

WARRAGUL NORTH NEWS

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A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS!

A short note from us, your school captains. This year we are living the school vision, *'Together we grow as a school community to nurture a sense of pride and belonging through active learning, curiosity and creating new experiences.'* We have written our own Acknowledgement of Country which we share everyday over the school loud speaker at 9am.

On Community Day many members of the community drew different designs for RICK our new values mascot. The student leadership team nominated the top 8 designs and then the whole school voted on the designs of RICK the cricket. It was so close we had to go around and get everyone to vote on the top 2. In the end number 6 won. Well done to Ella H from 6M for her design.

Jack B, Zebo B and Hailey W



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

A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Welcome families and carers to our new look newsletter - Warragul North News.

I am very excited that each month our newsletter will be largely developed by our student leadership team. We would love feedback. If you have some ideas to make our newsletter even better, please drop us an email and let us know how.

I am extremely proud of our student leaders who are stepping up and learning how to lead in new ways. We have a student leadership day organised for term 2 where our leaders will help to plan some important events and future changes to the school, as well as work with leaders from our community. Their work in ensuring the Acknowledgement of Country happens every day has shown their commitment to building a culturally safe and inclusive school. We will continue to build in this area across the year.

Term 1 has been another busy term and our students have had an amazing start to the year. A big thank you to staff and parents for working together to ensure the best learning can happen for our students.

Jo Osler



MARCH MUSINGS...

This term we have started growing peas in collaborative groups to symbolise that we are all in a pod, and we work together to accomplish learning goals. This year we will also be growing a fruit and vegetable garden in Japanese/Sustainability. It will feature things such as apple trees, lettuce, and onions. They will be used to cook food in STEM as the science and mathematical side of it.

Brooklynn W, Sustainability Leader



This year STEM is now one of our many specialists that we get to have. STEM stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths. STEM is very fun and we have all started to love doing it. There is a variety of different things that we can do in STEM, including cooking, learning about the Solar System, science, technology, engineering (design), maths and much more! STEM is also a new way that we are learning about science and our planet. So far in the senior years, we've learnt about our solar system and designed a robot buggy to go to Mars. The experiment we did in the last lesson involved a glass jar and taking the temperature every 10 minutes.

Alicia C, Tom S (STEM Leaders)

SPECIALIST SNIPPETS



Mr Cox is chasing cuttings from small leaf Jade plants for LOTE next term.



Miss Blair has been drying herbs for Food Tech classes, donations are welcome!



What's your favourite book at the moment? Have you spoken to Mr White to see what he's reading for the holidays?

HARMONY DAY

Thursday 21st March was all about celebrating diversity and our differences. Students added a touch of orange to their school uniform and participated in activities during their classes. Our staff and students made many links to our school values and what being inclusive means.

Everyone came together on the basketball courts and sung to celebrate this year's theme, 'Everyone Belongs.'

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Student, Parent, Teacher 'Check Ins'** - Monday 25th March 3.30pm - 7.30pm, Tuesday 26th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm.
- **WNPS School Council AGM** - Tuesday 26th March 6pm
- **WNPS School Council Meeting #2** - Tuesday 26th March 6.30pm
- **Responsible Pet Ownership Program** - Wednesday 27th March 9am - 3.30pm
- **LAST DAY TERM 1** - THURSDAY 28th MARCH, 2.30pm DISMISSAL
- **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2** - Monday 15th April

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR ABSENT FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE BY LOGGING INTO COMPASS, PHONING THE OFFICE ON 03 5623 4066 OR SENDING AN EMAIL TO WARRAGUL.NORTH.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE EITHER PRIOR TO, OR ON THE DAY THAT THEY WILL BE AWAY, HELPS ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF STUDENTS.

From the
WNPS Admin
Team

NAPLAN

Well done to all our Year 3 & 5 students that completed NAPLAN over the past 2 weeks.

You should all be very proud of your efforts, we all are!

Families will receive a summary of the results later in the year.

SWIMMING

Well done to all students who participated in swimming this year. We had a large number of students at trials and success in all district and division. We even had a number of students compete at the regional swimming competitions in Sale. Well done!



EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle has always been a very popular addition to the school's calendar, and we are very appreciative of the efforts from our wonderful parent body who coordinated and organised the event!

