WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 19th December 2019



CALENDAR 2019

Thur 19 Dec		Students visit their 2020 grades	
		Academic program concludes for 2020 at 3:30pm	
Fri	21 Dec	Clean up and moving day -	

CALENDAR 2020

Thur 30 Jan Term One commences for all students 9.00am 'Tea & Tissues' for parents of Foundation students

TERM DATES 2020

TERM ONE Thursday 30th January to Friday 27th March

TERM TWO Monday 14th April to Friday 26th June

TERM THREE Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September

TERM FOUR Monday 5th October to Friday 18th December

Principal's Report



Memorable Year Six Graduation

Yesterday was a delightful day as our Year Six students completed their primary years of schooling. A formal ceremony in the gymnasium highlighted the skills and talents of students which was followed by morning tea for students and their parents. During the afternoon a dedicated group of parents transformed the gymnasium into a scene from the Arabian Nights ready for students to return and complete their time at Warragul North Primary School with a graduation dinner and dance. We hope the morning ceremony and evening function enabled students to leave with fond memories of primary school.

To the students and their families thank you for being a part of our Warragul North Primary School community. We wish our Year Six students every success in the future.

Warragul North Primary School gratefully acknowledges the generous donations provided by the following sponsors for the awards. A big thank you to the sponsors of this year's awards the Freemasons Foundation Victoria, the Gippsland Forest Lodge of Warragul, Mrs Cynthia Shannon - C.E.O. of Monarch Institute Melbourne and the Warragul Regional College.

Award Recipients For 2019:

Education Scholarships Each recipient will receive a \$500 credit to commence secondary school Austin Berry Eleanor Freeth Georgia Hickmott Eleisha McConnell Tammy Ogden Dominique Potter Oliver Robley Thomas Vickery

Warragul Regional College Scholarship The recipient of this award

will receive a \$500 credit per year towards educational costs while attending Warragul Regional College. Madison Taylor

English Awards Angus Parker Emily Rhodes

Mathematics Awards Logan Brook Darcie George

Physical Education Award Sophie Taylor

Performing Arts Award Connor Wettenhall

Visual Arts Award Adia McClimont

Civics and Citizenship Awards Ella Black Joshua Bradley Zara McNair Magnus Percy





Warragul Regional College Scholarship – Madison



Mathematics Awards – Logan and Darcie



English Awards - Angus and Emily



Phys Ed Award - Sophie



Education Scholarships: Back row – Austin, Oliver, Dominque and Tammy. Front row – Thomas, Eleanor, Georgia and Eleisha. Pictured with Mr Brett Kersten, Past Master of the Gippsland Forest Lodge.







Performing Arts Award – Conner

Visual Arts Award - Adia

Civics and Citizenship Awards – Zara, Joshua, Magnus and Ella

Thank You Morning Tea

A thank you morning tea was held on Thursday 5th December for all our wonderful volunteers to attend. It was pleasing to have so many volunteers, School Councillors, Parent Club members and helpers join us and enjoy the special morning tea.

Pictured right are two of our volunteer helpers, Gloria Lawrence and Joyce Barker, cutting the thank you cake.



Principal's Report cont.

300+ Days of Reading Awards

At the Year Six Graduation assembly and the mini-concert certificates and medals were presented to the very dedicated readers who had achieved 300+ days of home reading in 2019. At the end of 2018 certificates and medals were awarded to 77 children so it is absolutely fantastic to report that this year there were 165 children who received a medal and certificate. It is thrilling that such a large number of children achieved the 300+ reading award for 2019. Thank you to the families that supported our readers and well done to all our super readers!

Staff Farewells



Mrs Shelley Roberts

Mrs Roberts commenced as a teacher at Warragul North Primary School in 1990 and has diligently fulfilled various roles including classroom teacher, Reading Recovery teacher and Visual Arts Teacher. A sincere thank you to Mrs Roberts for her valuable contribution to Warragul North Primary School over

the last 29 years. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement.



