



Well done to everyone for making our School Sports Day such a success!

**Some of the highlights were:
Parent involvement – thank you for coming and supporting students!**

Student participation – students were all so positive about competing & supportive of each other!



Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Friday 15th

• Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 19th

• School Council

Tues 19 & Wed 20th

• Life Ed Van

Wednesday 27th

• Colour Run Day

How is it week 3 already? Last week was so jam packed with activities it simply flew by!

On Tuesday, our Junior Unit students attended My Puzzle House. It was so fantastic to see our students so excited by all of the new experiences the day brought. From travelling on a big coach to Pakenham, to exploring a variety of play spaces with friends, it was a great day shared by all. My Puzzle House for those who don't know, is an inclusive play space which can be accessed by families with NDIS funding – a useful fact to know if you're looking into activities to entertain during school holiday times.

On Thursday, our WHOLE SCHOOL participated in our Athletics Day at the Geoff Watts athletics track. It was our first whole school sports day since 2019 (thanks COVID) and what an amazing day it was. All of our students were invited to compete in a variety of running and hurdle events in the morning. After lunch our middle and senior students then engaged in a variety of track events such as long jump, discuss and shot put. While the day was hot, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our students who had smiles from ear to ear. Congratulations to all our students who competed and received a ribbon for their efforts. Thank you to all our parents who attended the track to support the kids, and even maybe run a race or two with them. And most of all thanks to all our staff for making this event possible through their organisation, determination, and patience. A big shout out to Ally for making the day possible through her planning, rallying the troops before school to set up, and liaising with Warragul Regional College for additional student helpers.

Finally, on Friday, our Senior students attended the Echo Cup in Newborough which was a round robin Basketball competition. Students competed against our regional specialist school, utilising skills built in team work, sportsmanship, and of course, BASKETBALL! Our division one team played hard and came in second, our division two team also gave it their all coming away with a second place, and our division three team finished up third. While it wasn't the wins they wanted, it was still a fantastic outcome for our students. It was also appreciated that some of our parents were able to attend to support the students.

In between all this we continued with our regular programs such as Community Access, our Swimming Program, our Senior Transition programs, and some inside play sessions due to the ever-changing weather. So, if your child came home overly tired on Friday afternoon – it certainly seems reasonable. I know our staff needed a rest over the weekend!



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.

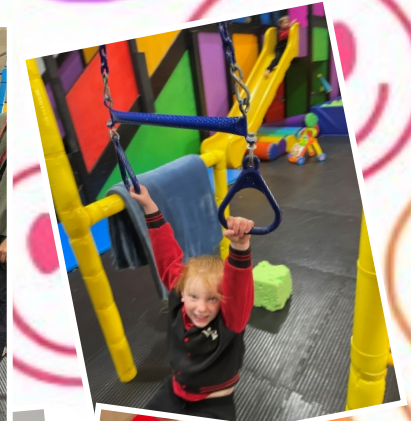
More fun photos of last weeks Junior Excursion.....

Inclusion Play

My Puzzle House

All Abilities Play Centre

Grow Strong



SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

After a delay to our sports day, we couldn't have wished for better weather for our first Athletics Day since 2019!

The day was filled with excitement and enthusiasm as we walked down to Geoff Watt Track. Students, Teachers and Parents/Guardians came together to celebrate the importance of physical activity, sportsmanship and inclusion. It was wonderful to see so many families cheering everyone on.

The event featured a variety of athletic competitions and fun activities to engage all participants.

I would like to extend my thanks to the students from Warragul Regional College for helping ensure the day ran smoothly,

A special shout out to the generous donation by Josh's mum Sarah, who brought us some icy poles to help keep everyone cool on the day - they were very well received!

- Ally



The Seniors 100mtrs were very hotly contested races, with close finishes!





Charlie



Brock



Ben



Alex



Shona



Connor

Senior Students Tyra & Ebony helping out Juniors Isla & Lottie :)



Stevie



Lining up at the start of the Seniors 400mtrs, and at the half way mark!

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week.

Performing Arts with Michelle from "BE" has started again for Term 4. We have a keen group of Seniors and Middles who are learning a new dance routine, practising their vocal skills, learning about acting, singing, and working together.



Some students have participated before, and some are new to the program. Welcome to Ben, Keira, Zac, and Srihas, who are joining us this term for the first time.

Thank you to Michelle, as always, for your fantastic work with our students.

- Steph



School Garden Program

It was so nice to get back into the school garden this week and see how much things have grown! The breeze was blowing all the lovely apple blossom around and the perfume was gorgeous – if you're in there have a smell of the white flowers on the trees!

You will see that lots of the vegetables that were struggling along in the cooler winter months have had a burst of Spring energy and many of them have flowered. We could pull them out but we have decided to leave them a little bit longer in the ground so that the bees and insects can enjoy the blooms. When the seeds begin to show we will collect them for next year and out the plants in our new compost bins.

If you look very carefully in the **asparagus** bed you will find some luscious white **strawberries** that are ready to eat. If you like kale there are also lots of leaves you can pick as well as herbs such as **Thyme, rosemary, oregano** and **mint**. In the greenhouse there are a few **carrots** ready to eat and in a couple of weeks we will harvest our **lemongrass** which has grown very well too!

The students did lots of weeding and watering this week and started on a heavy project – trying to dig out a troublesome small tree that seems to have very deep roots! Snails were also out and about so the students went on a very successful hunting expedition to catch the little critters and ended up with a nice bucketload – well done everybody!

- Gail



MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROOM 8

Room 8 Students had an excellent day at the School Sports Day, here are their reflections.....

18/10/24
What was sports day like for you?
For me, sports day was tired.
My favourite part was when I got 4th place.
Next year I will do more and sports at school.
😊

18/10/24
What was sports day like for you?
- For me, sports day was Tiring.
- My favourite part was when I did the 100 metre.
- Next year, I will do more running.
😊

18/10/2024
What was sports day like for you?
For me, sports day was... AMAZING.
My favourite part was when I did the 100m race.
Next year, I will... do sports day next year after ward.
More activities
😊

18/10/24
What was sports day like for you?
We were all tired.
😊



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



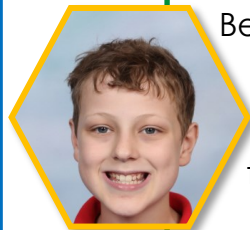
ADRIAN

Being a **LEARNER** by demonstrating persistent and trying his best on athletics day.



ZOEY

Being **RESPECTFUL** by listening and sitting quietly in his Health Group with Athi AND For participating in the Field Events at our 2024 School Sports Day.



LACHLAN

Being **RESPECTFUL** by listening and sitting quietly in his Health Group with Athi AND For participating in the Field Events at our 2024 School Sports Day.



XAVIER

For persistence, determination, and athletic achievement at the recent Sports Carnival and Basketball Tournament!



MICHAEL

Being **RESPECTFUL** by listening, and asking and answering question in his Health Group with Athi AND For participating in the Field Events at our 2024 School Sports Day.



DEAN

For participating in the Field Events at our 2024 School Sports Day.



HAVEN

For participating in the whole school athletics day and running in a race. Well done Haven for being **SAFE** and **RESPECTFUL**.

Busy Bees





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