This year we have decided to continue with the raffle but with a twist!



ATHLETICS

We all had a wonderful day at the Senior Athletics competition. We should definitely give a round of applause to the 59 people that made it to the next round (district). WNPS did an awesome job at representing our school by having ago, cheering on our school, and getting multiple ribbons. All these age groups from WNPS (9/10, 11, 12/13) boys and girls, all came first place in the relay as well as many other students placing on the day.

Progressing onto the next round, we have 29 students representing our school. Which will be held on April 30th in Newborough.

Keira I, Sports Captain.



COMMUNITY MORNING

On the 22nd of February we held Community Morning. There were many events such as the Crop, Swap and Drop, the S.E.S and the two coffee vans. There was dancing on the basketball courts and sausage sizzles at the canteen. We can't forget about the painting in the art room which is now on our school fence on O'Dowds road. Family members and other members of the community were also welcome into our school to join in with these fun activities. Our next Community Day will be in November. Stay tuned for more upcoming community events throughout the year.

Ella and Claudia, Community Engagement Leaders



WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT.....

On Thursday 21st March, Year 2 students and staff enjoyed an outing to Brooker Park! Students had a wonderful time exploring the park and participating in fun activities. Do you think they found the bear?



WNPS Emergency Management

Each year, to prepare for any Emergency Management and Critical Incidents, (including but not limited to; bushfires and grassfires, extreme weather events, damage to school infrastructure etc.) schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities to plan and prepare as part of the school's and Departments policies and procedures.

As part of preparing our school for the year, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and undertake routine maintenance and OHS tasks, conduct practice drills and staff complete training modules and risk assessments.

If the school enacts their Emergency Management Plan for any situation that may arise, parents will be contacted via Compass, phone, text or email. We may also use social media to advise the community of certain situations also.

We will also inform the school community of any practice drills through Compass, Community Comms or the Newsletter.

We encourage families to keep all current contact details up to date, including your mobile phone numbers and secondary emergency contacts for students and families. Parents can do this by logging into your Compass account and updating details, sending an email to the school or visiting the school office during office hours, 8.40am – 3.50pm on school days.

For further information please visit the Department's website <https://www.vic.gov.au/responding-emergencies-natural-disasters-in-schools-early-childhood-services> for more information on school's preparations for emergencies and natural disasters.

School Council

A big thank you to all parents and staff who nominated for membership on School Council resulting in an election process for both staff and parent nominees.

Congratulations to the following successful candidates

Parents:

Catherine Hodgins
Gines Satchithanandam
Anna Firth
Bryce Bucknell

Staff:

Toni Barker
Cherrie Cassar
Amy Rosewarne

Community working parties:

We are looking for some community members to join our community engagement working party or our facilities working party. This is an opportunity to support the work of School Council and be part of the future decision-making and development of our school. More details to follow.

Child Safe Standards

Warragul North Primary School complies with the Child Safe Standards and is committed to Child Safety. The Child Safe Standards include requirements to keep children, young people and students safe, including:

- involvement of families and students in child safety
- schools' focus on safety for Aboriginal students
- better management of child abuse risks in online environments
- governance, systems and processes for keeping students safe.

There are 11 Child Safe Standards:

- **Standard 1: Culturally safe environments** – Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.
- **Standard 2: Leadership, governance and culture** – Ensure that child safety and wellbeing are embedded in school leadership, governance and culture.
- **Standard 3: Child and student empowerment** – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
- **Standard 4: Family engagement** – Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.
- **Standard 5: Diversity and equity** – Equity is upheld and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice.
- **Standard 6: Suitable staff and volunteers** – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.
- **Standard 7: Child-focused complaints processes** – Ensure that processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.
- **Standard 8: Child safety knowledge, skills and awareness** – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
- **Standard 9: Physical and online environments** – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
- **Standard 10: Review of child safety practices** - Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.
- **Standard 11: Implementation of child safety practices** – Policies and procedures that document how schools are safe for children, young people and students.

All of our Child Safety policies can be found on our school website.

Our School Website

Our school website is currently under maintenance as it gets an upgrade. While we are working through the upgrade, please contact the office if you require any assistance on 5623 4066.

Further information about enrolling Foundation students for 2025 and Foundation 2025 school tour dates will be available at the beginning of term 2.

