

Warragul North News

Joyful June Edition



A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The end of June already, and so many successes to celebrate:

The Arts building:

Remedial work continues in the art room and music room. Over the holidays the roof will be fixed, the storeroom ceiling will be replaced, and the refurb inside can begin. I can't wait to share the final product with the school community. It is so important to provide quality learning spaces for our students and staff and remind them that we care about their learning, and we want them to be active participants in their own learning.

New look reports:

We are in the process of reviewing our reporting process and have made some changes to the current format. To capture student growth and learning more effectively, we want our reports to be more personalised to reflect our new vision and values, our Pod structure, our approach to active learning, and the extension of specialist subjects being offered. We are also trialling new student growth charts to show student achievement more accurately. Not all students will require growth charts. Information explaining the process will be sent home to families.

Community Garden – let's grow together:

Next term we will begin the work on our community garden. I am looking for some gardening, or non-gardening parents who would love to come and help us develop our garden project. How will we start this? If you have an hour or so every few weeks, we would love you to be part of our working party. Please send us an email, drop in to the office or give us a call. We would love to hear from you.

Great work Pods:

Well done to all our Pods for the great work they are doing on their Pod Quest: to develop a vision for our community garden. We will hold a learning expo next term to showcase this wonderful work. More details early next term.

Have a wonderful holiday break with your children. I look forward to celebrating even more successes with you next term.

Jo Osler.

A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Hello everyone, this is the June newsletter.

Please look through it because the student leadership team have some important information for students and parents.

Can you believe it's the end of term 2 and semester 1?

This month we were given a defibrillator from a girl's day out. The Singing Club sang at the Warragul Art Center on Saturday the 15th of June.

Many more fun updates are in Joyful June's newsletter.

Next term is also packed with fun with loads of awesome activities.

Bye for now and have a great break!

From Zebo, Hailey, and Jack

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the people of Country, who have taken care of the land and water of which we stand and work on today for at least 60,000 years, and extend my respect to the elders' past and present. We promise to continue to nurture the land that you have connected to and shared with us and preserve all of your natural environment. We acknowledge the past and stand together for our future.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 15th July -
First Day of Term 3

Friday 19th July -
Whole School Assembly at 2.30pm

Friday 2nd August-
Year 5 Taste Tester Day at WRC

Thursday 8th August-
Senior Hooptime

Friday 9th August -
Student Free Day

Friday 16th August -
Whole School Assembly

Monday 26th - Tuesday 27th August
Year 4 Camp at Forest Edge

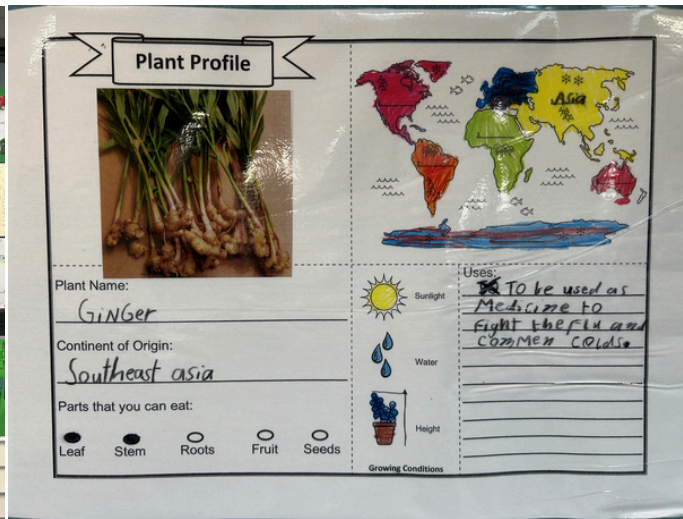
Our Community Edible Garden

Community Garden Morning

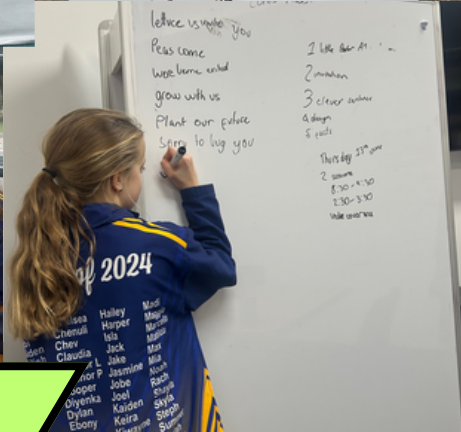
On the 13th June we had a Community Garden Morning where any parents could come in (8.30-9.30 and 2.30-3.30) and suggest what we could put into the edible garden.

