We had a new Bash & Crash area installed in the engine room last week – it has been a big hit with students!





Senior Student Mitch put his awesome gymnastics skills and tested it out!

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Friday 15th
Pupil Free Day

Mon 18th_- Fri 22nd
BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 19th
School Council

Tues 19th/Wed 20th
Life Ed Van

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 4

We've made it through another busy week at WDSS!

Last week our school welcomed Kelly and Kate from Live4Life who delivered some crucial content on teen mental health to our senior cohort. The sessions were informative and targeted to our students need, and we appreciate the involvement of Live4Life with our students. This was followed up on Monday this week with a Live4Life celebration day at The Summit.

On Wednesday a cohort of our leading female students attended an inspiring young women's dinner. Sponsored by Bendigo Community Bank, and held at the Drouin Golf Club, the evening provided the opportunity for involved students to network with influential community members (and even organise a day of work experience). Staff who joined our students in the celebration noted how well presented our students were, and were fantastic representatives of WDSS values!

Our Community College Gippsland also wrapped up last week with students completing their Certificate II in Workplace Readiness Skills. We look forward to seeing our students utilise the skills they've built in the future with potential employment and volunteering opportunities. Well done to everyone involved on your achievements.

Looking forward, we continue to maintain a busy momentum into term 4. Wednesday 6th November will be our first Step into Prep session for our class of 2025. We look forward to welcoming our future prep students for a fun session of getting to know our school, our environment, and our future friends. There will be a total of three sessions on consecutive Wednesday's.

A reminder of some upcoming diary dates: Tuesday 5th November Victoria celebrates the Melbourne Cup with a public holiday. And on Friday 15th November our staff will be undertaking some

professional development opportunities. No students will be in attendance at school on these dates. We hope that everyone can use these days as an opportunity to relax, reflect, and renew ready for the learning across the remainder of the term.



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.

BOOK FAIR 2024

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November

It's nearly November and it's nearly Book Fair time again so watch out for your student to bring home their invitation. PARENTS and FRIENDS are all welcome to visit the school to browse and hopefully buy. It's a great time to do a bit of Christmas shopping, buy a book or two or get a novelty for Santa to put in their stockings.

Book fair will will be on display in the main staffroom. I will be there to offer any assistance needed from 9am to 3.30pm daily. EFTPOS will be available and cash, you can even purchase Books and pay online - details are on the bottom of the back page of the invitation which should have come home. If you have misplaced it please ask me for another one.

If you wish to place a 'surprise order 'don't hesitate to ring me in school hours only on 0402684865.

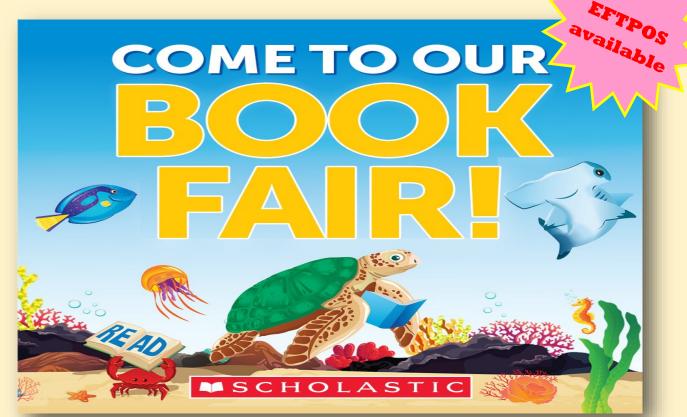
Students will get a chance to look at the books and fill a wish list out. We do always remind them that it is only a wish list not necessarily a guaranteed purchase.

All purchases made will earn the school rewards which will be redeemed at the end of the week.

The staff and students are very excited about the Book Fair coming. I am sure it is going to be lots of fun.

Hope to see you at the Fair!

Cheers Glenda









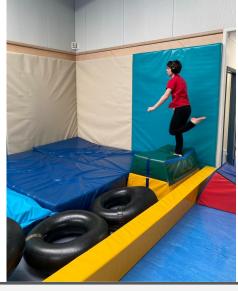
Marshmallow madness! Our students had a blast building towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti. First, we learned about the properties of cooked and uncooked spaghetti and discussed why uncooked spaghetti is a better building material. Then, we planned our tower designs and put our engineering skills to the test. What amazing creations! Megan made a very creative tower with a small square-based pyramid. It collapsed but made a cute tower:)
- Maira











Alex and Haven enjoyed playing on the new crash mats in the Engine Room.
- Lynette



Landcare students spent time exploring Walhalla today. The weather was fantastic and it was a great day to be out and about. We did a couple of the walking tracks and hiked up to see the historic cricket ground. There were lots of information signs to read and lots of relics to see.

- Jess

SENIORS

Mondays ILS students are very social group whether it's in the garden, doing therapy or out on community access, they always make the most of every day!

Thank you to ES Sharon for these great photos, which really capture what a happy bunch of young adults they are!

















We have been busy in art and the juniors are doing very well, enjoying some different activities.







ISLA
Being RESPECTFUL- For being kind and sharing with others while at school and on the yard.



Being **SAFE** having safe hands and feet.

JOLENE



CONNOR
Being a RESPECTFUL
LEARNER working on
subtracting single digit
numbers.



Being **RESPECTFUL** when playing UNO! On the yard with her friends!

JEMMA



Being a **LEARNER** by working hard on his reading!

SRIHAS



Outstanding work in mathematics .

WILL



JACKSON
Being a LEARNER by following simple instructions and communicating with staff.



Connor (aka Mr Cool)
was very excited
receiving his award!

Jenkins Home Hardware 22 Contingent Street, Trafalgar Community Night Market



WDSS Student Piper's parents, Sarah & Gary are holding a Community Night on Friday 15th November at their store in Trafalgar - there will be stalls from local businesses, face painting, giveaways and prizes! Piper will be there helping as well - so pop on down for a fun filled night!





Dear School Community,

Store Closure for Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Please be advised that due to the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday, **your local Beleza store will be closed on Tuesday 5th of November.** We'll reopen to our usual trading hours from Wednesday 6th of November. Please note that for stores that are typically closed on Wednesdays, our next trading day will be Thursday 7th of November.

To confirm your local store's trading hours, please refer to our Google Business listing for your local store.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that this closure may cause, and wish you all the best for the public holiday. We look forward to seeing you in-store again when we return!

All the best.

Beleza School Uniforms



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