

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

#### Dear families,

Lots of successes to celebrate across the month of August. I'm very proud of our students, staff and community and their efforts to make our school great. It must be the hint of spring that makes us all feel a little more energetic as our school has been busier than usual.

### **Book Swap:**

Well done to the team who put our book swap together and to everyone who donated books and helped out. We had more than 1000 books come in over the last few weeks which made the event possible, such a brilliant effort pull off something that promotes sustainability, provides free books for kids and is loads of fun. We have already put it in the calendar for next year.

#### Grade 4 camp:

Our students and staff loved the 2 day getaway. So many personal challenges and achievements and a huge step towards building resilient and independent kids. Thank you to our amazing staff and our brilliant parent helper, Stephen Pitt who gave us such wonderful feedback. The kids were appreciative of the experience and displayed our values just like Rick, across the duration of the camp.

#### Students ideas

Thank you to all the students for your feedback when I'm on yard duty, writing me letters, and for making appointments to come and see me. You ideas are fabulous and I'm trying to implement as many as I can. As a result we now have a lunch available on Footy Day, we are revamping our values awards, and we have new songs on our bell music playlist.

Keep those ideas coming and we will continue to build our great school together.

Have a wonderful Father's Day everyone. I hope you all love your children's gifts, all specially made with love.

Jo Osler Principal Warragul North Primary School



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 2nd September - Friday 6th September Year 5 Swimmming

Monday 9th September - Friday 13th September Year 6 Swimmming

Friday 13th September

Assembly at 2.55pm (note time change)

Wednesday 18th September

WNPS Learning Expo at 2.45pm - Come celebrate with us! Friday 20th September

Sports Colours Day and Last day of Term (2.30pm finish)

#### A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

This month was exciting and packed with fun. We had Book Week, the Book Swap, Science Week, Hoop Time, Lions Club Speeches, Year Four Camp and much more.

In this newsletter you will find out what's going on in specialist and in general learning. Find out who your year 3 and 4 teachers are and see our school in full swing.

Have a fun month!

From your captains, Jack, Zebo and Hailey



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**

Hello families and friends of Warragul North Primary School,

Planning for our Community Garden is gaining momentum, with lots of excitement and ideas. Our Working Group has proposed that the garden be designed around our four values – Respect, Inclusion, Creativity and Kindness. We also talked about the importance of the garden having a connection to Country to celebrate local First Nations histories, knowledge and culture. As soon as the weather improves (especially when it stops being so windy!!) you can expect to see students with shovels and wheelbarrows starting to make the magic happen. If you would like to join RICK's Garden Crew, please contact the school and let us know how you would like to be involved.

I popped into the Book Swap this week and was amazed at the number of books that our students could choose from! Thank you to everyone who donated a book. A big shout out to our parent volunteers and Year 6 leaders who supported students find a treasure. Initiatives like these foster a sense of pride and belonging in our school, which is growing every day.

If like me you have a 4th Grader (or two!) who went on camp this week, you no doubt heard all about their adventures at Forest Edge in Neerim South. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, School Council plays a role in reviewing and approving activities and excursions. We know that school camps are a great way for students and staff to connect and learn new skills outside of the traditional classroom setting, and I would like to thank the staff and parent volunteer who attended camp and supported students to have a wonderful time.

Our next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 3 September, so watch this space for another update soon.

Once again, thank you for your support and for contributing to a positive school experience for our students.

Jules
President School Council
Warragul North Primary School



# Reading is Magic - Book Week



Collaboration across our Pods



Year 4 Camp - Forest Edge



# Potato Olympics



The Year 4's, along with other Pod year levels, have been celebrating the 2024 Paris Olympics by hosting a Potato Olympics. We got to create our very own Potato Olympians and write a biography, sharing their strengths and country they are from. We then got to decorate our potatoes using different materials to spring them to life and be ready for battle.

Once our Potato Olympians were ready, they got to compete in exciting events such as weightlifting, diving, gymnastics, breaking, velodrome, distance and relay. We collected the results from each Potato Olympian which we then created charts and graphs for using Excel.

After every event we did a medal ceremony to present the winning potatoes with their very own Paris Olympic Games Medal. It was very exciting seeing all our potatoes compete for glory. During the medal ceremonies we got to listen to the different countries National Anthems for the winning Potato Olympian.



# National Day of Action Against Bullying

On the 16th of August our school was one of the many who celebrated National Day of Action Against Bullying.