In the morning we had a lovely fruit platter for the parents to enjoy while they wrote down anything that they would like to see in the new garden. Students also came in the morning and suggested fruits and veggies to put in. We also had Jules from the school council to come and talk about the garden to everyone. I also want to thank all the parents who attended the Community Garden Morning.

From Zebo



Our Pods have been creating displays of research and ideas for our edible garden across the school.

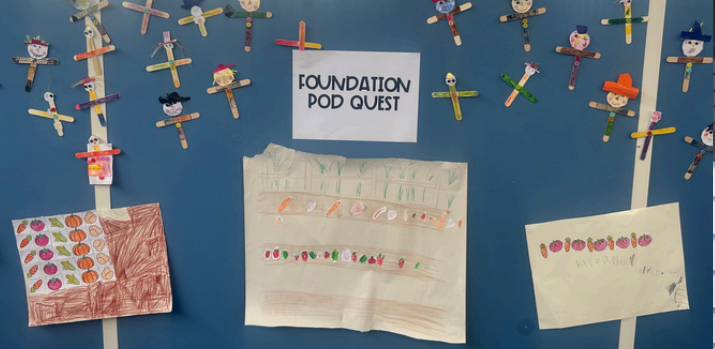


Our Sustainability and Community Engagement Leaders planned and organised sessions with the community to get their ideas.



More information about the edible garden in term 3. Don't forget to sign up to our working party!

Our POD research and design ideas...



Specialist Snippets

CARDBOARD TUBES WANTED

The Art room is looking for wide cardboard tubes for a construction activity in Term 3. Tubes must be wider than 7cms in diameter. Long tubes are fine as they can be cut down to size to make rockets. Please bring tubes to the Art Room. Thank you.

Alana Johnson (Visual Arts Teacher)



Year 2 created Watercolour Bowerbirds to celebrate National Simultaneous Story Time



LIBRARY UPDATE

We are the marketing group for the library, and we are giving you a library update! We have got three groups for three different things. The first one is designing the library to make it new and improved! On Thursday last week we got a professional interior designer to check out the library and look at our ideas. They gave us colours, furniture we should get and even some spacing ideas to make the library space and environment bigger! The second group is making posters to put up outside and, in the buildings, to give kids a note of what new books are in the library to check out and borrow! The final group is a group of four that can have a day every two weeks to pick a few picture story books to take to the Year 1 classes to hear them read, and so the Year 1's can have the chance to improve their reading! So that's the end of the library update, but there is so much more to find out about the library in future updates!

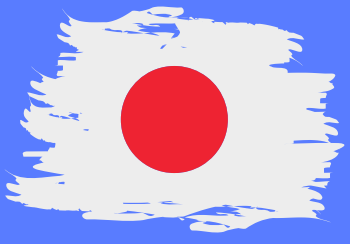
-By Elle and Diyenka



Recognised for their efforts within library and humanities this month are 1/2D and 4W. Well done.



Specialist Snippets



Recognised for being
LOTE Legends
are 34R and Prep R.



Recorder and Clarinet Performances

A big thank you to 23L for their recorder performance and the Clarinet Club for their performance at our whole school assembly last week. It is wonderful to see so many students trying new instruments and building their confidence to perform. Thank you to Ms Ashworth for all the extra lunch time practices and time she gives to ensure our students have these opportunities.

WNPS Choir

On Saturday 15th June WNPS Choir performed as part of the Paint Baw Baw REaD Expo at the West Gippsland Arts Center. They sang through their nerves to perform Shine Together and Everyone Belongs on the main stage. Thank you to our singers for your passion and enthusiasm and families for supporting them.



