



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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25th March 2020



14 CRAZY HAIR DAY



12 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



5 EASTER RAFFLE

## CALENDAR 2020

Mon	23 Mar	Last day of Term One for students
Tues	14 Apr	Student Free Day
Wed	15 Apr	First day of Term Two

## STUDENT FREE DAYS

Tues	14 Apr	Student Free Day (first day of Term Two)
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## TERM DATES 2020

### TERM ONE

Thursday 28th January to Friday 23rd March

### TERM TWO

Wednesday 15th April to Friday 26th June

### TERM THREE

Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September

### TERM FOUR

Monday 5th October to Friday 18th December

## TERM TWO ASSEMBLIES

School assemblies cancelled until further notice.

## Principal's Report

### Update: COVID-19 and School Holidays

As you will now be aware the Victorian Government brought forward the school holidays to Tuesday 24th March due to Corona Virus.

To support children of essential service workers a care and supervision program was made available at Warragul North Primary School during normal school hours from Tuesday 24th March 2020 until Friday 28th March, 2020. Essential services may include health, police, corrections, youth justice and emergency service workers.

Currently the focus of leadership and teaching staff is preparing, planning and organising a system to support our young learners if schools are required to transition to online and at home learning.

At this point in time the government is saying the first day of school for Term Two is Wednesday 15th April.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation during this challenging time. Please keep yourself and others safe.

### Student / Parent / Teacher / Interviews

During March over seventy Student Support Group meetings have been held to discuss student needs, their current progress and goals for the future. These meetings for students with additional needs involve parents, advocates, teachers, aides and conveners.

On Tuesday 17th March Student / Parent / Teacher telephone interviews were held for Foundation to Year Six students. A sincere thank you to all who made these phone interviews successful and we appreciate your co-operation. These interviews and meetings are a vital part of the process of supporting student learning in partnership. A sincere thank you to all parents who have taken these opportunities to communicate and support their child's learning.



# Principal's Report *cont.*

## PD Friday 20th March

On Friday 20th March staff participated in a 'Protective Physical Behaviour Training' workshop presented by Rod Catterall and Associates. The workshop was designed to provide our WNPS staff with the basic principles in applying evasive skills and also give staff skills in dealing with violent and aggressive behaviour.

This workshop, which was booked and pre-planned during the second half of 2019, was necessary as unfortunately staff frequently have to deal with occupational violence. Better to be trained and prepared as prevention if possible is best.

## School Council News



The election of office bearers for this year's School Council resulted in Terri Wilks being elected as School Council President. On behalf of our Warragul North Primary School community I wish to congratulate Terri and wish her well in her role for 2020. Kylie McNair was elected as Vice President. Treasurer is Brett Kersten and Vice Treasurer is Farhat Firdous.

Sub-committees were formed for Finance, Public Relations/ Grants with Terri Wilks as convenor and Buildings and Grounds with Brett Kersten as convenor. A big thank you to councillors who have taken on these positions. All members of School Council are looking forward to a productive year.

*Corinne Collins*  
*Principal*

# Junior School Council

At the assembly held on Friday 13th March badges were presented to this year's Junior School Council representatives. We are very proud of the students who have been selected for this important role for 2020 and wish them all a very rewarding and enjoyable year.





# Warragul North Primary School Values & Rules

## School Values

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

## School Values

### E

ngagement

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.**

## 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!**

**GETTING ALONG – Year Three – Liana (3GA)**

**LITERACY – Year Four – Deniz (3/4S)**

**ENGAGEMENT – Year Five – Benjamin (5PS)**

**ACHIEVEMENT – Year Six – Lexie (6LE)**



*School Values medals were awarded at the assembly on Friday 13th March to Deniz, Lexie, Liana and Benjamin. Congratulations!*



# Hello from the *Acorn Room*



It's an almost surreal time we are living in. There is much uncertainty about what the future holds with the COVID-19 situation rapidly changing with implications for us all. The media is full of updates and supermarkets have been crowded with people and with many empty shelves, which is inconvenient and frustrating. It's easy

to be critical of the behaviour of others, especially when we ourselves are feeling fear and overwhelm. It is important to remember that we are all in this together, and to be gracious with one another as we each manage the situation from our different positions of emotional and financial strength or vulnerability. I encourage you to not only care for those nearest and dearest to you, but also to have eyes to see the people around you who may be in need at this time, particularly those who don't have support networks around them.

