



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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19th February 2021

CALENDAR 2021

Wed	24 Feb	Quantum Excursion - 4RO & 3/4S
Fri	26 Feb	Junior Assembly
Thur	4 Mar	Quantum Excursion - 4HJ & 4MA
Fri	4 Mar	Clean Up Australia Day - 4HJ, 4MA, 4RO & 3/4S
Mon	8 Mar	Labour Day - no school
Thur	11 Mar	Senior Athletics Day
Fri	12 Mar	Gruffalo Excursion - 1BO, 1BP, 1SP & 1/2D Senior Assembly
Wed	17 Mar	School Photos
Fri	19 Mar	STUDENT FREE DAY
Fri	26 Mar	District Athletics Junior Assembly
Wed	31 Mar	Mad About Science incursion - 4HJ, 4MA, 4RO & 3/4S
Thur	1 Apr	Last Day for Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish
Mon	19 Apr	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue	20 Apr	First Day of Term 2

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Fri	19 Mar	'Art Science of Teaching Reading' Professional Learning for staff.) (First day of Term Two) Staff undertaking training mandated by D.E.T. for the Respectful Relationships Initiative.
Tues	19 Apr	

TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

Fri	26 Feb	Foundation to Year Two
Fri	12 Mar	Years Three to Six
Fri	26 Mar	Foundation to Year Two

TERM DATES 2021

TERM ONE

Thursday 27th January to Thursday 1st April

TERM TWO

Tuesday 20th April to Friday 25th June

TERM THREE

Monday 12th July to Friday 17th September

TERM FOUR

Monday 4th October to Friday 17th December



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FOUNDATION FAMILIES 2021



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VISUAL ART NEWS

Principal's Report

Retirement of Ms Cathie Taylor - Assistant Principal

Ms Taylor will complete her service with the Department of Education and Training this week and retire.

Ms Taylor commenced teaching at Warragul North Primary School as an expert teacher in 2008. Ms Taylor became the Assistant Principal in 2011 and has continued in that role continuously until the present day.

WNPS has been very fortunate indeed to have the services of Ms Taylor over the last 13 years. Ms Taylor has been a wonderful asset to our school and will be sorely missed. As principal I could not have had a better Assistant Principal than Ms Taylor. Ms Taylor has given Warragul North Primary School total loyalty, dedication and effort.

On behalf of our school community I gratefully thank Ms Taylor for her excellent work and service. We wish Ms Taylor many healthy and happy years in retirement.



Ms Taylor with the beautiful flowers she was presented with by the School Captains at the senior assembly last Friday.

Principal's Report *cont.*

Smooth Start to School Year

Students in Years One to Six returned from summer holidays and commenced school for 2021 on Friday 29th January. They quickly settled into their new classrooms with their classroom teachers.

The Foundation students looked very smart in their summer uniforms when they commenced on Monday 1st February. As our Foundation grades busily engaged in many hands on activities, parents were invited to attend a 'Tea and Tissues' morning tea put on by our Parent Club. Amy Mapleson, the Parent Club Co-ordinator for 2021 and I enjoyed welcoming parents as they enjoyed a cuppa and a get to know you chat. Altogether a very pleasing start to the year at Warragul North Primary School. Such a shame that Victoria went into lock down and schools were closed for three days earlier this week.



Shade Sails Hoisted!

How cool are the new shade sails soaring over the junior play equipment? They are fantastic!

Shade sails are expensive. Warragul North Primary School was fortunate to receive a grant that was applied for by our School Council President, Dr Terri Wilks, and School Councillors during 2020. The grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Shade Grants Program for \$10,000 paid for part of the shade sail project and the school paid the remainder of the costs – approximately \$5500.

The Warragul North Primary School Council introduced a new Sun Protection Policy in June 2020. The policy requires the availability of shade be considered and an assessment be conducted annually to ensure shade is available for students. This project certainly shows School Council is serious about protection from the sun.