STEM RECAP

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

STEM has been a new specialist subject at WNPS this year. Here is what we have done this semester and what to expect for next term, which we are extremely excited for.

Year Two have been exploring the solar system and how life was formed on Earth. They have been making posters of the solar system and learning about the cycle of our planet around the Sun. They also started to grow broccoli. They are now harvesting it, something they are extremely excited about. The students have also been learning about predictions and how and when to use them in everyday life.

Year Three have launched into the cosmos also learning about the wonders our solar system. They started to learn about gravity and how the weight and size of planets affects the gravity of the planet. Students have also put their science thinking caps on and created their own planet dioramas. The students have been using their prior knowledge and data about animals to make a life cycle which stretches from the birth to death. We hope that students can now explain what they do in STEM and how it connects to many parts of their daily life.

Year Four have been exploring space, Earth cycles and energy. They started off in a creative way by constructing models to reflect on their understanding of the unique needs for life to exist on a planet. Year Four have also been laser-eye focused learning about the lifecycles of plants and how they are different to other living beings. Students have also been sparking their current knowledge about electricity, by creating dynamic carbon cycles to show where electricity comes from and how it is created.



Our June
STEM Warriors are 3J and 5C!
Awesome effort everyone.

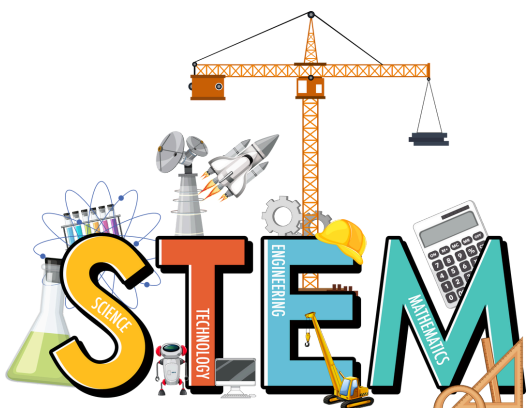
Year Five have been finding out about space. They have also been looking at the position of the sun and how it effects our cycles about the atmosphere. They have been researching about the causes of natural disasters and what to do if you are involved in a natural disaster and the grade fives have also been constructing hoses to see if their hose will withstand a flooding event.

Year Six have been digging deep developing their scientific thinking through researching, testing, and reaching conclusions. This is being demonstrated in their topics of space and Earths systems. We have been leading into food and sustainability, by connecting students through thoughts and ideas of our plants being unique and the precious resources we have here for us to survive on. The Year Sixes a moving over topics next term to the understanding needed be able to create a sustainable edible garden at Warragul North Primary School.

What will happen next term.

Next term, Foundation and Year One will be starting STEM for the very first time. We don't know exactly what Miss Blair has planned but we do know that they will love it. That is all for this term we hope you had a great term. We will see you next term.

Tom S and Alicia C, STEM Leaders



Physical Education and Sport

Soccer Winter Sports

On Monday the 3rd of June the year 6's from local schools competed in the winter sports for soccer. The event was held at Bellbird Park in Drouin. Our school sent two teams to compete. Our boys' team did an amazing job and did not lose a game. The games went on for ten minutes each, and throughout the day we played five games. The girls' team made it through to the next round but sadly the boys did not.

Everyone did an amazing job and had so much fun.

Thanks to all the staff and parent helpers who attended the day we appreciated your help.

