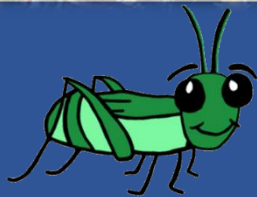


# WARRAGUL NORTH NEWS

Please note our newsletter will replace our Community Comms this week.

## MAGICAL MAY EDITION 2024

**Challenge:**



### Can you Spot RICK?

Find RICK hiding in this edition

## From our School Captains

Hello everyone, this is the May newsletter. Please look through it because we as the Student Leadership team have designed this newsletter and will continue to create it for the rest of the year. We are very excited to write all the newsletters collaboratively. We hope our students and their families enjoy reading our newsletter. We've included suggestions, challenges, our new school beanies and awards along with updates from different areas of the school. Thank you!

-Zebo, Hailey, Jack

## From our Principal

Happy Monday to all of our Families,

**Newsletter:** What a massive effort by our student leaders to design and publish their first newsletter, from start to finish. A big thankyou to Toni Barker for supporting them in the background.

**Community Garden:** We are now ready to begin our community garden project, our Year level Pods have been busy on their quest to explore an aspect of the garden and offer ideas on its development. We would like to invite parents and carers to come along to our first parent/carer planning meeting on **June 13**. We have 2 meeting times to support families: **8.30-9.30** and **2.30-3.30**.

**The planetarium incursion:** We took a deeper dive into *The Earth Above: A Deep Time View of Australia's Epic History*. The show explored Australia's past 140,000 years, incorporating traditional and scientific knowledges to tell Australia's epic story. In the Dome Planetarium we became part of the storytelling, where First Nations Peoples and scientific researchers came together to share knowledge about Australia's past, present, and possible future. The incursion is another step in our journey to become a culturally safe and inclusive school where we are tackling community issues like racism and equality. Please take the time to discuss racism with your children.

**School closure (June 7):** On Friday staff will be focusing on numeracy learning and planning for learning. Our school closure days provide us with valuable time for staff professional learning, staff conversations and school planning.

Enjoy your long, long weekend. Thank you for a Magical May and I am looking forward to a Jolly June.

Jo Osler

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land which we meet to learn play and grow on and pay our respects to the elders past present and emerging. We also recognise that this newsletter was written and produced on GunaiKurnai land.*

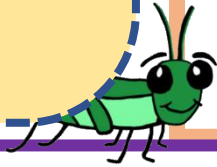
# New Newsletter Suggestion Box

The new Suggestion Box for the newsletters will let everyone from every grade get the chance to help on the school newsletter. This is how it will work:

- First you will write who you are, what grade your from and the house you are in
- Then you will write a short paragraph about whatever it is that your writing about and you will put it in the suggestion box in your building.

If your writing goes into the newsletter then you get house points for your house, and get your name in the newsletter! You can put things in like camp, class projects and events.

By Zebo, Keira and Tom



# Art



Each Thursday Ms Draisma and our creative art teachers have collaborative art around the school at lunch time. Make sure you listen out to the lunch announcements.

In Term 2 in Art, the Year 1's and Year 4's has been doing mixed art like finger puppets, pavement drawing, sandpit Castles and even playdough paradise! They were also doing Clay and they were learning CCP (Creative, Collaborative, Play).

As you are aware grades 5 to 6 have electives. In electives they have been making wooden flowers with cardboard and paint. Ms. Cassar has been working with the Year 5's and Year 6's in the Art Elective and has been showing us new techniques for every day, whether you have electives or just doing art for fun.

From your Peer Support Leaders, Georgia.P and Ebony.G

## REMINDERS

### PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June (Term 2)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August (Term 3)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November (Term 4)

## SAVE THE DATE

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December  
From 2.15pm

# Music



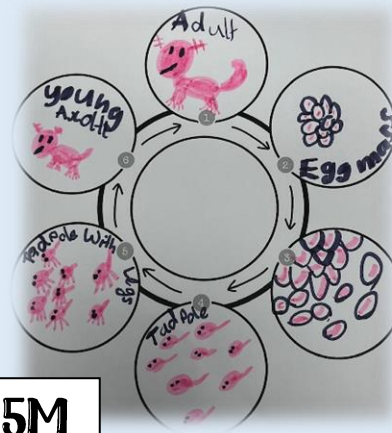
Thank you, our families and community members who came to our assembly, last week and sang with us. We were all 'On Top of the World.'

