



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#19

13th December 2017



14 JUNIOR SPORTS DAY



10 YEAR 4 CAMP



7 TRADIE FOR A DAY

CALENDAR 2017

Fri 15 Dec JSC Christmas Food Drive and Christmas dress up day in aid of Baw Baw Combined Food Relief

Final Canteen day for 2017

Senior Assembly

Wed 20 Dec Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 9am followed by morning tea

Year 6 Graduation dinner and dance from 6.30pm to 9pm

Thur 21 Dec Mini Concert

Students visit their 2018 grades at 11.30am

Academic program concludes for 2017 at 3.30pm

Fri 22 Dec Clean up and moving day- 1.30 dismissal

No buses running

Principal's Report

Thank You Morning Tea

A thank you morning tea was held on Thursday 7th December for all our wonderful volunteers to attend. It was pleasing to have so many volunteers, School Councillors, Parent Club members and helpers join us and enjoy the special morning tea.

Corinne Collins
Principal



TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES

Friday 15th December - Years 3 to 6

Warragul North Primary School Values



School Values

Literacy

Engagement

Achievement


Respect

Numeracy

Integrity

Nurturing

Getting Along



School Values

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Getting along means

1. **Being Tolerant of Others** - accepting people with their differences and not making overall judgements of people's character ('good person', 'bad person') based on their differences or behaviour. This means being kind and friendly.
2. **Thinking First** - thinking that when someone treats you badly, you need to think about different ways you can act, the consequences of each possible action, and the impact of your actions on how the other person will feel.
3. **Playing By The Rules** - thinking that by following important school and home rules, you will live in a better world where everyone's rights are respected.

Examples of Getting Along behaviour:

- ☺ Treating teachers and classmates with respect.
- ☺ Following important classroom and school rules.
- ☺ Listening and not interrupting in class when someone else is talking.
- ☺ Being helpful when working in a group.
- ☺ Talking rather than fighting when someone acts unfairly.
- ☺ Sharing materials.
- ☺ Helping someone else with their learning.

In a 'nutshell' Getting Along means being kind, friendly, including others and co-operating with each other.

NURTURING - Foundation
- Gemma (OHE) & Elise (OHE)

GETTING ALONG - Year One - Sam (1BO)
LITERACY - Year Two - Benjamin (2TB)



School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 8th December to Sam, Gemma, Elise and Benjamin. Congratulations!

Lapathon

Thank you to all those families who returned their forms and money. A total of \$11758.20 was raised – what a fantastic effort! The draw for the \$200 voucher from Intersport Nicho's took place at the school assembly on Friday 8th December and the very excited winner was Bas (2JH). Certificates were presented to the children who raised \$100.00 or more, and also to the junior class that raised the highest amount of money. Well done to 2TB for raising \$571.00. The funds raised by the Parent Club will assist pay for further playground upgrades.

Right: Bas, the winner of the \$200 Intersport Nicho's voucher.

Below: Alex (2VR) raised \$164.00 and Henry (1BO) raised \$103.00. Absent: Summer (2VR) raised \$105.00.



Above: Issy from 2TB accepting the certificate for the junior grade who raised the highest amount of money.



YEAR SIX GRADUATION WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER



Year Six Graduation preparations are in full swing. The day will commence at 9.00am with a graduation ceremony in the gymnasium, followed by morning tea in the staffroom for parents and graduating students. Year Six children are to

go home following the morning tea.

A diligent band of parents have worked tirelessly to arrange a dinner and dance for the graduating children which will be held in the evening, commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 9.00pm.

Year Six students are reminded that the graduation dinner is a fairly formal occasion and the children are encouraged to dress accordingly (shirt and pants for boys) without going over the top.

A big thank you to everyone who has assisted in the planning and preparation for this very special occasion to ensure that the evening will be a great success.

We hope the evening creates fond memories for our graduating students as their final social event in their primary school years!

PRIVATE PERFORMING ARTS LESSONS IN 2018

In 2018 we will be able to offer private performing arts lessons in the following areas: strings (violin, cello), guitar, drums, bass guitar, piano, voice (singing), drama, dance, woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone) and brass (trumpet, trombone). Most lessons are individual but dance will be held in group sessions depending on interest.

