



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#12

18th November 2020



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VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR



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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



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PERFORMING ARTS

CALENDAR 2020

Fri	27 Nov	Virtual Assembly #2
Mon	11 Dec	JSC Christmas Food Drive & Christmas dress up day in aid of Baw Baw Combined Food Relief
Tues	15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Awards 2020 Style Year 6 red-carpet procession and presentation
Wed	16 Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out excursion to Forest Edge
Thur	17 Dec	Students visit their 2021 grades Academic program concludes for 2020 at 3.30pm
Fri	18 Dec	Clean Up & Moving Day - 1.00pm dismissal No school buses running

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM FOUR

Friday 27th November #2

The latest virtual assembly held on Friday 30th October is available for viewing. Here is the link:
<https://youtu.be/sTbDYWQcTIE>

Principal's Report

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November each year. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute's silence is observed and dedicated to those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

On Wednesday 11th November, Warragul North Primary School conducted our own Remembrance Day service due to changed circumstances because COVID-19 restrictions prevented the RSL holding their usual service at the cenotaph in the Warragul CBD.

At 11.00am The Last Post was played and the whole school observed one minute's silence followed by The Rouse. Our School Captains, Brylie and Riley, laid a wreath on behalf of Warragul North Primary School students, staff and parents. Each student leader then came forward individually to pay their respects.

I was extremely proud of how well the students conducted themselves in a respectful and solemn manner throughout the service.

Lest we forget.



Principal's Report continued



Warragul North Primary School Term 4 2020

Reconnect, Reset, Recharge

Working together the staff of Warragul North Primary School have planned a 'Reconnect, Reset, Recharge' theme for Term Four, focusing on mental well-being, being physically active, learning at point of need as well as social and emotional learning.

The theme supports the directives received from the Department of Education and Training stating that in Term Four schools are to have the following three priorities – well-being, learning and transitions.

Our decision as a school has proven to be well founded as students across all year levels are presenting with heightened behaviours daily. We need to work together as a school community to assist our young people to become settled, happy and healthy. Children can then enjoy strong social connections to their families and peers.

Corinne Collins,
Principal

Warragul North Primary School Values

 **School Values**

Literacy

Engagement

Achievement


Respect

Numeracy

Integrity

Nurturing

Getting Along

 **School Values**

Literacy

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.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY TERM 4 #1

GETTING ALONG – *Foundation – Summer (0MU)*

RESPECT – *Year One – Xavier (1SP)*

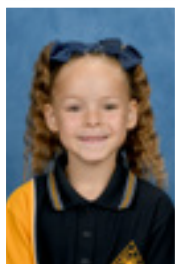
NUMERACY – *Year Two – Ruby (2JO)*

INTEGRITY – *Year Three – Sapphire (3GA)*

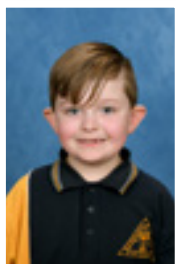
NURTURING – *Year Four – Rebecca (4HJ)*

LITERACY – *Year Five – Gemma (5WI)*

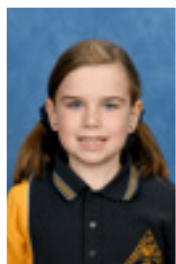
ENGAGEMENT – *Year Six – Ava (6LE)*



Summer 0MU
Getting Along



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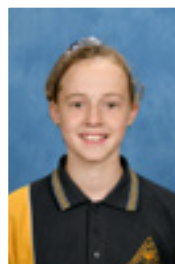
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Numeracy



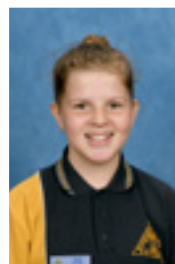
Sapphire 3GA
Integrity



Rebecca 4HJ
Nurturing



Gemma 5WI
Literacy



Ava 6LE
Engagement



Hello from the *Acorn Room*



A couple weeks ago as I was heading out on my regular Saturday group ride, I took a fall off my bike. In addition to damaging my pride (we were just starting off and most of the group witnessed my embarrassing tumble), it unfortunately also resulted in needing a couple stitches in my calf, a very frustrating and off-putting outcome for me. This

was not the first time I've taken a fall from my bike. Last time, I didn't ride again for over a year. The thought of riding and therefore the possibility of having an accident made me feel stressed and sick in the stomach. I hated having to face that feeling, so I chose not to for a time.