Our junior students will have the fun of playing on the equipment protected by the shade sails for years to come.



A warm welcome to our new staff for 2021

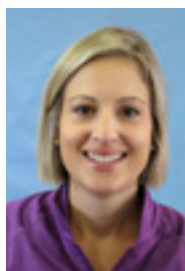
Welcome back to Ms Melissa Cummings, Mrs Melanie Brentwood and Mrs Grace Parker. Miss Cummings has been on leave for the past 15 months and Mrs Brentwood and Mrs Parker were on family leave during 2020.

Welcome back also to Miss Amy Rosewarne and Mr Drew Davey who both worked at Warragul North Primary last year when they replaced teachers on leave.

Corinne Collins
Principal



Melanie Brentwood
Year One



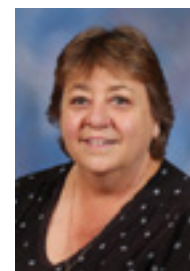
Grace Parker
Year One



Amy Rosewarne
Year Four



Drew Davey
Physical Education



Melissa Cummings
STEM and PLC Link School Support

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

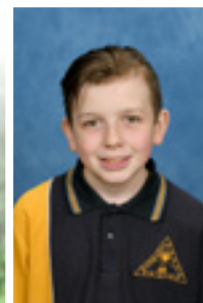
With the following areas of knowledge applying to both processes:

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

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

ACHIEVEMENT – Year Three – Steph (3CO)
RESPECT – Year Four – Zarah (4MA)

LITERACY – Year Five – Darcy (5WI)
ENGAGEMENT – Year Six – Logan (6LE)



School Values medals were awarded at the senior assembly to Steph, Darcy, Zarah and Logan (Inset). Congratulations!

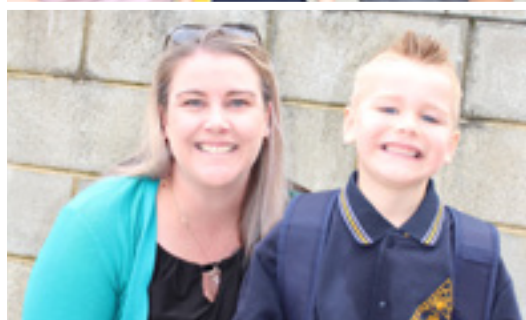
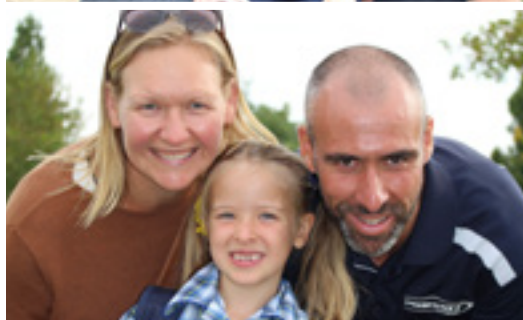
Welcome to our 2021 Foundation Classes

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

The Foundation Welcome Day held on Friday 29th January, 2021 was a great opportunity for the new students and their families to meet their teacher and visit their classroom. It was exciting for the children to explore the Foundation Building and for families to have a tour of the school. The Foundation children had a wonderful first day of school when they commenced on Monday 1st February.

We remind parents that Foundation children will not attend school on Wednesdays until Wednesday 10th March, 2021.





Introducing the WNPS 2021 School Captains



Kaela Oellermann

Hello, my name is Kaela Oellermann and I am honoured to be one of your School Captains for 2021. Warragul North Primary School is a wonderful school that I have attended since Prep and I look forward to learning and growing as a person while representing the

school as a School Captain.

Some of my favourite school subjects are Mathematics, Reading and Physical Education. I've also been a part of Junior School Council and Green Thumbs. I thoroughly enjoy going to school to learn new things and spend time with my friends.

Outside of school I like to play for Warranor Netball Club with my friends and read lots of books. I live at home with my dad, mum, older brother and puppy.

