



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#3

20th March 2019



22 AUTHOR VISITS



14 SWIMMING



19 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

CALENDAR 2019

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| Fri | 22 Mar | Senior Assembly - Years 3 to 6 |
| Mon | 25 Mar | QUANTUM Excursion - 3BC & 4/5P |
| Tues | 26 Mar | QUANTUM Excursion - 3/4M & 4CU |
| Thur | 28 Mar | Parent Club Meeting at 2.30pm |
| Fri | 29 Mar | Working Bee - 3.30pm to 5.30pm |
| Mon | 1 Apr | QUANTUM Excursion - 3CO & 3GA |
| Tues | 2 Apr | QUANTUM Excursion - 4HA & 4SE |
| Thur | 4 Apr | Mad About Science incursion 3/4M, 4CU, 4HA & 4SE |
| Fri | 5 Apr | Last day for Term One - 2.30pm finish |
| Tues | 23 Apr | First day of Term Two |
| Thur | 25 Apr | ANZAC Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL |
| Fri | 26 Apr | Student Free Day - NO SCHOOL |

Principal's Report

Senior Athletic Sports

The senior sports were held in perfect weather conditions on Wednesday 13th March. The Geoff Watt Track was a sea of yellow, red, green and blue as the children proudly wore their house colours as they competed in shot put, long jump, triple jump, discus, 100 metres, 200 metres and the 800 metres. The children certainly seemed to enjoy taking part in all the different events. The highlight of the Senior Athletics was the excellent behaviour, participation and sportsmanship of students.

After the points were tallied the winning house for 2019 was **BORONIA**. The House Cup, together with the medals for the age group champions, were presented at a mini assembly on Friday 15th March. Well done to all our champions!

A big thank you and well done to Mrs Lisa Pyle, our Physical Education Co-ordinator, for her excellent preparation and planning prior to the sports. A big thank you also to Mrs Sue Carter for her administration support prior to the sports and her assistance on the day.



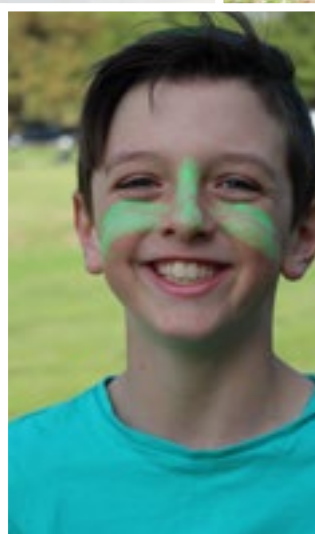
Pictured are Year Six BORONIA students, Andy, Bella, Georgia and Sienna, with the 2019 winning house cup.

TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

Friday 22nd March - Years 3 to 6



Pictured are the 2019 age group champions. Back row: Cohen (10 Boys), Joshua (12/13 Boys) and Sophie (12/13 Girls). Middle row: Ava (11 Girls), Abi (10 Girls) and Stephanie (11 Girls). Front row: Olliver (9 Boys), Ashley (11 Boys), and Eve (9 Girls).





Principal's Report *cont.*

Warragul North Primary School Rules

The purpose of our school is to provide a happy, caring, learning environment where children achieve to their potential (Warragul North Primary School Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022).

Students can reach their potential only when they are happy, healthy and safe. Students also need a positive school culture to engage and support them in their learning. When home and school operate in partnership to provide these conditions, student learning can support young learners to reach their potential.

Our Warragul North Primary School values and rules help provide a happy and safe environment for all. I encourage our school community to assist students learn about the values and rules.

Parent / Teacher / Student / Interviews

During March over seventy Student Support Group meetings have been held to discuss student needs, their current progress and goals for the future. These meetings for students with additional needs involve parents, advocates, teachers, aides and conveners.

On Tuesday 19th March Parent / Teacher Interviews were held for Foundation to Year Six students. These interviews and meetings are a vital part of the process of supporting student learning in partnership. A sincere thank you to all parents who have taken these opportunities to communicate and support their child's learning.