Anxiety is a normal human reaction to stress. When faced with a perceived danger, our fight or flight response equips our bodies to either deal with the stressor or to get away from it. Anxiety becomes a problem when our stress response is triggered in the absence of, or disproportionately to, an actual threat. These physiological responses in our body, if not released, can sometimes cause stomach pain, muscle tension, avoidance behaviours etc.

I deal with many kids (and parents) who battle anxiety. This year of Covid and social distancing has been a trigger of anxiety for many people. It is not unusual for school age children who experience anxiety to refuse to attend school. Interestingly, the solution to overcoming anxiety can seem quite counter-intuitive.

Instead of avoiding the stressful situation, we actually need to do that very thing. And we need to do it enough times that we learn that we can cope with it. When it comes to school refusal, that means coming to school, especially on the days kids don't feel like it.

You will be pleased to know that I got back on the bike (as the saying goes). I hated the anxious feeling I was carrying and just longed for the ride to be over. But I got out again the next day. By the end of this second ride, the anxious feelings had started to lift, and I was able to enjoy myself. I know my brush with anxiety is only a small window of insight into what it feels like to live with anxiety, but the principles are the same. Contemplating facing an anxiety provoking situation is hard. As a parent, watching your child experience intense anxiety is possibly even harder again. Please contact me, school leadership or your child's classroom teacher so we can support you in getting your child back to school. One of the greatest ways you can prepare your child for life is to help them build resilience by allowing them to face and overcome difficult situations. Show your child you believe they can do it, and over time, they will.

Mrs Sheryn Cutler
WNPS Chaplain

Warragul North Primary School offers chaplaincy and pastoral care to students and families on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Cutler can be contacted on those days via her e-mail sheryn.cutler@education.vic.gov.au or her mobile 0482 470 272.

ARE YOU MOVING?



If you plan on leaving Warragul North Primary School at the end of 2020, it would be appreciated if you could notify the school office as soon as possible. This will assist us with our class planning for

2021 and also enable us to forward a transfer note to your children's new school. Thanks!

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.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION 2020 STYLE

The Year Six teachers and WNPS Leadership Team have been working together to arrange a special conclusion for our Year Six students, who have lived through the COVID-19 pandemic this year in Victoria. We are keen to make their last days of primary school special and memorable for them while operating within guidelines and restrictions.

Tuesday 15th December

1. Year Six graduation and awards ceremony for Year Six students only.

(Parents/carers and other family members and friends cannot attend in person). This event will be recorded and shared with families.

2. Red-Carpet Procession and Presentation

A drive-through red-carpet event where Year Six students and their families emerge from their car and take the opportunity for photos. The graduating student will receive their certificate, mementos and Class of 2020 photo.

Registrations must be received by 4:00pm, Friday 20th of November. Scan the QR Code to register

your expression of interest in attending.



Wednesday 16th December

3. Year Six Graduation Excursion – Big Day Out 2020.

Year Six excursion to Forest Edge to celebrate the conclusion of their primary school years.

2021 CLASS ALLOCATIONS AND END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Children will be placed in their 2021 classes for an hour on Thursday 17th December. This will provide an opportunity for the children to become familiar with their 2021 classroom, classmates and if possible their new teacher in preparation for next year. The academic program for 2020 will conclude on Thursday 17th December and students will be dismissed at 3.30pm.

The last day of the term will be a cleaning up and moving furniture day in preparation for 2021. Students who attend school on this day must wear full school uniform and will be helping teachers clean up. Students will be dismissed at 1.00pm on Friday 18th December. **THERE WILL BE NO BUSES ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER.**

The first day of school for 2021:

Year One to Six students

– Friday 29th January, 2021

Welcome Day for Foundation Families

– Friday 29th January, 2021

Foundation students

– Monday 1st February, 2021

CHANGES TO 2020 CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Department of Education and Training have made changes to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) that will apply for the rest of 2020 to provide more support to families in need as a result of COVID-19.

As many families are facing financial difficulty and camps have been cancelled, CSEF can now be used for voluntary school charges, books and stationery costs in 2020.

In addition, CSEF eligibility for Term 2 (up to Tuesday 14th April 2020) has been extended so that families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible for CSEF up to 5th October, 2020.

Payments for students eligible between Wednesday 15th April and Monday 5th October will be made at 50% of the standard primary and secondary per student rates.

Please contact the school office if you would like further information regarding the changes to CSEF.