I hope I am an excellent role model for all the students in 2021 and I'm looking forward to a fantastic year!



Oscar Snell

Hi! My name is Oscar Snell and I am one of your School Captains for 2021.

Since grade one I have hoped to be a part of the leadership team at Warragul North Primary School. It is an honour to have been chosen

as School Captain and I am looking forward to the year ahead.

My favourite subjects at school are Mathematics and Writing. I also enjoy all the specialist classes as well. Outside of school I do Taekwondo and Judo and in my free time I like to draw and sculpt.

I am focused on being a positive role-model among our school community. Bring on 2021!

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!



School Captains & Student Leadership Team For 2021 Badge Presentation

At the senior assembly held on Friday 12th February badges were presented to this year's School Captains and Student Leadership Team. These students have accepted the responsibility of being a leader and taking on the roles and duties associated with leadership. We wish them a fulfilling and successful year.



School Captains – Oscar and Kaely



Student Leaders – Back row: Max, Angus, Gemma, Gemma and Evie. Front row: Musa, Isabella, Benjamin, Ryan and Pax.

WNPS Production 2021

We are excited to announce the upcoming auditions for Warragul North Primary School's musical production for 2021, 'What a Knight'.

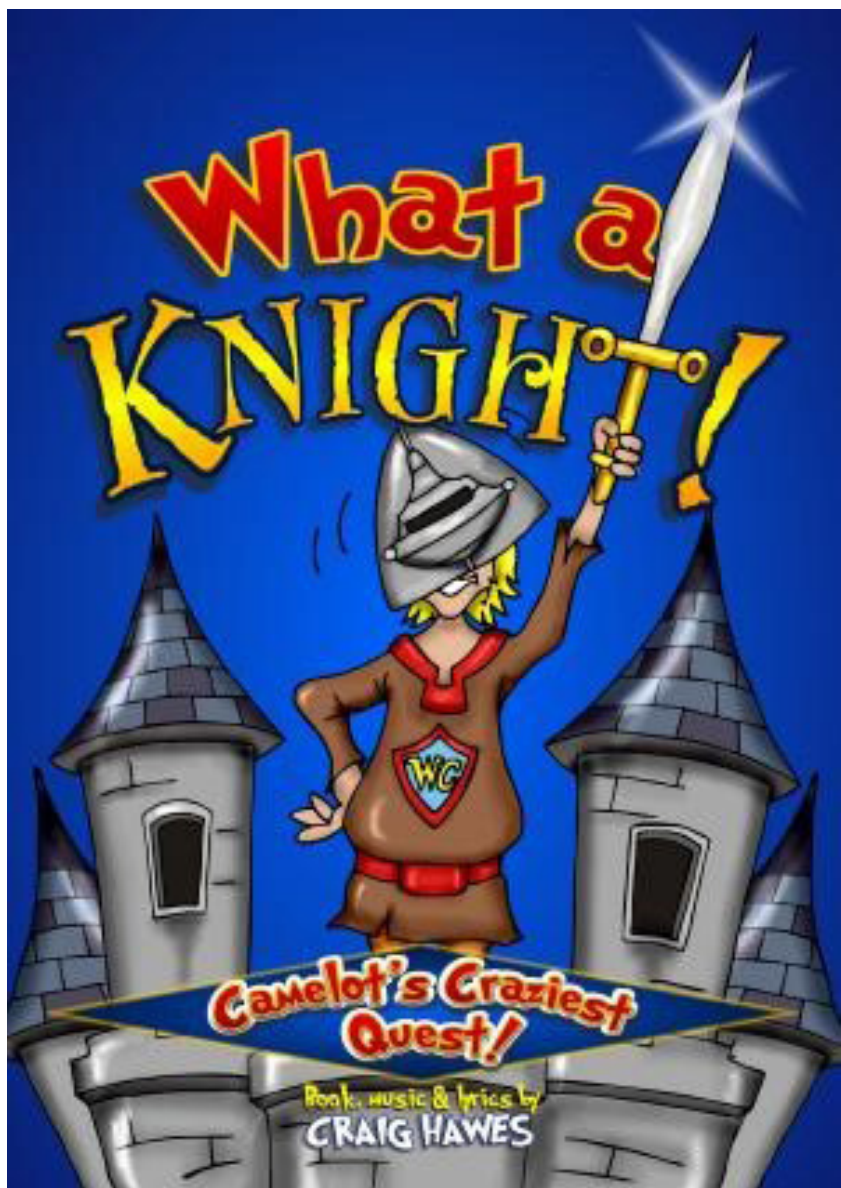
Synopsis:

A castle full of colourful characters join in the fun, including precocious princesses, a talking dragon - and not forgetting Merlin and his magic mirror! When young squire Watt Cobblers is expelled from Knight School, he reluctantly becomes Merlin's new apprentice. But trouble is never far away, and soon Camelot Castle collapses into chaos. Merlin has lost Excalibur, King Arthur's daughters have been kidnapped and his brave knights have turned into chickens. Watt and his new found friends Dusty Dragon and wayward Princess Alice set off on the biggest quest of their lives. But can our unlikely heroes rescue the princesses, save Excalibur and defeat the evil Black Knight? The answers are found in this magical production, where everyone is guaranteed to sing a lot, dance a lot and laugh a lot... at Camelot!

Auditions are open to students in Years Five and Six and will be held on Thursday 25th February and Friday 26th February.

If your child is interested in auditioning, please return the completed audition form to their class teacher by Monday 22nd February. You will then be notified of your child's audition day and time.

Sue Legg, Sarah Hunkin and Brooke Grimshaw
2021 Production Team



Uniform Raffle

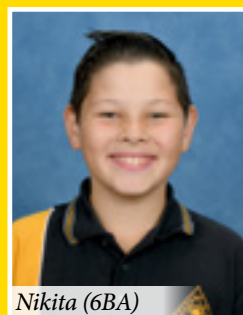
Warragul North Primary School staff will be issuing raffle tickets to children who are wearing full WNPS uniform. The raffle will be drawn at each assembly and the winners will receive a \$5.00 voucher to spend at the school canteen.

The winners drawn at the senior assembly on Friday 12th February were:

Miles (4/5R) and Nikita (6BA)



Miles (4/5R)



Nikita (6BA)

MEDICATION

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

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

Thank you for your co-operation!

ABSENCE REPORTING LINE



TERM ONE UNIFORM REMINDER

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

Child Safe Standards

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

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

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

For your information WNPS has:

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



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year's School Council elections are underway and notice of elections were e-mailed to all school families.

- Nominations were called for – Tuesday 9th February
- Nominations closed – Tuesday 16th February

On Wednesday 17th February Terri Wilks and Amanda Henderson were declared elected to the Parent Category and further nominations were called for three (3) parent category positions.

The closing date for these nominations is today, Friday 19th February.

STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES

The DET Mobile Phone Policy came into effect from Term One, 2020. The policy is a ministerial order formally issued by the Minister for Education. The ministerial order establishes that students who bring mobile phones or personal mobile devices to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours.

If your child brings a mobile phone or personal mobile device to school they are required to give the device to their class teacher for safe-keeping during the school day. The device will be returned to them at the end of the day.

If you need to contact your child in case of an emergency during the school day, please ring the school office on 5623 4066.

CONTACT DETAILS & COURT ORDERS

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.

'Catch 'em being good' raffle

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



BUS CAPTAINS

The Bus Captains for 2021 were announced at the senior assembly on Friday 12th February. We thank Xavier and Bas for taking on this responsibility and wish them well in this role.



PARKING | TRAFFIC FLOW DISABLED PARKING



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

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 two disabled parking spaces provided outside the administration building are 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 spaces being regularly blocked not allowing access or allowing the vehicles parked to exit. Please do not park across these specially designated car spaces. 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.