Mrs Pam Thrift-Mulholland

Mrs Thrift-Mulholland joined the staff at Warragul North Primary School in 2011 in a junior grade. She moved to the senior school and has remained in senior grades for the past seven years. Throughout her years at Warragul North Primary School she has successfully promoted and co-ordinated the school's

participation in the Tournament of Minds competitions each year. Mrs Thrift-Mulholland is on the move to the Heathcote area and consequently will conclude her service to Warragul North Primary School at the end of this year. We thank her for her dedication and commitment and wish her all the very best for the future.



Ms Simone Gray

During 2018 Ms Gray worked as a Mathematics Coach at Warragul North Primary School. This year she has worked with our teachers as an Instructional Coach. We thank her most sincerely for assisting our school successfully implement the PLC process and improving the quality of our teaching,

especially in Mathematics. We wish her well for the future as she takes up a teaching position at Baringa School in Moe.



Mrs Sue Goetz and Mrs Belinda Hyde

Warragul North Primary School successfully applied to become a STEM -Mathematics school. This enabled WNPS to

employ two teachers on a part time basis in 2018 and 2019 on contract. Sadly the contracts expire in December this year so Mrs Goetz and Mrs Hyde will conclude their service. Mrs Hyde and Mrs Goetz have been hardworking and valued members of their PLC teams and have made an excellent contribution to our school. We wish them well for the future.



Mrs Helena Morton

Mrs Morton commenced her teaching career at Warragul North Primary School this year and taught 4/5P students part time. We thank her very much for her dedication and diligence and wish her well in her teaching career a she pursues her desire to become a fulltime classroom teacher.



Miss Meaghan Newitt

Miss Newitt came to Warragul North Primary School as a student teacher during 2018. She commenced her teaching career this year and worked part time during Semester One and progressed to full time work in Semester Two. Miss Newitt has demonstrated a passion for teaching and her ambition is to become a

full time classroom teacher. We wish her continued success in her teaching career.





Mrs Kim Faith

Mrs Faith commenced working at Warragul North Primary School in 2011. She has been an integral part of our Education Support team and has worked closely with students with additional needs for the past nine years. We thank her for her excellent work and wish her every success for the future.

Miss Breanna Campbell

Miss Campbell has been part of the Outside School Hours Care team this year. She has now completed her teaching degree and will commence her first teaching position at Drouin Primary School in 2020. We thank her for her work and wish her well in her teaching career.

Principal's Report cont.

2020 School Captains and Student Leaders

At last Friday's assembly the WNPS School Captains for 2020 were announced. Congratulations to Riley Eastwell and Brylie Earwicker. I wish them an exciting and rewarding year in their role as School Captains.

For 2020 there will be ten Student Leaders who were also announced at the assembly.

We are very proud of the students who have been selected for these important roles for 2020 and wish them all a very enjoyable year.



Back row - Abi, Ava, Jaya, Brylie, Riley, Thomas and Ash. Front row - Addison, Mia, Mackenzie and Zak.

Thank You and Season's Greetings

The Warragul North Primary School community is most fortunate to have the services of a committed and highly professional staff. On your behalf I sincerely thank them for their outstanding efforts throughout 2019. Finally, thank you for the wonderful parental and community support we have received during the year. We are most grateful. I wish all families a safe and happy festive season.

Corinne Collins Principal



Warragul North Primary





Student engagement underpins effective student learning. Student engagement can be defined as three interrelated components; behavioural, emotional and cognitive.

- Behavioural engagement refers to students' participation in education, including the academic, social and extracurricular activities of the school.
- Emotional engagement encompasses students' emotional reactions in the classroom and in the school. It can be defined as students' sense of belonging or connectedness to the school.
- Cognitive engagement relates to students' investment in learning and their intrinsic motivation and self-regulation.
- In a 'nutshell' Engagement means being actively involved and focused on your learning.

RESPECT – Year Three – Lawson (3/4M)

NUMERACY – Year Four – Oscar (1KG)

INTEGRITY – Year Five – Riley (2KH)

NURTURING – Year Six – Olivia (2KH)



School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 13th December to: Back row – Riley and Olivia. Front row – Oscar and Lawson. Congratulations!

