

After a 5 year hiatus the WDSS Sports Day is back!

When: Wednesday the 18th of September

Sports Day

Where: Geoff Watt track, Warragul.

Time: 10 am to 1:30pm
(Junior classes 10am – 12pm)

Families and Friends are all welcome to come along as students LOVE seeing someone cheer them on! Your student will have their house colour confirmed this week, and we hope to see them dressed in those colours.

Please pack a picnic style snack and lunch and don't forget a water bottle!

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 3 Issue 24, Tuesday 10th September 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 12th

• RUOK? Day

Wednesday 18th

• School Sports Day

Friday 20th

• Last Day of Term 3,
2:30pm finish

We have already arrived to the second last week of term! This term has been actioned packed with lots of amazing learning taking place across all areas of the school.

I would like to commend everyone in our school community who last week had a very unexpected start to the week due to the weather. The impacts this had on our students and staff at school, home and in our community was all very different with many people in our community affected in some way throughout most of last week.

At school we not only had the power out on Monday, but we had no heating or flushing toilets in some parts of the school. We arrived Monday morning to several trees that had fallen overnight with one tree damaging a small section of the Room 20 & 21 building. Both classes were required to move out of their class for all of last week and use the main kitchen and engine room as their classroom space while the building was repaired. Both classes handled the situation and changes very well, thank you to all our classes who were very understanding and participated in different programs, in different locations last week while the engine room and kitchen spaces were unavailable.

Thank you also goes out to everyone for their kindness and understanding of the changes to staffing and programs that had to take place during this time last week, we experienced a great week of community spirit and support and we are grateful!

Next week is our whole school Sports Day (the first since Covid) where we will celebrate and participate in a range of sporting activities.

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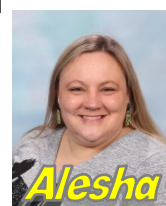
Where: Geoff Watt Track- Burke Street, Warragul.

Time: 10 am to 1:30pm (Junior classes 10am – 12pm)

We have 4 house colours at Warragul & District Specialist School - Red, Yellow, Blue and Green house. If you are unsure of your child's house colour, you can find in on the Sentral app under student details (teachers will also advise via Seesaw).

We are sure it will be a great event and families are very welcome to come along and cheer on participants.

Have a great week!



Alesha

Our Commitment to Child Safety

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Warragul & District Specialist School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the safety of children with a disability as well the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Every person involved in Warragul & District Specialist School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

\$400 Payment for Families

School Saving Bonus



Dear Parents and Carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for Parents and Carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking Parents and Carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. If you have been receiving emails and phone calls from the school, you can assume that we have your correct details.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, click to download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.



The Student Leadership delegation presented Matt with a power point outlining the proposed Live4Life / SRC Colour Run in Term 4.

Matt was extremely impressed with the presentation outlining: *Why do we want a Colour Run? Is it Safe? How much will it cost? How do we clean up? What date and time will we have it?*

Matt has approved this activity for Term 4!!

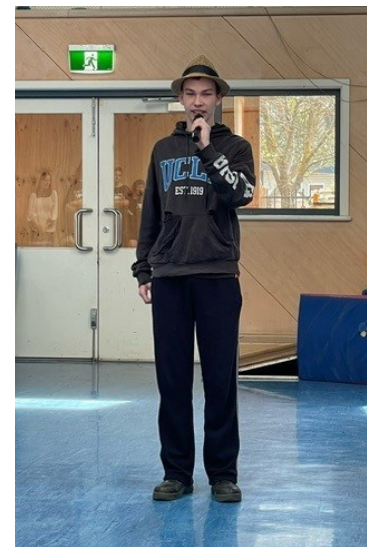
More details to come.....

- Sue



DRAMA CLASS

Our drama class finished off the term with a special performance for their classmates and families! Michelle added props for the students to use this time and they did an amazing job! Well done everyone!



Allied Health Team

Each week, Junior Students take part in SSS sessions (Seven Senses and Social Skills) where they have been working on turn taking, social skills, communication and sensory experiences through songs. SSS is something that students always look forward to as you can see by their happy faces !



