

A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/carers,

We are very excited to share our Naidoc Week – 'celebrating Country' artwork which is on display in the admin building and in the foyer of the toilets in the junior school building. Please come and have a look at the wonderful work students have done in sharing what Country means to them.

Student survey results:

We are still celebrating the **significant increase in positive responses** from our students on the recent student survey. Our students are enjoying the many improvements that we have made to the learning environment, the learning, and the opportunities to support social and emotional wellbeing. This was evident in the survey where the positive responses for stimulated learning went from 69.9% to 85%. One of the biggest increases was students feeling they can self-regulate their emotions and behaviour, and then set goals for themselves, this went from 75% to 91%. I would like to congratulate all our staff on their massive efforts in implementing all our improvement areas, and of course thank our students for their trust in us as we have undertaken a comprehensive development phase.

Racism:

Well done families and staff for your work educating our young people about racism. We are making a difference – student survey results showed that the students experiencing racism reduced from 21% to 12%. A huge improvement, however, 12% is still too high. As a community let's aim to get to 0%. Please keep talking to your children about racism and help them to understand the impact this has on others.

Community Garden:

We held our first community garden working bee last Wednesday and have begun developing the plan for the garden. Student leaders led the conversation where the first action was to name the garden project: 'Rick's Garden – Let's grow together'.

Looking forward to the next meeting to see how our project evolves.

New-look 2025 Foundation Transition:

Our first early-bird foundation transition was very successful. Our kinder visitors experienced a small part of our new prep program that will begin in 2025. Our kinder students will have the opportunity to meet all our specialist teachers and work in different parts of the school to help them transition next year. Our next early-bird session will be on **Thursday 15th at 9.30am**.

If parents are here early, we will have cuppas & toys set up at the canteen.

July was a month of celebrations – looking forward to seeing what August brings.

Jo Osler



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.

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

A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Hello Warragul North community!

Welcome to Semester 2!

Semester 2 brings with it lots of fun and exciting surprises such as the Lions Club Speaking Competition, Book Week and Footy Colours Day.

From your School Captains

Hailey, Zebo and Jack.

SCHOOL COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Hello families and friends of Warragul North Primary School,

I hope you are all staying warm during these chilly West Gippsland winter days!

School Council met on Tuesday evening to discuss a number of key priorities, and I would like to share with you a few highlights from our meeting.

On behalf of School Council, I would like to congratulate our school on its outstanding results from the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey. The survey is delivered by the Department of Education and measures student experience of school across a range of areas. The data provides an opportunity for our school to understand what is working well for students and what we can improve.

The significant increase in positive responses reveal that our students feel inspired, empowered and supported in all aspects of their school life. And these results aren't accidental. Over the past 12 months, our school has implemented initiatives to motivate students to build pride, develop agency and foster collaboration, trust and respect between teachers, students and families. All of this has contributed to connected learning experiences and is clearly having a positive impact on student wellbeing and educational outcomes. I would like to thank all Warragul North Primary School staff for their incredible efforts to support out students thrive at school.

You will have noticed some building activity around our school, including the installation of new fencing, play spaces and upgrades to buildings. This work has been prioritised by School Council to ensure that our students have a school environment that is safe, secure, attractive and stimulating. During this year School Council will develop a 3-year plan to prioritise future buildings and grounds works for our school.

School Council plays a role in reviewing and approving activities and excursions, particularly as they relate to costs to both parents and the school. A number of forthcoming activities, including Year 4 Camp and senior swimming was approved at the last meeting.

On Wednesday I met with our community garden working group to start planning for what will be a truly magical space! There were great ideas about how the garden should look, the work that needs to be done and the skills that are required to get our garden growing. If you have any experience in landscaping, horticulture or construction, or you just love gardening, please contact the school and let us know how you would like to be involved.

Finally....did you know that Friday 2 August is Principals Day? It is a great opportunity to celebrate the hard work of our principal Jo, and assistant principals Brad and Toni for their leadership and for overseeing high quality learning opportunities as well as the wellbeing of students at our school. So, when you next see them, say thanks or give them a high five – I know how much they will appreciate it!

Thank you for your support and for contributing to a positive school experience for our students. I look forward to seeing you around the school, especially as the weather starts to warm up!