Corinne Collins
Principal



School Rules

- 1. Follow the teacher's instruction the first time.**
- 2. Be in the appropriate area.**
- 3. Respect others.**
- 4. Respect property.**
- 5. Keep yourself and others safe.**



ABSENCE REPORTING LINE



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(SMS ONLY)

Warragul North Primary School Values

 **School Values**

- L**iteracy
- E**ngagement
- A**chievement
- R**espect
- N**umeracy
- I**ntegrity
- N**urturing
- G**etting Along

 **School Values**

Achievement

Student achievement involves the combination of a number of elements in the learning process such as setting goals, understanding the learning intent, thinking, developing skills, feedback, reflecting and exerting effort to achieve. Each student needs to understand that they are the learner and that they are responsible for their own learning.

Teachers can support students to continuously refine and improve their learning and understanding. Teachers can assist students to set learning goals and understand learning intentions. Teachers can then use evidence (what the student can do, say, make or write) to provide feedback and assist students to evaluate their progress, that is their achievements. Teachers can support students to reflect on their learning and the impact of effort on achievement.

Learning requires students to engage in a thinking process and exert effort to achieve. Students striving for excellence can achieve to their potential. Achievement requires effort by learners as they engage in the learning process.

In a 'nutshell' Achievement means accomplishing your learning goals using effort and skill.

GETTING ALONG – *Foundation – Jessica (0HU)*

ENGAGEMENT – *Year Two – Zarah (2KH)*

LITERACY – *Year One – Harper (1BO)*



School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 8th March to Zarah, Jessica and Harper. Congratulations!

Marble Alley Is Open!

How cool is the new Marble Alley? It's the best! Each grade has been visiting Marble Alley over the past couple of weeks and having a lovely time. A huge amount of planning, organising and physical work has gone into the Marble Alley project. A very big thank you to Mr Brett Kersten and Mrs Kylie McNair for their dedication to this exciting project for our school.

'Together we learn', is the motto for our school, and that is exactly what happened on Tuesday, 5th March when Year 4/5P and their buddies from OME explored the new Marble Alley.

There was much expectation as pairs and trios of students left the BER building on the path toward Marble Alley. The student's patience was tested as their teachers reminded them of the school rules and the rules for safe use of Marble Alley.

As students prepared to enter this bigger and more inviting playground area it was wonderful to listen to the chatter and watch the wonder displayed on student's faces. Year 4/5P students took great care to guide their buddies safely through the obstacle course, helped retrieve stray marbles, assisted them in working the pumps and discuss options for activities.

All the students were practising their skills of speaking and listening, taking turns, problem solving and building relationships. Together they were learning.

Mrs Jenni Merriel
Class Teacher OME



Student reflections...

The new playground is extraordinary!
Macy (OME)

I will come and play here all the time.
Tayah (OME)





Marble Alley

Use by Students

Marble Alley has opened for use by students at morning recess and lunch recess on a roster system as follows:



MONDAY - Foundation and Year Five

TUESDAY - Year One, Year Six and 5/6P

WEDNESDAY - Year Two

THURSDAY - Year Three

FRIDAY - Year Four



Parents please note Marble Alley is a creative and adventure play area. If you do not wish your child to play in Marble Alley during recess breaks please instruct them not to do so.

Hello Warragul North Primary School Community

Over the last few weeks we have slowly opened up access to the updated Marble Alley area of the school. Each class was able to access the area for exploration as timetabled. This ensured that each child had an opportunity to explore the area in smaller groups before the gates are fully opened.

This project was funded by the 'Pick my Project' grants the School received late last year and whilst the bulk of the work was undertaken over the holidays the finishing touches were and will be undertaken over the rest of the term, so there will continue to be small sections with restricted access as required throughout the term.

The feedback we received from the school community early on was that the area be used for a nature area and that the nostalgia of Marble Alley be kept, rather than turning it into 'just another playground'. The project team have worked very hard with the landscaping team to create a lovely nature based, fun, unique and relaxing play area.



Whilst the feedback from the children who have given it a test run has been fantastic, we wanted to communicate with parents some more information about the area, particularly some of the more 'unique' elements. The area has a pond, a large number of hands on nature and science-based activities such as hand water pumps, bike water pumps, scales and a nature-based obstacle course using natural materials.

