

Fortunately, power and communications were restored to the school late last night. A BIG thank you to our SES and power company workers for keeping our community safe !

Thank you to families for your support in keeping students home yesterday....and from staff a special thank you to our school Mr Fix-it, Rick, who brought down multiple thermos' filled with boiling water so we could have a cuppa!

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 3 Issue 23, Tuesday 3rd September 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Friday 6th

- **Soccer Friendship Games**

Thursday 12th

- **RUOK? Day**

Wednesday 18th

- **School Sports Day**

Friday 20th

- **Last Day of Term 3, 2:30pm finish**

Welcome to Term 3 Week 8

What a wild and windy wet day we had on Monday! We do hope that all families are safe and haven't had too much damage to their homes. Those students and staff who were at school on Monday managed to get through the day albeit with no power or heat. It's Tuesday and most of the school are back on track. There was minor damage on the roof of the portables on the oval. Tree branches are currently being taken off Room 20 & 21 and the sports shed as we speak.

Thank you to the P & F team who organised a wonderful Fathers Day Stall last Friday. Thank you to Jacqui Lilly and her and mum and Teresa for all your work. Thanks also to families to donated items to sell. We hope all those dads out there had a lovely Fathers Day on Sunday.

Drama students in Middle and Senior school are busy rehearsing for their performance next Tuesday at 11.15am. A reminder that families are welcome to attend, especially if your child is part of the Drama group. We do appreciate Michelle Theunissen-Scott working with our students each term to develop skills in movement, dance, drama and singing.

A reminder that Term 3 is the SSG term so it's not too late to catch up with your child's teacher to discuss goals set and hopefully set new goals for the remainder of the year.

Have a great week everyone.



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.



Warragul & District
Specialist School

Parents & Friends Association

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to our Parents & Friends Association for running the Fathers Day Stall on Friday - and to those who donated items to sell. It is always so much fun to see how excited the students get when shopping for their special person!



\$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.
- **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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROOM 8

This week, Room 8 practised being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** in our community by ordering and having a snack and drink from Kings Cafe. Room 8 did a fantastic job selecting and communicating their orders. They also played **RESPECTFULLY** in the playground by taking the turns with others in the community!

Well done, Room 8!

- Maira



Helen was very impressed with middle school students last week and their 'beautiful co-operative play in the sandpit', working together to build an amazing structure!



We are **Safe**, **Respectful** Learners



Our Wellbeing Officer, Chantelle, celebrated a special birthday last week and she was very excited when she arrived into work to see that her Therapy colleagues had decorated her desk and loaded it with chocolates!

Happy Birthday Chantelle !



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!



MARLEY

Being a **LEARNER** -
Enjoying her magazines
and books in the morning.



XANDER

Being a **LEARNER** - positively
interacting and
communicating with staff
and peers.



DEAN

Being **RESPECTFUL** of other people. I
was impressed when you stood up
for your friend when someone else
was being mean to him.



MICHAEL

For joining in and having a
private soccer lesson with our
instructor, Yogi, while he was
waiting for the soccer to start.



BEN

Being an enthusiastic
LEARNER in our soccer
clinic and always having a
go at all the activities.



SAVANNA

Being a responsible
LEARNER – great listening
and following instructions!



COBY














Being a **LEARNER** designing
and working on our
Dragon themed classroom
door for Book week.



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



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.



BEST FIT

DISABILITY GROUP

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.
Wednesday 2nd of October 9am to Friday 4th 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