how to represent the number of the day in as many ways as possible and how to write the number in words. So celebrating 100 days of learning at school is celebrating meaningful learning.

Celebrating 100 Days of Learning at Warragul North Primary School



On Thursday 25th July, students from Year One to Six celebrated 100 days of learning at school for 2019. Students from all year levels were able to share their 100 collections and complete learning tasks focusing on 100.

On Thursday 1st August, Foundation (Prep) students and staff celebrated 100 days of learning at school for 2019. The children and teachers dressed up as if they were 100 years old, and brought a collection of 100 things to school. Both staff and students had been eagerly anticipating the 100 days event by counting and marking off every school day since their first day of school this year.

Well done to all the parents and students who used their imagination and creativity to put together their collections. It was great to see our students using an authentic focus for counting and understanding place value to enjoy their Mathematics learning.

Foundation (Prep) Information Evening

On Thursday 25th July, we held our Foundation (Prep) Information evening. The Foundation teaching team had prepared a great presentation, including a slide show of 'experts' (current Foundation students) who explained to the prospective Foundation parents the importance of naming drink bottles and packing your bag!!

Mrs Renee Bucknall shared her very positive experience of selecting Warragul North Primary School for her three children and I thanked her most sincerely for her 'free advert'.

A big thank you to the staff and parents who made the evening such a success. We look forward to welcoming the 2020 Foundation students and their parents to our orientation program later in the year.

Corinne Collins
Principal



Warragul North Primary School Values

 **School Values**

Literacy

Engagement

Achievement


Respect

Numeracy

Integrity

Nurturing

Getting Along

 **School Values**

Respect

Promoting and teaching positive social values, behaviours and attitudes helps young people to engage with their school, their peers, their teachers and their learning.

To promote and teach respect Warragul North Primary School has a whole-school focus and includes close links into classrooms and the curriculum.

Warragul North Primary School aims to develop students who respect themselves, others and the world around them.

Students are respectful when they show due regard for the feelings, wishes and rights of others.

In a 'nutshell' Respect means showing regard for the feelings and rights of others.

GETTING ALONG – Year Three – Bethany (3BC)

LITERACY – Year Four – Josie (4CU)

ENGAGEMENT – Year Five – Riley (4/5P)

ACHIEVEMENT – Year Six – Sophie (6BA)



School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 2nd August to Riley, Sophie, Josie and Bethany. Congratulations!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL BUS USERS



Warragul Regional College have advised us that they have changed their pupil free day from Friday 16th August to Monday 9th September. Please note that there will be **NO** government school buses operating on **MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER**.

The connecting town bus will also not operate on Monday 9th September. Parents need to make alternative transport arrangements for their children to attend school on Monday 9th September.

ABSENCE REPORTING LINE



2020 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS



Enrolment forms are available from the school office for families wishing to enrol a child for 2020 in Foundation (Prep). Please enrol siblings as soon as possible to ensure all children are included in the

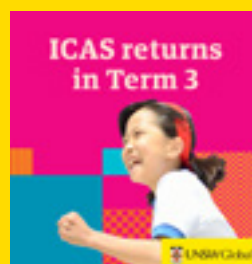
orientation program which will commence early in Term Four, and to assist with class planning for 2020.

'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Bas (4CU)**
Well done!



ICAS – International Competitions And Assessments For Schools University Of N.S.W. Australian School Competitions



ICAS will again be offered to students of Warragul North Primary School this year. We encourage you to consider entering your child in ICAS. This fantastic assessment program allows students to challenge themselves and be recognised for their academic efforts. The assessment is now mainly online and sitting dates are in Term Three. Learn more by visiting unsw.global/icas

Payment for ICAS is now online! To confirm your child's participation, visit the link below and make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The cost for participation is \$15.95 per competition. Online payment closes on Wednesday 14th August 2019.