If you are interested in your child participating in private performing arts lessons in 2018 please complete an expression of interest form which is available from the office.

Mrs Jill Binks
Performing Arts co-ordinator

'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Chrissy (1/2M)**
Well done!



END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports will be sent home during the last week of term. We endeavour to ensure these reports are grammatically accurate; however please feel free to contact the office if there are any corrections required.

ARE YOU MOVING?



If you plan on leaving Warragul North Primary School at the end of 2017, it would be appreciated if you could notify the school office as soon as possible.

This will assist us with our class planning for 2018 and also enable us to forward a transfer note to your children's new school. Thanks!

STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

As part of Warragul North Primary School's commitment to the safety of all our students, meeting legislative requirements and advice from the Royal Children's Hospital, parents/carers of students diagnosed with significant medical conditions (i.e. anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, etc) are reminded of the importance of:

- Keeping the school informed of any changes to your child's medical condition.
- Ensuring the school has the correct and in date medication for your child.
- Reviewing your child's medical action plan annually with your medical practitioner, and providing the school with the new plan.

Parents please update your child's plan ready for the 2018 school year.

Aussie of the Month



The 'Aussie of the Month' program is a great way to recognise school students' achievement - without them having to win a race or sit an exam. It is designed to encourage children to be proud of themselves, their school and to understand the responsibilities and rewards of community

participation. During 2017 staff at Warragul North Primary School has agreed to regularly bestow this honour on a student.

'Aussie of the Month'

for December is:

Keely (6CU)

Keely is a friendly Year Six student who sets a great example for her peers. She is always willing to have a go at any activity, and her easy-going nature ensures that other students feel welcome when working with her.

Keely has a great work ethic and shows maturity and confidence in her learning. During the recent Tradie for a Day excursion, Keely was a model student who actively participated in all activities.

Keely takes pride in her work. She always brings a fresh, creative look to her Year Six portfolio tasks and ensures that her presentation is very neat.

Congratulations Keely on being awarded 'Aussie of the Month' for December.

Canteen Roster

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN IS ONLY OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Wednesday 13th December	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Aimee Beck
Thursday 14th December	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Belinda Hogan
Friday 15th December	9.00am to 10.15am	Elvira Honey Belinda Paredes Trish Stevenson

2018 CLASS ALLOCATIONS AND END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Children will be placed in their 2018 classes for half an hour on Thursday 21st December. This will provide an opportunity for the children to become familiar with their 2018 classroom, classmates and if possible their new teacher in preparation for next year. Students will be dismissed at 3.30pm.

The last day of the term will be a cleaning up and moving furniture day in preparation for 2018. Students who attend school on this day must wear full school uniform and will be helping teachers clean up. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd December. **THERE WILL BE NO BUSES ON FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER.**

*The first day of school
for 2018 is Wednesday
31st January, 2018.*

P.E. 'Wall of Fame'

Every week in Physical Education one student from the Junior (Years 1/2), Middle (Years 3/4) and Senior (Years 5/6) school is rewarded with being named the P.E Wall of Fame champion for that week.

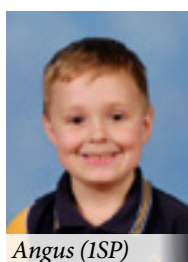
The P.E Wall of Fame champion is a student who has shown great determination, effort, encouragement, sportsmanship and resilience during their Physical Education class.

Mr Callan Fisher

Physical Education Teacher

Term Four - Week 8 Champions

Junior



Angus (1SP)

Middle



Jack (3BC)

Senior



Tori (6Ki)

Term Four - Week 9 Champions

Junior



Stephanie (1DE)

Middle



Noah (4SE)

Senior



Emilio (5BA)

Term Four Musical Soiree

What a Night!

Wow! On the night of Thursday, 7th December, 2017, a record audience of about 150 parents, families and friends braved the weather to come out to support our talented students in their musical endeavours at the Term Four soiree.