Virtual Book Fair

Not wanting to let the students miss out on Book Fair this year, we combined Book Fair with Book Week, giving the students the added fun of dressing up to celebrate both events.

This year our Book Fair took on a different look as we went 'Virtual'. Lamont Books were kind enough to allow us to have hard copies of the books they were selling, to help student's make decisions when writing their wish list.

We were thrilled to hear that we sold approximately \$1600 worth of books which equates to approximately \$480 for the school.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the school by purchasing books from the Book Fair. We look forward to purchasing new books for our fabulous library.

Mrs Ann Burton
Library Technician



School Costs 2021

The school costs for 2021 were confirmed at the October meeting of School Council.

Families will be e-mailed an invoice for their Student Supplies cost at the beginning of 2021. A full statement will be posted to families during Term One. Payment is due as soon as possible. Families wishing to pay in two instalments should pay the first instalment by the end of Term One and the second instalment by the end of Term Two.

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

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

WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COSTS 2021:

The school charges for the 2021 year as set by School Council are as follows:

STUDENT SUPPLIES \$265.00 FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS \$250.00 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.

NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC week was held from November 8th – 15th, and is a celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The theme for NAIDOC week 2020 was 'Always Was, Always Will Be' recognising that First Nations peoples have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

Warragul North Primary School students have been learning about our Indigenous people during the year.

Mr Brendan Cox
Year 3 Teacher



Pictured are the children in 3BC celebrating NAIDOC Week.

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.

BOOK COVERING - CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to cover books. Please contact me in the library if you are able to take some books home to cover. Contact provided!

Mrs Ann Burton, Library Technician

END OF YEAR LIBRARY CLOSURE



The school library will be closed for borrowing as of Monday 4th December 2020. We would appreciate your assistance to

have all books returned to the school during the following week – 7th to 11th December.

A friendly reminder that your children should make good use of Wushka to continue their reading until the library reopens in 2021.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs Ann Burton, Library Technician

SUMMER UNIFORM REMINDER

Children need to be in either summer or winter uniform, not a combination of both e.g. summer dress over pants or tights. 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.

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

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

Please note the following items are not part of the WNPS uniform:

- ✗ Leggings
- ✗ Sports skirt

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.



LOGO UNIFORM



SHORT SLEEVE POLO
\$30.00



LONG SLEEVE POLO
\$32.00



BOMBER JACKET
\$41.00



WINDCHEATER
\$29.00



SOFT SHELL JACKET
\$69.00

PLAIN UNIFORM



SUMMER DRESS
\$42.00



WINTER TUNIC
\$41.00



BASKETBALL SHORTS
\$21.00



GABERDINE
SHORTS
\$29.00



RUGBY SHORTS
\$21.00



CULOTTES
\$25.00



KNITTED BOOTLEG
PANTS
\$21.00



NYLON BOOTLEG
PANTS
\$29.00



GABERDINE PANTS
\$32.00



STRAIGHT LEG FLEECE
TRACK PANTS
\$27.00



FLEECE TRACK PANTS
WITH CUFF
\$27.00

ACCESSORIES



HARD BRIMMED
SLOUCH HAT
\$13.00



LEGIONNAIRES HAT
\$13.00



ACRYLIC BEANIE
\$11.00



MICRO FIBRE
SCHOOL BAG
\$46.00



ARTSMOCKS
\$14.00



KNEE HIGH
SOCKS
\$6.50



ANKLE
SOCKS
\$5.50



TIGHTS
\$14.00

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Shoes allowed at Warragul North Primary School



YES



Enclosed, plain black shoes (lace up / Velcro / buckle)



