



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#12

17th December 2021

## CALENDAR 2021

Fri 17 Dec Clean Up & Moving Day -  
1.30pm dismissal

## CALENDAR 2022

Mon 31 Jan Term One commences for Year  
1 to 6 students  
Welcome Day for Foundation  
families

Tues 1 Feb Term One commences for  
Foundation students  
9am 'Tea & Tissues' for parents  
of Foundation students

Wed 2 Feb Lunch orders commence for  
Years 1 & 2

Thur 3 Feb Lunch orders commence for  
Years 3 to 6

## TERM DATES 2022

### TERM ONE

Friday 28th January to Friday 8th April  
(Friday 28th January is a pupil free day)

### TERM TWO

Tuesday 26th April to Friday 24th June

### TERM THREE

Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September

### TERM FOUR

Monday 3rd October to Tuesday 20th December



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YEAR 6 'BIG DAY OUT' EXCURSION



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'WHAT A KNIGHT' PRODUCTION

## Principal's Report

### Year Six Graduation

Tuesday 14th December was a delightful day as our Year Six students completed their primary years of schooling. A formal ceremony in the gymnasium highlighted the skills and talents of students which was followed by a picnic morning tea for students and their families. We hope the morning ceremony and red-carpet evening enabled students to leave with fond memories of primary school.





## Award Recipients For 2021:

### Warragul Regional College Scholarship

The recipient of this award will  
receive a \$500 credit per year towards  
educational cost while attending  
Warragul Regional College

Xavier (5/6P)

### English Awards

Darcy (6BA)

Emmy (5/6P)

### Mathematics Awards

Alex (6BA)

Xavier (6LE)

### Physical Education Award

Gemma (6BA)

### Performing Arts Award

Winter (6BA)

### Visual Arts Award

Milena (6LE)

### Civics and Citizenship Awards

Ghani (6BA)

Jade (6LE)

Max (6JO)

Milly (5/6P)

### Sportsmanship Awards Sponsored by Pam Vickerman

Charlotte (6BA)

Isabella (6JO)



Warragul Regional College  
Scholarship - Xavier



English Award - Darcy



English Award - Emmy



Mathematics Award - Alex



Mathematics Award - Xavier



Physical Education Award - Gemma



Performing Arts Award  
- Winter



Visual Arts Award  
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Civics & Citizenship Award  
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Civics & Citizenship Award  
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Civics & Citizenship Award  
- Max



Civics & Citizenship Award  
- Milly



Sportsmanship Award -  
Charlotte



Sportsmanship Award -  
Isabella





# Principal's Report *cont.*

## *Year Six Graduation continued*

Warragul North Primary School gratefully acknowledges the generous donation provided by Warragul Regional College. Their scholarship is presented to a student who will be attending the college in 2021. Each year that this student remains enrolled and attends Warragul Regional College the student will receive \$500 annually towards school costs. This potentially is worth \$3000. Mrs Pam Vickerman kindly donated sportsmanship awards again this year.

A huge thank you to Ms Kathleen Joyce and the Year Six team for their hard work in planning and organising the assembly and awards.

A relaxed, evening event with red-carpet was held where the students and their families enjoyed socialising and took the opportunity for photos and the graduating students received a farewell gift from the school. A DJ played music across the oval and light refreshments were provided. The weather was perfect and it was great to see the students and their families enjoying the evening.

It was a privilege to be a part of this function and a great joy to see our Year Six students celebrating with their families, parents and carers.





# Principal's Report *cont.*

## 'Big Day Out Excursion'

An adventure excursion to beautiful Forest Edge on Wednesday 15th December was the conclusion of primary school for our Year Six students. They spent the day enjoying river sledding, the giant water slide, the flying fox, nine square in the air, disc golf and trampolining. What a fantastic way to complete their years of schooling at Warragul North Primary School.

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









# Principal's Report *cont.*

## 2022 School Captains, Student Leaders and Peer Mediators

Last week the WNPS School Captains for 2022 were announced. Congratulations to Harry and Nina. I wish them an exciting and rewarding year in their role as School Captains.



*Pictured are the 2022 Student Leadership Team*



# Principal's Report *cont.*

This week the Student Leaders and Peer Mediators for 2022 were announced. It is exciting to see some different leadership roles being introduced for 2022. I congratulate these students and wish them a very successful year in their leadership positions.

