

WARRAGUL NORTH NEWS

APRIL EDITION 2024



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS!

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope you have enjoyed the first two weeks of term 2.

This term is packed with heaps of fun and exciting events, such as Year 5 Camp, division cross country, division athletics and much more.

It has been great to see so many people showing our RICK values in the classroom and in the yard. We are also really excited about the launch of our new house point system.

Keep it up everyone!

From your school captains, Jack B, Zebo B and Hailey W

'We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet to learn play and grow on and pay our respects to the traditional custodians, past and present.'



A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Well done families on a wonderful start to term 2.

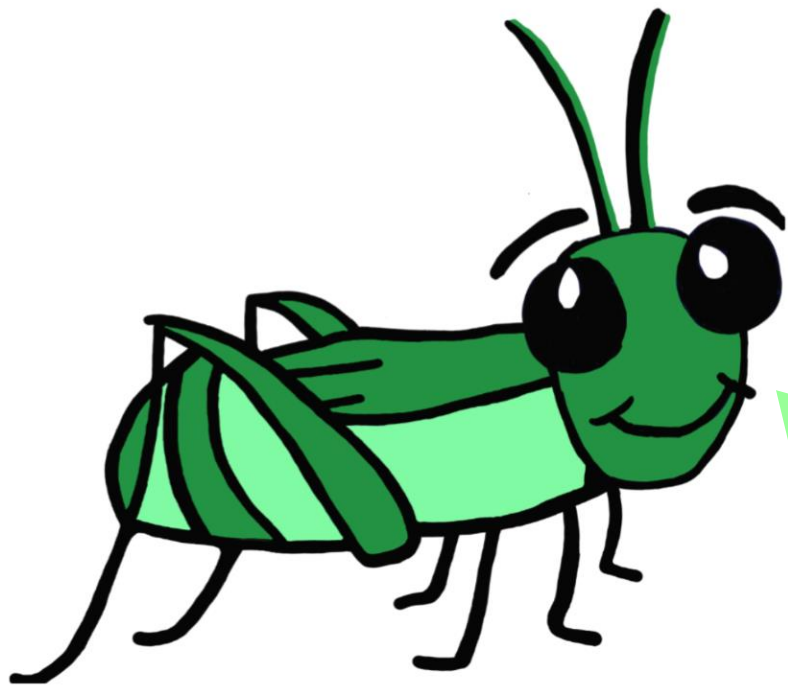
Congratulations to Brad Mumford who has taken on the role of Acting Assistant Principal while Jess Szalek is on leave. Brad is doing an amazing job supporting Pod Leaders (Planning and Impact), following up with students and families, and continuing the role in learning and wellbeing.

I was very proud of our Student Leaders who represented the school at the Anzac Day march. The ceremony was a reminder of the resilience, sacrifice and commitment shown by past generations, who experienced hardships and uncertainty throughout WWI. Our school values remind us of the importance of working together to build a safe and inclusive culture. Just like the relentless commitment of the Anzacs, we will remain steadfast in enacting our vision and values throughout learning, play and work.

I look forward to building our school culture together.

Jo Osler





Hi, I am RICK, our school values mascot!

At our Community Morning earlier this year, there were many very creative designs drawn of what I could look like. After being shortlisted to 8 designs, it was very tight. With the top 2 so close, students voted on their preference at the end of term 1.

This was the winning design, by Ella H in 6M. Congratulations, Ella!

You will see me around the school, sharing tips and tricks and promoting our school values.

Wondering why our mascot is a cricket?

Collaboration

Respect

Inclusion

Creativity

Kindness

Everyone

Together

RICK, our values mascot, represents our vision and values.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 30th April:** Division Athletics
- **Wednesday 1st May:** Foundation 2025 Tour (call the office to book)
- **Monday 6th May – Wednesday 8th May:** Year 5 Camp to Mill Valley Ranch
- **Friday 10th May –** Student Leadership Day 1
- **Wednesday 15th May –** Foundation 2025 Tour (call the office to book)
- **Friday 17th May –** Student Leadership Day 2
- **Tuesday 21st May:** Division Cross Country (Selected students)
- **Wednesday 22nd May:** We are celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime in our classrooms.
- **Thursday 23rd May:** Student Leadership Day 3
- **Friday 24th May:** Whole school assembly at 9.15am
- **Monday 3rd June:** District Winter Sports (selected students)
- **Thursday 6th June:** Regional Cross Country (Selected students)
- **Friday 7th June:** School Closure Day - Student Free Day

Our Vision

Together we grow as a school community to nurture a sense of pride and belonging through active learning, curiosity and creating new experiences.



PE STAFFING UPDATE

Jack Commadeur is going on leave and will be away from Monday 4th May. We hope he has the best time on his adventure. Jack will be back in term 4.

In his absence, Drew Davey will oversee the Sports Coordination and sporting events.

We welcome back Sara Russell from Maternity Leave. Sara will teach PE while Jack is away.

Pod Quest Challenges

With a new term, comes a new Pod Challenge! After growing our with peas last term, Pods are building on their knowledge by creating a display of ideas to design our edible garden.