Link: unsw.global/parentpay

Access Code: 37a99d4c3a

The sitting dates for this year's competitions are:

Digital Technologies (Years 3 – 6)
2nd, 3rd and 4th September, 2019

Science (Years 2 – 6)
4th, 5th and 6th September, 2019

Writing (Years 3 – 6)
9th, 10th and 11th September, 2019

Spelling Bee (Years 2 – 6)
11th, 12th and 13th September, 2019

English (Years 2 – 6)
16th, 17th and 18th September, 2019

Mathematics (Years 2 – 6)
18th, 19th and 20th September, 2019

Winter Sports

On Friday 7th June five teams from Warragul North Primary School competed at the District Winter Sports. Teams of Year Six students competed against other schools from our district in round robin competitions for football, netball, soccer and tee ball. All teams did their best on the day. Those who were undefeated on the day qualified to compete at the Division Winter Sports.

The tee-ball team competed at the Division Winter Sports on Wednesday 19th June and the team had another fantastic day of competition. They progressed through to the Regional Winter Sports which were held at Sale on Wednesday 24th July.

Well done to the students who competed in the Winter Sports and to the teachers and parents who coached and assisted, especially the parents who drove the children to Sale for the Regional competition – it certainly was an early start!

Ms Jo Hill
Year Six Teacher



Football Team



Tee-Ball Team



Soccer Team

School Council Report



Hello. My name is Keith Geddes. I work at the West Gippsland Arts Centre as a Theatre Technician and this is my first year on the Warragul North Primary School Council as a parent member. My daughter, Jemima, is in Year Six this year.

I feel that being a member of the School Council is the

perfect way to help make a difference at the school and to be a part of my daughter's education. If you see me around, say hello and feel free to speak with me.

I am looking forward to attending the Senior School Concert. This is a great opportunity for our children to perform on a professional stage and to share some of their learning with us. I would also like to thank the teachers involved in the concert as I know all too well how difficult it can be to organise and produce a show like this.

Mr Keith Geddes
School Councillor

Artists of the Week

Artist of the Week awards were presented at assembly on Friday 2nd August to seven talented children who had created amazing pieces during their Visual Arts lessons.

Mrs Shelley Roberts and Ms Jo Draisma
Visual Arts Teachers



Back row: Brylie (5JE), Sienna (3CO) and Ava (5JE). Front row: Zak (5JE), Milly (3BC), Hamish (5PS) and Tina (3GA).

FATHER'S DAY STALL

TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST



Our Parent Club is once again holding their fantastic Father's Day stall.

The stall will take place in the gym on Tuesday 27th August from 9.15am until 11.30am.



Gifts will be priced at \$3.00 and \$5.00.

Children will be limited to purchasing one gift only.

Please provide a named plastic bag for your child's gift.



Canteen Roster

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN IS ONLY OPEN ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Thursday 8th August	9.00am to 10.15am	Julie Henshall
Friday 9th August	9.00am to 10.15am	Linda Love Jodie Mesaric
	1.00pm to 2.15pm	Kylie Sage
Thursday 15th August	9.00am to 10.15am	Jo Cameron
Friday 16th August	9.00am to 10.15am	Belinda Hogan Victoria Lee
	1.00pm to 2.15pm	Kannika Chambers
Thursday 22nd August	9.00am to 10.15am	Melissa Dawson
Friday 9th August	9.00am to 10.15am	Miriam Adkins Denise Pratt
	1.00pm to 2.15pm	Jenelle Henry

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 Three - Week 2 Champions

Junior



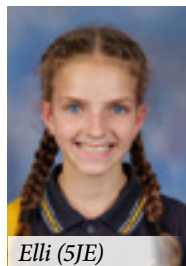
Lexie (IDE)

Middle



Peyton (3BC)

Senior



Elli (5JE)

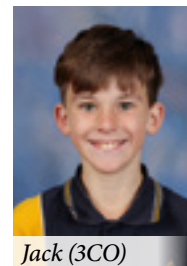
Term Three - Week 3 Champions

Junior



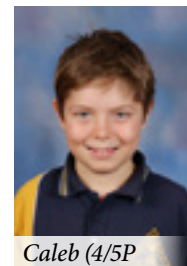
Bryan (1BO)

Middle



Jack (3CO)

Senior



Caleb (4/5P)



On Friday 26th July, a splendid winter's day, students from 3BC, 3GA and 3CO, assisted by Environment and Sustainability Representatives, visited the picturesque Brooker Park to add to its natural beauty by planting trees for Planet Ark's National Tree Day campaign. With the sun shining, the sound of birds filling the air, fresh air and a little healthy exercise – who wouldn't enjoy the experience! These Year Three students can feel proud of their contribution to the community and the fact that they had a part to play in improving the indigenous flora and fauna in their local area.