## 2022 Student Leaders



**Flynn**

*Student Voice Captain*



**Jakob**

*Sport Captain*



**Lily**

*Arts Captain*



**Matilda**

*Acacia House Captain*



**Milly**

*Sport Captain*



**Olivia**

*Dampiera House Captain*



**Olly**

*Correa House Captain*



**Pipi**

*Boronia House Captain*



**Sam**

*English Captain*



**Sienna**

*Social & Emotional Learning Captain*



**Stephanie**

*Maths Captain*



**Zoe**

*Social & Emotional Learning Captain*

## 2022 Peer Mediators



**Amelia (5WI)**



**Ava (5TH)**



**Bethany (5WI)**



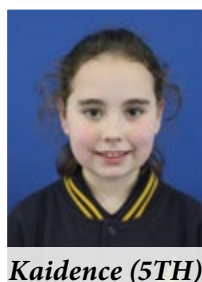
**Emma (5WI)**



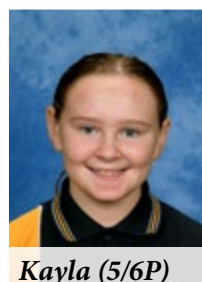
**Guinevere (5TH)**



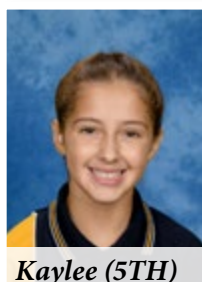
**Henry (5TH)**



**Kaidence (5TH)**



**Kayla (5/6P)**



**Kaylee (5TH)**



**Rebecca (5TH)**



**Ruben (5TH)**

# Principal's Report *cont.*

## 300+ Days of Reading Awards

Certificates and medals were presented to the very dedicated 188 readers who had achieved 300+ days of home reading in 2021. It is thrilling that such a large number of children achieved the 300+ reading award for 2021. Thank you to the families that supported our readers and well done to all our super readers!

## Staff Farewells



### Mrs Leigh Reynolds

Mrs Reynolds commenced as a teacher at Warragul North Primary School in 1994 and has diligently fulfilled various roles including classroom teacher, Assistant Principal and for the past ten years as one of our Students with Additional Needs Co-ordinators. A sincere thank you to Mrs Reynolds for her valuable

contribution to Warragul North Primary School over the last 28 years. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement.



### Mr Simon Prokopiwskyi

Mr Prokopiwskyi started at Warragul North Primary School as a graduate teacher in 2006 in the role of I.T. Specialist. Since then he has been a classroom teacher across various levels of the school. During his 16 years at Warragul North P.S. he has also fulfilled the role of P.L.C. Leader. We wish Mr Prokopiwskyi all the very best in his new position at Woorabinda School Camp.



### Mrs Jenni Merriel

Mrs Merriel has been a hardworking and valued member of the WNPS Foundation Team for the past seven years. She has been a teacher at Warragul North Primary School since 2014. We will miss her professionalism and diligence and wish her well as she commences her retirement.



### Mrs Lisa Pyle

Mrs Pyle has been a dedicated teacher at Warragul North Primary School for 25 years. She taught in various grade levels prior to joining the Physical Education Team in 2018. Mrs Pyle's passion and enthusiasm will be greatly missed at our school. We wish her well as she takes up a new position at Drouin Primary School.



### Mrs Chris Heseltine

Mrs Heseltine has been a respected member of the teaching staff at Warragul North Primary School for the past 25 years. Her caring nature has been much appreciated by many families over those years. Mrs Heseltine is taking a leave of absence from Warragul North Primary School for 2022.



### Mrs Catherine Matthys

Mrs Matthys joined the WNPS Performing Arts Department at the beginning of 2020 and has run an excellent Performing Arts program for the students of Warragul North Primary School. We wish her well for her future endeavours.

## Thank You and Season's Greetings

The Warragul North Primary School community is most fortunate to have the services of a committed and highly professional staff. On your behalf I sincerely thank them for their outstanding efforts throughout 2021, another extremely challenging year for everyone. Finally, thank you for the wonderful parental and community support we have received during the year. We are most grateful. I wish all families a safe and happy festive season.

*Jess Szalek*  
*Acting Principal*



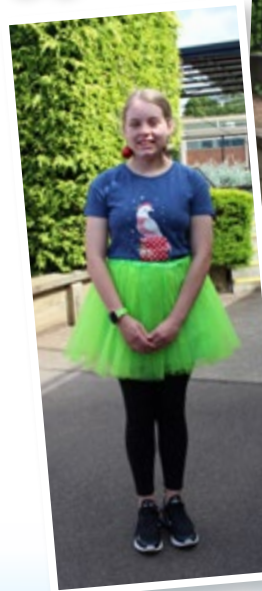


# Junior School Council Christmas Food Drive



During last week the children brought donations to school for the Junior School Council Christmas Food Drive. On Friday 10th December children dressed up in their Christmas clothes and the school certainly looked very Christmassy! It was fantastic to receive so many donations and the Baw Baw Combined Churches Food Relief staff were amazed at the generosity shown by the families from Warragul North Primary School. Their van was so full of the donations it was bursting at the seams. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas food drive and to Miss Cummings and the WNPS Junior School Councillors for organising such a worthwhile activity.