On the day we all stood together and agreed on one common thing; that bullying is not and never okay. It was fantastic to see so many people wearing purple. Purple is a special colour as it stands for strength and standing up to what's right. If you're being bullied, it's important to remember that there is always someone to help and that you shouldn't keep the issue to yourself. Talk to a trusted adult like a teacher, parent, family member and so many more as they can help you to feel safe and supported.

Let's continue to make our school a place where everyone feels safe and happy!

Amina, 6B





# Lions Club Public Speaking Competition

The Lions Club Junior Speaking Competition

The Lion's Club Junior Speaking Competition was held at the Warragul Golf Club on the 28th of August 2024.

The students competing were from WNPS, Darnum Primary School and Warragul Primary. They had won their school competition to go through to this night.

The representatives from our school were Morgan Oliver, Kaley Pratt, Harper McNair, and Ned Pugh (my brother).

The Year 3 and 4s spoke about their favourite fairy tale or book character while the 5 and 6s were asked to speak about the most influential person in their life. All four WNPS students spoke exceptionally well with some very entertaining speeches.

When the winners were announced, sadly none of our senior competitors got through to the next round. Well done to Ned who is progressing to the next level to represent the 34s.

Congratulations to the students who spoke on the night and to Ned Pugh, the winner of the Year 3 / 4 section.
- Henry 5C

Well done!
Kaley P
Ned P
Morgan O
Harper M



# Year 5 WRC Excursion

Friday the 2nd of August, Year Fives visited Warragul Regional College. Everyone met in the hall at 9:15 am and the groups of kids were assigned group numbers. Throughout the day the year fives had activities to do.

First, we had a tour around the school and were told the expectations at WRC. We were shown where all the buildings were like A block and B Block. The fives were introduced to the WRC staff and shown where certain subject would be housed. The first activity in my group was the tour around the school. We were taken around by Mr. Hill who is a Physical Education teacher.

Since the fives do not have to choose where they go for their high school until next year, we got to enjoy lots of fun activities with other Year 5 students from local schools. Such as musical chairs in music and P.E.

Then the fives were taken to the STEAM Centre. The STEAM Centre is where periods such as woodwork and metal work are held. Our teacher (Mr Wilson) told us what he does and what would happen in the STEAM Centre. Mr. Wilson had some green templates with faces on them. He told the fives to take one and watch him carefully. Mr. Wilson had five people feel the sides of the template. Then he said to watch him. He sanded it down and even made some hair. He then told the fives to do as he did. Sand, carve and take it home.

We then moved onto another activity, the next one being musical chairs and talking a little bit about themselves. The teacher that took them told them to sit down on a chair. And if you know how to play musical chairs, I think you can get how the rest of the game went.

After that, the fives all came back together and had recess. All the food was supplied by Warragul Regional College. Mr Kehayas (the Year 7 coordinator) insisted we had something to eat.

After recess, we all had 1 more activity to do, P.E. We had to go back to school at 1:15pm so we all made the most of it. At 12:45pm we all had lunch and on the menu was sausages. The line was long, but the waiting time was fast. Mr. Kehayas said we could go up for as many sausages as we wanted.

Of course, some of the fives took advantage of this and had 5 or 6, but at least everyone was full. Before we knew, it was home time. The fives jumped on the bus and headed back to school.

Thank you for a great day Warragul Regional College!



# SPECIALIST SNIPPETS

# Japanese/Sustainability

In Sustainability we have reached a landmark goal in our collection of food scraps. We've now collected over 3,000kg (or a tonne) of this organic matter and have diverted this to worm farms and compost piles. This stuff is better in our gardens than in landfill (where it creates methane gas which is said to contribute to climate change). We have begun looking at ways we can sustainably plan for and set up our school veggie garden. This includes fences, beds, plants and so on. We have also begun the process of learning how to propagate by air propagating jade leaves to grow bonsai plants.

In Japanese we have had two students attain "Hiragana Master" status after successfully learning the main 46 hiragana. Well done Marcella I and John C! We have a number of other students who are also keen to reach mastery. As mentioned in Sustainability, we have been propagating jade plants to grow our own Jade Bonsai plants. We have linked in with the Art program who have had students make their own bonsai pots. Our little jade leaf cuttings are finally sprouting "akachan" (or babies) and many are ready to plant... we'll be starting this process shortly. -











# STEM UPDATE

This month has been exciting with the Science Week where we have been mesmerized with elephant toothpaste, stress balls and many more fun activities. It went from the 12th to the 16th of August. Lots and lots of people came to watch and play with the experiments that were held, many going home with a new stress ball, and others going home with awesome STEM stuff filling their minds.