NO



Slip on / coloured / black and white / open toed

Pupil of the Week Awards - Term Four

GRADE	30 TH OCTOBER	6 TH NOVEMBER	13 TH NOVEMBER
0BU	Jimmy - CONFIDENCE	Edward - RESILIENCE	Lilly - PERSISTENCE
0HU	Maya - ORGANISATION	Lola - CONFIDENCE	Winston RESILIENCE
0ME	Adel - GETTING ALONG	Skylah - CONFIDENCE	NO AWARD THIS WEEK
0MU	NO AWARD THIS WEEK	Sage - ORGANISATION	Chase - CONFIDENCE
1BO	Maelynne - CONFIDENCE	Kai - RESILIENCE	Evie - PERSISTENCE
1DE	Leah - RESILIENCE	Spencer - PERSISTENCE	Sophia - GETTING ALONG
	Chiryansh - GETTING ALONG	Max - CONFIDENCE	Matthew - RESILIENCE
1HI	Harry - PERSISTENCE	Cody - PERSISTENCE	Noah - CONFIDENCE
	Amaya - GETTING ALONG	Chad - PERSISTENCE	
1SP	NO AWARD THIS WEEK	NO AWARD THIS WEEK	NO AWARD THIS WEEK
2HE	Marcella - ORGANISATION	Jackson - GETTING ALONG	Steph - ORGANISATION
2JO	Molly - PERSISTENCE	Jobe - ORGANISATION	Lochy - ORGANISATION
2KI	Sam - GETTING ALONG	Ailish - RESILIENCE	Noah - PERSISTENCE
2RA	Eli - ORGANISATION	Max - GETTING ALONG	Mia - GETTING ALONG
3BC	NO AWARD THIS WEEK	NO AWARD THIS WEEK	Jaiden - RESILIENCE
3CO	Kayne - PERSISTENCE	Reeve - PERSISTENCE	NO AWARD THIS WEEK
	Claudia - GETTING ALONG	Jimmy - PERSISTENCE	
3GA	Will - PERSISTENCE	Bailey - CONFIDENCE	NO AWARD THIS WEEK
	Allison - CONFIDENCE	Hayden - PERSISTENCE	
3/4S	Bentley - CONFIDENCE	NO AWARD THIS WEEK	Zahli - GETTING ALONG
4CU	Summer - PERSISTENCE	Lawson - GETTING ALONG	Flynn - CONFIDENCE
		Jade - CONFIDENCE	Maisie - PERSISTENCE
4HJ	Sienna - RESILIENCE	Rebecca - RESILIENCE	Ashleigh - CONFIDENCE
	Peyton - CONFIDENCE		
4MA	Olivia - ORGANISATION	Jeylan - CONFIDENCE	Leah - ORGANISATION
5JE	Maddison - ORGANISATION	Winter - ORGANISATION	Blake - GETTING ALONG
5PS	Kyah - PERSISTENCE	Oscar - GETTING ALONG	NO AWARD THIS WEEK
	Ryan - ORGANISATION		
5TH	Ryan - GETTING ALONG	Oliver - GETTING ALONG	Kayli - GETTING ALONG
	Chloe - CONFIDENCE	Lewis - PERSISTENCE	
	Troy - GETTING ALONG		
5WI	Camden - PERSISTENCE	Caitlyn - CONFIDENCE	Tyler - ORGANISATION
	Adele - RESILIENCE	Taylor - PERSISTENCE	Rayna - GETTING ALONG
6BA	Flynn - CONFIDENCE	Ash - PERSISTENCE	Elli - CONFIDENCE
			Mackenzie - CONFIDENCE
6LE	NO AWARD THIS WEEK	Freya - GETTING ALONG	NO AWARD THIS WEEK
6PR	Emma - PERSISTENCE	Jayda - PERSISTENCE	NO AWARD THIS WEEK
6TB	Joel - GETTING ALONG	Madicyn - PERSISTENCE	Paige - PERSISTENCE
	Veronica - CONFIDENCE		Allanah - RESILIENCE

Junior School Council is having a Christmas Food Drive

Please bring non-perishable donations from Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December and place them in the collection box provided in each classroom.

Suggested donations are:

Foundation - biscuits; dry, sweet or savoury

Year 1 - soft drinks or cordial

Year 2 - cakes, puddings or lollies

Year 3 - sauces or condiments

Year 4 - canned foods

Year 5 - pasta or rice

Year 6 - personal products e.g. shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap

All children who bring a donation may dress up in their finest Christmas gear on Friday 11th December.

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



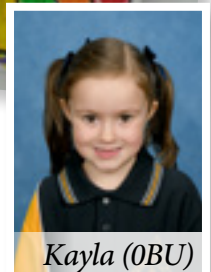
Artists of the Week



Ava (6LE)



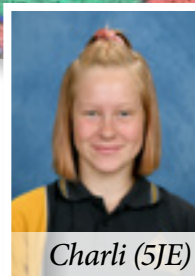
Madison (2JO)