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 9 Champions

Junior





Ella (4HA)

Oliver (6BA)

Senior

Term Four - Week 10 Champions

Middle

Junior



Benjamin (4SE)

Senior



Madicyn (5PS)



This week the Peer Mediators for 2020 were announced. We are very proud of the students who have been selected for this important role for 2020 and wish them a very successful year.



Back row: Tara, Elli, Ava, Henry, Keegan, Logan, Mitchell, Emma and Maeve. Middle row: Allanah, Liam, Claire, Stephanie, Jayda, Riley, Tylar and Jenna. Front row: Jayden, Cooper, Bradley, Sahara, Paige, Emilia, Indiana and Veronica.



Last Friday 13th December, the children brought donations for the Junior School Council Christmas food drive to school for collection. Children who brought a donation were able to dress up in their Christmas clothes and the school certainly looked very Christmassy! It was fantastic to receive so many donations and the Baw Baw Combined Churches Food Relief staff were amazed at the generosity shown by the families from Warragul North Primary School. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas food drive.



Ms Jo Hill Junior School Council Co-ordinator





'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Caleb** (4/5P) Well done!



NEWSLETTER 2020

Commencing next year the Warragul North Primary School newsletter will be published every three weeks instead of fortnightly. The newsletter will continue to be e-mailed to our families and will also be available on the Warragul North Primary School website and via the Sentral Parent Portal.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports were sent home this week. We endeavour to ensure these reports are grammatically accurate; however please feel free to contact the office if there are any corrections required.



Annually Mrs Pam Vickerman generously donates medals to students who compete at state level. At the assembly held on Friday 13th December, Mrs Pam Vickerman presented medals to the two children who represented Warragul North Primary School at state level during 2019. Congratulations to Sophie (6BA) and Darcy (5PS) on this great achievement.





Thank you to all those families who returned their forms and money. A total of \$13311.75 was raised – what a fantastic effort! The draw for the \$200 voucher from Intersport Warragul took place at the school assembly on Friday 13th December and the very excited winner was Aaliya (4CU). The funds raised by the Parent Club will assist pay for further playground upgrades during the coming holidays. A junior sandpit will be built and extensive line marking will include a sensory trail, handball courts, hopscotch and grids.

> Pictured right: 2020 Parent Club Co-ordinator, Amy Mapleson and Assistant Co-ordinator, Kirsty Bowen, with Aaliya. Congratulations!



WNPS Environment and Sustainability News

2019 Achievements

I would like to thank the Environment and Sustainability Team at our school for their efforts this year. You have helped make our school more sustainable.

Here is what we achieved in 2019:

- We applied for and gained a free CERES Environmental Leadership Incursion for our Environment and Sustainability Team. We then visited a ResourceSmart school in Yallourn South to continue this process. A good time was had by all!
- We became a 'Junior Landcare' school we hope to adopt a local park and tend this in the future.
- We harvested and grew seeds from our large peppermint gum in Marble Alley.
- We completed a biodiversity audit to look at the diversity of flora (plant life) at our school this will go towards our ResourceSmart Schools accreditation
- We diverted approximately one tonne (1,000kg) of organic material from landfill
- We began recycling our old markers, textas and pens (we have been sending around 2,800 of these to landfill each year!)
- We completed the National Recycling Week challenge and won a GoPro! This will arrive next year!
- We assisted in planting out the 'new and improved' Marble Alley
- We began to investigate ways we can improve our recycling across the school stay tuned!
- We helped maintain our school vegie garden

It has been a hectic and exciting year for the Environment and Sustainability team! Thanks Team! I look forward to seeing what we can achieve next year! If you are interested in joining the team, positions will be open early next year!

Kind regards,

Mr Brendan Cox Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator

P.S. If you are a parent, and would be interested in helping out our Environment and Sustainability Team (this can be in a once-off or ongoing capacity), please contact me at the school.