Ms Ashworth has organised for students to show their musical creativity off to our students during lunchtime on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Listen out to the lunchtime announcements students, so you don't miss seeing the talent and creativity.

In music this term we have been learning about lots, fun and interesting things like, how to make your own music using lots of different instruments such as the keyboard, xylophone, guitar and drums. We've also have been learning about music notes and how to play those notes on instruments, as well as listening to the beats from songs and trying to copy them. We've had a lot of fun with the instruments this month. Those who have had music for electives or for a specialist would definitely agree that it's very fun.

By Steph and Chelsea

# What's happening in STEM?



## Here's our STEM Warriors, 3BI & 5M

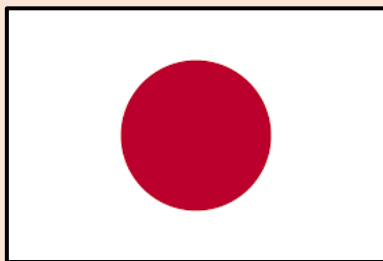
So far in STEM we have been learning about the Water Cycles (Years 2 and 3), Plants (Year 4), Earth's Cycles (Year 5) and Food Waste (Year 6).

The Year 2's and 3's have just finished their water cycle work. The Year 4's have been looking at plants and what they need to grow.

The Year 5's have been focusing on Earth's cycles, floods and the consequences you could have from a flood. Year 6's have been looking at food waste and what we could do to try and reduce the amount of food waste going into landfill and oceans.



By Tom S and Alicia C



# LOTE

## Japanese Update

Currently in the Japanese and sustainability class the junior grades are learning and practicing their numbers from one to ten. They are also learning about Japanese culture through stories and researching about different Japanese celebrations or festivals.

The senior grades are learning Hiragana (which is a bit like the Japanese alphabet), so far, they have learnt how to introduce themselves and say some basic sentences like which town they live in, what they think is tasty and how old they are.

We are also linking Japanese with Sustainability by up cycling a small plastic disposable container to a pot which we will use in our future bonsai project. The Year 5 and 6 students have also been learning about the key features of a vegetable garden. They have picked one area (either Paths or watering) and researched ways to make these things in a sustainable way for example a milk jug turned into a watering can. Then they will present their ideas to the group at the end of the term.



## Here's our LOTE LEGENDS 2D & 6B

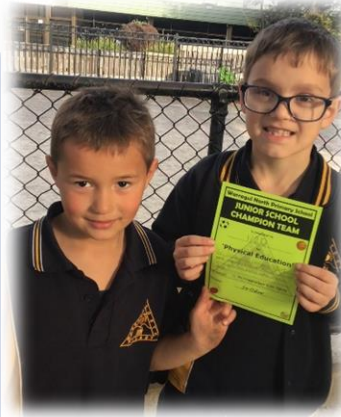


# Physical Education



## Junior PE update

This month the juniors have been practicing and working on how to throw and bounce balls. One of the skills that they use to help them is called T muscle Step Fire. Georgia D from 12D, said "Doing and practicing these skills in P.E has helped me learn how to throw at a target." Evelyn from Prep H said that she has learnt some helpful techniques. Keep up the great work!



**Congratulations  
to our Junior  
School PE  
Champions,  
12D.**

## Senior PE update

This month the seniors have been practicing soccer and netball skills. We have looked at loads of ways that you can improve your understanding of these two games. Some of the ways that we have been practising our skills is by playing a game called odd and even soccer and netball, which is where you're in teams after three or four and battle against other groups to be crowned winner. We also played a game called kickball which is like T ball but with soccer-based rules, like no hands. Elle T from 6B said that "Practising these skills have boosted my confidence and I'm prepared for winter sports." Thank you, Mr Davey and Ms Russell, for teaching us about these wonderful games.

## Division Athletics

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, students from WNPS went to Newborough, Moe, to compete in athletics events. We had representatives in 100m, discus, long jump and the relay.