*Miss Melissa Cummings*  
Junior School Council Co-ordinator





# 300+ Days Home Reading Awards

## Foundation



Aden



Aiden



Ainsley B



Ainsley P



Austin



Charlie



Chase



Chelsea



Connor



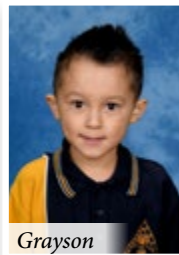
Ella D



Ella S



Evie



Grayson



Harlow



Harry



Harvie



Jacob



Jaxon



Jaxson



Jayden



Jensen



Kaley



Lucas



Luke



Mavis



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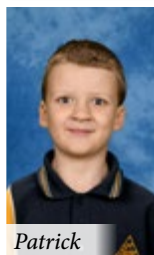
Nixon



Noah



Oliver



Patrick



Rain



Reggie



Roxanne



Sophie



William



## Year One



Adel



Aditi



Alisha



Alyssa



Amelia



Angus



Annabelle



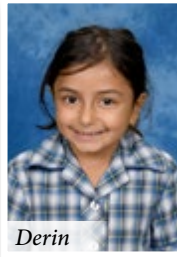
Bonnie



Charlie



Darwin



Derin



Elijah



Emily



Georgia



Indi



Isaac



Iselle



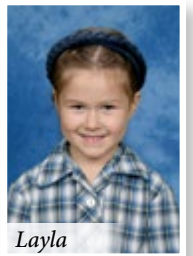
Jacob



Jasper



Kayla



Layla



Luna



Mason



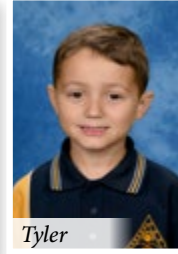
Oliver



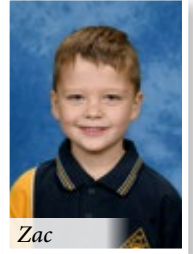
Savannah



Tim



Tyler



Zac

## Year Two



Addison



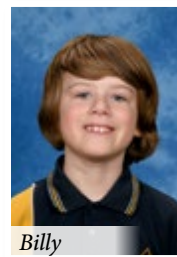
Aibel



Alfie



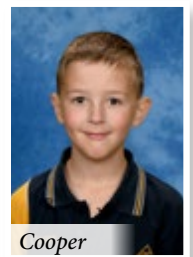
Amaahah



Billy



Charlie



Cooper



Declan



Evan



Evie



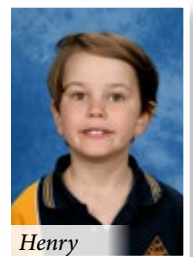
Faith



Harry



Hayley



Henry



# 300+ Days Home Reading Awards

Year Two continued



Isaac



Ismoil



Jaanvi



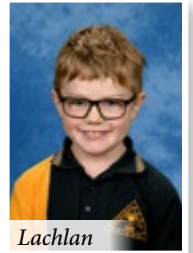
Jack



Josh



Kai



Lachlan



Laura



Leah



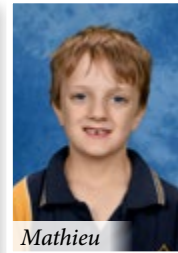
Lexi



Lucas



Macy



Mathieu



Matilda



Oli



Peyton



Riley



Skye



Sophia



Spencer



Summer



Tom



Uday



Xavier



Zara

## Year Three



Blake



Brooklynn



Claudia



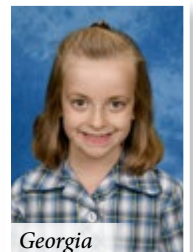
Connor



Cooper



Ethan



Georgia



Hailey



Harper



Henry



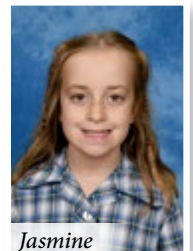
Jack



Jackson



Jaiden



Jasmine



# 300+ Days Home Reading Awards

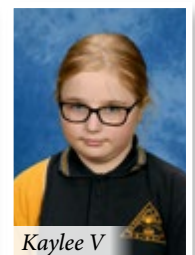
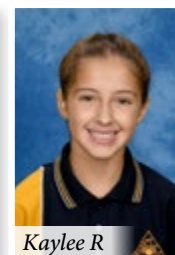
## Year Three continued



## Year Four



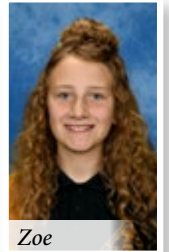
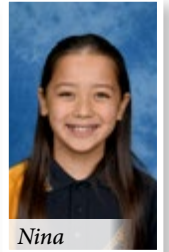
## Year Five