PARKING SIGNS & ZONES EXPLAINED



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.



NO STOPPING SIGNS

If there is a 'no stopping' sign you are not allowed to stop or park your car in, or partly in, that area for any reason. Dropping off or picking up passengers or goods in a 'no stopping' area is not permitted.



DISABLED PARKING SIGNS

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



PERMIT ZONE SIGNS

Only vehicles displaying a valid permit issued by Baw Baw Shire can park or stop in a permit zone.



BUS ZONE SIGNS

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

Term One *Topics*

Foundation – *My Life, My Place*

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

Year One – *Celebrations around the World*

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

Year Two – *Predict, Observe, Explain*

- The way objects move depends on a variety of factors.
- Light and sound are produced by a range of sources and can be sensed.
- Observable changes occur in the sky and landscape; daily and seasonal changes affect everyday life.
- Materials can be physically changed or combined with other materials in a variety of ways for particular purposes.

Year Three – *Indigenous Studies*

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

Year Four – *Science in Action*

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

Year Five – *Natural Disasters*

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

Year Six – *Antarctica*

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

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is looking very inviting with the beautiful, colourful new furniture that arrived late last year. The children are certainly enjoying it when they visit the library. Weekly borrowing limits for children this year are:

Library Borrowing:

- Foundation – one book
- Year One – two books
- Years Two to Six – four books

In addition to borrowing library books, children can also borrow home readers as follows:

- Foundation to Year Two – issued by the class teacher
- Years Three to Six – dependant on reading level
 - Reading Level 15 to 25 – 10 books
 - Reading Level 26 to 30+ - 5 books

I am 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

SENIOR ATHLETICS - THURSDAY 11TH MARCH

The Senior Athletics Day for students in Years Three to Six will be held on Thursday 11th March at the Geoff Watt Track in Burke Street, Warragul. Children have been practising for the different events during their Physical Education lessons and Mrs Pyle and Mr Davey are rearing to go.

To ensure the Senior Athletics Day runs smoothly we will need helpers for timing and with the field events. A note will be sent home shortly asking for helpers. Without volunteer helpers we cannot conduct the sports so please volunteer if you can.

Further details of the day, including a timetable, will be sent home nearer the day.

Performing Arts News

First term has started off well in Performing Arts. Our focus study for this term is Drama.

Foundation children are becoming familiar with the Music Room and learning each other's names. The students have been enjoying singing and acting nursery rhymes and action songs.

In all levels, we have looked at the school rules and values and how they apply in Performing Arts. Each week, we will have a special focus on one of the school values. Many awards for the focus values of "getting along" and "engagement" have already been received.

Classes have taken part in activities which help us to learn a bit about ourselves and others. The students have been connecting with their classmates with special emphasis on working with someone who was not in their same class group last year, through games and fun drama activities.

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



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 and Mr Drew Davey
Physical Education Teachers

Term One - Week 2 Champions

Junior



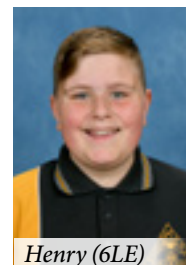
R-Jay (2JE)

Middle



Layla (4RO)

Senior



Henry (6LE)

Student Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover Arrangements and Personal Property

Parents are reminded that parents / guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff or visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. DET policy states that as the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, visitors and staff should be discouraged from bringing unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.



School Supplies 2021

The school costs for 2021 were confirmed at the October 2020 meeting of School Council.

Invoices were e-mailed out to all families at the beginning of 2021 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 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.