Mr Brendan Cox
Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator



Student reflections from 3BC...

"On Friday the 26th, I went to the schools' tree planting day, sponsored by Toyota and Planet Ark, at Brooker Park. I helped my classmates dig holes to put the trees in, and in some of the holes the ground was really hard. In the time we were there, I felt that I was helping the environment by doing something to stop global warming."

By Alistair

"My hands were super muddy from digging holes for trees. We learnt how to use tree gadgets that looked like pogo sticks and made holes for the plants. It was super fun!" **By Aidan**

"Today on July 26, I got to experience National Tree day at Brooker Park. We got dirty and I had a lot of fun. After we planted trees, we got free Toyota, long sleeve tops." **By Ava**

"Hi! Today on 26th July, people from the Baw Baw Shire came, and we planted trees in Brooker Park. We planted trees, so we would have more air to breathe. Our hands were dirty at the end and we had FUN! We got free t-shirts! Thank you Toyota!" **By Bethany**

"It was muddy at Brooker Park, so other students brought their gum boots. Kynan and I forgot ours - lucky we didn't get muddy! After we got back to school, we got dressed into our tops and we took a 'TOYOTA jump' photo. It was really fun planting trees at Brooker Park today." **By Blake**

"Tree planting was really fun! I think we should plant trees every day so we can help our planet. It's not hard at all!" **By Deniz**

"Today, I went to National Tree day and we planted trees. It was awesome! We got to use tools and get our hands dirty! We got free Toyota shirts! Thank you!" **By Flynn**

"When I went to Brooker Park, I was so excited! I felt excellent planting trees because I was helping the Earth." **By Guinevere**

"We planted trees in Brooker Park in pairs, and I chose to work with Blake. Blake and I only planted two trees. We also got to learn how to use these pogo stick- looking gadgets that helped us to dig holes for the plants. We also got these cool Toyota shirts!" **By Kynan**



Student reflections from 3BC continued...

“When I went down to Brooker Park, we first got into groups to plant trees. I dug some holes with this special tool, and it was very fun. They even gave us cool t-shirts. My favorite part was planting plants. It felt nice to help the Earth. Thanks Toyota for giving us those lovely tops!”

By Maddi

“Hi! On the 26th of July, some of W.N.P.S. students went to Brooker Park and planted some trees. It was fun because the Toyota people gave us t-shirts. We got our hands dirty, and worked together. I felt good about it because we are improving the Earth. THANKYOU!”

By Maya

“At the National Tree Planting day, we made trees comfortable in the ground. We dug a hole, then we put the trees in. Then we filled around the plant with mud. I loved it!”

By Miles

“On Thursday 26th July, I got to experience tree planting at Brooker Park. We got to get the tree out of its container and plant it. At the end, we got Toyota tops! I loved it all! It was a wonderful experience, and I would do it again.”

By Olivia

“When we went to Brooker Park, I had a ball. It was fun because we got to get out of the class, and I got muddy! We got free tops! (They were so cool)! Thanks for the tops, Toyota!”

By Ollie

“Today, I went tree planting with my class. It was muddy, and we used the tools which helped us plant the trees at Brooker Park. Lots of people were there and I helped the planet.”

By Olly

“On Friday the 26th of July, my class, 3BC, participated in ‘National Tree Day’ to help the planet make more oxygen. When we got there, we all got gloves, but we had to take them off because Mr. Cox said, “Everyone take the gloves off so you can get your hands dirty!” and we did get our hands dirty. Thanks Toyota for the nice shirts (oh yeah ... we also got free shirts!)”

By Omara

“At the Tree Planting day, the class walked together to Brooker Park. We planted trees in circle and square pots. We also we got free T-shirts - it was so exciting!”

By Peyton

“When I went to Brooker Park today, we planted trees I felt the wet sloppy dirt, and the wet green leaves. At the end of it, we got a free Toyota t-shirt. (It was actually a long sleeve, and it was really soft and comfortable).”