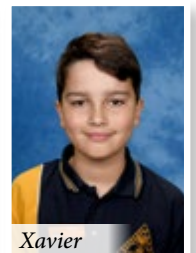
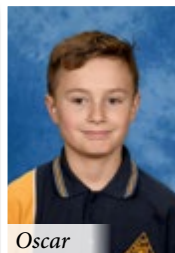
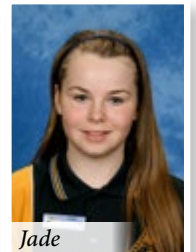


# 300+ Days Home Reading Awards

*Year Five continued*



*Year Six*







# Hello from the *Acorn Room*



In his latest book, *Fully Human*, Steve Biddulph talks about the concept of Spirituality. Spirituality is more than just an aspect of organised religion, it's those things which give you a sense of being part of something much greater than just yourself. It's about losing our sense of separateness, and discovering our connectedness to a bigger, more wonderful story. It's those things which make us most feel alive. Its

things like surfing, going to a football game, making music, hiking up a mountain, having and raising a family, walking along a beach, or even lavishing affection on a dog. So much of what we do is not logical, but it's the very heart of what makes life work.

Here we are, coming to the end of what has been another very challenging year. There is much about this time of year, and indeed living through a global pandemic, which lends itself to lifting our eyes from just ourselves, to a larger story. The greater awareness of others in need, the opportunities to give to those less fortunate than

ourselves, the family traditions around finishing school, Christmas and welcoming in a new year, a renewed sense of our interconnectedness after living with restrictions for much of the past 2 years etc. Let's tune into how these aspects of living enhance our spirituality and therefore expand our sense of connectedness and significance to each other.

For our family this Christmas, this looks like talking with the kids about what they love about Christmas and linking these things to the birth of Jesus. For example, the candy cane reminds us of the Shepherd's crook to whom angels appeared and sang. Or the decorative stars and fairy lights which remind us of the great star which appeared in the sky at the time of Jesus' birth. These things give us a sense of being small and almost insignificant, at the same time as being a precious and valued part of a larger story.

May your Christmas and holiday breaks be full of moments of awe and wonder as you notice your own spirituality in the world around you.

*Mrs Sheryn Cutler*  
*WNPS Chaplain*



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The office will close at 1.30pm  
on Friday 17th December for  
the staff Christmas lunch



## SEE YOU IN 2022!







**UNSW**  
AUSTRALIA

# University of N.S.W.

## Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling Bee Competitions

Warragul North Primary School is committed to providing opportunities for all students to be challenged and extended in their learning. In 2021, students in Years Two to Six had the opportunity to compete in the highly regarded ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) competitions through the University of New South Wales. The results for the competitions are:

### Digital Technologies

<i><b>DISTINCTION</b></i>	<i><b>CREDIT</b></i>	<i><b>MERIT</b></i>
Brooklynn (3/4S) Will (3/4S)	Oskar (4RO)	Alex (5WI)

### Science

<i><b>DISTINCTION</b></i>	<i><b>CREDIT</b></i>
Brooklynn (3/4S) Charlie (2JO) Jack (2JO)	Noah (2JE) Uday (2JE)

### English

<i><b>HIGH</b></i>		
<i><b>DISTINCTION</b></i>	<i><b>CREDIT</b></i>	<i><b>MERIT</b></i>
Brooklynn (3/4S) Emma (5WI)	Audrey (4RO) Alex (5WI) Diyenka (3GA) Harper (3BC) Hesara (4RO) Ismoil (1/2D) Jack (2JO) Lucas (2BA) Noah (2JE) Sapphire (4/5R) Uday (2JE)	Mathieu (1/2D) Noah (3GA) Ismoil (1/2D)

### Spelling Bee

<i><b>HIGH</b></i>			
<i><b>DISTINCTION</b></i>	<i><b>DISTINCTION</b></i>	<i><b>CREDIT</b></i>	<i><b>MERIT</b></i>
Alex (5WI) Brooklynn (3/4S)	Harper (3BC) Uday (2JE)	Deniz (5/6P) Elliott (3GA)	Ismoil (1/2D) Lucas (5TH)

### Writing

<i><b>DISTINCTION</b></i>	<i><b>CREDIT</b></i>
Alex (5WI) Hesara (4RO)	Audrey (4RO)

### Mathematics

<i><b>DISTINCTION</b></i>	<i><b>CREDIT</b></i>	<i><b>MERIT</b></i>
Brooklynn (3/4S) Deniz (5/6P)	Audrey (4RO) Harper (3BC) Jack (2JO) Lucas (2BA) Noah (2JE) Sapphire (4/5R)	Diyenka (3GA) Ismoil (1/2D) Uday (2JE) Will (3/4S)