School Photos - Wednesday 17th March

The date for this year's school photos is **WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH**. Photos can only be ordered online. Further information on how to order will be sent home shortly. Here is the timeline for orders:

DATE: Wednesday 17th March

PLACE FAMILY ORDERS BY: 4.00pm on Tuesday 16th March

PLACE INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS ORDERS BY: Monday 22nd March

LATE ORDERS: From 23rd March will incur a postage and handling charge

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR THEIR WNPS NAVY AND GOLD SHORT SLEEVED POLO SHIRT WITH NAVY SHORTS, PANTS OR SKORT FOR THEIR CLASS PHOTO. (GIRLS MAY CHANGE INTO THEIR DRESS FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS.)

Private Performing Arts Program 2021

Warragul North Primary School has adopted a philosophy of making all aspects of the Performing Arts program accessible to families and we are fortunate in 2021 to have a talented team of private teachers who attend the school to give lessons to students from all year levels and assist with the choirs and school bands.

This year in the Private Performing Arts Program we are able to offer lessons in piano; guitar; bass guitar; drums; drama; strings; brass and woodwind.

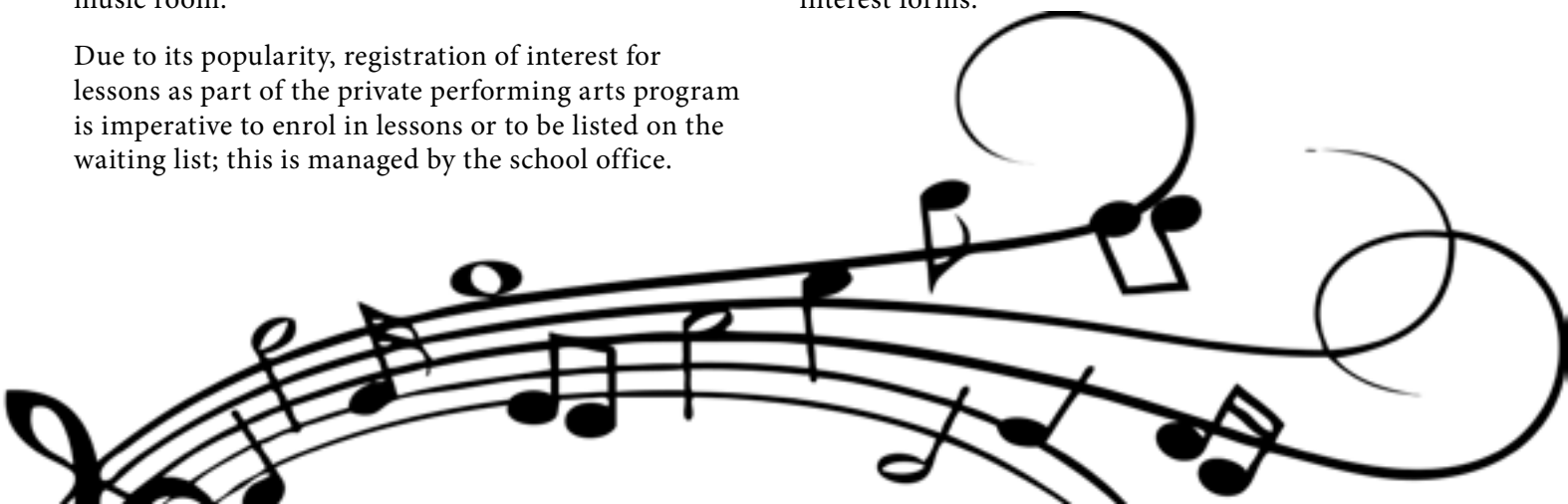
Lesson times for private performing arts lessons are negotiated with the classroom teacher in order to minimise disruption to the students learning. Lessons will be taken in the purpose-built rooms adjoining the music room.

Due to its popularity, registration of interest for lessons as part of the private performing arts program is imperative to enrol in lessons or to be listed on the waiting list; this is managed by the school office.

In Terms Two, Three and Four the Performing Arts Department holds a music recital (soirée). This is a musical evening which encourages private music students to perform to a 'friendly' audience of their family and friends in a relaxed environment. Students also have the opportunity to perform at eisteddfods, school events, such as assemblies, and community venues during the year.