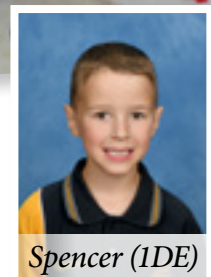
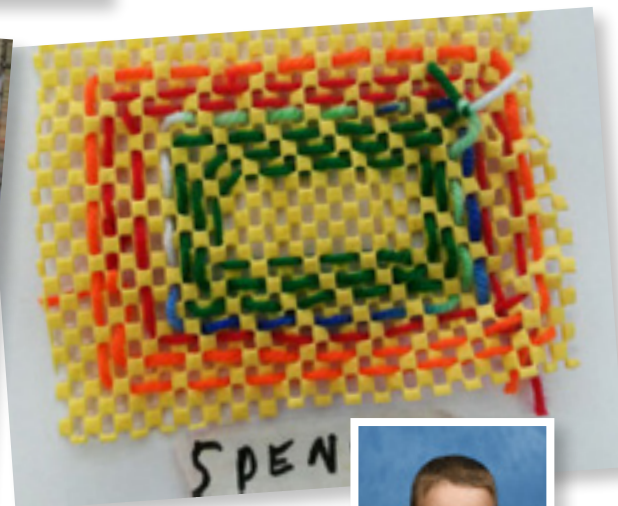
Kayla (0BU)



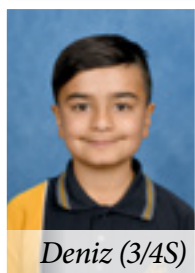
Lilly (2RA)



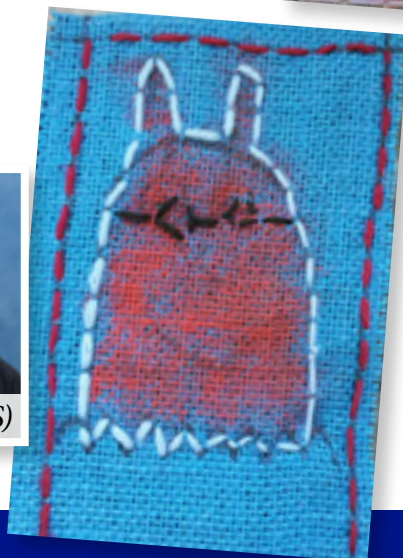
Charli (5JE)



Spencer (1DE)



Deniz (3/4S)



Mrs Deb Dunlop and Ms Jo Draisma
Visual Arts Teachers

P.E. 'Wall of Fame'

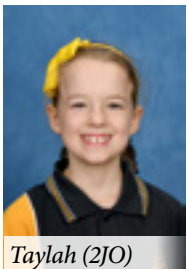
Every week in Physical Education one student from the Junior (Years One and Two), Middle (Years Three and Four) and Senior (Years Five and Six) school will be rewarded with being named the P.E Wall of Fame Champion for that week.

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 Mr Drew Davey
Physical Education Teachers

Term Four - Week 4 Champions

Junior



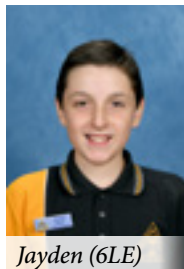
Taylah (2JO)

Middle



Jim (3GA)

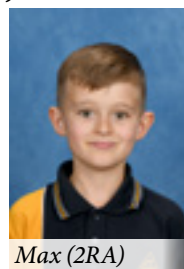
Senior



Jayden (6LE)

Term Four - Week 5 Champions

Junior



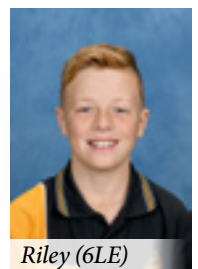
Max (2RA)

Middle



Georgie (3BC)

Senior



Riley (6LE)

SUNSMART



Parents are reminded that Warragul North Primary School sunsmart hats are a compulsory part of our school uniform in Terms One and Four and at other times of the year whenever U.V. levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher

Children not wearing a Warragul North Primary School sunsmart hat will need to play in the designated undercover area.

The Sun Protection Policy was approved by School Council in June 2020. The policy aims to protect students from over-exposure to U.V. radiation as the U.V. rays can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

Parents and students please note that wearing WNPS sun protection hats is compulsory Terms One and Four each year and at other times of the year whenever U.V. levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher including all off-site activities such as camps, excursions and sports days. So students will need their WNPS sunsmart hats at school all year round.

Thank you!



Being SunSmart in Victoria



When **UV** is **3+**



Slip on covering clothing



Slop on SPF30 or higher,
broad-spectrum, water
resistant sunscreen



Slap on a broad-brimmed hat



Seek shade



Slide on sunglasses
(AS:1067)

Think **UV**, not
heat! UV rays can't
be seen or felt and
can damage your
skin on cool or
cloudy days.