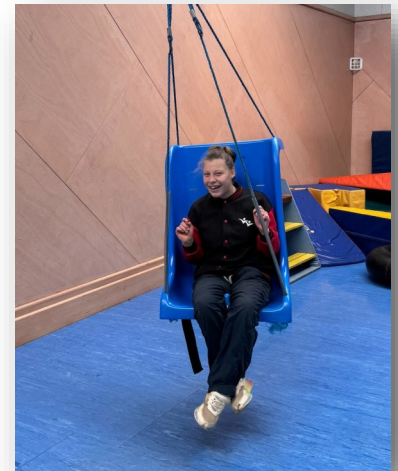
SENIORS

I have been lucky to teach the ILS Monday Group for a few sessions this term. We have made the most out of the nice days we've had by walking in the morning and seeing trains, birds, fallen trees, and the creek. Whilst out students have been practising safely crossing the roads.



We also go to the engine room to move our bodies - Ben learning to roll a hoop, Tash and Sharon playing tag with the big exercise balls and Macy enjoying the trampoline.

- Steph



Ask RUOK?™ ANY DAY

Have a conversation using these 4 steps



How are you travelling?

You don't seem yourself lately - want to talk about it?

Ask R U OK?



I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?

Listen



What do you think is a first step that might help you?

Have you spoken to your doctor about this?

Encourage action



Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved for you since our last chat?

Check in

Learn more at ruok.org.au





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



STEVIE

Being a **LEARNER** - working hard on her LLL work in the morning.



HOLLIE

Being **SAFE** - For holding hands and staying with the group when transitioning.



BRAYDEN

Completing lots of LLL work (30 pages to be exact), focusing on the letter sounds. Well Done Brayden.



MICHAEL

For listening and following directions in a very **RESPECTFUL** way.



ZEAHN

Being a **LEARNER** and working with Mitch to make and laminate Heart Words for his class.



ZOEY

Being **SAFE** and listening to staff when walking away from trouble.



MACY

Being a **LEARNER** and always doing her best.



DEAN

For listening and following directions in a **RESPECTFUL** way.



MAEGAN

Being a responsible **LEARNER** - and trying her best during cooking sessions!!



MICHAEL

I am a **LEARNER** and engage in all classwork.



ZAK

Being a **LEARNER** and using his cane to navigate around school.



CONNOR & MICHAEL

Being **SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** and helping to wash dishes after cooking! Well done Connor & Michael!



Check out the following pages for some awesome School Holiday activities !



September 23rd – 4th October
Program – All Ages Welcome

BYO LUNCH FOR ALL ACTIVITIES
FOOTYDAY LUNCH PROVIDED

MONDAY 23 RD SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 24 TH SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 26 TH SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 27 TH SEPTEMBER
Creative Cooking Dress up day of your choice In-house Cooking Cooking to take home FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM	Upside Down House – Melb Catching the train Exploring MELBOURNE 9:30AM – 4:30PM \$35.00	Taronga Falls Walking track Sight seeing Picnic 9:30AM – 4:30PM	My Puzzle House Sensory room Playground FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM \$20.00	Footy Day Dress up in Footy colours Party Pies & Sausage rolls Colouring Competition PUBLIC HOL RATES APPLY 10:00AM – 4:00PM
MONDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 1 ST OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 2 ND OCTOBER	THURSDAY 3 RD OCTOBER	FRIDAY 4 TH OCTOBER
Movie Day Dress up in PJ'S Popcorn, Hot chocs & Marshmallows FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM	Wildlife Day Learning about the Animals Drawing Competition FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM	Sensory Lab Slime Playdoh Sensory Activities FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM	Emerald Lake Paddle Boats Birds and Wildlife Picnic 9:30AM – 4:30PM \$13.00	Teddy Bear Picnic Bring Favourite Teddy Biscuit Decorating FREE HAIRCUTS FOR CLIENTS 9:30AM – 4:30PM



Prices are based on the NDIS guidelines for staff client ratio

Custom drops off and pickups times can be made available

For any enquiries and bookings please contact us on 0490 145 333 or support@imincludeddisability.com.au



BEST FIT

DISABILITY GROUP

ACTIVITIES



SEPTEMBER 2024

<p>Friday 13th of September 3:30pm to 9pm</p>	<p>Jurassic World The Exhibition</p>	<p>The Exhibition immerses audiences of all ages in scenes inspired by the beloved film. Now, the park that was only a promise comes to life... right before your eyes. Discover the science of Jurassic World and come face to face with life-size dinosaurs. Dinner included.</p>
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SEPTEMBER - Week 1 School Holiday Schedule