Forty-two students performed during the evening. Feedback from several parents mentioned that this soiree was, "...the best soiree so far!" – what a great effort by everyone!

For some children it was their first experience playing to an audience, which is why it is important that we continue the tradition of soirees so they can perform in a friendly environment made up of family and friends.

We are very fortunate at Warragul North Primary School to have some amazingly talented Private Performing Arts teachers. They support their students in a variety of ways, throughout the school year and at a number of different events in addition to soirees, including assemblies, exams and eisteddfods.

We look forward to another successful Performing Arts year in 2018!

Mrs Jill Binks

Performing Arts Co-ordinator

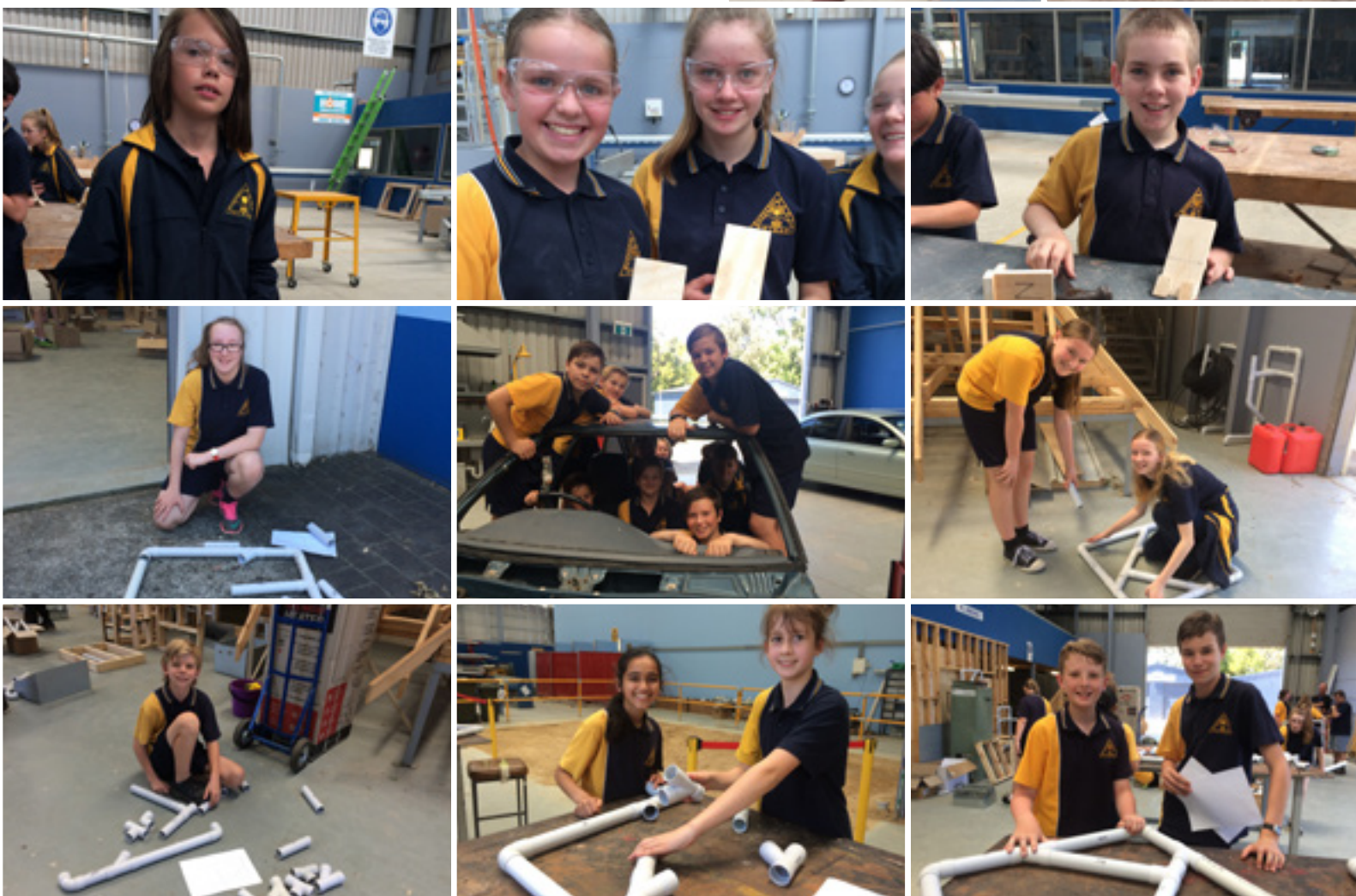
Tradie For a Day

The West Gippsland Trade Training Alliance, in conjunction with the West Gippsland Principal Network, arranged for local senior primary school students to view a range of training programs and facilities at the Baw Baw Skills Centre located in Warragul on Wednesday 29th November.

This idea, 'Tradie for a Day', is designed to enable students to experience and see first-hand the range of training programs and facilities available to them in the future. The cost of the visit to the Baw Baw Skills Centre is heavily subsidised by them which enables us to keep the cost for students to a minimum which we greatly appreciate.

Our Year Six students experienced a range of activities related to carpentry, plumbing, automotive and agriculture. The key benefit of this day was to provide a greater awareness and understanding of the variety of educational options available locally for our students in the future.

*Mrs Melanie Brentwood, Miss Melissa Cummings,
Mrs Linda Kingsley and Mr Simon Prokopiwskyi
Year Six Teachers*



Junior School Council is having a Christmas Food Drive

Suggested donations are:

Foundation - canned foods

Year 1 - soft drinks or cordial

Year 2 - cakes, puddings or lollies

Year 3 - sauces or condiments

Year 4 - biscuits; dry, sweet or savoury

Year 5 - pasta or rice

*Year 6 - personal products e.g. shampoo,
conditioner, deodorant, soap*

*All children who bring a
donation may dress up in their
finest Christmas gear on
Friday 15th December.*

*Please bring non-perishable
donations from Friday 1st December
to Friday 15th December and
place them in the collection box
provided in each classroom.*



Donations will be given to the Baw Baw Combined Churches Food Relief for distribution to needy families.

School Supplies 2018

Included in this newsletter are the details of the school costs for 2018.

