



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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1st April 2021

CALENDAR 2021

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
Sun	25 Apr	ANZAC Day Ceremony attended by School Captains, Principal & School Choir (Choristers)
Wed	28 Apr	Division Athletics at Newborough
Mon	3 May	Quantum Victoria excursion - 3BC & 3CO
Wed	5 May	Quantum Victoria excursion - 3GA No school buses running due to Warragul Regional College having a pupil free day
Thur	6 May	Quantum Victoria excursion - 2
Fri	7 May	Quantum Victoria excursion - 2

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Tues	19 Apr	(First day of Term Two) Staff undertaking training mandated by D.E.T. for the Respectful Relationships Initiative.
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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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DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Principal's Report

Staff Professional Learning



On Friday 19th March the staff at Warragul North Primary School undertook Professional

Learning with Dr Janelle Wills on The Art and Science of Teaching Reading. The learning included the importance of communicating clear learning goals to students, assessing their learning and providing feedback. Dr Wills also discussed how to help students pay attention, be energised and be inspired. The use of academic games as an effective way to help students engage with academic content was also stressed.

Dr Wills commented at the end of the day that it was a pleasure to work with the staff at Warragul North Primary School as they were engaged throughout the day. Altogether a very successful day of learning together from an expert in education.

School Council News



The election of office bearers for this year's School Council resulted in Terri Wilks being re-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 2021. Kylie McNair was re-elected as Vice President. Treasurer is Chris Rodda and Vice Treasurer is Gines Satchithanandam. We wish these new school councillors well in their roles.

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

Principal's Report *cont.*

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 16th March Student / Parent / Teacher interviews were held for Foundation to Year Six students. A sincere thank you to all who made these 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.

End of Term One

As the term draws to a close, congratulations to our Foundation children who have made a great start to school. It has been a busy term across all year levels. Thank you to all our hard working staff and parents, who have made Term One such a successful start for 2021.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 20th April, the first day of Term Two for students.

Corinne Collins
Principal


HAPPY EASTER



Warragul North Primary School Values

 **School Values**

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

 **School Values**

Achievement

Student achievement involves the combination of a number of elements in the learning process such as setting goals, understanding the learning intent, thinking, developing skills, feedback, reflecting and exerting effort to achieve. Each student needs to understand that they are the learner and that they are responsible for their own learning.

Teachers can support students to continuously refine and improve their learning and understanding. Teachers can assist students to set learning goals and understand learning intentions. Teachers can then use evidence (what the student can do, say, make or write) to provide feedback and assist students to evaluate their progress, that is their achievements. Teachers can support students to reflect on their learning and the impact of effort on achievement.

Learning requires students to engage in a thinking process and exert effort to achieve. Students striving for excellence can achieve to their potential. Achievement requires effort by learners as they engage in the learning process.

In a 'nutshell' Achievement means accomplishing your learning goals using effort and skill.

At the junior assembly held on Friday 26th March to the following students:

NUMERACY – Foundation – William (0BU)

INTEGRITY – Year One – Jack (1BP)

NURTURING – Year Two – Amaya (2JE)



Amaya (2JE)



Jack (1BP)



William (0BU)

Choristers News

Our Choristers, a dedicated group of singers from Years Three to Six, meet each Monday during lunchtime. They have been learning new songs and practising hard for Anzac Day 2021, which is on Sunday 25th April, 2021.

Warragul North Primary School is honoured to be asked by the Warragul R.S.L. to lead the singing at the morning ceremony at the Warragul Cenotaph. The Choristers will also participate in the ANZAC Day march.

We are proud of our choir and the children are looking forward to representing our school community on ANZAC Day, 25 April 2021.

Mrs Catherine Matthys and Mrs Connie Geiberras
Choristers Co-ordinators



School Council Report



I would like to introduce myself for those who do not know me. My name is Dr Terri Wilks and I am the Warragul North School Council President. This is my fifth year on council. For my day job I am a local Veterinarian. I have three children, Sabine who has finished at WNPS and is in Year Nine at St Pauls, Winter who is in Year

Six, and Jensen who is in foundation. As a parent, I am privileged to currently have children at different stages of their education and to be there with them to nurture their school experiences.