The garden will be built outside the STEM and LOTE/ Sustainability room and will support learning in many ways.

Our school vine is working hard with our Pods investigating a range of topics. From scarecrows in prep, to indigenous plants and foods in year 4, to creating building plans in year 6. We cannot wait to see what our Pods have come up with at the end of the term. We will invite families to come and look at our pod displays.

Please ask your child about their Pod Challenge and what their class is exploring for the edible garden.



Our edible garden is going to be built here!

Every day 
COUNTS! 

School success starts
with attendance

Each week Year 4 have a 'Community Afternoon' where their classes mix-up and rotate around activities and teachers. How cool are their crafts this week!





ANZAC Day

Anzac Day is one of the most important national days of the year for both Australia and New Zealand.

At dawn, services are held to commemorate all the men, women and animals who served in our army. Late on in the day, current and former servicemen and women participate in marches.

At the Warragul War Memorial, the Anzac Day march took place.

Student Leaders from our school attended and laid a wreath on behalf of everyone at WNPS.

Ella H
Community Engagement Leader



House Points

Recently Warragul North Primary School has happily started a house point system to get our four houses (Acacia, Boronia, Correa, and Dampiera) more involved in other activities that are not just junior and senior sports day. Students within each house work together to earn points in bundles of 10s or 5s for collaboration, school related achievements, and showing the school values. The house with the most points will receive a certificate that rotates between teams. The winners will be announced monthly at the assembly. Happy earning.

- Amina. E Correa Captain

This term we have officially begun our house point system which is designed to support and promote a positive learning environment.

At the end of each week, house captains will collect house points from each classroom. The house points will be counted towards the running total until we have a whole school assembly where the house with the most points will be named HOUSE CHAMPIONS!

After the first collection of house points, the results are looking extremely close so keep up the great work, everyone.

- Drew Davey, PE Teacher

Did you know our houses are named after native Australian flora?

Acacia



Boronia



Dampiera



Correa



Well done to Correa for winning the 2024 Senior Athletics House Cup!

WRC Transition Experience

On the morning of Wednesday, 24 of April, we got together with a bunch of other schools from Baw Baw Shire.

We were all super excited as we got split in groups to do heaps of activities such as the Amazing Race, Science, P.E, or Music by Ms Clapperton.

At recess and lunch, we got to gather in the gym. Students learnt about Regional College and what the high school experience feels like and what you do in high schools.

We all learnt so much. After a very busy day, we caught the bus back to school.

- From Georgia. P and Alicia. G



WARRAGUL
REGIONAL
COLLEGE
PARTICIPATION & EXCELLENCE



Year 6 Uniforms

In late 2023, the current Year 6 team were given the task to design a jacket and shirt to wear the following year.

We had a week to invent our best designs. After that, we narrowed it down to the top eight designs including a class favourite. My design was voted to be our new uniform.

At the start of this term, we received our new uniforms, and the Year 6's were extremely enthusiastic with most loving the new design!

-Brooklynn W



Year 6 families – Please don't forget your Year 7 2025 Placement Forms are due back to your child's teacher by May 10th 2024.

From our Library Leaders...

The library has changed dramatically over the years, including; new books, furniture, lunch and recess activities; and of course, the Frog Pond.

There are always new ideas coming into the library not just from the library leaders, but from other students too.

We hand out humanities hero awards to students who show their best work in the Frog Pond with Mr White. You can join the fun in the library during recess or lunch times with board game club and reading club.

There are new books that are on display each week, and you will be able to borrow the latest when they are on the shelves! Year 5 and 6's have the privilege to take home gold dots, too.

In the library we are also growing broad beans to promote pods. We ask you to share any ideas with the library leaders, Mr White or Mrs Magyar.

We look forward to hearing quotes from Kermit often to keep us motivated to read.

By Marcella and Diyenka

Kermit says,
"Try your hardest
and have fun
with the magic of
reading – Just
read-it".



RESPECT – INCLUSION – CREATIVITY – KINDNESS



Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community:

- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence
- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- ⊗ Aggression
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online.

For more information ask your school about the **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.



Please show respect to our staff, students and school community.



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2025

TERM 2 TOURS AVAILABLE NOW



“Together we grow as a school community to nurture a sense of pride and belonging through active learning, curiosity and creating new experiences.”

- Variety of specialist classes offered
- Foundation Learning and Play Space
- Buddy Program
- Community focused
- Collaborative Approach
- Chaplaincy Program
- Lunchtime clubs

EARLY BIRD TRANSITION
STARTING EARLY TERM 4



FOUNDATION IN ACTION

Wednesday 1st May - 9.30am
Wednesday 15th May - 9.30am
Thursday 20th June - 9.30am
Please contact the office to book

FOUNDATION TOUR DATES

Wednesday 1st May - 10am
Wednesday 15th May - 10am
Thursday 20th June - 2.30pm
August and September dates TBC
OR BY APPOINTMENT

FOUNDATION 2025 AFTERNOON

Thursday 20th June - 4pm in the Foundation Learning Area