By Riley

“Hello! I’m Taj! Today, we went tree planting, and do you know what I think ... I think National Tree day should be everyday. We helped the Earth, and I also think you should too. Some people don’t think about the Earth, and it’s not fair that people cut down trees and don’t plant them back. We planted them back, and we hope they grow up nice and strong. Thanks toyota for the nice, free shirts (YAY!)”

By Taj

“Today, we planted some trees near St Paul’s with TOYOTA. We made oxygen and cooled down the world!”

By Tynan

“Today, I had a great day. Firstly, I got to get my hands dirty. Secondly, I got to help the environment and we were given free tops - thanks Toyota and Planet Ark!”

By Zoe



Book Week 2019

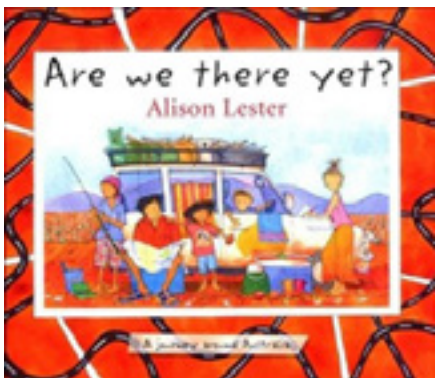
'Reading is My Secret Power'

Dress Up Day

Friday 23rd August



Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia and this year the theme is 'Reading is My Secret Power'.

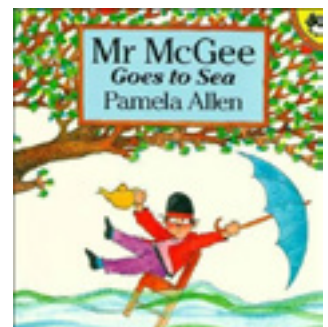


To celebrate book week, Parent Club has arranged a 'book character' dress up day on **Friday 23rd August**. The cost for dressing up will be a gold coin donation.

There is also a poster competition with a prize for each year level. Please leave named posters at the office by **Friday 23rd August**.



All money raised by Parent Club on the day will go towards purchasing new books for our library.





Hello from the *Acorn Room*



Based on the recent trend in divorce rates it has been estimated that around one-third of all marriages in Australia will end in divorce. A similar proportion of de facto relationships will also end. Being separated parents can be very hard work. Research shows that conflict between parents which goes on and doesn't get resolved can have

numerous detrimental effects on children and teenagers. With the right support, parents can find a way to build a secure base for their children after separation.

Here are some tips:

- Keep children out of the middle of arguments
- Keep conflict non-violent and infrequent
- Keep working at sorting it out
- Make sure the kids know they are not to blame
- Never ask children to pass messages to the other parent
- Don't ask the child personal questions about the other parent
- Make arrangements that suit the child
- Help children to have a healthy relationship with their other parent

There are many resources available to support separated families. Here are just a few free resources:

- <https://raisingchildren.net.au/grown-ups/family-diversity/co-parenting>
Lots of general information covering a wide range of relevant topics
- <http://www.theonlinemom.com/apps-help-co-parenting/>
Includes a list of apps to help organise kids' schedules some of which are specifically designs for divorced/separated families
- <https://divvito.com/>
An app specifically designed to improve communication between divorced/separated couples and includes a function which checks messages for emotionally provocative content and encourages parties to consider rephrasing
- <https://www.adieu.ai/lawyers/>
A tool to help with division of assets etc

When separation is well handled by adults children feel supported.

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.

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 standards policy and child safe standards statement of commitment to child safety
- A child safe standards code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
- Screening, supervision, training and other human resource 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 safe standards policy and a child safe standards statement of commitment to child safety
- A child safe standards 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

PARKING | TRAFFIC FLOW DISABLED PARKING



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. 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.

Disabled Parking Signs

You are not allowed to park in parking bays that have a disabled parking sign or road marking unless you have a valid disabled parking permit.



BPAY



Warragul North Primary School is now offering BPAY as an option for paying any school costs such as student supplies, camps, excursions and Outside School Hours Care. Each family has an individual BPAY reference number which can be found on the bottom of a current family statement. Please contact the school office if you do not have a current statement and would like to find out your BPAY information.

'FOR THE RECORD' 2019

You will have noticed that your school account has the inclusion of a \$30.00 contribution for your family's copy of our school magazine 'For the Record'.