We had our first face to face council meeting since COVID last week and it was a very rewarding experience. It was nice to see people in person and not on a screen and to meet very keen parents who have just joined the council. It is impossible not to be immersed in their energy, as they are all ready to give their timed experience to the school.

Warragul North Primary School is a very busy, dynamic school which offers many and varied opportunities to its students. Hopefully this year is a little more stable than 2020 and we all get to utilise these opportunities. However, "you get out what you put in", and as a WNPS parent you will be offered many occasions to support your school, and to come together to further enhance the school experience. I am definitely looking forward to a boring but successful 2021.

Dr Terri Wilks
School Council President



Hello from the *Acorn Room*



It is with great excitement that I announce that the Kids Hope Mentoring program will be launched at Warragul North Primary School next term. Kids Hope is an early intervention, school-based mentoring program that has been operating in Australia since 2004. The program aims to develop

emotional and social resilience in children, and so enhance their capacity to learn. The model is built on a long-term partnership between a local school and a local church, in our case, the Community Church Warragul (CCW). The volunteer mentors are carefully screened and trained, and Kids Hope is a registered ChildSafe program which meets or exceeds the national mentoring benchmarks. I was involved in training our eight volunteers and they are a truly wonderful group of people.

Children will be carefully matched with their mentor, whom they will meet with for one hour during class time at the same time each week, as agreed between the teacher and the mentor. The mentor and child decide together what they will do for the hour, which can include some academic work as well as play. Participation in the Kids Hope mentoring program requires consent from a parent or guardian.

I am constantly in awe of the wonderful work the teachers at Warragul North Primary School do to not only teach, but also care for the students at this school. I'm delighted that we are joining with CCW to support some of our students in yet another way. I am happy to assist with any questions you may have regarding the program.

*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.

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 are drawn at the junior assembly was: Alex (2BA)



Alex (2BA)

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 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 these spaces and not double park across them. 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.

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.



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of school for Term One is Thursday 1st April and school will finish at 2.30pm. Buses will depart just after 2.30pm. The first day of school for Term Two is Tuesday 20th April (Monday 19th April is a pupil free day).

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 note the school's collection statement 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.

STUDENT FREE DAY - MONDAY 19TH APRIL

On the first day of Term Two, Monday 19th April, the staff at Warragul North Primary School will be undertaking training mandated by Department of Education and Training for the Respectful Relationships Initiative. **There will be no school on Monday 19th April and the first day of school for students for Term Two will be Tuesday 20th April.**

ABSENCE REPORTING LINE

'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is: **Harlow (OME)**
Well done!



WNPS Environment and Sustainability News

A big 'thankyou' to all staff and students who participated in the recent 'Clean Up Australia' day. Our school is very tidy, but it was still surprising how much rubbish was found hiding in all the nooks and crannies.

By picking up rubbish, we are part of the solution not the problem. We promote pride in our area, and help maintain the health of our natural environments.

Great job, Warragul North!

Mr Brendan Cox
Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator



Quick Fact:

Have you heard about the ocean 'garbage patches'? These are massive piles of rubbish that have formed islands in the centre of major oceans. Much of the trapped plastic is mistaken as food by ocean creatures. Micro plastics (plastic that has broken down into tiny pieces) has even been discovered in fish species we eat.

Be the change you wish to see in the world!



Performing Arts News

In our last week of term, the junior classes asked to use the puppets, so we have done puppet shows in class. The children have been happily creative with making up stories and characters and bringing the puppets to life.

The senior classes have been preparing their own acts for performing before the class. Some acts have been completed already and the talent and enthusiasm has been wonderful.

Mrs Catherine Matthys and Mrs Natalie Mead
Performing Arts Teachers



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence *Bullying, No Way! Action Together!*

On March 18th, Warragul North Primary School celebrated the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The theme for the NDA 2021 was "Take Action Together". This theme aims to elevate student voice, empowering young Australians to join the conversation.