***Congratulations to all children who participated in the competitions this year. Top effort!***



## HEADLICE

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

### Treating and controlling headlice

### health

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

#### Catching head lice

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

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

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

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

#### Finding head lice

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Treating head lice

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

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

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

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

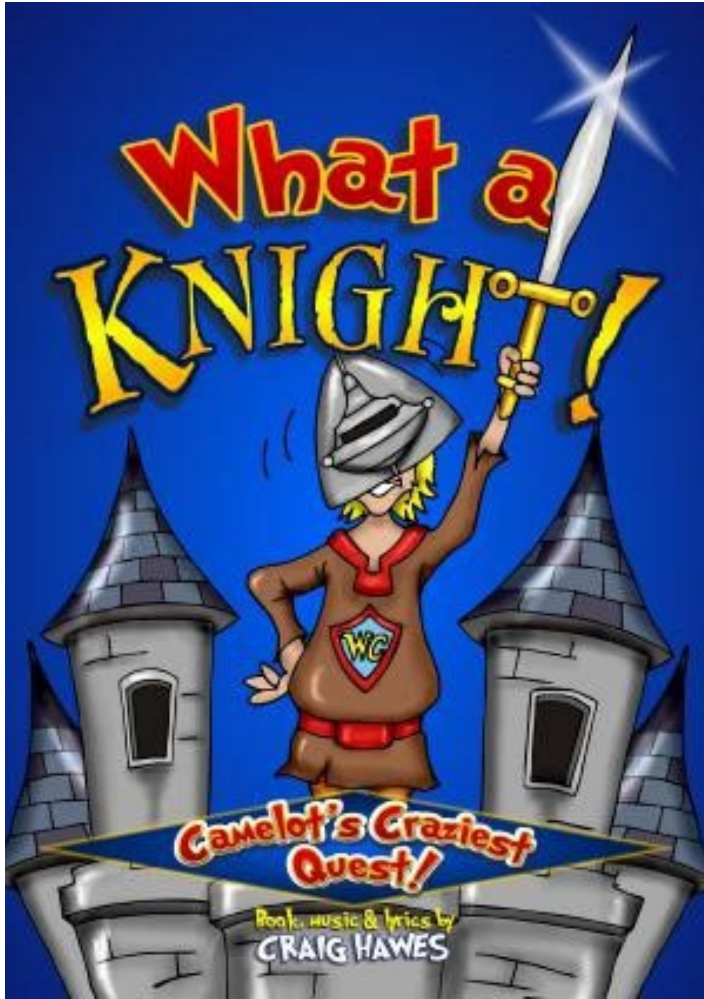
There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

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

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



# School Production



Students from Years Five and Six put on two truly wonderful performances on Sunday 28th November. The children confidently danced, sang and acted throughout What a Knight! They provided great entertainment and the audience chuckled and laughed throughout the performance.

Well done to the students for persisting through rehearsals, they worked as a team and the fun they had performing as a group together on stage was obvious. Thank you to our parents for the wonderful support you gave your children, for making props and for the fantastic costumes you provided.

A big thank you to Education Support Staff, Ms Alex McKissack-Broad and Mrs Brooke Grimshaw, for their wonderful assistance throughout this year with all aspects of the production.

*Miss Sarah Hunkin and Mrs Lisa Pyle  
Production Co-ordinators*









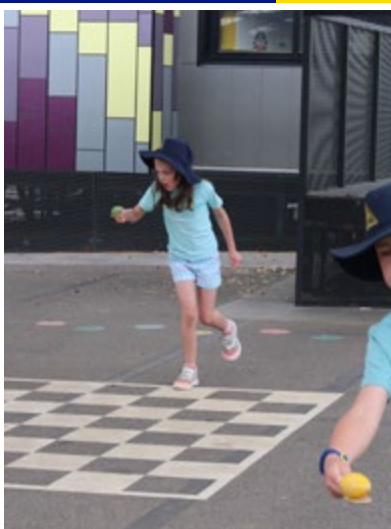
# Junior Sports Day

On Friday 3rd December the Junior School Sports were held. The children in Foundation, Years One and Two participated in eleven different events including tunnel ball, long jump, egg and spoon race, skipping, sack race, relay race, hurdles and hoola hoop catch. Our wonderful Parent Club provided a healthy fruit snack for each grade which they enjoyed under the shade of the story tree when they had their rest stop. It was wonderful to be able to invite our families back on-site to cheer the children on - it was a great day!