by Marcella and Dylan



Netball Winter Sports

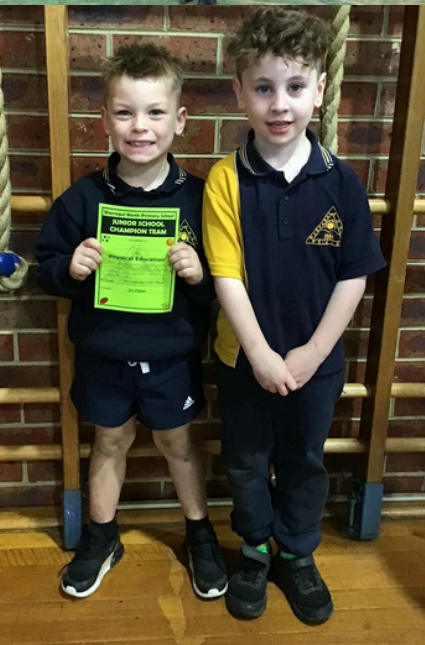
Year sixes from local primary schools walked to St. Paul's to play netball for winter sports on June 3rd. We had 3 teams. the A team, B team and C team. It was a very cold day, and the B and C teams played outside. The A team went to the gym and played against other teams. The schools we played against were: St Paul's, Trafalgar, St Joseph's and St Angela's. No one got through to the next round but we all had an amazing day, and all gave it our best shot. We were all so tired by the end of the day, having played 6 games of netball. A big thank you to the teachers and parents that went.

By Harper M

District Girls Soccer Team

The Year 6 girls soccer team attended district soccer on the 17th June. The event was held at Baxter Park in Warragul. Kick off was at 9:30. The halves were 25 mins long with a 5-minute half time. We were down 2 players, but we still gave it our best shot and competed against Chairo girls. In the end Chairo won, they had a very good team! We had the best day ever and all tried really hard. We were all very hot and tired by the end of our game. Overall, we had an amazing day and tried our hardest. Thank you to all the parents and Mr Davey for coming and cheering us on.

By Marcella and Lacey



House Points Winner

June's house point cup is truly a special one as we had a tie! So in 3rd place was Dampiera whilst in equal second place we had Correa and Acacia and a big congratulations to BORONIA! They came first. Good job and a round of applause to everyone who has earned points for their team so far. Keep it up as we are looking to see positive behaviour around the school and remember to be trying to keep your house area clean.

Amina.E Correa Captain



This month's House Point winners are...
BORONIA!

Chaplain Corner

I am a student of Warragul North Primary School and am going to share with you what it means to me to see our lovely School Chaplain, Mrs. Cutler.

Having a School Chaplain is very important, especially for me. If times are tough, you can go talk to the chaplain.

When I go see Mrs. Cutler there are so many different things to do. To give you an idea on what you get to do with Mrs. Cutler I will list a few things down.

1. Slime! Slime is one of my favourites and since I can't always make it at home I make it with her. You can also talk to her when you make it and making slime can be very stress relieving.
2. UNO flip. UNO flip is my all-time favourite because I always beat her. UNO flip is like normal UNO except there is a flip card, so you start with your normal UNO side and then if you're lucky you might have a flip card and if you put it down then you will flip to the other side. There is a card that if you put it down, the other player has to pick up until they pick up a card of the colour you chose. Here is an image of the card.
3. The 'Bear Game'. The 'Bear Game' is another one of my favourites because there is a prize at the end. The cards get laid out face down and when you pick one up it will show a bear with an emotion on it. You have to say the name of the emotion and describe a time you felt that emotion. If you win then you get to pick a prize out from the prize box and it has so many good things. It has lollies, toys, marbles, magnets and more. Here is an image of the 'Bear Game'.

I want to say that the School Chaplain really does a lot for me and others and is very good to us.



Buzzing in the Hive



The Hive is buzzing with projects and learning. Ms Thorne's group this week learnt about hermit crabs.

The students brainstormed what they knew about hermit crabs and then different questions they had about them. They then worked collaboratively to find answers to their questions. Supporting their literacy learning, students created a presentation for their learning and shared it with their classes.

Mrs Stringer's groups have been learning phonics and looking at all the different things that start with letters. There is dancing, bug hunting and interest based learning.

Awesome work!



Year Level Spotlight

PREP

The foundation students have been having a lot of fun in term 2. The preps have been learning about lots of things such as: animals, measuring, friendships and learning how to cut shapes! In Buddies time the preps made origami boats! They got to test out how many plastic animals can fit without falling. The year sixes and preps had so much fun making origami. It's great to know the preps are having a good time!