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

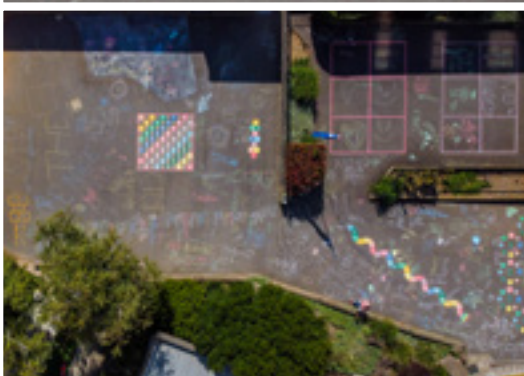
Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

On the National Day of Action, as well as wearing orange to raise awareness, students participated in activities including a whole school art project and writing messages of support in chalk all over the school.

We encourage all children and families to continue to have open conversations about bullying and getting along.

Mrs Natasha Glaister
Leading Teacher



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

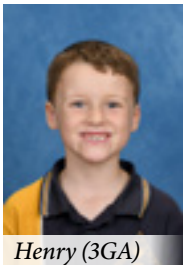
Term One - Week 7 Champions

Junior



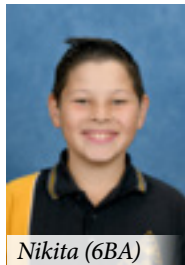
Georgia (1SP)

Middle



Henry (3GA)

Senior



Nikita (6BA)

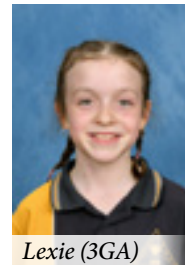
Term One - Week 8 Champions

Junior



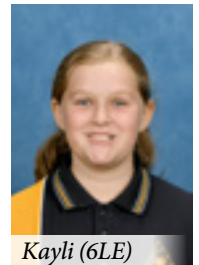
Alyssa (1BO)

Middle



Lexie (3GA)

Senior



Kayli (6LE)

Important Message To All Bus Users

Please note that there will be **NO** government school buses operating on **WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY** (Warragul Regional College has a pupil free day). The connecting town bus will also not operate on Wednesday 5th May. Parents need to make alternative transport arrangements for their children to attend school on Wednesday 5th May



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.

Visual Art News...

The students from all year levels have been very creative during their Visual Arts Lessons and they have produced some fantastic pieces.

Year One students recycled newspapers to create newspaper collage animals. They also learnt about French Impressionist painter, Claude Monet, and used watercolours to make paintings of waterlilies.

Year Four and Five students learnt about Russian painter and art theorist, Wassily Kandinsky, and then created Kandinsky inspired tree painting with concentric circles.

Year Six students made colourful aliens and used painted paper to make leaf collages.

Artist of the Week Awards were presented at the junior assembly on Friday 26th March. Congratulations to these very talented and creative students.

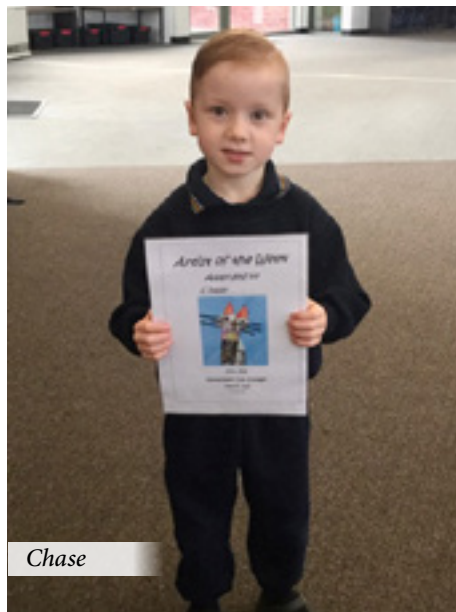
Mrs Deb Dunlop, Ms Jo Draisma and Mr Drew Davey
Visual Arts Teachers