*Mrs Deb Magyar*  
*Junior Sports Day Co-ordinator*





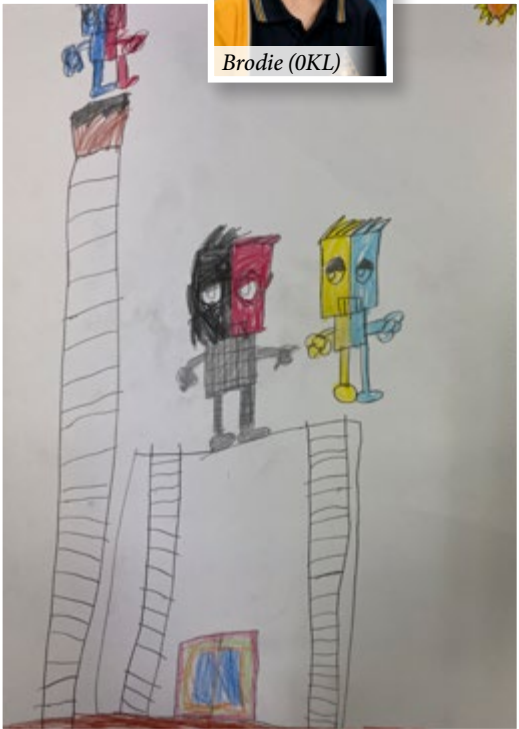




# Book Week Poster Competition



Brodie (OKL)



Jacob (1/2D)

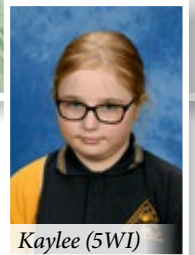
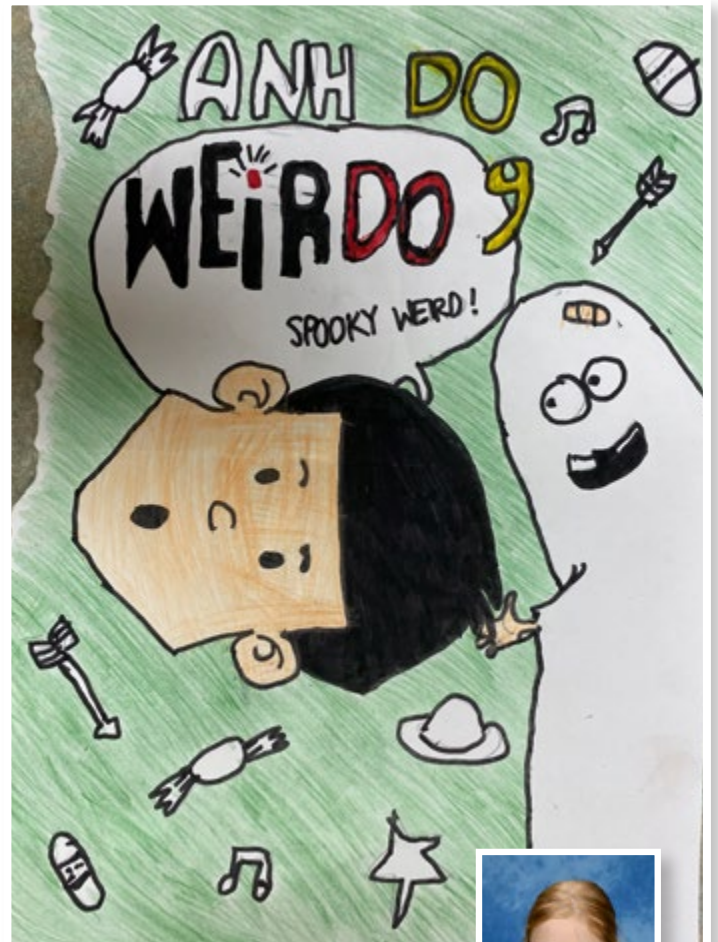


Riley (2HE)





Brooklynn (3/4S)



Kaylee (5WI)



Shayla (4RO)



Benjamin (6LE)



## END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports have now been uploaded to Sentral. We endeavour to ensure these reports are grammatically accurate; however please feel free to contact the office if there are any corrections required.

Semester Two Student Reports will not be issued to families as a hard copy. Student Reports will be available online using the Sentral Parent Portal or Sentral app. WNPS families should be familiar with Sentral having used it previously to book Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews and to view previous reports earlier in 2021.

The Specialist Teachers for Physical Education, Performing Arts and Visual Arts have prepared curriculum statements for Semester Two. These statements are included in this newsletter and will also be available to view on Sentral. Our specialist programs are an important part of student learning at Warragul North Primary School and Specialist Teachers were very keen to keep parents and carers informed. These curriculum statements are included in this newsletter.

## COMPASS / SENTRAL



At the end of 2021  
Warragul North  
Primary School

will cease using Sentral. We are excited that from the beginning of 2022 we will commence using Compass for absence notifications, school reports, parent / teacher interviews, school events (permission and payment for incursions, excursions and camps) and day -to-day communication to families. During the school holidays families will be e-mailed the information about Compass and how to register to use it.

## 2022 CLASS ALLOCATIONS AND END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Children were placed in their 2022 classes for half an hour on Thursday 16th December. This provided an opportunity for the children to become familiar with their 2022 classroom, classmates and if possible their new teacher in preparation for next year. The academic program for 2021 will conclude on Thursday 16th December and students will be dismissed at 3.30pm.