When it comes to how to help children through this troubling period, please be encouraged that it is good to provide children with age appropriate information (Child Mind Institute and DHHS have good resources), including how to wash their hands properly, how to sneeze and cough correctly and to avoid touching their face. Be careful what information children are exposed to from the general media, as kids can confuse opinions with facts, and that can cause them to worry. As much as possible, try to maintain their routine. If kids are not at school try to follow the structure of a school day. Validate children's feelings of disappointment as events, holidays and co-curricular activities are cancelled. But also pump them up for being part of the solution, by minimising the risk of spreading the disease. And ensure you do what you need to do for your own mental health. Children respond to how you act and speak so reassure them by being calm yourself.

*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.*

**When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the supermarket  
Conversations with neighbours  
A crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.**

**When this ends,  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way - better  
for each other  
because of the worst.**



# Easter Raffle

Many thanks to all the families who kindly donated items for the Parent Club Easter raffle, and the parents who helped prepare the raffle prizes. Despite the short timeline the raffle was quite successful with approximately \$800 raised for our school and several happy winners in each grade.



## PARKING | TRAFFIC FLOW | DISABLED PARKING



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

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.

### *Bus Zone Signs*

Only public buses can park or stop in a bus zone.



# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Term One has been very busy at the Outside School Hours Care House. The children have enjoyed playing outside on sunny afternoons in the various WNPS playgrounds. At the house a variety of new board games have proved very popular with the children. Playing shops has been great fun and also a puppet show created by the children.

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*





## HEAD LICE

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

## health

**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.

### 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
2. 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.

## ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Warragul North Primary School collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement which can be found on our website.

For more information about privacy see: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents (<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>). This information is available in nine community languages.

## 'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Ash (6TB)**. Well done!



## LOST PROPERTY



A constant stream of Warragul North Primary School jumpers seem to make their way to the lost property tub outside the office. Items that are clearly named are returned to the children via their teacher. Items that are not named, or the names are illegible are donated to the Parent Club to be sold at their next second hand sale.

# Knitting Supplies Required

We are needing supplies for the children to be able to learn to knit and crochet during lunchtimes. We would appreciate donations of the following items:

- ☺ Wool
- ☺ Knitting needles
- ☺ Crochet hooks

Please leave any donations at the school office.

**Mrs Ann Burton**  
Library Technician



# School Supplies 2020

The school costs for 2020 were confirmed at the October 2019 meeting of School Council.

Invoices were e-mailed out to all families at the beginning of 2020 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 using BPay, online banking, in person at the school office or by sending the payment in a named envelope with your child. Our bank details are: BSB 313-140 ACCOUNT NO. 12012190.

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



## **WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COSTS 2020:**

The school charges for the 2020 year as set by School Council are as follows:

### **STUDENT SUPPLIES \$250.00 FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS \$240.00 FOR YEAR 1 - 6 STUDENTS**



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. Foundation students receive a WNPS satchel, a whiteboard and a set of headphones.

Included in the student supplies cost are Maths Online and Wushka. These are educational websites for Mathematics and reading that the children will use at school and will also have access to at home.



### **'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.

## **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PER FAMILY**

**(These voluntary contributions will not appear on your statement however your payment of these items would be greatly appreciated)**

### **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CHARGE \$40.00**

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**

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.

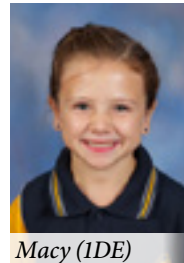
# P.E. 'Wall of Fame'

Every week in Physical Education one student from the Junior (Years One and Two), Middle (Years Three and Four) and Senior (Years Five and Six) school will be 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 Miss Grace Parker*  
Physical Education Teachers

## Term Two - Week 7 Champions

Junior



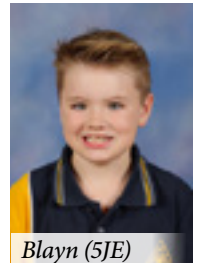
Macy (1DE)

Middle



Leah (4MA)

Senior



Blayn (5JE)

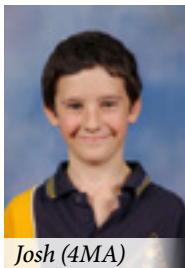
## Term Two - Week 6 Champions

Junior



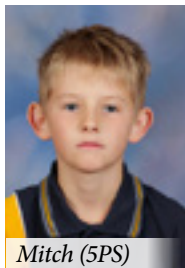
Charlie (1BO)

Middle



Josh (4MA)

Senior



Mitch (5PS)