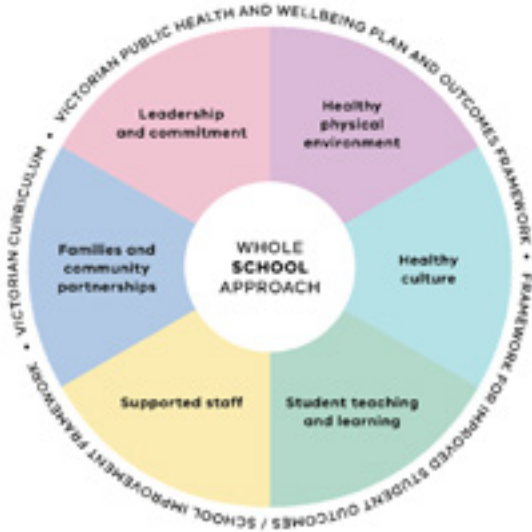


Download the
SunSmart app
To find sun
protection
times for your
location in
Australia.



sunsmart.com.au/app

Achievement Program



Warragul North Primary School is committing to health and wellbeing by joining the Achievement Program

We really care about health and wellbeing at our school and have signed up to work through the Achievement Program. The Achievement Program is a free State Government initiative that helps schools create healthier environments that benefit students, teachers, staff and families. The program looks at different health areas, including Sun Protection, Healthy Eating and Oral Health; Physical Activity and Movement; Mental Health and Wellbeing; and more.

We are excited to start the program and will keep you updated with our progress. If you would like to read more, further information about the program can be found <https://www.achievementprogram.health.vic.gov.au>

Sun Smart Policy Update



Our School Council recently reviewed the Sun Protection Policy and a few notable amendments were made to ensure

alignment with the Achievement Program. The purpose of this policy is to create school environments and encourage behaviours at school that minimise the risk of skin cancer. The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer in later life.

UV radiation:

- cannot be seen or felt
- can be reflected off surfaces such as buildings, asphalt, concrete, water, sand and snow
- can pass through light clouds
- varies in intensity across the year (highest in Victoria from mid-August to the end of April)
- is at its peak during school hours

Wearing WNPS sun protection hats is compulsory Terms One and Four each year and at other times of the year whenever UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher. Classroom teachers have started accessing the daily protection times via the SunSmart app (details available on our WNPS website also) and when UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher, sun hats are required to be worn outside. In addition, applying sunscreen is now strongly encouraged on these days. Please provide your child/ren with their own SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen (a roll-on bottle labelled with their name is encouraged) and students will be reminded to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.

During sun protection times when the UV levels are 3 or above, staff, families and visitors are encouraged to wear a sun protective hat, clothing and sunglasses (if practical), apply sunscreen and seek shade whenever possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Sun Protection Policy or Achievement Program, please contact me via the school office .

Dr Denise Pratt
School Councillor
Warragul North Primary School

Book Week Poster Competition

As part of the Book Week celebrations at Warragul North Primary School, our Parent Club held a poster competition. It was fantastic to receive so many entries from all year levels across the school. After much deliberation the winners were announced and each winner received a certificate and a \$20.00 book voucher.

The winners were:

FOUNDATION – Jacob (0BU)

YEAR ONE – Alyssa (1HI)

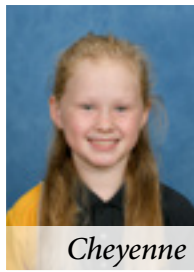
YEAR TWO – Zebo (2KI)

YEAR THREE – Hesara (3BC)

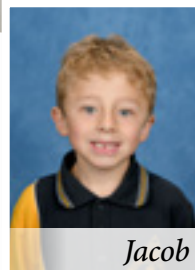
YEAR FOUR – Cheyenne (4MA)

YEAR FIVE – Benjamin (5PS)

YEAR SIX – Jayda (6PR)