Statements will be posted out to all families at the beginning of 2018 with payment due as soon as possible. Families wishing to pay in two instalments should pay the first instalment by the end of February and the second instalment by the end of Term Two.

Payment can be made in person at the school office, by sending the payment in a named envelope with your child or online using internet banking. Our bank details are: BSB 313-140 ACCOUNT NO. 12012190.

Families who are in receipt of a Centrelink payment (e.g. Family Tax Benefit, Parenting Payment, etc) are able to set up a Centrepay facility to pay their school account in fortnightly instalments. Please call at the school office for further information or to set up Centrepay.

WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COSTS 2018:

The school charges for the 2018 year as set by School Council are as follows:

STUDENT SUPPLIES

\$195.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION)

\$185.00 (PER STUDENT YEARS 1 - 6)

To ensure all WNPS students have the stationery supplies needed for the academic year the Warragul North School Council makes a bulk purchase from reputable suppliers on behalf of parents. This ensures parents are able to purchase their child's supplies very cost effectively and easily. The bulk purchase also means all students have the same supplies (e.g. pencils, pens, rulers, paper, paint, glue, etc). This cost also includes materials and equipment for Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Physical Education. On the school account statement that parents receive the student supplies are charged as 'Essential Education Items' as per the Department of Education guidelines.



MATHS ONLINE

\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)

Maths Online is an educational website catering for Kindergarten through to Year 12. Maths Online enables children to use tutorials to learn and revise a large range of topics. It has a comprehensive Australian K - 12 curriculum with 1,411 animated and narrated mathematics lessons, a bank of tests and instant feedback to students. Once payment has been made a personal password is issued allowing access 24 hours, seven days a week.

WUSHKA ONLINE

\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)

Wushka is an online levelled school reading program which helps students learn to read and includes an extensive selection of fiction and non-fiction levelled school readers. Every levelled reader has an online comprehension quiz and printable teacher support material. Teachers manage their own class, easily setting class reading levels, reading groups and choosing readers to read at home. Once payment has been made a personal password is issued allowing access 24 hours, seven days a week.