YEAR 1



The year one's have been learning a lot! In math they are learning about money. In English they've been talking about phonics like "tch". The students have also been enjoying learning about ocean animals. Like cephalopods (squids, octopus, jellyfish and cuttlefish.) The year ones are having lots of fun with their projects!

YEAR 2

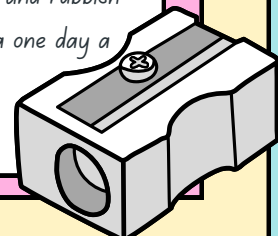


The Year Two students have been learning lots about stories! An exciting thing they are working on is a bug hotel! They are all bringing objects like juice boxes to make the bug hotel out of. The Year Twos have been having lots of fun this term.

YEAR 3

One of the exciting activities we've been doing in Year 3 is Community Time. During Community Time, all the Year 3 students are split into different groups to participate in various activities such as tattoo art, card games, ball games, tic-tac-toe, and Scattergories. We also have been enjoying doing Year 3 sports on Wednesdays. In maths, we've been working on a rich task about going to the Zoo, focusing on concepts of time and money. In literacy we have been working on our Lions Club Speeches as well as integrating learning about Day and Night. In Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), we are exploring feelings and working on strategies to support how we feel in different situations. Our eating area has been covered in food and rubbish lately. Fortunately, we've found a solution to keep it clean. Each class now takes turns cleaning the eating area one day a week and it is already looking so much better.

From Ainsley and Ella, 3M



SCHOOL CHALLENGES

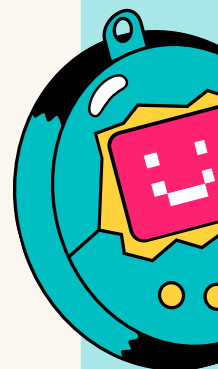


CONGRATULATIONS!

We're so happy that so many students participated in our June School Challenge. Here's a list of our fabulous winners for their amazing bin designs:

- Lola from OH
- Catherine from 2M
- Norah from 2M
- Penny from 2G
- Maddie from 2M
- Charlie from 2M
- Ned from 3BI
- Harry from 3BI
- Pheabee from 4W
- Summer from 4W
- Oliver from 4W
- Evie from 4W
- Brooklynn from 6J
- Hailey from 6J

For having great designs, your house will receive 10 house points each. Keep up the great work!



JULY SCHOOL CHALLENGE!

This month's school challenge is to write a piece on what you think the school needs to improve. Please be honest, as we just want your opinion. Email warragul.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au with your writing or drop it in the suggestion box. The winner will get lots of house points and their piece put in the newsletter. Thank you, and happy writing!



POD 5 Struck Gold!



Gold Day was a great experience for all of the Year 5 students and Year 6 helpers on Wednesday the 25th June. All the Year 5 students came to school wearing miners clothes and some of the year 6 helpers came wearing troopers and bankers clothes from the Gold Rush era. We had a 1 meter squared plot to place on the ground to mine in. There were little and big rocks that were spray painted gold to represent little pieces of gold. We had to pay 1 piece of gold to buy a miners licence because, if the troopers inspected you and you didn't have one, you would go to jail. There were rules on the goldfields (Marble Alley and gravel near the playgrounds) that you weren't allowed to run on the goldfields and no arguing with the Troopers. The little rotundas were the jails and children needed to pay one piece of gold to free them. Gold Day was a very fun and enjoyable day for everyone.

Jack and Will, 5A



In term 3...

Staffing Update

Timea Losonc has been successful in a position working in the junior and middle years. She will work with 23L & 4W.

Mr Mumford continues in his role as Acting Assistant Principal in Jess Szalek's absence. We congratulate Meg Clover who has been successful in the 6M classroom position until the end of 2024.

We welcome Chloe Webster, Emily Kendell and Kai West to join our ES team.

A big thank you to our wonderful teacher placement and work experience students who have been with us this term.

Term 3 POD Quest

We are looking forward to sharing our term 3 Pod Quest, focusing on cultural connections. We start with celebrating NAIDOC week in week 1 and can't wait to have families in early in the term to show our learning.