We're extremely proud of these students' accomplishments and wish them all the best of luck for Regional Athletics.

## House Points Update

*Well done to Correa for continuing their lead with house points!*

*Keep up the great work.*

# Student Leadership



## School and Curriculum Leaders Day

Over three weeks, our Student Leaders had three leadership days with Mrs Osler. It started with the School and Curriculum Leaders spending their day at the West Gippsland Art Centre with diverse leaders from our community, including, Aunty Cheryl Drayton (Kurnai Elder), Farhat Firdous (Baw Baw Shire Councillor), Den Lim (Community College Gippsland), Arfa Safaraz (United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley) and leaders from Warragul Regional College. This was a deliberate decision to promote culturally inclusive and diverse practices. Thank you to the leaders for sharing leadership advice and encouragement.



Students learnt about leadership and student agency, sharing their voices and creating a plan of action for their projects. Their first project, creating a newsletter that is informative to students and families about what is happening at our school, addressing school challenges and making it student friendly. We are very excited to see this incredible team grow in their leadership roles.



## Library Leaders Day

The Library Leader Day was hosted in the library on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024. It was an exciting and wonderful day, full of learning, collaboration and new ideas. Mrs Osler taught us about yarning circles and how they would be found around the school and the difference between a Welcome to Country and an Acknowledgement of Country. We learnt what Country means to us and began starting on our project's. (Shhh, it's a secret but we will share soon). The lovely office staff prepared us healthy and delicious food and after the last bell went our day was over.  
-Maggie and Lacey

## Peer Support Leaders Day

Our Peer Support Leaders spent time exploring what their role could look like and putting a plan into action for supporting our preps, both in and out of the classroom. They learnt what it means to listen, encourage and support.

We look forward to seeing them develop this role with the guidance of Miss Rosewarne and Ms Barbeler.



# Our learning...

## Pod 4 Update

Currently in grade four we have been working on a task called the cinema project. It involves figuring out the perimeter and area for or cinema. Then we can plan the seating arrangement. We also go onto shopping websites such as Coles and Woolworths to calculate how much food we would need to buy and how much it would cost. We also have been reading a very interesting book called Running Wild. We read about a chapter basically every day. Then we present our learning and connections in either the form of a word document, PowerPoint or something else of our choice. I'm loving May in grade four.

Gracie E 4M

## Pod 6 Update

Right now, in grade six we have started a unit of fairy tales but specifically fractured fairy tales. It's loads of fun and a very interesting topic. Brooklynn W from grade 6Js main stories called Burnt a fractured version on Elsa. We have also all got buddies 6Bs partnered with Prep R, 6Ms partnered with Prep B and 6Js partnered with Prep H. It is very exciting for us and the preps. We all can't wait to help the preps with settling into their first year of school. May has been magnificent in grade six.

## Pod 5 Update

The Year 5s recently got back from their camp at Mill Valley Ranch. They were gone from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. There were many different activities there such as horse riding, cannoning, rafting, cooking, low ropes, trivia and a night walk. The year 5 had an incredible time, and I hope you enjoy their photos from their time away.

## RICK's Update

I'm really Impressed at how loads of people have been showing our values around the school this month. I'm confident that everyone can keep this awesome work up. By being a good listener, encouraging others to try their best and focusing on your tasks. Hopefully you will see a bit more of me around the school next month.

From RICK (our values cricket)



# From the Frog Pond



Mr White is creating new opportunities for students up in the Frog Pond. With literacy and Humanities intertwined students are engaging in lots of different learning.

Our preps even work with Mr White in the library, getting to read new stories and borrow as they get ready for their learning in the Frog Pond next semester.

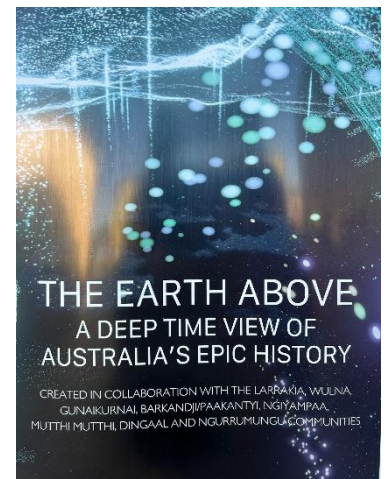


## Our Frog Pond Awards

# The Planetarium



Years 5&6 students were fortunate enough to experience stories through *'The Earth Above: A Deep Time View of Australia's History'* Planetarium. The experience saw students learn about First Nations stories, including those of the Gunaikurnai Country. We are very thankful to GlaWAC (Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation) for offering this experience to our students.