Jules President School Council Warragul North Primary School



NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. WNPS, along with many Department of Education Schools, celebrated NAIDOC Week during the first week of term. We reconnected together after the break and shared our connections to Country.

The vision of our Department of Education's Marrung Plan (2016-2026) - "Victoria will be a state where the rich and thriving culture, knowledge and experience of our First Nations peoples are celebrated by all Victorians; where our universal service systems are inclusive, responsive and respectful of Koorie people at every stage of their learning and development journey; and where every Koorie person achieves their potential, succeeds in life, and feels strong in their cultural identity." As a school community, we embrace cultural experiences to share and learn from each other, upholding our school vision and values; respect, inclusion, creativity and inclusion.



NAIDOC WEEK

WNPS has been learning about NAIDOC WEEK.
Each class has been making a collage of what
Australia and home reminds them of. In 6B we
made a big drawing of Australia and then split it
up into puzzle pieces and each got our own to
decorate. Then we put the puzzle together in the
end. In another class, they traced their hands,
decorated them, and put them all together like
leaves in a tree. A foundation class did all their
own little drawings of what home meant to them
and put it all on paper. Some classes have also
been reading dreamtime or aboriginal stories. It
has been interesting learning about it all and we
can't wait for the next POD quest!
Harper - Boronia Captain

'Celebrating Country'

As some of the students have already noticed we now have some amazing artwork created us (the students). These collages represent how we connect to Country. Each collage has their own unique and special meaning. 2G decided to make their collage about the seasons and how each one inspires us to go outside and enjoy nature.

3/4R created their collage on how Australian and overseas animals inspire us to connect to country as they have been living on it for so long.

We are so proud of everyone who contributed to all these lovely art works and hope parents can come in and take a look as they are all so great.

Amina - Correa Captain



Collaboration in Action



Student Attitudes to School

Each year in May, students from Years 4-6 in goverment schools participate in the Student Attitudes to School Survey. We are celebrating this years results with 93% of our students having a positive attendance to school, up from 82% last year. Our staff have been working endlessly on providing exciting opportunities for learning, participating in our Pod (year level) Quests, and promoting active learning. Our stimulated learning results, significantly increased to 85% this year, from 69% last year, reflecting the work that has been happening across the school. Within classes and across Pod levels, students have been involved in morning meetings, developing collaboration strategies and working with a range of students. 84% of students said their sense of confidence has increased over the last year, up from 76% last year. We are proud of all our staff, students and the wider community for positively encouraging learning, increasing home-school partnerships and creating a culturally safe learning environment. This has also been reflected with a significant increase to 81% towards mangaging bullying, up from 59% last year.

This has been a huge improvement with the data also recongising a significant decrease in students experiencing racism and an increase in students sharing with an adult if they are expereincing issues at school.

We look forward to unpacking these results further with our students and continuing to celebrate our growth and improvements across the school.

What great feedback!
Our new values reflect of all
our students and staff!



Across the Pods...

Athletes begin to arrive for the Pod 5 Potato Olympics



SPECIALIST SNIPPETS



Our bonsai babies are starting to sprout, and in Japanese/Sustainability we've been taking care of them.

We've enjoyed making our pots in Art and then using them for our bonsai babies in Japanese.



Our school is celebrating the fact that our school has reached 3000kg or 300 tonnes worth of food scraps, weighing the same as a limousine.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Remember to think sustainably and reduce rubbish in lunchboxes.



The 5/6 Hooptime teams have been training. They are ready to compete next Thursday.



The preps are starting STEM this semester.

Next week is also science week. Keep your eye out for Pod 5 showing off their science skills with Miss Blair.



Our Early Bird Foundation 2025
Transition started last week. Mr Davey kicked it off with 'Levelled Up' and then the students enjoyed some 'reading magic' in the libary with Mr White. We can't wait for the next one.



Our 5/6 Pods started their project rotations this term with their specialist subjects. We can't wait to see the projects at the end of the rotation.

In the Community...



March On

A huge congratulations to Nate W in Year 5 who raised money for 'March On' earlier this year. What an amazing achievement!

During March of this year, I was involved in a fundraiser called March On where I signed up to walk 96kms over the month. 96Km represents the length of the Kokoda Trail.

March On is a charity that raises money to help prevent Veteran suicide by providing mental health support.