School Council Spotlight - Seeking your superpowers!

Hello families and friends of Warragul North Primary School,

Wowsers! It's the last week of Term 2. How did that sneak up on us?!

Thank you to those who showed up on a very wet day to share your ideas about our Community Garden.

We have an amazing list of things that our community would like to see in the garden - flowers, herbs, art, fruit trees, vegetables, birds, butterflies and bugs, bush tucker plants and of course – students!

Big high fives to student leaders Claudia, Brooklynn, Jasmine, and Ella who designed and led a creative and engaging way to seek and share ideas on the day - their gardening puns were a highlight.

The next stage in our Community Garden project commences in Term 3. This involves the preparation of the site, selecting plants and materials, and scheduling construction – and we need your superpowers. If you have skills or knowledge in landscaping, permaculture, construction of paved areas, walls or fences, or garden maintenance, and would like to be involved, please email the school at warragul.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au. We appreciate any contribution that you can make, no matter how big or small, to help create a colourful and thriving school environment.

Oh, and not to be outdone....

Why did the tomato go out with the prune?
Because they couldn't find a date.

Stay warm and well and I hope you have some super plans for the school holidays.

Jules
President School Council
Warragul North Primary School



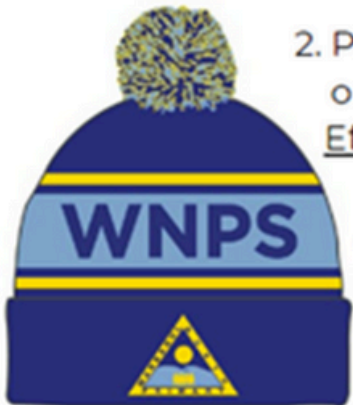
WNPS Beanies

NOW TAKING ORDERS

Our new beanies are almost here. We are very excited to see our new look beanies keeping students warm throughout winter. Beanies are \$15 and are purchased direct through the school office.

How do you order a new beanie?

1. Fill in the form via the QR code
2. Pay for the beanie via direct deposit into our WNPS bank account or via cash or Eftpos at the school office during office hours



Account name: Warragul North PS
BSB: 063 000
Account number: 1418 9312



Attendance

If you have received an unexplained absence letter in your end of semester documents, please return it to the school week 1, term 3 or update absences on Compass.

FIRST AID UPDATE

The process for medication at school is changing due to updates with the DET policy.

Please refer to Compass for further information.



UPDATE

FOUNDATION 2025 ENROL NOW

The Department of Education recommends families provide primary schools with enrolment forms by 26th July.

Please contact the office if you require an enrolment form.

Come and join in our Early Bird 2025 Foundation Transition Program starting in Term 3



NEW LOOK KINDER – FOUNDATION TRANSITION

Students will get a taste of the wonderful learning opportunities we are offering at Warragul North PS. We can't wait to share with you our new look Foundation learning approach.

Please phone our admin to register on
5623 4066.



LEVEL UP

Jump, throw and balance
with Mr Davey



READING MAGIC

Visit a magical land in our
library with Mr White



LEARNING CIRCLE

Experience our culture and
values as we celebrate
diversity



COLLABORATIVE PLAY

Get to know our teachers
and future classmates by
working together in teams



OUTDOOR PAINTING

Join your senior buddies while
exploring the environment in
collaborative outdoor art



'KONNICHIWA'

Talk to Mr Cox in Japanese



JUMP AND JIVE

Come jump and jive to
rhythm and rhymes

We can't
wait to see
you there

Term 3

Wednesday 24th July - 9.30am - 10.45am
(Enrolled WNPS 2025 Foundation Students
only from August session)

Thursday 15th August - 9.30am - 10.45am
Friday 6th September - 9.30am - 10.45am

Term 4

Wednesday 23rd October - 9.30am - 10.45am
Wednesday 13th November - 9.30am - 12pm
Thursday 28th November - 9.30am - 12pm

State Wide Transition Day
Tuesday 10th December - 9.30am - 3pm