# School Challenges

## Feed the bin!

Our bins are hungry! For the next three weeks we will be accepting bin decoration designs to make our bins healthier. Remember not to feed the bins food scraps as they will get sick! They can be anything from fairies to monsters (not too scary though). Make sure to put your design in the collection box at the office by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

By Alicia C, Jack B, and Brooklynn W





# School Council Spotlight

Hello families and friends of Warragul North Primary School,

Thank you for an amazing first half of the year!

We have a lot to be excited about as we settle in to 2024, and you may have already noticed some changes both big and small - refreshed school grounds with creative ways of using space, stronger student voice and agency, and of course new values which you helped shape!

School Council plays a key role in the governance of our school, and we always strive to make decisions in the best interests of students. Your parent representatives - Bryce, Anna, Emma, Chris, Gines, Catherine and I - work closely with Jo and the WNPS staff and student leadership teams to continue to create a thriving school environment.

Our work this year includes approving the school's budget for 2024, reviewing and updating key policies and approving a number of activities and excursions.

As a parent to three small humans at WNPS I understand how important student, family and school partnerships are to enriching student learning and wellbeing. I am proud of the culture of leadership that is growing across our school. Together we are learning how we can better connect with and care for Country, bring to life our values of Respect, Inclusion, Creativity and Kindness, and create genuine opportunities for collaboration.

Which brings me to a very special announcement - our whole of school community collaborative project for 2024 is our Community Garden! To get this project underway you are invited to a drop-in session at the school on **Thursday 13 June either between 8.30am – 9.30am or 2.30pm – 3.30pm**. At this session you can grab a snack, see the proposed Community Garden site, hear from Student Leaders, share your ideas, and have the opportunity to join a Working Group to start planning, designing and creating the garden in Term 3.

Thanks again for your engagement and enthusiasm in our school. It has been an epic first few months – and there is more magic to come.

In the next School Council Spotlight you will learn a little more about your School Council parent representatives – including their superpowers and their go to sing out loud songs!

Until then, stay awesome and I hope to see you on Thursday 13 June.

Jules  
President School Council  
Warragul North Primary School



# From the Office...

## School Savings Bonus

You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. We are sharing more information about how families will be able to access and use this support.

This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025. It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025.

Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children's activities and uniforms.

### *Existing supports*

The School Saving Bonus support will be in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for camps, sports, excursions, and uniforms.

The application-based Affordable School Uniform program, through State Schools' Relief, will continue to be available to families experiencing financial hardship or other forms of vulnerability and short-term crisis. This program allows schools to make multiple applications for support on parents' behalf throughout the year if needed.

There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

## WNPS BEANIES

The wet and cold weather is here as we head into winter. To help keep our school community warm this winter, we have ordered new beanies.

Beanies will be for sale through Compass soon for pre-order before their delivery in mid-June.



## CSEF 2024

CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. The annual CSEF amount per student for primary school students is \$150.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Families who were at WNPS and eligible in 2023 do not need to re-apply for 2024. Families who are new to WNPS in 2024 or came to WNPS during Term 3 or 4 2023 do need to re-apply.

Application forms for the 2024 CSEF can be collected from the school office. The closing date for 2024 CSEF application is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June (the last day of this term).

A reminder to please call or email the school email [Warragul.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Warragul.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) directly when contacting the office to ensure your email is passed on to the appropriate person in a timely manner. Thank you.



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

## TOURS AVAILABLE NOW



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

**SCHOOL TOURS &  
FOUNDATION IN  
ACTION SESSIONS  
AVAILABLE**



**FOUNDATION INFORMATION  
AFTERNOON  
THURSDAY 20TH JUNE  
AT 4PM IN OUR BER SPACE**



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

**FOUNDATION EARLY BIRD TRANSITION  
STARTING EARLY TERM 4**