

We need VOLUNTEERS to help out with our PJ Day Breakfast on Friday 28th June.
We guarantee you will have fun feeding our Happy Hungry Students!
Please call Angie in the school office if you

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Corey Maric

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Wednesday 29th

• 13 & 16 Year Olds Immunisations

JUNE

Monday 10th

 Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 28th
LAST DAY, 2:30PM FINISH

 Pajama Day, Hot Breakfast provided, Gold Coin Donation

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter Term 2 Issue 12, Tuesday 21st May 2024

Hi WDSS students and families.

Welcome to Term 2 Week 6.

Last Friday teaching staff were busy working on reports and completing IEPs for each student in their class. Education Support staff completed First Aid training including CPR and medical intervention training. All staff are also required to complete online modules such as:

- Hazard and incident management
- Ergonomics
- Manual handling
- Slips, trips and falls prevention
- Infection prevention and control for schools

This training ensures our school is a safe environment for both staff and students.

This week the middle & senior students will participate in the third session with Athi from SHV (Sexual Health Victoria) The topics covered have all been relevant for our students and we hope students have discussed what they have learnt at home. Last week Athi spoke to the older students about online texting and sending inappropriate photos and the law on this topic. Athi will return on Wed Oct 16th for a refresher.

Junior and middle school will participate in AFL clinics starting this Thursday. Students are welcome to dress in foot colours and be ready to have some fun!

Have all families now accessed Seasaw? Its so important to be connected to keep ahead of what is happening for your student at school. PLEASE see your child's teacher or call the office if you have not yet logged on to Seasaw.

Have a great week everyone....and stay warm.

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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.



Connecting with other Parents/Carers can be a wonderful part of your child's time at school.

You get the chance to share experiences, swap ideas and build a supportive community around you.

Our Parents and Friends Association is a great opportunity to do this!

We are currently seeking people to join in & help Jacqui in arranging family social events and fundraising for the school.

In the past we have organised Morning Tea for PFA at the school and last year Jacqui invited parents to lunch at Coffee Vibes - unfortunately we had zero attendance at the majority of these catch-ups.

These social activities give families the opportunity to find that they have a lot in common with other Parents / Carers who are navigating similar challenges and joys in raising their children.

Fundraising activities can include:

- Stalls for Mothers and Fathers Day (at school)
- BBQs on the Open Garden Day, School Concert, SRC events
- Usually one activity per term ie running this Term we need volunteers to help out with our PJ Day Breakfast on Friday 28th June.

If you would like to be involved please speak with Angie or Cheryl in the office!





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Shop 5-6 Williams Square, Warragul (03) 5622 2930

Trading Hours:

MON-FRI: 9:00am to 5:00pm SAT: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Also Available for Purchase Online

www.beleza.com.au/online-store/ \$10.00 shipping fee Free shipping for orders over \$100

Polo RRP from \$23.50 | Windcheater RRP from \$27.50 Bomber Jacket RRP from \$41.00 | Hat RRP from \$19.00



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Senior Uniform Available for Purchase at Beleza Warragul

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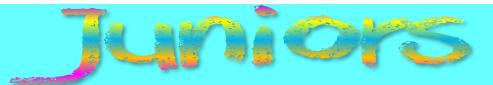
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Polo RRP from \$38.00 | Hoodie RRP from \$49.00 | Cap RRP from \$18.00









Our 2024 Foundation (Prep) Students have completed almost 6 months of school! In that short amount of time they have settled into school so well, learning routines and getting know their classmates and staff. It has been wonderful to see them come into school so eager and happy each day. Well done everyone!















MIDDLE SCHOOL



Room 9 looks forward to the cooking program each Wednesday. Some of the things we have made include shepherds pie, nachos, chicken parmigiana and cupcakes. Last week we made quiche. We used an olden day whisk to beat the eggs. Brayden helped to cook the bacon. Ella grated the carrot and zucchini, being careful not to cut our fingers. Alex enjoyed cutting up the cheese into smaller pieces. Haven loves to taste and cut cheese and carrots. We had to wait a while for the quiche to cook, so we enjoyed eating it on Thursday.