By the end of March, I completed 105kms and raised \$1733.44. The money I raised helped provide 144 peer support sessions, employment support for 86 Vets and 7 psychology sessions.

The reason I chose to complete March on is to show my respect to all of the people who served and fought for our country and to my Uncle who served in Afghanistan.

Interleague Achievements

Keira is a three-sport athlete in Year 6. She also participated in the Girls Interleague Team, she got the best on medal and kicked one goal. Her football game was held at Nar Nar Goon Reserve. This was Keira's second time playing in the Interleague Team!

Keira also is a two-time player who has played for an interleague netball team, where she participated in three netball tournaments. Her team played in Melbourne for the championship. Keira also played a three-by-three tournament at Warragul, on the brand-new courts. Her team is now qualified for state, three by three! Congratulations Keira!



National Day of Action Against Bullying

Friday 16th August.

Wear a touch of purple to as we embrace this years theme,

"Everyone Belongs".

Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued.

Book Week!

Dress up and join us to celebrate this years theme, *'Reading is Magic'* on Thursday 22nd August.

The 'Book Swap' will also be back for the second year during book week. Stay tuned for more information.

Do you have a book to donate to for the 'book swap?' Mr White and Mrs Magyar are collecting the books in the library.





GET TO KNOW OUR TERRIFIC TEACHERS

YEAR 6 POD TEACHER EDITION



MEG CLOVER

FAVOURITE SONG:
SETTLE BY VERA BLUE

WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

SOME REALLY GOOD TEACHERS WHEN I WAS AT SCHOOL

FAVOURITE PART ABOUT TEACHING:

I LOVE MAKING LESSONS
AROUND THINGS THAT MY
STUDENTS ARE INTERESTED
IN AND I LOVE WATCHING MY
STUDENTS MAKE
CONNECTIONS IN THEIR
LEARNING. I ALSO LOVE
INTRODUCING THEM TO NEW
MUSIC

WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

I READ, I PLAY GUITAR AND SING, AND I LOVE GARDENING



MICHAEL JESSEP FAVOURITE SONG:

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY

WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

THE FEELING I GOT FROM HELPING OTHERS WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL

FAVOURITE PART ABOUT TEACHING:

CELEBRATING STUDENTS'
SUCCESSES ESPECIALLY
WHEN THEY HAVE TO
PERSERVERE THROUGH

WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

PLAY FOOTY, TRAIPSES
AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE



AMY BARBELER

FAVOURITE SONG:

I DON'T HAVE ONE, BUT I LOVE TAYLOR SWIFT, JAZZ, COUNTRY AND ROCK MUSIC

WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

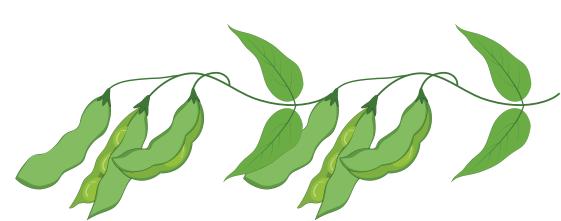
MY YEAR 10 ENGLISH TEACHER MRS. BUNDY

FAVOURITE PART ABOUT TEACHING:

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

READ AND DO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING



GET TO KNOW OUR TERRIFIC TEACHERS

YEAR 5 POD TEACHER EDITION



ALLI ASLING

FAVOURITE SONG:

SPACE ODDITY BY DAVID

BOWIE

WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

TRYING TO MAKE A
POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN
KIDS' LIVES

FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:

HAPPY TEACHER
MOMENTS WHEN
STUDENTS START
UNDERSTANDING NEW
CONCEPTS

WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

I PARENT, GO TO THE GYM, AND SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY



MELLISA MANUEL

FAVOURITE SONG:

WE ARE AUSTRALIAN OR REFRIGERATOR DOOR BY LUKE COMBS

WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

1 AMAZING PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:

KNOWING/BELIEVING THAT EVERY CHILD CAN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

GARDEN, HUG WITH ANIMALS, SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, RELAX OUTSIDE



MELISSA CUMMINGS FAVOURITE SONG:

ANYTHING FROM ABBA, FLEETWOOD MAC, THE EAGLES, AC/DC AND 60S MUSIC

WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

I LIKE HELPING PEOPLE, BUT ESPECIALLY 5/6S. ALSO SOME AMAZING PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:

YOU CAN STILL BE SILLY, AND HELP KIDS GROW

WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

RELAX AT HOME, TRAIN MY NEW DOG, PLAY APPS ON MY IPAD AND VISITING FAMILY AND FRIENDS



ANDREW SEARLE

FAVOURITE SONG: CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' BY

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' BY THE MAMAS AND PAPAS

WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

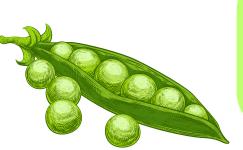
MY OLD TEACHER MR WALLER

FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:

WHEN YOU SEE ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS AS AN ADULT AND THEY HAVE A GOOD JOB

WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

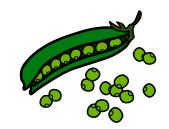
I LIKE PLAYING MY GUITAR AND WATCHING NEWCASTLE UNITED PLAY SOCCER



Each year level at WNPS is called a learning *Pod*. Our Pods include the staff and students working within that year level. '*Together we grow*' in our pods, on '*The Vine*' as a whole school.



RICK's Garden -Together we Grow-



On Wednesday, the 31st of July, the Community Engagement Leaders, Sustainability Leaders, Principals and School Council President, along with some others, had a meeting about our community garden.



We discussed how to go about a creating a plan for building it is, how we are going to make it and many other aspects of the garden. We're very excited about this term and what we're going to do with the garden. Stay tuned for updates on how RICK's Garden is growing!



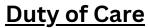




From the office...

School Office Hours

Our lovely admin staff are available to help with any questions or queries between **8.40am** and **3.50pm**.



Staff supervision and duty of care is between the hours of 8.40am and 3.45pm.

Any students on site outside these hours must be enrolled in **out of hours school care**.

Please note: We can no longer accomodate the number of students waiting in the office and students will now be waiting outside at the storytree.

The office will be following up with families where students are on site too early or too late.

Year 6 Graduation Working Party

If you would like to volunteer to join our Year 6 Graduation Working Party (to help either on the day or on the days celebrations), please put your name down on the list at the office.



Gates

For student safety, our gates are locked between **9.10am** and **3.25pm** daily.

Families can access the office via the front admin gate.



School success starts with attendance

Attendance

If your child is absent, please update Compass with the explanation. Messages will be sent out at 9.45am for unexplained absences. WNPS staff will be following up with unexplained absences daily.

Every day at school counts... Missing even **one** day can make a **difference** over time



Important Semester 2 Dates...

Term 3

Wednesday 24th July - Foundation 2025 Early Bird Transition #1
Friday 26th July - Year 6 WRC Transitioning Experience Day #2
Monday 29th July & Tuesday 30th July - Student Led Conferences
Wednesday 31st July - Community Edible Garden Meeting #1
Friday 2nd August - Year 5 WRC Experience Day
Thursday 8th August - Senior Hooptime (Selected students)
Friday 9th August - PUPIL FREE DAY

Thursday 15th August – Foundation 2025 Early Bird Transition #2
Thursday 15th August - Lions Club Speech Presentions
Thursday 22nd August - Book Week Dress Up (Stay tuned about Book Swap!)
Monday 26th August - Tuesday 27th August – Year 4 Camp (Forest Edge)
Monday 2nd September - Friday 6th September - Year 5 Swimming
Friday 6th September - Foundation 2025 Early Bird Transition #3
Monday 9th September - Friday 13th September - Year 6 Swimming
Wednesday 18th September - WNPS Learning Expo (2.45pm)
Friday 20th September - Footy Day on the Last Day of Term 3 (2.30pm finish)

Assemblies

Friday 19th July - 2.45pm Friday 16th August - 2.45pm Friday 13th September - 2.45pm

Term 4

Monday 7th October - First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 23rd October - Foundation 2025 Early Bird Transition #4
Thursday 24th October & Friday 25th October - Year 1 Old Gippstown Excursion
Thursday 31st October - Year 3 Gumbuya World Excursion
Monday 4th November - PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 5th November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 6th November - State Athletics (Selected Students)
Wednesday 13th November - Foundation 2025 Early Bird Transition #5
Thursday 14th November - Community 'Celebration' Morning
Thursday 28th November - Foundation 2025 Early Bird Transition #6
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th December - Year 6 Camp (Woorabinda)
Tuesday 10th November - State Wide Transition Day
Wednesday 18th December - Year 6 Graduation Day (Ceremony from 2.15pm)
Friday 20th December - Last day of school for 2024 (1.30pm finish)

All excursions and camps require parent/guardian consent.