Foundation





















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Tom



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Peyton





Rilev



Zara





Year One



Alby





Hailey

Georgia











Harry

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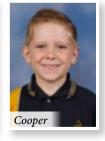


Henry

Joel







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Lexie

Jack









Marcella



Jasper

Matthew



Nathan











Sebastion



Thomas







300+ Days Home Reading Awards

Year Two

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James D









Brody









Year Three

Claudia



Elizabeth



Georgie



Sapphire



Zakk





Alistair





Emma











Guinevere



Maddie





Tabatha





Iack



Nina

Jakob



Omara









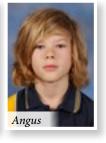




300+ Days Home Reading Awards

Year Four















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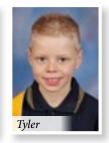


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Summer



Year Five







Eliza

Jayla

Tara

















Locki



300+ Days Home Reading Awards

Year Six

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Back row - Eleisha, Hannah, Madison, Georgia, Madeline, Adia, Darcie, Georgia, Sophie, Dominique, Lachlan, Angus, Austin, Deakin, Ellie, Haridu, Josh, Emily, Abbey, Lovenoor, Ashlea and Hannah. Front row - Summer, Zara, Rose, Tammy, Olivia, Tahlia and Tiana.





As another year draws to a close, it is with great fondness that I look back on my work at Warragul North Primary this year. This year has seen the commencement of DRUMBEAT and Seasons for Growth at the school, both programs which build emotional resilience in children. Once again, the majority of my time has been spent meeting one-on-one with students to support them in whatever way I can.

I feel so privileged that I can journey alongside children and their families through both good and hard times. I am often impressed at the compassion and care I hear in the way staff at this school speak about the children in their care. I sometimes find myself marveling at how much 'loving' it takes to grow a child. To all of you parents, grandparents and care givers, well done on another year's work loving and supporting your children. I hope that over this holiday break you and your families may find time to rest and reflect, as well as celebrate another year. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas in which you find joy, peace and love.

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.







University of N.S.W. Writing, Mathematics & English Competition

Warragul North Primary School is committed to providing opportunities for all students to be challenged and extended in their learning. In 2019, students in Years Three to Six had the opportunity to compete in the highly regarded ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) competitions through the University of New South Wales. The results for the Writing, English and Mathematics competitions are:

Writing

DISTINCTION	CREDIT	PARTICIPATION
Georgia (5/6P)	Kamryn (6HI)	Rylee (6TH)
Jayla (5JE)	Allanah (5WI)	Mia (5WI)
	Jaya (5JE)	Mia (5/6P)
	Ella (4HA)	Abi (5/6P)

Mathematics

DISTINCTION	CREDIT	MERIT	PARTICIPATION
Haridu (6TH)	Ella (6TH)	Rianna (6BA)	Georgia (5/6P)
Zara (6BA)	Rylee (6TH)	Veronica	Thomas (5/6P)
Angus (6TH)	Abi (5/6P)	(5/6P)	Mia (5/6P)
Emileon (4/5P)	Marcel (5PS)	Will (4SE)	Kamryn (6HI)
	Patrick (4HA)	Vhairi (4CU)	Connor (6BA)
	Kaely (4CU)		Claire (5JE)
	Deniz (3BC)		Paxton (4/5P)
			Leo (5JE)
			Maeve (5/6P)
			Emmy (4/5P)
			Musa (4SE)
			Declan (3/4M)
			Jack (3GA)
			Andrew (2BR)
			Isla (2KH)
			Elizabeth (2HE)

EnglishDISTINCTIONCREDITMERITPARTICIPATIONHannah (6BA)Haridu (6TH)Ella (6TH)Kamryn (6HI)Abi (5/6P)Angus (6TH)Kaely (4CU)Kaely (4CU)Lucas (3GA)Zara (6BA)Kaely (4CU)Kaely (4CU)

Congratulations to all children who participated in the Writing, Mathematics and English competitions. Top effort!



