

Happy HOLIDAYS!

Enjoy your school holidays – we will see in Term 4!

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 3 Issue 25, Tuesday 17th September 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20th

- Sports Team Colours Day
- Last Day of Term 3, 2:30pm finish

OCTOBER

Monday 7th

- First Day of Term 4
- Thursday 17th
- School Sports Day

Hi all

Well we have finally got to the last week of Term 3! Here's hoping the weather improves for the school holidays.

Unfortunately the WDSS School Sports have had to be postponed for Wednesday due to a very soggy oval BUT the good news is we have a new date: THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER. Please put that date on your calendars now so we can have families supporting students on the day. It will be wonderful to return to our whole school sport day after a break.

The Drama group did a fabulous performance last Tuesday under the direction of Michelle Theunissen- Scott from BE Performing Arts. Students sang, danced and acted superbly in front of an audience. This program is funded by our Senior grant from Dept of Youth. Middle and senior students are able to access this elective program.

It's wonderful to see the new build slowly taking shape with bricks being laid and windows added. Some staff have had a sneak peek and the space sounds amazing. We just now all need to be patient until Easter 2025.....

We often have returning students coming to visit and last week we had Ben Roeder and Riley Fleming from a number of years ago. Ben is 25 now! He is as happy and cheeky as ever and remembered staff and even how old they are now!

Have a safe and relaxing holiday everyone and look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4. A reminder that Term 4 is a hat term too!



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.



Participation in Smile Squad Evaluation

Help shape the future of Smile Squad

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you might be aware, we have had the School Dental Program - 'Smile Squad' – attend our school to give the students information on good dental health, undertake dental examinations and, where required, organise follow-up treatment. While the program is voluntary, many of you consented for your child/children to participate in the Smile Squad program.

To better understand the delivery of the Smile Squad program including benefits and challenges, an independent firm (Abt Global) has been engaged to evaluate the program. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on your experience of the program. If you didn't consent for your child/children to participate in Smile Squad, they are also keen to hear from you about why you chose not to participate.

Abt are particularly interested in hearing from the parents and carers of children at specialist schools about whether Smile Squad works for their children, and to ensure that your opinions and experiences can form part of learning what improvements could be made to the program

To participate in the evaluation, you can complete a confidential 5–10-minute survey. The survey does not require you to provide any information to the evaluation team that identifies you, however the survey does ask what school your child/children attend. Here is the link to the survey:

[Click to compete Survey](#)

We encourage you to participate in this short survey and provide valuable feedback on Smile Squad. If you would like to provide more detailed feedback to the evaluation team, please contact Eleanor at smilesquad_eval@abtglobal.com.



Wear Your Favourite Sport

TEAM
COLOURS

Friday 20th September

Sports Day

NEW DATE!

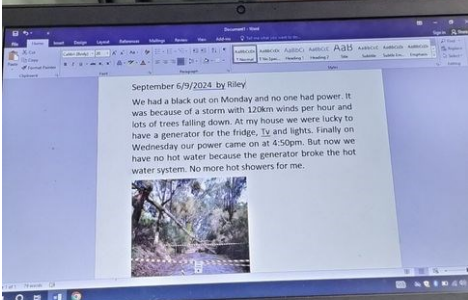
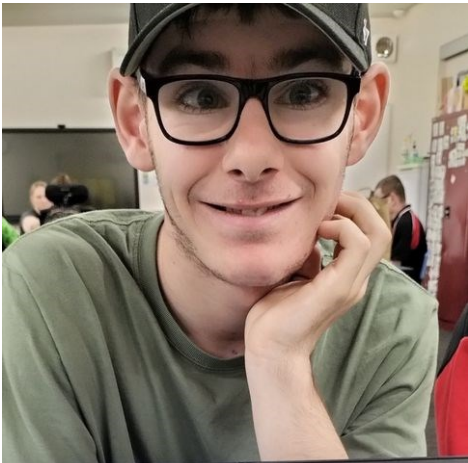
Thursday 17th
of October

Geoff Watt track, Warragul.

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! We hope to see students dressed in their house colours.

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



Riley wrote a great piece about the recent storms and power outages!



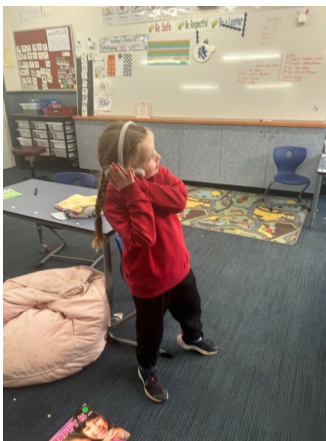
Ben having fun on his 16th birthday.



Haven playing football at Geoff Watt track.



At lunch play, this lovely group formed at the picnic table. They chatted amongst themselves, playing games like 'truth or dare' and 'two truths and a lie'. They did this with minimal staff facilitation. Great playing, everyone!



Lottie had a wonderful day on Thursday. She enjoyed doing actions to the animal song, pretending Koala is sleeping. Went to the garden to help with watering and then out to the basketball court for some bike riding.