Cheyenne



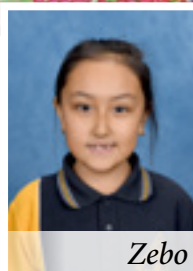
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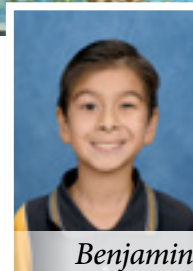
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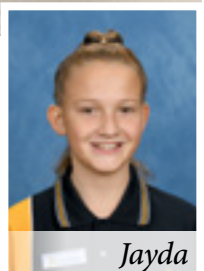
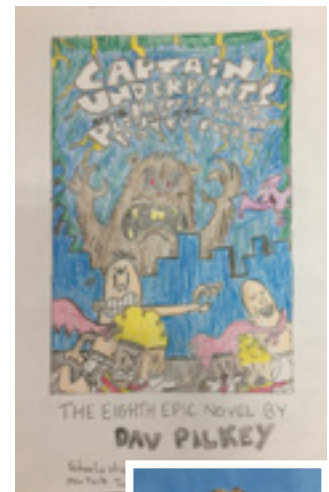
Hesara



Zebo



Benjamin



Jayda

School Council Report



Hello, my name is Brett Kersten. I serve on the Warragul North Primary School Council as a parent representative. I also hold the portfolio as the Buildings and Grounds Convenor. This is my eighth year serving the school in this role.

I have had two children attend the Warragul North Primary School since their preparation year. My son Ben moved onto secondary school two years ago, and my daughter Claire will

complete Year Six at the end of this year. Subsequently, this will be my final year on School Council.

Being my final year at the school, I can't help but reflect back to when my children first started their primary schooling at WNPS. I remember how small they once were, and how dependent they were. As a parent, I personally found it a confronting experience handing my children over to the school.

Prior to starting at the school, I had checked all the schools in the West Gippsland area to find the right school I thought was the best for my children. Warragul North Primary School was easily at the top of my list. However, this did not stop my scrutiny of the school, its principal, teachers, staff and operation.

On my first day, or should I say my son, Ben's first day at school, I was found in the staff lunch room sipping a cup of tea while focusing on holding my tears back at having to let my child leave my protection. This possibly sounds a familiar experience to many parents. Over the coming days, weeks, months and years, I found that any fears or doubts I had about the school were unfounded.

The WNPS has provided a safe, happy, nurturing learning environment where my children have blossomed academically. However, perhaps more important, my children have flourished at the school. My son Ben, (who is now taller than I am), and my daughter, Claire are so much more confident and independent as people in their own right. This is a direct result of a healthy school environment and a reflection of the amazing people that are involved with the running of the school. I could not find the words that would sufficiently thank all of our school's Teachers, Aides and Support Staff, the wonderful Admin staff and the many volunteers that are involved in the operation of the school, and all under the stellar leadership of our Principal, Ms Corinne Collins. I commend these people most gratefully and I could not more highly recommend a school.

I also reflect back over the years as my role on the Warragul North Primary School Council and as the Buildings and Grounds Convenor. I am not sure why I joined the School Council. When I joined in 2013, I recall not really knowing much about the operation of a primary school. I thought my life experience may help provide something positive to the school, or maybe I just wanted to be closer to my children and to be part of their schooling experience. Whatever my motives at the time, I am so glad that I took the opportunity to become a School Councillor. I would highly recommend any parent thinking of joining school council to do so. It has been a most satisfying and rewarding experience for me and I have had much pleasure in being actively involved at the school where my children attend.

As a parent representative on school council, I was able to work with a team of dedicated education staff and parent representatives who are committed to our children's welfare and academic future. As a School Councillor, I was able to discuss and vote on school policies, procedure and for the schools future direction.

During my time on School Council, I have worked alongside and in a team environment with other Councillors. I have seen several School Councillors come and go as the years went by and their children moved on to secondary schools. Each team of Councillors brings new ideas and expertise to our school. Without exception, every WNPS Council has been a joy to work with. In many cases, I have been in awe of the calibre, ability, life experience and expertise of our Councillors. I have been most fortunate to have been part of this team of people.

As the Buildings and Grounds Convenor, I have been involved with other councillors in the maintenance and upkeep of the school. I have observed over the years many improvements to the school as it has evolved into the school it is today. Within the school boundaries, I have observed the restoration of the school oval. Through the hard work, dedication and tireless efforts of the WNPS Parent Club, I have seen the replacement of the school's playgrounds to the lovely, safe, up to date, modern equipment we have today. The many Working Bee's attended by our volunteer's in the upkeep and maintenance of the school. I have seen temporary portable class rooms come and go whilst we had our old building demolished and two latest state of the art modular building's constructed. Most recently the opening of the Marble Alley Playground.