Friday 17th December, the last day of the term, will be a cleaning up and moving furniture day in preparation for 2022. Students who attend school on this day must wear full school uniform and will be helping teachers clean up. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday 17th December.

## School Commencement Dates for 2022:

**Year One to Six students commence**

– Monday 31st January, 2022

**Welcome Day for Foundation Families**

– Monday 31st January, 2022

**Foundation students commence**

– Tuesday 1st February, 2022

# School Costs 2022

The school costs for 2022 were confirmed at the October meeting of School Council.

Families will be e-mailed their Student Supplies cost at the beginning of 2022. Payment is due as soon as possible.

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 2022:**

The school costs for the 2022 year as set by School Council are as follows:

### **STUDENT SUPPLIES \$285.00 FOR FOUNDATION - YEAR 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 the children's supplies are purchased effectively and easily. The bulk purchase also means all students have the same supplies (e.g. pencils, pens, rulers, paper, paint, glue, etc).

Included are materials and equipment for Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Physical Education. Foundation students receive a WNPS satchel, a whiteboard and a set of headphones.

Students are provided with online platforms including Maths Online, Wushka, Phonics Hero, Literacy Planet and Ed Alive. 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.

## **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS PER FAMILY**

### **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 the grounds maintenance voluntary contribution 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 voluntary contribution enables families to contribute in lieu of attendance.



# Performing Arts

## 2021 Review

Teachers - Mrs Catherine Matthys and Mrs Natalie Mead

### JUNIOR:

In Semester Two in Performing Arts, students in Foundation, Year One and Year Two had the opportunity to learn about ways of telling a story through dance, song and drama.

Students have revised and learnt new dance steps, performing such dances as The Chicken Dance, The Macarena, The Hokey Pokey and other dance styles. Students have practised performing their dance to an audience and have taken turns at being the audience, practising how to behave as an appreciative and supportive audience member.

Students have experienced the art of the musical in simple terms, such as how the story-telling is enhanced by the songs involved, and have explored and learnt some songs from selected musicals.

Students have had the opportunity to explore and play various percussion instruments for self-expression, creating sounds and rhythms, and performing together to different styles of music.

### MIDDLE:

Performing Arts in Semester Two focused on preparation for the Senior Concert. Students contributed ideas to their class item and practised and refined their act. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the final presentation of the concert was unable to occur.

Students have studied aspects of story-telling through music in film, as well as exploring musical expression in creating their own songs and chants.

Activities have included some performance to the class as audience, and reinforcing how to be an appreciative and encouraging audience to peers.

Students have studied instrument families, particularly those in an orchestra, and learnt about the different sounds created by different types of instruments.

### SENIOR:

In Semester Two in Performing Arts, students have focused on preparing and rehearsing for the Senior Concert, collaborating on aspects of the performance through choreography and stagecraft. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the final presentation of the concert was unable to occur.

Students have undertaken song studies and music in film to delve into how music evokes feelings and enhances mood. Students have explored music in other cultures, comparing and contrasting characteristics of music and culture, and looking at how these continue to evolve and influence modern music styles.



*1BO danced the Mexican Hat Dance, complete with bouncing pom poms.*



*Kayne (0BU)*





OME were the Hokiost Pokiest class!



1/2D danced the Macarena.



0HU did the Chicken Dance.



2BA danced to Follow the Leader.



Aiden (0BU)



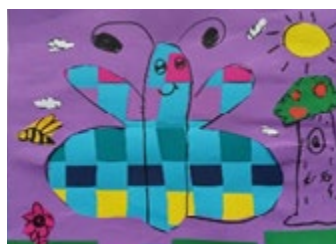
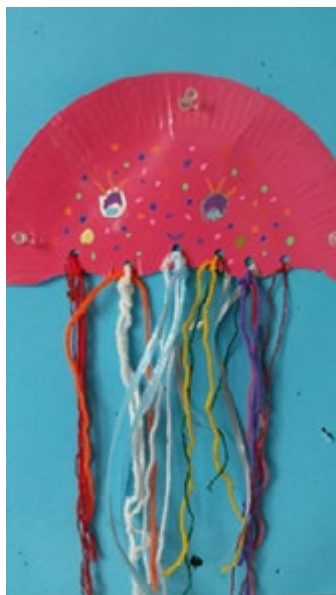
Max, Tom, Kai, Tyson, Reggie and Liam 2HE.