HEADPHONES

\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)

For use in classrooms with laptops, i-Pads, i-Pods and audio equipment. Students will use the headphones during Digital Technology lessons. Headphones are to be retained from year to year.



MEMORY STICK

\$20.00 (PER STUDENT YEARS 3 - 6)

For use at school and home to enable students to store their school work. These are supplied with a Warragul North Primary School lanyard. Memory sticks are to be retained from year to year.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CHARGE

\$35.00 (PER FAMILY)

Parents are keen to see the school's buildings and grounds properly maintained in order to provide their children with a clean, tidy and safe learning environment. To assist in achieving this goal payment of the grounds maintenance charge will allow the school to engage paid labour.

WORKING BEE

\$60.00 (PER FAMILY)



The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee of School Council hold a minimum of two working bees each year. At Warragul North Primary School we recognise that parents cannot always be available on these days. The working bee charge enables families to contribute in lieu of attendance.

'FOR THE RECORD' SCHOOL YEARBOOK

\$30.00 (PER FAMILY)

The school yearbook is issued at the end of the year to the eldest child in each family. It is a fantastic record of the Warragul North Primary School year and includes photos of the many activities the children take part in during the year such as concerts, production, camps and excursions.

Year Four

Mt Evelyn Camp

The children in Year Four spent three action packed days at the Mount Evelyn camp from Monday 27th November to Wednesday 29th November. The weather was perfect and the children were able to experience all the activities on offer at the camp. Students were flying down the flying fox, swinging on the giant swing, hiding in the huts they built, encountering wildlife, cycling on bicycles and cooking damper on the camp fire. A highlight was the walk from the camp to Silvan Dam on the last day. Students had a wonderful time at this fantastic camp.

Miss Georgia Carter
Education Support Staff



Student Reflections...

"BANG! I dash over the speed bump and see a shiny sign reading Mt Evelyn Recreation Camp. I scream with excitement as I arrive. My friends greet me in my cabin. I am in room 11 with many of my friends.

DING! A loud bell sounds in my ears. I sprint in to our activity groups. I jump with happiness as I realise it's our turn on the giant swing. I've been hoping to go to the top ever since I didn't last year at Phillip Island. In an instant I am 18 metres above the ground. I struggle to pull the cord to release me but I eventually pull it. WHOOSH! I swing back and forth.

Later I settle down to enjoy a tasty chicken schnitzel. I enjoy the apple pie even more! Everybody thinks it is time for bed but really it is time for 'WNPS Has Talent or Not!' Surprisingly I decide to perform with my best friend, Rose.

I try hard to sleep but my cabin is very noisy, especially because one of our other friends is just arriving. At least I went to sleep by 11.00pm.

I wake to the smell of some delicious eggs and bacon. I happily eat as I eagerly listen to Mrs Legg explaining our next activity. Most of our activities sounded boring except one - the wildlife encounter. I saw so many stuffed animals and I held a snake and touched a chameleon and turtle. It was incredible!

Finally it's the last day of camp. I know I'll be a bit tired after walking 4kms to Silvan Dam. I was right, it was tiring, very tiring!

I really enjoyed the Year Four camp and I'm looking forward to the Year Five camp when I can eat raspberry drops and hunt for gold!" **By Georgia (4CL)**

"As I stepped off the platform I felt a breeze whoosh past me. I could see the campsite from where I was. The fascinating sight of the bush was breathtaking.

Our parent helper was Mr Sibley. He gave up his own time to help out which was very generous of him. We wouldn't have our camp if he hadn't come. I liked how you encouraged the students and made people strong and grow out of their fears.

This camp has made me learn something. To build an understanding of others. This camp has been a really outstanding experience for me and other students."

By Charlee (4MA)



News from the Art Room

Year Four students have been exploring positive and negative space. By viewing images of Notans they have created their own designs using scissor skills, and flipping shapes! Nōtan (濃淡) is a Japanese design concept involving the play and placement of light and dark elements as they are placed next to the other in the composition of art and imagery.