## Term Two - Week 8 Champions

Junior



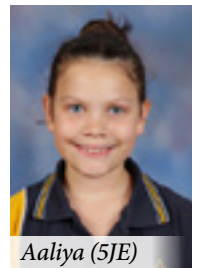
Bailey (2JO)

Middle



Ava (4HJ)

Senior



Aaliya (5JE)

# News from the Art Room

## Donations requested for the art room:

If you have any of the following items at home that you are no longer using they would be gratefully appreciated in the art room:

- ☺ Newspapers
- ☺ Tea towels
- ☺ Magazines (child friendly)

*Mrs Natasha Glaister and Ms Jo Draisma*  
Visual Arts Teachers

Right: Annabelle (3BC) was very pleased with her Artist of the Week Award which she received at the assembly on Friday 13th March. Very creative!





## 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 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 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 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



## WNPS Environment and Sustainability News

Thank you to the Year Three and Year Four students who recently dedicated their time and effort to cleaning up nearby Kiah Park on Clean up Australia Day. It's great to see our school stepping up to support the community by looking after this small, natural environment we share. Thanks also to the staff that supported this program!

**Mr Brendan Cox**

*Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator*





# Term One Swimming

What a strange beginning to our year of sporting carnivals! We did however, manage to complete all of our swimming commitments'.

Our Warragul North Primary School swimming trials started the year off. We had 60 enthusiastic students put up their hand to have a go. We had a lovely day for our swimming trials and the behaviour of our students combined with the help and encouragement of our wonderful parents made for a fun filled morning.

Our next swimming carnival was our District event. Our school sent along a team of 26 students. Another lovely day for a swimming carnival. Our kids competed to the best of their ability. For some this was their first combined school swimming event, so there were lots of nervous children waiting to be marshalled for their events. Thank you to Mrs Sharon Magyar for her hard work on the day and to the kids for their excellent behaviour. Also a big thank you to the parents who were able to come along and support our team.

From the District swimming carnival we managed to qualify five girls through to the Division Carnival. They were Madicyn, Jamisyn, Gemma, Stephanie and Charlotte. Stephanie qualified for the breaststroke, Charlotte qualified for the butterfly, Jamisyn qualified for the backstroke and Madicyn, Stephanie, Charlotte and Gemma formed our open medley team. What an exciting day it was! Charlotte progressed through to the regional event along with Stephanie and our Medley Team. The medley relay was so exciting. In the last leg Madicyn dived into the pool in third place and swam her heart out to help her team achieve a second place ribbon. Parents, teacher and teammates were cheering madly throughout. It was a wonderful, feel good moment! Well done girls.

The Regional Carnival took place on the 4th of March. An enormous number of students, from our region, gathered together at the Warragul Leisure Centre ready to do their best. Our team performed supremely and although we didn't receive any ribbons we had a wonderful time and enjoyed the experience. Reaching this level of competition is a great achievement. The next level is the State Swimming Carnival held at The Melbourne Sports and Aquatic centre (MSAC). I was extremely proud of our Regional Swimming Team.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support with our extra-curricular sporting activities. Without your help events like swimming and athletics cannot take place. I believe these experiences provide our students with amazing opportunities and great memories of their primary school years.

**Mrs Lisa Pyle**  
**Physical Education Co-ordinator**





# Junior School Council Crazy Hair Day

On Thursday 19th March the Junior School Council held a Crazy Hair Day to support the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. There were certainly a great array of crazy hairdos around the school celebrating diversity. Thank you for your gold coin donations which totalled \$617 to be donated to Kids Helpline.

*Ms Jo Hill*

*Junior School Council Co-ordinator*





# Community News



LET'S PLAY NETBALL

## WINTER COMPETITION

*Compete, get fit and have fun*

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 15TH APRIL 2020

ENROL NOW AT [www.wdna.org.au](http://www.wdna.org.au)

ALL AGES CATERED FOR FROM 5 YEARS TO OPEN

GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME

DAY | TIME: Saturday, 9am to 2.30pm

START DATE: Saturday, 2nd May

CONTACT: Karen Romano, WDNA President 0417 524 916

COME TRY | REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH, 4 to 6pm  
BURKE STREET NETBALL COURTS, WARRAGUL  
DRILLS & SKILLS ON NIGHT AND FAMILY BBQ



## HEALTHY EASTER IDEAS



Here is a few ideas to add some Healthy Easter food - try fruit and veg in the shape of an egg or decorating crackers as chicks! Pop some exercise options in the clues on an egg treasure hunt