The Performing Arts Department has a strong emphasis on building students' confidence through successful experiences, which in turn helps them to develop a love of music.

Please enquire at the school office for expression of interest forms.



Visual Art News...

The art room and the B.E.R. art space have been a hive of activity. The children were very eager to get their creative juices flowing. The Year One and Two grades painted beautiful sailboats during their lessons. Year Three and Four students used oil pastels and watercolour paints for their 'Making a Splash' creations.

Mrs Deb Dunlop and Ms Jo Draisma
Visual Arts Teachers



Artist of the Week awards were presented at the senior assembly on Friday 12th February to Alby (3/4S), Charlotte (6BA) and Aariah (3GA). Fabulous creations!

WNPS Environment and Sustainability News

Organics Waste Containers

We are now in full swing of our Organics collection with every class collecting their food waste to feed to our hungry worms in our school's worm farms. We are diverting around 30L of organics waste per day from landfill (that's about 150kg of food waste per week!)

Our Organics program is also seeking used, sturdy, buckets with lids (about 30 in total), as our collection containers are starting to date. Please contact the school if you are able to help us with these items.



In other news ...

It was a welcome surprise when school started back to see that our sunflowers survived the summer.



You can also see where some of the local birds started taking a liking to them!

Students in 3BC weighed eight flower heads and the results were:

500g	824g	536g	1199g
444g	1,043g	366g	635g

Perhaps you could discuss these results with your family! Which was the heaviest or lightest? Were any over one kilogram?

Perhaps you might like to challenge our school next year to grow an even heavier sunflower! They are easy to grow!

Upcoming Community Event ...



Our school will soon be participating in this event.

If you are interested in participating, there are a number of community clean-up events running in the local area. Head to the "Clean Up Australia Day" website for the details of these.

Mr Brendan Cox
Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator

Be the change you wish to see in the world!

300+ Days of Home Reading Awards

At the end of last year medals were presented to 171 dedicated readers who had achieved 300+ days of home reading in 2020. This award is potentially achievable by all students, regardless of their reading level and reading expertise. To achieve this award reading needs to be recorded in the child's reading diary. The reading diary must be signed off by parents. We are hoping that there will be an increase in the number of students achieving a 300+ days of home reading award for 2021. Every student who achieves 300+ days will receive a medal at the end of the school year.

Why have the Home Reading Awards?

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

To achieve a '300+ Home Reading' medal for 2021 a student would need to read seven times a week from Monday 8th February to Sunday 12th December, 2021. The tally would then be that home reading had been completed and signed off by parents 308 times.

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

How many days will I read for during 2021 starting from Monday 8th February to Sunday 12th December 2021?

Reading 5 times a week = 220 days

Reading 6 times a week = 264 days

Reading 7 times a week = 308 days



Hello from the *Acorn Room*



My name is Sheryn Cutler, and I'm delighted to once again be working with this school community in the role of school chaplain. I want to warmly welcome everyone to Warragul North Primary School for 2021, particularly new students, families and staff. It has been an unusual start to the year, but nevertheless, I hope you feel at home as part of this wonderful

school community.

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

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

This is my fifth year as the chaplain here and I love it. My background is as a Secondary School Teacher in the Wimmera, but in more recent years I have been busy being mum to my children, Jim (11 years) and Lilly (9 years), helping out on our family dairy farm, working as a Pilates instructor and in various voluntary roles at Warragul Anglican Church. I encourage you to get in touch with me if ever you need to. I can be contacted via the school office, or by email sheryn.cutler@education.vic.gov.au or on 0482 470 272. I work on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 3pm. I really do feel so privileged to be able to journey alongside you through both the challenges and joys life brings.

Mrs Sheryn Cutler, WNPS Chaplain

Warragul North Primary School offers chaplaincy and pastoral care to students and families in the Acorn Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Outside School Hours Care

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

We welcome our new staff members this year, Abbey Tyrrell and Kyle Huggett and hope they enjoy being members of the OSHC team.

