



Grace



Josiah, Neyliana  
& Max



Taylen &  
Charlie



**Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter**  
Term 4 Issue 38, Wednesday 12th December 2018

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**DECEMBER**

**Friday 14th**

- PFA Lunch, Wgl Country Club

**Tuesday 18th**

- School Concert 6:30pm on the school oval

**Wednesday 19th**

- WDSS 2019 Class Transition (morning only)

**Friday 21st**

- Last Day of Term - 12:30pm finish

**JANUARY 2019**

**Thursday 31st January**

- First Day Term 1



Seb & Alex enjoying a  
snag at the Open  
Garden Day!

**Dear Students & Families,**

Throughout this term we have been supporting new families and students who have been transitioning in to our school. On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of December, we had our first 2019 Class Orientation. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 9:35am to 12:15pm students will have their second and final class orientation. Students' have had the opportunity to meet their new classmates, teacher/s and support staff and get a feel for their new learning environment. Students will receive a picture list of teachers, Education Support staff and students after next week's transition.

Next week families will receive new bus times for 2019. Some students may find themselves on different buses with different times for drop off and pick up. We have been working closely with the bus lines to compile suitable bus routes for getting students to school in the most efficient and timely way. The times sent home at the end of next week are tentative times and may also be subject to change. If any families anticipate that they will be moving house before the start of Term 1 then it is imperative that the school is notified by the end of this week. New bus times on most occasions can take up to two weeks to organise and take effect.

The Department of Education- Student Transport Program no longer allow door to door pick up to every student's house and therefore we have been slowly amalgamating stops that are nearby each other. In 2019 some families will find that they have a stop near their house whilst other families will need to walk up to or drive to meet the bus. Unfortunately this change cannot be avoided as this is regulated at a higher level than our school and Warragul Buslines. Some bus routes may continue to be altered during Term 1.

In the remaining weeks, staff will be working vigorously to move out and into new classrooms. Whilst we will attempt to make disruptions minimal, there will be some changes to classroom routines and structure in order to make this happen.

In addition to this many classrooms will be heading off on excursions and partaking in lots of fun and exciting end of year activities.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December is our School Concert!** Again this year we will be hosting the event at school. The concert will be on the school oval with parking available in the school car park, Warragul Regional College carpark and on Burke Street. The Parents and Friends Association will be running a sausage sizzle from 5.30pm with a concert start time 6.30pm. Please bring along fold up chairs and picnic blankets to sit on.

Students are expected to sit with their families this year and will be called up before their item. Toilet facilities will be available and our Senior School garden will be open for families to visit during the evening.

This will my last newsletter for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I will see you all back in 2019 for what I am sure will be another great year.

*Alesha*

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# Class of 2018

**Good Luck  
Luke, Tara & Sam  
- we will miss you!**

*Next week we will  
feature Lara, James &  
Kate!*



Luke is a quiet guy who has stepped up to the plate and been one of our school captains this year. He is well versed in giving speeches now and spoke well at the Graduation Lunch. Luke is looking to go to Gippsland full time next year so he can develop building and trade skills with the hope of gaining employment in future years.



*Good luck Luke, we wish you all the best!*



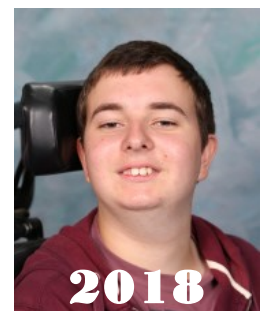
Tara is a pleasure to teach. She has only been with us 2 years but has quietly achieved many things in her time here. She was school captain, represented the school in many situations like ANZAC day and she has won a writing award in Melbourne. We blame Matt Hyde for not getting her to our school sooner! ☺. Tara is interested in the hospitality industry and is already practicing her baking skills at home. Tara is looking to go to fed training to do a kitchen operations course as well as she is looking to do some work experience in the hospitality industry with maxima employment service.



*We will miss Tara greatly - she is a very special girl!*



Sam has been a great inspiration for many at this school. His one liners are legendary. Staff and students alike will miss his sunny personality enormously. Sam has loved being our vice school captain and took his role very seriously. Sam will be going to Mawarra full time. He is looking forward to catching up with old friends, writing more songs and exploring all the different activities Mawarra has to offer.



*Keep on being your cheeky self, Sam!*

# Juniors

On Friday Junior classes headed off to the beach at Inverloch. With the hot weather it was a great day to be at the beach. Students played on the sand building sandcastles and digging holes to be filled with buckets of water, and paddled on the edge of the water to cool down.

This was followed by a fish and chip lunch in the park, a play on the equipment and then back on the 'air-conditioned' bus to come back to school. It was a lot of fun and the students were fantastic!



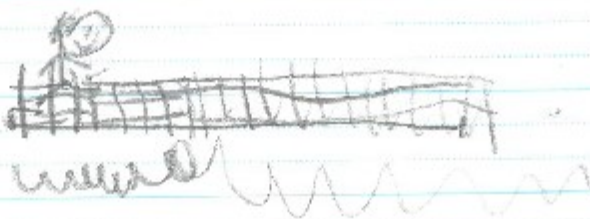
# MIDDLE SCHOOL

Room 20 & some of the Room 10 boys had a FANTASTIC time at The Summit last Thursday! They have also done some great reports on the day...well done!