<p>Monday 23rd to Thursday the 26th of September 9am to 4pm</p>	<p>In-House Activities</p>	<p>In-House Activities: bring your own lunch daily. Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park, outdoor activities & AFL footy dress up fun day. Please tick what day/(s) you require: MON <input type="checkbox"/> TUES <input type="checkbox"/> WED <input type="checkbox"/> THURS <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Monday 23rd of September 10am to 4:30pm</p>	<p>Caldermeade Farm</p>	<p>Caldermeade Farm is a modern dairy farm and a family friendly café in Caldermeade. Enjoy local cuisine, animal nursery, guided tours, milking parlour and more at this historic property. Lunch included.</p>
<p>Tuesday 24th of September 9:30 to 4pm</p>	<p>South Gippsland Tank Adventures</p>	<p>Escorted tour of the army vehicle collection, inside and out, including a 20-minute ride for each person along bush tracks in either a FV432 or MRV. BBQ lunch included.</p>
<p>Wednesday 25th of September 10am to 4pm</p>	<p>Fountain Gate Village Movie Day</p>	<p>Fountain Gate Village Movie Day: Come & see the latest new release blockbuster movie on the big screen. Popcorn combo included. Please bring spending money for food court lunch.</p>
<p>Thursday 26th of September 8:30am to 6pm</p>	<p>Melbourne Show</p>	<p>This year's show is truly unmissable, featuring incredible new attractions & entertainment, more farm experiences & animals, & greater value with loads of free activities to see, do, taste, and discover. Bring your own lunch.</p>



Please complete the booking form to reserve your place. All our activity services are quoted on a 1:2 staff to participant ratio. Please contact us on 1300 604 374 if requiring a 1:1 pricing structure or have any questions.
Thank you.



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ACTIVITIES



SEPT & OCTOBER - Week 2 School Holiday Schedule

Monday 30th of Sept to Friday the 4th of October 9am to 4pm	In-House Activities	In-House Activities: bring your own lunch daily Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park, and outdoor activities. Please tick what day/(s) you require: MON <input type="checkbox"/> TUES <input type="checkbox"/> WED <input type="checkbox"/> THURS <input type="checkbox"/> FRI <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 30th of September 10am to 4pm	Cooking Skills Day	Develop your independent living skills in cooking a main meal & dessert to a planned budget. Go to the grocery store, purchase ingredients & enlighten your inner MasterChef. You can even take your meal home to share.
Tuesday 1st of October 10am to 4pm	Traralgon Indoor Pool	Enjoy the indoor water play zone, waterslides, quiet time in the therapy pool & spas, or swim laps. Come and join us! Lunch included.
Wednesday 2nd of October 10am to 4:30pm	Lake Glenmaggie Day Trip	Enjoy a relaxed pace at the lake. Fish, canoe or stand-up paddleboard. Bring your own lunch.
Thursday 3rd of October 9am to 5pm	Kingpin Crown Melbourne	Evaluate your skill at bowling & laser tag with your friends in the heart of Melbourne. Lunch provided
Friday 4th of October 10am to 4pm	Grounded Paws Animal Rescue & Cat Café	Come join us as we visit rescue animals from the Latrobe Pound in an Alice in Wonderland setting. Enjoy a café lunch. Lunch provided.

Monday 30th of September 9am to Friday 4th of October 4pm - 5 days/4 nights	Gippsland Lakes Retreat Stay 5 days/4 nights	Enjoy a country homestead retreat stay at a property adjoining the majestic Tambo River. Explore Lakes Entrance & the stunning Ninety Mile Beach, mini golf/lolly shop & fishing. Experience Buchan Caves on a guided tour of the Royal Cave and its spectacular formations. All meals & planned activities included.
Monday 30th of September 9am to Wed 2nd of October 4pm - 3 days/2 nights	Gippsland Lakes Retreat Stay 3 days/2 nights	Enjoy a country homestead retreat stay at a property adjoining the majestic Tambo River. Explore Lakes Entrance & the stunning Ninety Mile Beach, mini golf/lolly shop & fishing. Experience Buchan Caves on a guided tour of the Royal Cave and its spectacular formations. All meals & planned activities included.
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LIFE PROGRAMS

Monday Masterchef

9:00am - 3:00pm

Head to Foodbank and purchase ingredients for a meal. Exercise for the day is alternating between a walk & swimming at the pool. Back in the LifeRoom to cook your meal and relax.