# Visual Arts 2021 Review

## FOUNDATION & YEAR ONE:

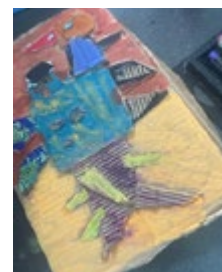
In Foundation and Year One, students practised a variety of fun and exciting modelling, construction and textile projects. They created animals of their own choice using plasticine, air-dry clay and kiln-fired clay. They also built cardboard tube characters, robots made from recycled materials and egg-carton caterpillars. Students learnt to independently tie knots on wonderful jelly fish, sew around a sewing card or bookmark and to create terrific weaving mats. The emphasis has been on developing skills and techniques, while allowing for personal expression and creative choices.



## YEAR TWO

In Year Two, students have focused on three-dimensional art, including sculpture and construction. Children have created imaginary creatures including monsters and robots and use different kinds of food as inspiration for their art, including donuts and cupcakes, vegetable face collages and the incredibly popular miniature foods.

Three-dimensional art encourages the development of fine motor skills, and builds understanding of the Elements of Art through play and experimentation.

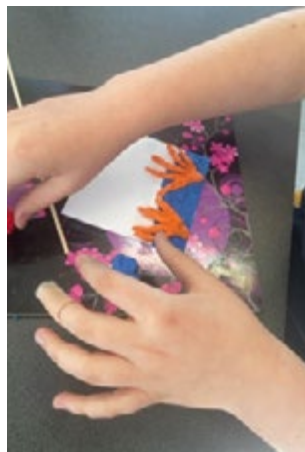




## YEAR THREE AND YEAR FOUR

Year Three and Year Four have explored sculpture using different types of clay. Linking to their classroom learning about coral reefs (Year Three) and rainforests (Year Four) made art inspired by different environments. Students used plasticine to create 3D 'paintings' of different environments, then used clay to make animals that live in those environments. Before painting their creatures, they learnt how to control their painting technique, particularly when mixing colours and their tints and shades.

In their abstract drawing unit, students were introduced to one-point perspective. They were amazed at the 3D drawing effects that they were able to achieve. Students showed great care and control when learning to vary the value of their colouring when using pencils.



## YEAR FIVE AND YEAR SIX



Year Five and Year Six have enjoyed building their skills in graphic design, learning a range of techniques including perspective, line and pattern, and value (shading). After learning a range of new skills, students were invited to apply their skills to a major artwork.

In their sculpture unit, students have made fantasy creatures including dragon eyes, using air-dry clay; as well as choosing between either a fairy house or creature plant pot.







# Health & Physical Education

## 2021 Review

*Teachers - Mrs Lisa Pyle and Mr Drew Davey*

This year has definitely tested our resilience; however, we are pleased to report that the students at Warragul North have triumphed. Although the year has been very disjointed, we have managed to have lots of fun and continue our learning in Health and Physical Education. We have also learned to be more grateful and enjoy being able to spend time together.

The junior grades have been fortunate to be able to attend school for the majority of the semester. Attending school has allowed them to engage in a learning program comprised of skill and knowledge development in both health and physical activity. The junior students have been introduced to and allowed to refine their kicking, running and jumping abilities while building upon their fitness.

Some of the favourite games enjoyed by our younger students are Turtle Tag, Fruit Salad and Farmer Sam. We have added a game called Hula Huts and Demo Ball to our repertoire. Both of these games have a specific focus on overarm throwing, and the improvement in the children's skill level has been extremely pleasing.

This year Warragul North Primary School staff and students were excited to be involved in The National Health and Physical Education Day for the first time. All children, including remote and on-site learners, were provided with a list of activities to engage in and healthy recipes to try. Some favourites were the banana smoothie and the scavenger hunt. Many of our families worked together to accumulate steps, share a healthy meal or test their skills in a competitive game.

Although not an ideal situation, our students did manage to remain active during remote learning. Many children kept us updated on their improvements in skateboarding, cycling, trampolining, and gymnastics. We watched many videos of obstacle courses and skipping challenges.

Our middle and senior students have certainly had their resilience and persistence tested throughout the semester. They were missing out on many exciting sporting and athletic opportunities. We did manage, after a great deal of rescheduling, to compete in the District Winter Sports. Warragul North Primary School sent along a football team, a soccer team, a T-Ball team and two netball teams. A great day was had by everyone involved.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our school community for their support in keeping our kids active and reducing their sedentary behaviour in what has proved to be a difficult year. We are fortunate to live in a community that values a healthy and active lifestyle.





# Community News



Try to Include some healthy Christmas treats in your celebrations!  
Merry Christmas from West Gippsland Healthcare Group



## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC**

Our popular tennis clinic is again being held in Warragul 11.00 am – 12.30 pm

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Cost: \$100 (or \$25.00 per day)

Come along and try tennis and have some fun in the holidays!

## **TOURNAMENTS**

**Moe Tennis Club – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**Drouin Tennis Club – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January**

**Lessons also available during the school term**

Racquets are available to borrow if required

For further information or bookings contact Gippsland Tennis Coaching  
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