SENIORS

We NEED Your Cans and Bottles (non-alcoholic)!

Thank you to all the families who have been supporting our senior recycling program. All the students love our fortnightly visits to the local Warragul container depot.

The system is so straightforward, everyone has a go and feels a real sense of pride and achievement when the donation receipt is printed.

Now that our system is running smoothly, we would love to receive more cans or bottles from families for the students to process and donate.

We have a large wheelie bin in the main foyer and small bins in each classroom. So please keep them coming! If you know of any local businesses or organisations who would love to support our cause, we are looking for more locations to partner with. Please contact me (Jess Egobi), via the school.





Commencing Friday the 24th of May through to Thursday the 13th of June, we are conducting the Attitudes to School Survey with our students born in 2006 through to 2014 (see information below). If you would like your student to 'opt-out' of this survey please email the school by this Friday the 24th of May. If you need further info please contact Assistant Principal Chris Giles.



PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 6th May until 14th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey online during class time using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey is available in a variety of different versions to enable all students to participate.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research purposes only. Identifiable information, such as student name or Victorian Student Number (VSN) is not used for linking datasets. Some student demographic data (i.e. year level, gender, age, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status) is derived from department-held





JACK

Being a good **LEARNER** and trying hard to form letters in our Learner's Love Literacy program.



BRAYDEN

For swimming four laps of the pool and listening to instructions during swimming program.



ELLA

Being **SAFE** in the yard, the classroom, and at swimming.



ALEX

For working very hard on using and learning his device.



MELVIN

Being a **LEARNER** speaking with confidence when sharing his writing in front of his peers.



BEN

Taking more responsibility for his health and wellbeing at school.



School Canteen Order Term 2 2024 (Thursdays)

Room:

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HOT FOOD			DRINKS		
□ Party Sausage Roll (2) \$2.00 □ Tomato Sauce	□ Party Pies (2) \$2.00 □ Tomato Sauce	☐ Dim Sims (3) \$2.50 ☐ Soy Sauce	☐ Strawberry Milk \$2.50	Apple Juice \$2.00	Total: \$
Chicken Nuggets (6) \$4.00	Mac and Cheese \$6.00		Chocolate Milk \$2.50	Orange Juice \$2.00	Enclosed: \$
GLUTEN FREE			SNACKS		
□ Party Sausage Roll (2) \$2.50 □ Tomato Sauce	☐ Party Pies (2) \$2.50 ☐ Tomato Sauce	Chicken Nuggets (6) \$4.00	☐ Frog in a pond \$1.50	lcy pole \$0.50	Cup cake \$1.00

TECHNOLOGY HELP?

Warragul Community House can help!

Call 56236032



- · with your phone
- · with working on line

2. Getting started with technology group

Join our weekly Be Connected group

- Learn at your own pace.
- Choose what you would like to learn about.
- Bring your own device or use our computers.

3. Beginners Computer class: Cost: \$60 per term

Easy Steps to Computers for Beginners class

- Build your confidence in word processing.
- Edit documents.
- When and how to use spreadsheets.
- Saving and storing documents safely.

Excel for Work class: Cost: \$60 per term.

- · organize lists easily.
- use maths to calculate easily.
- move information around easily and keep it organized.

4. Intermediate Computers for Work or Home Cost: \$60 per term

- learn about internet safety,
- Cloud Computing,
- Email management
- · Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel.

5. Borrow a laptop.

Cost: \$50 (refundable) cost for up to 3 months.





Warragul Community House, 138 Normanby St, Warragul **5623 6032**.





BABY FRIENDLY

LOWERED SOUND, DIMMED LIGHTING

WEDNESDAY MAY 29 - 10.45AM



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING
BABY FRIENDLY SCREENINGS
WED JUNE 26, WED JULY 31, WED AUG 28



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