Monday Creative Arts

9:00am - 3:00pm

Creative Arts program includes bigger outings plus creative arts and crafts! Alternating with an 'out' and an 'in' week, this program is perfect for individuals who want to get out and about, but with a quieter group.



Tuesday Men's Cooking

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Our men's cooking group is all about fun, laughter and cooking a meal for the family! Head to the supermarket to purchase your ingredients, then back to the LifeRoom to cook!



Tuesday Wellness Group

9:00am - 3:00pm

Our wellness group is all about getting outside, moving our bodies and spending time in our local community Life Garden! Our exercise of choice changes weekly, we love trying out new sports.



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L.I.F.E.

Tuesday Musical Mayhem!

2:30pm - 7:00pm

Our musical mayhem group includes having private singing or music lessons with Julie, learning musical theory work and having a group lesson with your peers! Followed by alternating a dinner 'in' and 'out'!



Wicked Wednesday

3:30pm - 7:00pm

Our Wicked Wednesday group includes different activities week by week, from bowling nights to movie nights, make your own dinner and much more! We also love relaxing in the LifeRoom after a long day!



Thursday Individual Projects

9:00am - 3:00pm

Thursday individual projects group is a social group driven by the interests of the clients within the group. Time to get social and have some fun!



Friday Group

9:00am - 3:00pm

Friday groups are our jam packed out & about activity group! With 2 Friday Groups being run on the day, we alternate activities week by week so nobody misses out on all the fun!



Social Saturday Group

9:00am - 3:00pm

Our Social Saturday group changes week by week! Activities include; farmer's markets, Melbourne trips, train travel locally and surrounds, and even overnight stays!



AT LIFE ...

At LIFE, we strive to ensure that people of all abilities are continually developing and maintaining skills as they work towards achieving their NDIS plan goals.

Everyone is unique, so we tailor individualised supports to ensure our clients are getting the most out of their time with us.



CARERS, ADVOCACY, SUPPORT SERVICES, INDEPENDENCE, DISABILITIES AND YOU!

SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

events@cassidycrew.com.au

126 North Road, Warragul

1800 60 10 20

WEEK ONE

MONDAY

SEP 23RD

DAY TRIP

ARTHURS SEAT

Enchanted

Adventure & lunch
\$30

9:00AM – 4:00PM
BYO Lunch or buy.

TUESDAY

SEP 24TH

IN-CENTRE
ACTIVITIES

AM: Arts and craft
PM: Join movie club.

BYO Lunch or buy

WEDNESDAY

SEP 25TH

LUNA PARK

St Kilda

9:00AM – 5:00PM

\$45 - \$55

BYO Lunch or buy

THURSDAY

SEP 26TH

IN-CENTRE
ACTIVITIES

Footy Day

Dress in your footy colours

9:00AM – 3:00PM

BYO Lunch or buy

FRIDAY

SEP 27TH

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SATURDAY

SEP 28TH

KIDS CLUB

weekly program
10:00AM – 2:00PM

WEEK TWO

MONDAY

SEP 30TH

MELBOURNE
SHOW

9:00AM – 5:00PM

Entry: \$34

BYO lunch or buy.

TUESDAY

OCT 1ST

FISHING DAY

@ Blue Rock Dam

9:00AM – 3:00PM

Lunch: Fish n Chips
(bring \$\$ for lunch)

WEDNESDAY

OCT 2ND

IN-CENTRE
ACTIVITIES

AM: Sports

PM: Board games

BYO Lunch or buy

THURSDAY

OCT 3RD

JURASSIC WORLD

Exhibition

CBD Melbourne

9:00AM – 3:00PM

Child 3-15yr \$49

Adult 16+ \$59

BYO Lunch or buy

FRIDAY

OCT 4TH

COMMUNITY / IN-
CENTRE ACTIVITIES

AM: Walk at Rokeby

Track

Lunch: \$5 DIY Pizza

PM: In-Centre

activities.

SATURDAY

OCT 5TH

KIDS CLUB

weekly program
10:00AM – 2:00PM

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

AT PENINSULA CINEMAS



SEP 12



SEP 19



SEP 19



SEP 19



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