Ella, the art room elf, has also returned ready to create havoc in the art room!

Mrs Debbie Dunlop, Ms Jo Draisma and Mrs Deb Magyar
Visual Arts Teachers



Artist of the Week awards were presented at the last assembly to Indi Rose (0HE), Nichola (2VR) and Beau (2VR). Well done!

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Christmas decorations are giving the OSHC house a festive look and Christmas themed activities are keeping everyone engaged. Colourings, word searches and Christmas craft are all popular. Our Elf on the Shelf has the children guessing where he will be each day. A sign on the window reminds us how many days there are until Christmas Day. The new playground provides a great venue for obstacle course games when we play after school and iPads continue to be popular after snack.

OSHC is available on a permanent or casual basis. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or from OSHC. A waiting list is held if a session is already fully booked. It is important that the school office or OSHC is notified if your child is not going to attend a session they have been booked in for as that place can then be used for a casual booking. **Failure to cancel will incur a charge.**

Phone numbers for bookings and cancellations are:

School Office 5623 4066

OSHC Mobile 0418 662 225

Hours for OSHC are:

Before School Care: 7am. to 8.45am.

NO EARLY DROP OFFS

After School Care: 3.30pm. to 6pm

NO LATE PICK UPS

Judy Eastwell

OSHC Co-ordinator



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The office will close at 1.30pm
on Friday 22nd December for
the staff Christmas lunch



SEE YOU IN 2018!

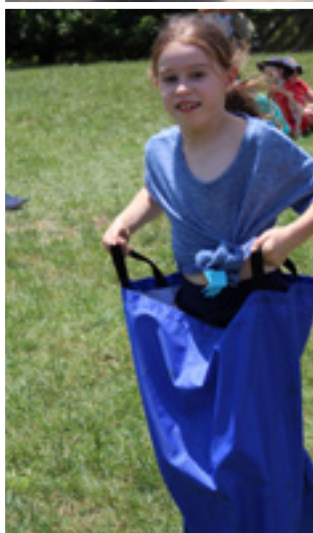
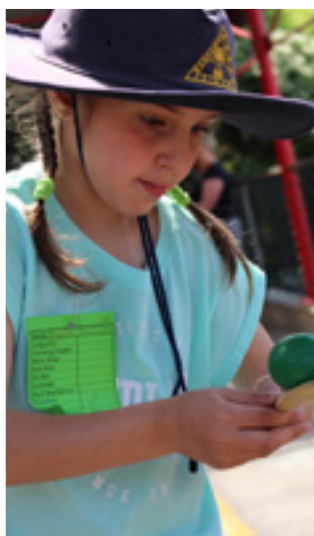


JUNIOR Sports Day

On Thursday 7th December the weather was perfect for the Junior School Sports. The children in Foundation, Years One and Two participated in twelve different events including tunnel ball, long jump, egg and spoon race, skipping, sack race, baton relay and hoola hoop catch. It was nice to see each grade enjoying a healthy fruit platter under the shade of the story tree when they had their rest stop. Thanks to the families who came along to cheer the children on - it was a great day!

Mr Callan Fisher

Physical Education Teacher



Community News

Beleza Uniform Shop

Warragul

Shop 5 - 6 William Square Warragul VIC 3820

Phone: (03) 5622 2930

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

***Note - Saturdays will be CLOSED between:
9th Dec 2017 - 13th Jan 2018***

Monday	9:30am - 5pm
Tuesday	9:30am - 5pm
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	9:30am - 5pm
Friday	9:30am - 5pm
Saturday	CLOSED

(Saturdays to Re-open 13/1/2018)



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Monday 15th January – Wednesday 17th January 2018

at Warragul (Burke St) Tennis Club

11.00 am – 12.30 pm each day

Come along and have some fun in the holidays,
learn new skills and improve your tennis.

Ages: 6-16. All standards. Cost: \$60.00.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Moe Tennis Club – Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th January 2018

Drouin Tennis Club – Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th January 2018

For further information or bookings phone

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