Zara



Addison



Chase



Jack



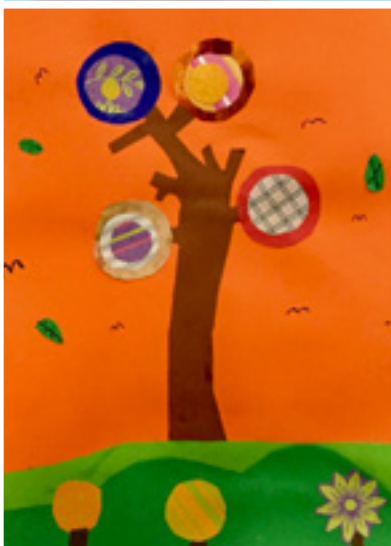
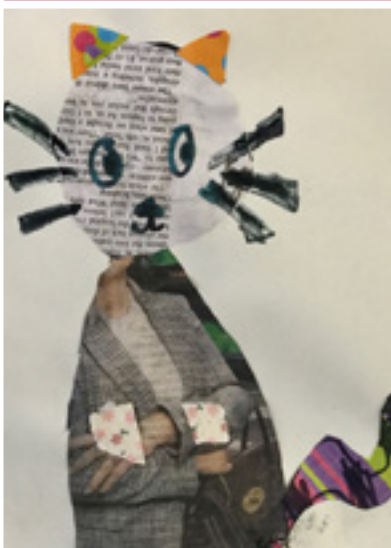
Leona



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West HQ presents CDP with Tall Stories'

THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD

LIVE ON STAGE!

Adapted from the award-winning picture book
by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



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This dramatisation of THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD is
based on the picture book THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD
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Julia Donaldson published by Macmillan Children's Books

On Friday 12th March classes 1BO, 1BP, 1SP and 1-2D attended a wonderful theatrical performance of 'The Gruffalo's Child', at the West Gippsland Arts Centre. Excitement levels were high, especially for the Year One students who had never attended a school excursion. Some students had never been on a bus and loved the feeling of sitting up high, albeit a very short trip!

We watched The Gruffalo's Child leave the safety of The Gruffalo's cave to go out to find the Big Bad Mouse. She was feeling bored but brave. She met Fox, Owl and Snake who all told her of the terrifying Big Bad Mouse. The mouse however, was tiny and used his shadow in the moonlight to make himself appear large and frightening to scare away The Gruffalo's Child.

We loved how there were three actors and one of the actors played the role of three of the characters. We noticed how lighting and sound effects were used cleverly to help tell the story.

There were three songs and we thoroughly enjoyed singing along with the actors. Some of our students were dancing whilst sitting in their seats!

This was indeed a fabulous excursion! Our class teachers were very proud of how their classes participated in the show and especially of how beautifully our children behaved whilst representing Warragul North Primary School.

Karen Dellar
Year One PLC Leader



Student reflections from 1/2D...

In the Deep Dark Wood the Gruffalo told his child that no Gruffalo should ever set foot in the Deep Dark Wood because the Big Bad Mouse will be after you. One night the Gruffalo's Child was feeling bored. She went into the Deep Dark Wood and found footprints in the snow. She followed them and found whiskers in an underground house. It was a fox. You're not the Big Bad Mouse she said. Not I said the fox. So, she went away. On her way she found footprints again. A tail. Could that be the tail of the Big Bad Mouse? It stretched out. No whiskers. No, none at all. She went away. On her way she saw two eyes of fire in a tree. Could this be the eyes of the Big Bad Mouse? Down flew the creature with no whiskers and she went away.

By Mathieu

Once upon a time the Gruffalo's Child was with her dad and she asked the Gruffalo "Why can't we go in to the wood?" The Gruffalo was in shock! The Gruffalo said "Oh well. Once I saw a Big Bad Mouse!" The Gruffalo's Child asked "What does he look like Dad?" The Gruffalo said "Well I can't remember."

Well, from what I remember, the Big Bad Mouse had whiskers as strong as wire and eyes like pools of fire, was terribly strong and his tail was very long and scaly. The Gruffalo's Child said "Aah. Is he scary?" Oh yes he was. One night, when the Gruffalo's Child was very bored, she went into the Deep dark Wood without permission.

By Macy

The characters in the Gruffalo's Child are Snake, Mouse, Owl, Fox and Gruffalo's Child. The setting of the story is in the dark woods. The problem in the story is that the Gruffalo's Child goes into the deep dark woods. The Mouse scared the Gruffalo's Child by making a shadow.