By Ethan

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of December we went to the summit. Some of the activities were mud and tyres and then we did frisbee. My favourite activity was The Puzzle. I will rate the day 10/10. I felt like we some

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Mia helped us with the waterside. Mia helped us with the mud pit. I keep getting stuck. We also did the dog game. My favourite activity was the water ropes.

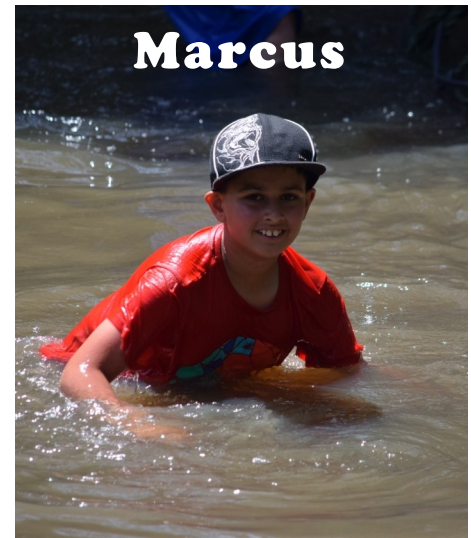
By Bayden

7/12/18

By Marcus

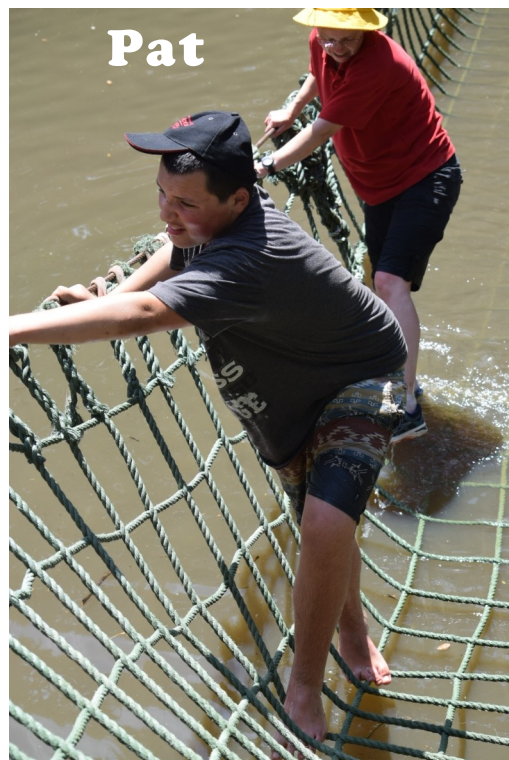
On Thursday we went to the Summit  
At the Summit we met  
Mia. She was very nice.  
We went to the dodge  
ball it was good fun  
playing dodge ball.  
We went in the mud  
it was very wet.

We went to the  
Water slide this was my  
favourite activity. It was  
an excellent day I was  
very excited.

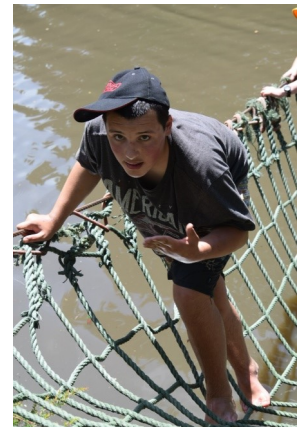


Marcus

Room 7, The Summit  
6/12/18 By Pat



Pat



My favourites

The day was



By Pat



**Daniel**



**Marcus**



**Michael**



**Bayden & Michael**



**Pat**



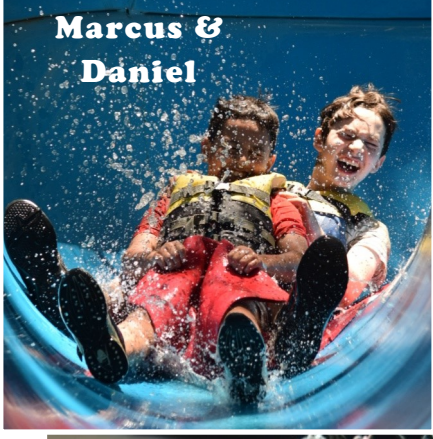
**Ethan**



**Ky**



**Josh**



**Marcus & Daniel**



**Bayden & Ethan**



**Michael**



**Pat**



**Pat & Carol**

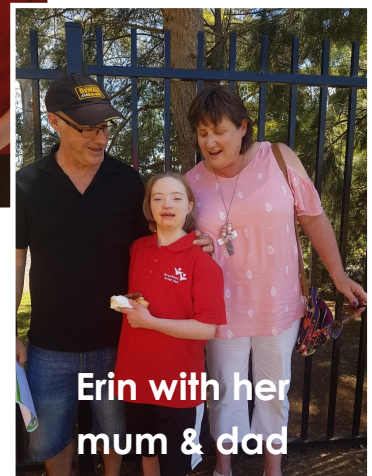


**Ky & Josh**

# Open Garden Day

On Thursday the Senior Gardening/Community Connections Program celebrated their year of hard work in the garden by holding an Open Garden Day. Around 50 parents and friends of W&DSS braved the heat and visited our garden, enjoying a tour of the garden, some fresh picked berries and sausages cooked by our lovely PFA ladies.