Please ensure you indictate on Compass by providing 'consent' if you wish your child to attend. If your child will not be attending the excursion or camp, please 'decline'.

We appreciate families following event timelines and respecting dates to allow for all excursion and camp preparations, staffing and school organisation to occur.

Upcoming Camps and Excursions

DATE	ACTIVITY & LOCATION	YEAR LEVEL/S	STAFF / Volunteers Attending	COST TO PARENTS	CONSENT / PAYMENT DUE ON COMPASS
August 2	Year 5 WRC Experience Day Warragul Regional College Bourke Street, Warragul	5	Toni Barker Melissa Manuel Melissa Cummings Andrew Searle Alli Asling Danni Birch	\$0	Closed
August 8	Senior Hoop time Warragul Leisure Centre 21 Bourke Street, Warragul	5-6	Drew Davey 1 x Parent helper (still seeking volunteers)	\$15	Closed
August 26 - 27	Year 4 Camp – Forest Edge 405 McKenzie Rd, Neerim East VIC 3831	4	Jeanette Thomas Kylie Wendt Christy Mitchell Andy Karlis Drew Davey Di Wagner Amelia Cassar Toni Barker Parent helpers: TBC (Still seeking volunteers)	\$190	12 th August
September 2-6	Year 5 Swimming Warragul Leisure Centre 21 Bourke Street, Warragul	5	Drew Davey Melissa Manuel Melissa Cummings Andrew Searle Alli Asling ES x 1	\$15	11 th August
September 9-13	Year 6 Swimming Warragul Leisure Centre 21 Bourke Street, Warragul	6	Drew Davey Michael Jessep Amy Barbeler Meg Clover Kyle Huggett Andrew Glover	\$15	18 th August

We understand that some families may be experiencing financial difficulties. To ensure opportunities are accessible to all students, we are only organising excursions/incursions that come under a \$30 cost.

Due to the new Time in Lieu entitlements for staff, we are unable to plan excursions that require staff to work outside their normal weekly hours.

Please note: Payment plans are available. Please contact our school admin.

We appreciate families following event timelines and respecting dates to allow for all excursion and camp preparations, staffing and school organisation to occur.

Parent Contributions (Payments)

Warragul North Primary School would like to thank all parents who have contributed towards the school this year. The support given to the school by families strengthens our community connections and provides opportunities for all our students.

Your contributions assist us to enhance and broaden the educational experiences for our students. It has allowed us to provide:

Student and Classroom Supplies;

- Paint, clay, paper, construction supplies and other items used in Art
- Instruments, accessories and repairs for Performing Arts (Music)
- Cooking supplies, gardening supplies, science equipment and stationery for STEM
- Bins, gardening supplies, gloves, buckets and other equipment for Sustainability
- Books, magazines, contact, subscriptions and stationery for the Library
- Balls, trolleys, racquets, footballs and affiliations for PE
- Stationery for students to use in the classroom to support their learning (pens, pencils, exercise books, scrap books, crayons, glue sticks, paper, rulers, scissors, pencil cases, calculators, diaries, satchels etc.)
- ICT devices
- · Photocopying

Student Support;

- Supplies and equipment for The Hive
- Chaplain services and supplies
- Emergency Lunches
- First Aid Supplies
- Lunchtime Club equipment
- Inclusive accessories and equipment to support student learning (sensory toys and games, inclusive equipment)
- Communication tools (Compass)

School Buildings and Grounds

- Playground Areas
- Updated Furniture & Equipment
- Landscaping works
- Remedial works

If you have yet to contribute this year, we encourage you to do so. We offer a range of options to suit all families to allow them to contribute towards the school and our programs, if you would like to discuss these options please email the school at warragul.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au or phone us during office hours (8.40am – 3.50pm each school day).

We look forward to continuing the strong partnerships between the school and families, centred on the wellbeing and learning for all our students. Together we grow as a school community to nurture a sense of pride and belonging through active learning, curiosity and creating new experiences.

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.



Jump, throw and balance with Mr Davev



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



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