By Angus

The Gruffalo's Child and the fox and the owl and the snake are the characters. In the snowing woods, the Gruffalo's Child went out of the cave without telling her dad. The mouse waited until the moon came out and made his shadow. The Gruffalo's Child went back to her cave. The mouse's shadow scared the Gruffalo's Child.

By Darwin

Outside School Hours Care

We had a successful start to our OSHC program this year. It was great to see children and families return and to welcome some 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, Kyle Huggett and Abbey Tyrrell 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

TREATING AND CONTROLLING 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!

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.

J.S.C. Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal



On Wednesday 24th of March, Junior School Council supported the Yarragon Community Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal by getting the school to participate in a colouring competition which was a fundraiser. We had 150 entries which raised \$300.

There was also a free dress day with a gold donation. Combined, we raised \$1112.75, to be donated to the Good Friday Appeal. Everyone at Warragul North Primary School should be very proud of their participation and the money raised.

Thank you.

*By Elly (6BA) and Milly (5/6P)
Junior School Councillors*



WNPS Swimming

Well it has been a very hectic start to the beginning of the year but so great to be back playing the sports that we love. There has been so much happening with swimming this first term. So far our school has participated in school swimming trials, district swimming, division swimming and regional swimming.

We had 35 children participate in our Warragul North Primary School swimming trials on Tuesday 9th February and 21 children made it through to the Division Swimming Carnival. The Division Carnival was held on Friday 19th of February on a glorious sunny day. All students represented our school with pride.

Our next event was the division swimming and we were fortunate enough to be represented by seven very proud and excited girls. Lara, Charlotte, Issy, Gemma, Harper, Marcella and Lilah. Every one of these girls qualified to go to the regional swimming event held in Sale. Unfortunately the regional carnival was the same day as our athletics carnival so the girls had a very difficult decision to make. Lara and Charlotte decide to challenge themselves and headed off to Sale. Issy, Gemma, Harper, Marcella and Lilah decided to stay and compete at our school athletics carnival.

The Warragul North Primary School community is very proud of these girls for having the confidence to make such a difficult decision. There was no right or wrong choice and these girls showed maturity, care, courage and consideration of their peers when they decided what the right thing, for them, to do was.

Charlotte and Lara competed against all of the schools in the Gippsland Region and they should be very proud of themselves. I know we all are. Charlotte was fourth in her butterfly event and Lara was second in freestyle and second in butterfly. Well done girls and congratulations to all the students who gave swimming a go this year. The behaviour of our students was excellent throughout all of the swimming competitions.

I would also like to thank Mrs Mac, Mrs Magyar and the many wonderful parents and grandparents that helped with timing, supervision of the children and for the enthusiastic support they showed our swimmers.

Mrs Lisa Pyle
Physical Education Co-ordinator





District Athletics

The sun was shining and the weather was perfect for the District Athletics, which were held last week on Friday 26th March at the Geoff Watt Track in Warragul. Sixty-four students from Warragul North competed and through great skill, effort and athleticism we were able to win many ribbons throughout the day in a wide range of events from triple jump to discus. Good luck to the 25 students who qualified for the Division Athletics to be held at the Joe Carmody Track in Newborough on Wednesday 28th April.

Mrs Lisa Pyle
Physical Education Teacher



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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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 CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Community News



**Give life.
Give blood in
Warragul.**

Warragul Harness Racing Club
6 April to 23 April



Tuesday 6 April
Wednesday 7 April
Thursday 8 April
Friday 9 April
Saturday 10 April

11.30am – 6.15pm
11.00am – 6.15pm
10.30am – 6.15pm
8.30am – 4.00pm
8.30am – 2.00pm



Super Easy and Healthy ideas for lunch boxes at Easter:

Try some healthy Easter snacks for your kid's lunch boxes and leave the chocolate at home. Baby carrots in a pot of hommus or dip is super cute. Cut up boiled eggs and decorate with whiskers and your child's favourite vegies for ears. You could use capsicum, carrot or even snow peas. Make a batch of museli cookies and form into egg shapes – serve to your kids in an egg carton. [Muesli cookies recipe](#) Decorate crackers with cheese and carrot to look like little chicks are an easy no bake option.

These are great recipes to make with your children during the school holidays too.



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