Currently in STEM the preps, year ones and year twos STEM have started learning about the planets. The year fives have been working hard on their experiments for science week with the elephant tooth paste and many more mind-blowing experiments. Some being, a volcano and so much more! Thank you Year 5s for sharing their recess science projects at recess duirng Science Week. - Tom & Alicia C

# **House Points**

#### This month's house point winner is Boronia!

Let's give a big round of applause to Boronia and to everyone else who earnt points for their house. A reminder that in the spirit of healthy competition and respect we uphold here at Warragul North, that we encourage each other to work together to earn points. We earn house points by showing kindness and respect towards everyone.

So please let house points be a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together.

And congratulations Boronia (Red House)!

Amina, Correa Captain

# **BUZZING IN THE HIVE**

AT WNPS WE OFFER A RANGE OF SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS.
RECOGNISING THAT STUDENTS HAVE INDIVIUDAL NEEDS, THE HIVE AND OUR STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS ALLOW FOR LEARNING TO OCCUR IN ALTERNATE PARRALL CLASSROOMS.

# PROJECT GROUPS (WITH MS THORNE)



In The Hive I made a solar panel car.

Mine was a fail because it went
backwards. Jacobs was a success. I
had to use my problem solving skills
and find out why. It turned out I put
the base panel on back to front.



In The Hive I have been experimenting with making different cars. I have made a rubber band power car, magnet car and solar panel car.

My favourite car was the solar powered car because it was the coolest to make and it went really fast.

The rubber band car and the magnet car didn't go very well. We will use our problem solving to fix them later in the year.

I am excited to start our next project.



# LEVEL UP (WITH MR DAVEY)

Level Up is a program Mr Davey runs during lunch, mutiple times a weeks, supporting students to develop a range of social skills and wellbeing strategies.

Through a sporting lens, students have the opportunity to 'level up' in small groups, building a positive mindset, strategies for emotional regulation and practising sportsmanship with others while participating in physical activity.



# LEGO CLUB (WITH MISS CASSAR)

Miss Cassar has been faciliating Lego Club in The Hive weekly with junior students.

In small groups, students use lego as a tool to learn social skills and how to collaborate with others. They explicitly learn to follow procedures, turn taking and sharing and collaboration.

We can't wait to see what they make next!

# GET TO KNOW OUR TERRIFIC TEACHERS

YEAR 4 POD TEACHER EDITION





CHRISTY MITCHELL

FAVOURITE SONG: EVERLONG BY THE FOO FIGHTERS

## WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR PASSION FOR LEARNING

# FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:

WATCHING STUDENTS PERSIST WITH A CHALLENGING TASK

# WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY, READING, CUDDLE MY DOG BETTI SPAGHETTI



### JEANETTE THOMAS

**FAVOURITE SONG:** ANY SONY BY QUEEN

# WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

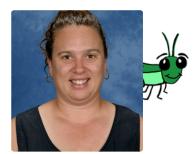
I WANTED TO BE A TEACHER BECAUSE I LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND WATCHING THEM GROW IN THEIR LEARNING.

# FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:

MY FAVOURITE PART OF TEACHING IS GETTING TO KNOW THE CHILDREN IN MY CLASS AND SHARING IN THE EXCITEMENT OF THEIR LIVES.

## WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

WHEN I'M NOT AT SCHOOL I LOVE TO READ, SKI, SAIL, PLAY GOLF AND CATCH UP WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



KYLIE WENDT

FAVOURITE SONG: BELIEVER BY IMAGINE DRAGONS

# WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

I JUST LOVED BEING AT SCHOOL WHEN I WAS GROWING UP AND WANTED TO STAY THERE

# FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:

WORKING WITH STUDENTS, CREATING LESSONS THAT ARE ENGAGING AND SEEING STUDENTS DEVELOP CONFIDENCE

# WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY OR OUT ON THE GOLF COURSE



**ANDY KARLIS** 

**FAVOURITE SONG:** LIFE IS A HIGHWAY!

# WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL MY
MUM WORKED IN A KINDER AND
ALWAYS HAD FUN STORIES TO
TELL. SHE INSPIRED ME TO
BECOME A TEACHER.
ORIGINALLY, I STUDIED KINDER
TEACHING BEFORE MOVING INTO
PRIMARY TEACHING.

# FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:

MY FAVOURITE PART ABOUT TEACHING IS SEEING STUDENTS UNDERSTAND SOMETHING THEY PREVIOUSLY DIDN'T. THAT "AHHH" MOMENT WHEN THEY REALISE IT ALL MAKES SENSE TO THEM.

# WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

WHEN I AM NOT TEACHING I LIKE TO HEAD OUT ON ADVENTURES WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, TRAVEL, AND RELAX!



## TIMEA LOSONC

#### **FAVOURITE SONG:**

I LIKE LOTS OF MUSIC SO I CAN'T CHOOSE ONE.

#### WHAT INSPIRED THEM TO BE A TEACHER:

I LOVE HELPING KIDS AND WORKING WITH THEM. SINCE I WAS LITTLE I ALREADY WANTED TO BE A TEACHER

#### **FAVOURITE BIT ABOUT TEACHING:**

WORKING WITH THE KIDS, AND WATCHING ALL OF THEM GROW

#### WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO THEY DO:

PLAYING WITH MY ROOMMATE'S CAT. HIS NAME IS BOOP.

# In the Community...





# Afterschool Art (with Ms Draisma)

I have been doing afterschool art with Jo Draisma since prep. It has been great. I go straight from school over to the art room on Wednesdays and it finishes at 5pm. Jo does art classes most days.

#### Each term we have a different topic.

Things like: drawing, painting, sculpture, candle carving, silk scarf painting, pottery and printing.

My favourite thing is 3D art.

We focus on a different artist each term. We look at their art, learn a bit about them and then come up with our own interpretation of their work.

We are in a class with kids of all ages across the school which is nice because we make lots of friends. I help the little Kids sometimes.

Jo is a great art teacher. I have learnt a lot about art and can recognise some famous artists. I have got better at drawing.

Art classes are really great. If you would like to do art with Jo please contact the office.

Here are some of some of my Banksy paintings. We traced the girl and painted her and the added the balloon. It took ages. Banksy is a mystery!



- Marcella, 6B

# 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**.



#### Gates

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

Families can access the office

Families can access the officvia the front admin gate.

# FREE HOME INTERNET FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR EAMILIES

This is an Australian Government program that offers free home internet to families and carers who look after school age children and are struggling to pay the bills.

To apply, follow the four steps below:

- 1 Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm (AEDT) or visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- They'll ask you some questions to see if this offer is right for you.
- If you qualify, you'll get a voucher.
- Use the voucher to connect through your chosen participating internet provider before 31 December 2024.



**LEARN MORE** 

Scan QR Code to learn more.

# THE BEST PART IS



Free home internet until 31 December 2025



The Wi-Fi router is free and you can keep it



There is no lock-in contract



Assistance provided by the National Referral Centre



Callback, webchat and interpreting are available





#### **Lunches**

If students come to the office and ask for a lunch, our admin staff will be making a courtesy call home first.

#### **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.



School success starts with attendance

#### **Duty of Care**

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.

Important Semester 2 Dates

## Term 3

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 - Sports Dress Up Day on the Last Day of Term 3 (2.30pm finish)

#### **Assemblies**

Friday 13th September - 2.55pm



#### Term 4

Monday 7th October - First Day of Term 4 Wednesday 23rd October - Foundation 2025 Early Bird Transition #4 Friday 25th October - Year 1 Old Gippstown Excursion Thursday 31st October - Year 3 Gumbuya Wildlife 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

Friday 15th November - Community 'Celebration' Morning (Please note change of day)

Thursday 28th November - Foundation 2025 Early Bird Transition #6

Thursday 28th November - Year 2 Big Night In

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th December - Year 6 Camp (Woorabinda)

**Tuesday 10th November** – State Wide Transition Day

Wednesday 18th December - Year 6 Graduation Day

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
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 2	\$15	CLOSED
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	CLOSED
October 15	Gippsland Regional Athletics Joe Carmody Athletics Track, 305 Old Sale Road, Newborough	3-6 (students who made it through division)	Jack Commadeur 2 x Parent Volunteers	so	TBC
October 25	Year 1 Old Gippstown Excursion 211 Lloyd Street Moe 3825	Year 1 and Year 2 students from 12D	Karen Dellar Ross Jones Alana Johnson Krysten Maggs ES x 5 Parent helpers	\$29	TBC
October 31 <sup>s</sup>	Year 3 Wildlife Excursion  Gumbuya World, 2705 Princess Hwy, Tynong North	Year 3 and Year 2 students from 23L and Year 4 stduents from 34R.	Kathleen Joyce Ashleigh Macdonald Jasmine Lissau Andy Karlis 3 x ES	\$29	TBC



# 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 <a href="mailto:warragul.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au">warragul.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a> 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



## OUTDOOR PAINTING

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



'KONNICHIWA'

Talk to Mr Cox in Japanese



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