'For the Record' is a fantastic record of school events; has photographs of every child at the school on 'photo day'; a list of every child attending Warragul North Primary School just prior to the printing of the magazine and an item from every student attending the school on 'For the Record' submission day.

Should you wish to receive a copy or copies of the school magazine, then the cost must be paid by **FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER**. Only those families who have paid for the magazine by this deadline will receive a copy. No extra copies will be printed beyond those paid for and ordered.

We look forward to presenting this year's magazine to you on the last day of school for 2019.

Mrs Ann Burton

'For the Record' Co-ordinator

PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2019



Each year the Victorian Education Department conducts an opinion survey amongst a sample of the school community. This year a sample of approximately 30% of parents have been randomly selected and e-mailed an

invitation to participate. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

Should you be selected please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to Warragul North Primary School staff and council, and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school

The survey runs from Monday 22nd July 2019 to Sunday 11th August, 2019.

Responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important that you complete the survey as honestly as possible.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 5th August, 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,



**TICKETS FOR SENIOR CONCERT
YEAR THREE TO YEAR SIX
ON SALE NOW AND SELLING FAST!**

Our Senior Concert is next week and the tickets are selling fast. If you haven't already purchased your tickets they are still available directly from the West Gippsland Arts Centre. Here are the details:

DATE OF CONCERT: Thursday 15th August

TIME OF CONCERT: First performance at 6.00pm

Second performance at 8.00pm

VENUE: West Gippsland Arts Centre, Smith Street, Warragul

HOW DO I BUY TICKETS FOR THE SENIOR CONCERT?

PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL

WHERE: Directly from the West Gippsland Arts Centre

WHEN: Available from 9.00am on Monday 15th July

HOW: Website - wgac.com.au/

Telephone - 56242456 (**box office is open between 9.00am and 5.00pm**)

In person from the box office at the West Gippsland Arts Centre

PRICE: \$15.00 each

HOW MANY CAN I BUY? As many as you like - there is no limit on the number of tickets each person can purchase.

**THE 6.00PM PERFORMANCE IS VERY POPULAR
AND MAY SELL OUT SO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT.**

Community News



OPEN DAY AND GRADING

**SUNDAY 25 AUGUST
12PM TILL 2PM**

Warragul Tennis Courts - Burke St

Come and try tennis and sign up to play
in the 2019/20 summer season

FREE BBQ

To register, go to:

<https://my.tennis.com.au/OnlineMembership/663911>

or sign up on the day

Everyone welcome, no experience required
Contact Leanne Dunsmuir on 0407533699 for enquiries

WE'RE IN TOWN



The mobile unit is in **Warragul** for three more weeks and it's estimated that **30 donors** are still needed.

To ensure patient needs are met, locals are being urged to make an appointment to donate blood.

Appointments available:

Wednesday 31 July	11.30am	2.30pm	3.45pm	5.15pm	6.30pm
Thursday 1 August	2.15pm	3.00pm	3.15pm	4.00pm	4.30pm
	6.00pm	6.30pm			
Tuesday 6 August	3.00pm	3.45pm	5.45pm		
Wednesday 7 August	11.30am	1.15pm	4.15pm	6.30pm	
Thursday 8 August	11.30am	12.30pm	3.30pm	4.30pm	
Wednesday 14 August	11.00am	1.15pm	2.45pm		
Thursday 15 August	12.00pm	1.45pm	2.30pm	6.15pm	

Location: Harness Racing and Greyhound Club, Logan Park

Call **13 14 95** or visit www.donateblood.com.au

Red25: Donors are welcome to join a Red25 company or community group and can also make a small group booking.



Fight FLU this winter!

Flu germs are carried in almost invisible little droplets from saliva, sneezes, coughs and runny noses and can live on surfaces for hours.



Try these 3 steps to avoid the spread of the flu at school:

1. Teach your children to use a tissue to cover their nose and mouth when they sneeze or cough. Teach them to put all used tissues into the bin and wash hands. If they don't have a tissue teach kids to cough or sneeze into their elbow.
2. Children should wash their hands with soap and water regularly through the day.
3. Don't share your kid's flu bugs at school - The best way to avoid spreading the flu is to keep kids at home while they recover.
4. Talk to your doctor about flu vaccination for your whole family

For more information go to [Better Health Channel - Flu](#)



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