Writing – Back row – Mia, Rylee, Mia and Abi. Middle row -Allanah, Ella and Kamryn. Front row - Jaya, Jayla and Georgia



Mathematics – Back row – Claire, Connor, Georgia, Leo, Paxton and Declan. Second row – Thomas, Ella, Rianna, Kamryn, Mia, Maeve, Emmy and Musa. Third row – Kaely, Patrick, Deniz, Zara, Rylee, Abi and Vhairi. Front row – Haridu, Angus, Veronica and Will. (Absent from photo – Emileon, Marcel, Jack, Andrew, Elizabeth and Isla).



English – Back row – Hannah, Angus and Haridu. Middle row – Zara, Kamryn and Abi. Front row – Kaely, Ella and Lucas.

In primary school, some students MISS on average 3 WEEKS of school ear. That's chool by the end





Warragul North Primary School follows the 'It's not ok to be away or late' program. Each term certificates are awarded to children who have achieved 100% attendance for the previous term. It was fantastic to be able to give out 90 certificates for 100% attendance for Term Four. Great effort!

To the 17 children who had 100% attendance for 2019 and were presented with a 100% attendance certificate at the Year Six Graduation assembly and the mini-concert we say congratulations, what an amazing effort.























Back row: Lachlan, Tammy and Hannah. Front row: Georgia, Eleisha and Madeline

D.E.T. Mobile Phone Policy

In June 2019, the Minister for Education announced a new Mobile Phone Policy that will come into effect from Term One, 2020. The new policy is a ministerial policy formally issued by the Minister for Education under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. The Mobile Phone Policy establishes that from Term One, 2020 students who bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours.

An audit conducted during Term Four, 2019 at Warragul North Primary School revealed that very few students bring mobile phones to our school. Only about six Foundation to Year Three students brought in a phone. About 30 students in total from Year Four and Year Five had a phone. There were about 30 students in Year Six who had a phone. This means that around 66 out of 625 students have a phone at school. Our school has fortunately not experienced many problems managing mobile phones up to this time.

Early in 2020 we will provide further information regarding this new policy and its implementation.

CRANBOURNE Botanic Gardens

Recently the Grants Sub-Committee of School Council successfully applied for a Landcare Grant which enabled our Years Three and Four students to participate in an excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria in Cranbourne free of charge on Monday 16th December. The excursion offered an excellent opportunity for our students to further their understanding of the environment and related issues in an interactive, safe and stimulating outdoor setting.

The program 'Seed to Tree' was developed by the qualified teachers of the Gardens Education Service to provide an enjoyable and valuable learning experience for students. This stunning Australian Garden is a contemporary landscape space that showcased the beauty and diversity of Australian flora. Students participated in a guided exploration through the gardens and discovered the diversity of plants in Australia.





Excursion

















A timely reminder to all families. Please use the forthcoming school holidays to check your child's hair for head lice. It is a good opportunity to get on top of this pesky problem. Thank you!

Treating and controlling headlice

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to **look** carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

- Step 1 Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
- Step 2 Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
- Step 3 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5 Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.



If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

health

Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

- 1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
- Using the conditioner and comb method (described under 'finding head lice') every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person's eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

JUNIOR SCHOOL Sports Day

On Thursday 5th December the Junior School Sports were held. The children in Foundation, Years One and Two participated in twelve different events including tunnel ball, long jump, egg and spoon race, skipping, sack race, baton relay and hoola hoop catch. Our wonderful Parent Club provided a healthy fruit snack for each grade which they enjoyed under the shade of the story tree when they had their rest stop. Thanks to the families who came along to cheer the children on - it was a great day!

Mrs Deb Magyar and Mrs Lisa Pyle Physical Education Teachers





Outside School Hours Care

We have had another great year at the Outside School Hours Care House and the children have had a very busy and productive year.

Ashlee and Breanna will not be returning to OSHC next year as they are commencing their teaching careers. Good luck ladies!

We wish all our families a lovely Christmas and a safe and happy new year. See you in 2020!

Booking lists for OSHC sessions next year have been finalised and most days have a waiting list for After School Care sessions. If you have requested care for your child next year and now find you are not going to need it would you please notify OSHC or the Office so the place can be given to another child.

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