Willow enjoyed cooking today and made the most delicious cupcakes!

SENIORS

Swirling Art with shaving cream! Our ILS group had fun with a sensory art project last week.



Tyler wasn't sure..



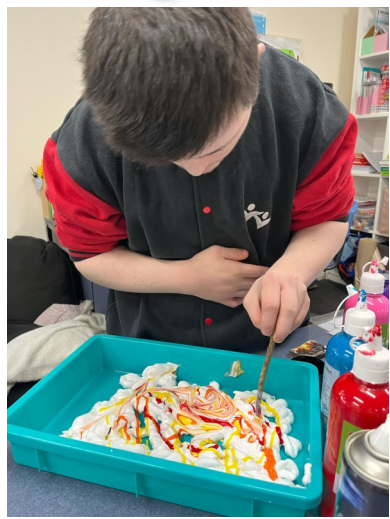
but Grace & Steph were big fans!



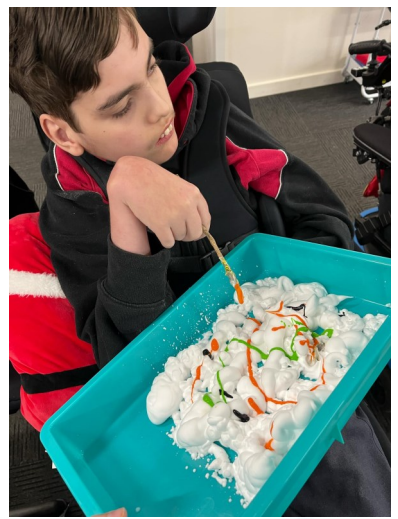
Zak carefully pressing his paper in



Ebony helping Savanna



Ayderm & Jirrah concentrating very hard



SENIORS

SENIOR Gardening Update!

We have been very busy here in seniors completing many projects!

Our VERY first photography competition was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who participated and voted. Students each took and selected their photo with the theme of 'A Day in the Senior Gardening Program'. They were given the prompt to photograph whatever they came across in the garden.

Congratulations to Maegan and Indianna for their JOINT first prize WIN!

Our Container Deposit Scheme has been going really well. Each fortnight we clear out any containers from around the school and visit a depot to make deposits. Last week we went to the local Droun depot! The students all really enjoy this experience and have such a great routine established. We have had some wonderful support from families donating containers to the school. Thank you and keep them coming!

We have also been attending a local community garden here in Warragul. Each fortnight we clear the weeds from our plot and check on all the flowers SPRINGING up! We have planted tulips, daffodils, paper daisies and a variety of other flowers to make some great bouquets with later in the year!

We have started some wonderful Landcare here at Warragul: clearing some large sticks and plant debris for the banks of the school and also clearing and re-filling the sandpits! This is on top of our weekly activities in the school garden – clearing and turning compost, planting seedlings and clearing weeds! Great work team.

- Jess



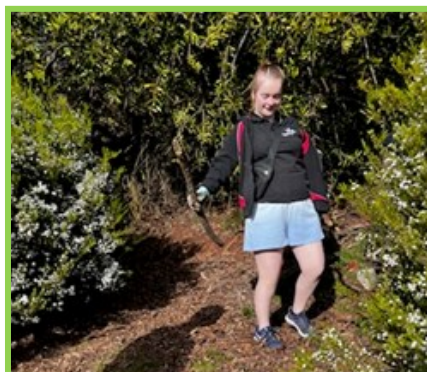
Indianna's Prize
Winning Shot: Let's
Bee Friends



Maegan's Prize Winning Shot:
Wet Lemons



Alex clears the
compost bays!
Muscle power!



Leah clears
some dried logs
from the bank.

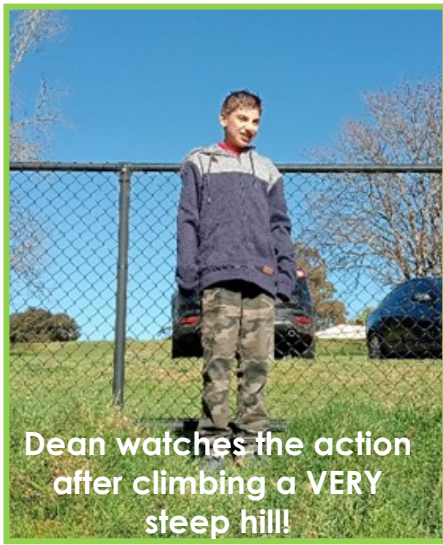
PTO For more photos.....



Ben waters the flower seedlings at the community garden.



Alex and Seth deposit containers at the Drouin Depot.



Dean watches the action after climbing a VERY steep hill!


















Kye helps with clearing broken branches.



School Canteen Order

Term 3 2024 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room: _____

HOT FOOD			DRINKS		Total: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Roll (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$2.00 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Potato \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon <input type="checkbox"/> Coleslaw <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Cream 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$2.00 		
GLUTEN FREE			SNACKS		
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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



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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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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.

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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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126 North Road, Warragul

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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



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SEP 19



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