Students also came out in force to visit the garden and waited excitedly to have their face painted by Claire, who did an amazing job.



# Open Garden Day



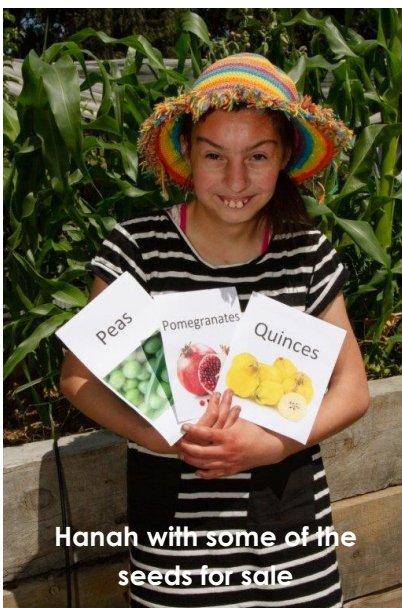
Newly elected Vice Captain  
Tess hard at work before the  
visitors arrived!



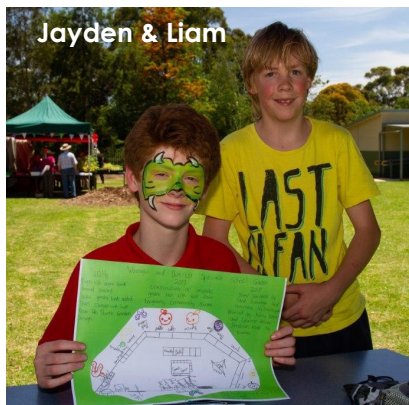
Bernadette



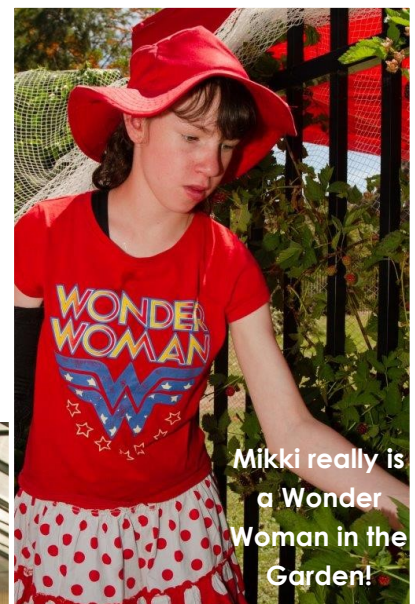
Lillie in amongst  
the berries!



Hannah with some of the  
seeds for sale



Jayden & Liam



Mikki really is  
a Wonder  
Woman in the  
Garden!



Jaime with some of our  
delicious berries



Sam giving everything a last minute water



The kids loved Claire's  
face painting!



# FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

## THREE MAJOR PRIZES TO BE DRAWN AT THE SCHOOL CONCERT TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER



**SATIN EDGE  
PHOTOGRAPHY**



1. OzFishTV Fishing Trip for 2 people  
(with the day being filmed and featured on their TV program!)
2. Satin Edge Family photoshoot
3. Priceline Pharmacy Warragul Hamper

**Other prizes to be drawn at school with  
winners to be notified:**

**Thank you to  
our AMAZING  
Sponsors!**

**Voyage Fitness - 2 x Fitness Pack**

**Body Evolution PT - 5 x Fitness Pack**

**BuoyantSea Salt Rooms - Single Float & Book**

**Warragul Country Club - 2 x Meal Vouchers**

**Roylaines Photo & Electronics - Canvas Photo Print**

**Select Office Supplies - Wobble Stool**

**Warragul Discount Pharmacy - Gift Pack**

**Fluske - Earrings**



**Warragul  
Discount  
Pharmacy**



**fluskë**  
*love your cars*



# STUDENT



## POSITIVE

## PERSISTENCE



Junior Student of the Week -  
Samuel  
Positive Communication



Junior Student of the Week -  
James  
Persistence in emotional  
regaultion



Therapy Award -  
Noah  
Positively moving around the  
school in his new chair

# SENIORS

Our last session with Michelle from Ameka Creative – amazing teacher of Dance , Drama and singing.

We hope she will return to inspire us next year!



Thank you Michelle!

let's do  
LUNCH



Parents & Friends Association

The PFA will be having our final get together for the year on Friday 14/12 at Warragul Country Club for a Christmas Lunch at 12.30pm.

All welcome! RSVP Janelle on 0409 779 267