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

OSHC is available on a permanent or casual basis. Some sessions are fully booked and a waiting list is held for those sessions. Please remember that the Office or

OSHC must be notified if your child is not going to attend a session they have been booked in for. That place can then be used for a casual booking.

Once you have a permanent booking you will be billed for that placement whether your child attends or not.

Phone numbers for bookings and cancellations are:

School Office: 5623 4066

**OSHC Mobile:
0418 662 225**

Hours for OSHC are:

Before School Care:
7am. to 8.45am.

NO EARLY DROP OFFS

After School Care: 3.30pm. to 6pm
NO LATE PICK UPS

*Judy Eastwell,
OSHC Co-ordinator*

Community News

Anglicare Victoria

FINANCIAL WELLNESS PROGRAM



- Unable to pay your bills?
- Want greater control of your financial situation?
- Want to improve your money management skills?
- Want to learn to budget and build financial resilience?
- Need assistance and support managing your utility debts?
- Telecommunications debt?
- Confused about government concessions available?

Free and confidential assistance is available

Contact Anglicare Victoria:
1800 966 172 & email: financial.wellness@anglicarevic.org.au

Financial Wellness Workers can:

- Analyse and assess your financial situation.
- Prepare and provide budgeting support.

- Help in accessing utility or telecommunication hardship programs.
- Help in accessing government concessions.
- Provide tools to assist money management.
- Provide information on your financial rights.
- Make referrals to financial counselling and other community supports.
- Deliver financial literacy education

Financial Wellness Workers cannot:

- Manage your financial affairs.
- Make financial decisions for you.
- Provide financial advice.
- Provide advice on bankruptcy, debt recovery, superannuation or insurance products.
- Deal with debts from banks or similar providers.

Can I have an interpreter?
Yes. Ask if you need an interpreter. Interpreters are free.

How do I get an appointment?
To make an appointment with a Financial Wellness Worker please call: 1800 966 172 & email: financial.wellness@anglicarevic.org.au

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BETTER TOMORROWS

FREE 

Pre-Season MiniRoos Program

Proudly supported by VicHealth




6 Saturday Sessions -

- 20th Feb
- 27th Feb
- 6th March
- 13th March
- 20th March
- 27th March

9:30—11:00am at Bellbird Park, Drouin

ALL participant MUST register prior to attending the free program

For further information, please contact the MiniRoos's Coordinator: Paul : 0423 702 210

Email: ddsc.juniorcoordinator@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/drouindragonsminirooms

This is a great program for 5 - 10 year old children to get involved in Soccer without committing to a full season.

Registration Details will be published soon on the Drouin Dragons Facebook and Website pages







Proudly Supporting Drouin Dragons Soccer Club

WARRANOR   

2021 REGISTRATIONS OPEN! INVITING NEW WARRANOR U10 PARTICIPANTS MUST BE BORN IN 2011 & 2012



COMMUNITY - INCLUSIVE - SAFE - CARING - FUN

Warranor Junior U13 Girls  

In collaboration with AFL Gippsland the Warranor Junior Football Club is looking to establish an all girls U13 side in 2021.

To be eligible you must be born in the specific years below


- U13 - 2008, 2009 and 2010

If you are interested please fill in the attached expression of interest link. This will help us establish level of interest and formalise more information and next steps.

Warranor is an inclusive, caring and safe junior sporting club that creates an environment that makes everyone involved feel welcome. Some of these key things are

- Fun! Fun! Fun!
- A come and try day that promotes bringing a friend or family member.
- Social events for females (e.g movie night, BBQ)
- Female friendly change rooms. Warranor has this ✓
- Structured opportunities for members to provide feedback on their participation. This will help continue to understand and improve our environment.
- Designated female club coordinator

COME AND JOIN US AT "WARRANOR"



#GIRLSPLAYTOO!