Outside of the school's boundary, the School Council, in cooperation with the Baw Baw Shire Council, has seen the pruning and removal of hazardous trees, maintenance and repair of nature strips, concrete footpath's repaired and tripping hazards shaved and removed. Hard surfaces put down alongside of footpaths along Princess Street and Balmoral Street. Road drainage repaired in Edinburgh Street. Footpaths completed and extended along Princess, Dundee, Edinburgh and Normanby Streets. An extra disabled parking bay. New and upgraded parking bays, signage and clearer painted road markings. The rebuild of the supervised school crossing in O'Dowds Road, a new supervised school crossing in Princess Street, both pram and wheelchair friendly, and a new pedestrian crossing and two new bus stops and a safety pedestrian island completed in Normanby Street. A 'No Parking' zone marked out in Edinburgh Street to allow for the safe crossing of the children exiting Marble Alley. All of these improvements added to the safety of our children and the greater school community during drop off and pick up times, while also improving the parking situation and traffic flow around the school. These are a sample of the improvements completed around the school over the years and whilst I served as the Buildings and Grounds Convenor.

I thank all of the Warragul North Primary School staff for the care, dedication and commitment you have given to my children, Ben and Claire in helping them to move forward in their lives and in a most positive way. The importance in the various roles that you work could never be overstated. I also take this opportunity to thank our Principal, Ms Corinne Collins, our Business Manager, Mr Stuart Konstanty, our school Admin Staff, Teachers, Aides and Support Staff for your support and acceptance of me, and for your making me feel welcome as part of the Warragul North Primary School team.

Finally, as the school year nears to its closing, I wish all the students, families and the greater Warragul North Primary School Community a happy, safe and fulfilling year in 2021.

Mr Brett Kersten,
WNPS School Councillor
Buildings and Grounds Convenor

WNPS Environment and Sustainability News

National Recycling Week

Nude Food

Congratulations to 5PS for being crowned the Nude Food class of Term Four, 2020. An excellent effort with the entire class bringing in completely 'nude' snacks and lunches.

Miss Polman-Short looked regal in her crown and cape and she wore it with pride

Other classes did considerably well, with many classes having only a few wrappers. Some classes significantly reduced their number of plastic wrappers! Well done, everyone!

If you did so well on Nude Food day why not keep doing nude food every day?





Mobile Muster

Don't forget that Warragul North Primary School has become a Mobile Muster school and we now accept the following items at school for recycling:

- All brands of mobile phones and their batteries
- All accessories including chargers, cases and headphones
- Mobile wireless broadband devices (i-pads, i-pods, etc)
- Wearables such as smart watches and virtual reality headsets

Please send the item to school with your child and have them hand it to their teacher. The items will be collected then sent off to be recycled. Please note 99% of the phone is recycled and all data is destroyed in the process.

Mr Brendan Cox
Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator



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Official recycling program of the mobile phone industry



The latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue was sent home last week. As always there are some great books available. Orders can only be placed online using the LOOP system. Any cash orders received at school will be returned to families. The closing date for all orders is Monday 23rd November at 4.00pm.

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

Performing Arts



0BU - doing the Macarena



2HE - learning the Nutbush



5WI - working on songwriting skills



6BA - performing the ballads they wrote



2RA - a group who are writing and performing songs

*Mrs Catherine Matthys and Mrs Natalie Mead
Performing Arts Teachers*

Community News



Join our Multicultural Friendship Group

FREE
EVENT

Cultures,
Connections
and
Community

Meet every Wednesday between 10:30am and 12:30pm
Warragul Community House
138 Normanby Street, Warragul

There is so much to learn and gain from sharing different cultural experiences. This welcoming group invites people from all cultures to come together, relax over a cuppa, meet and make new friends, share a laugh, experiences and ideas. Perhaps even learn some new skills!

For more information, call Derya Deniz Demiroglu on 0428 825 799 or Debra Camduff on 0407 975 815
The friendship group does not meet during school holidays.



WARRAGUL
COMMUNITY HOUSE



SURVIVING THE HEAT



It looks like it might be a long hot summer so here are a few tips for hot days:

- Drink water even if you don't feel thirsty and always take a water bottle with you.
- Never leave kids, adults or pets in the car – the temperature can double in minutes.
- Stay inside, use air-conditioning, use a fan and wear loose light clothes in fabrics like cotton.
- Schedule your activities for cooler times and try to avoid going out in the middle of the day.
- Look after those most at risk. Check on neighbours that live alone, older people, people with medical conditions and don't forget to keep your pets cool too.
- If you are concerned about heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke call nurse-on-call on 1300 60 60 24 or see your doctor.



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Caring for our Community