These elements have been added to Marble Alley to create a strong link with nature and the natural environment, to encourage creativity (the children will come up with their own ways to enjoy some of the areas) and to provide a space for physical exploration- learning about balance, stepping, etc. There are also a number of imaginative play areas such as a fairy tree, a dinosaur play space and a shopfront. We have also ensured that there are lots of spaces for quiet play, watching and spots to sit and talk with friends.

We understand that this environment may challenge some students so we would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to speak to your child and to remind them that there are plenty of other areas of the school that they can play if they don't feel like the nature based play space is a good fit for them.

There will be rules around the water play and students not following these rules will be unable to use the area for two weeks. We understand that there will be some tweaks needed to the area, there will be things that will need refining and we ask that children and families communicate any concerns they have initially through their classroom teacher. We expect the gates will reopen for pickup and drop off from Marble Alley towards the end of March.

We will have an official opening event once the final element, an area of decking, is added later in the term. Details will be sent home regarding this event when appropriate.

This project would never have been possible without the support of the following.....

- ☺ Thankyou to the State Government for the funding for the updated Marble Alley area
- ☺ Thankyou to Josh and his team of workers from Aussie Home & Garden Maintenance for making this fabulous space
- ☺ Thankyou to Prue Metcalfe for designing the area, she took our long list of ideas and turned it into a reality.
- ☺ Thankyou to the families, and students who have put in many hours of work to help get this project completed.

We hope you love the new space as much as we do.

Regards,

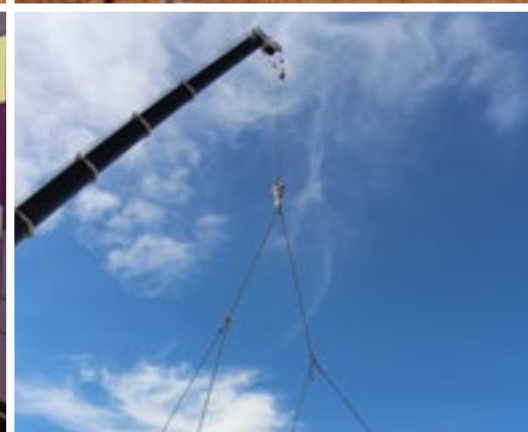
Kylie McNair, Brett Kersten and Brad Mumford
Marble Alley Project Team



New Building Update...

Since our last update a whole building has appeared at school. On Wednesday 6th March Miss Collins, Ms Taylor and Mr Konstanty visited the factory in Pakenham where our new buildings are being constructed. The next day five pieces of the building arrived on huge trucks and were carefully lifted into place by a supersized crane. The following day a constant stream of trucks arrived bringing with them the remaining fourteen pieces of the first building, some of them very colourful. The pieces all fitted together like gigantic Lego blocks. It was amazing to see it happening and of great interest to the children during recess and lunch.

The tradesmen are now working on completing the first building. The site has been made ready for the second building which is being installed this week.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Warragul North Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2019.

Children from Foundation to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



COMING SOON

CyberSafety
SOLUTIONS

Cybersafety for Parents & Students

Warragul North Primary School is most grateful for the opportunity to present parents and students with a session each on cybersafety presented by Susan McLean. Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Adolescent Psychologist, says "No-one can connect with students in the way Susan McLean can. She is the best and most respected educator of young people on cybersafety in Australia, if not the world."

Susan is certified by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner as a provider of high quality cybersafety education to schools throughout Australia.

Each year she speaks to over 70,000 young people and thousands of teachers and parents.

A big thank you to the Grants and Public Relations Sub-committee of the Warragul North Primary School Council for successfully applying for the funding of these cybersafety sessions for parents and students. The funding was provided by the 'Andrews Foundation'.

Cybersafety Student Sessions At WNPS Monday 29th April for Year 3 to 6 students

Keeping safe in Cyberspace

- How to have fun and stay safe online!

Susan's fun and interactive Primary School student session is suitable for students in the final four years of primary school and two year levels can be combined if a suitable venue is available. The theme of this 90 -100 minute session is Respect and Responsibility. Students complete a comprehensive three page work book which reinforces the learning outcomes. The book is signed by the student in class then taken home & signed by a parent/guardian to acknowledge and reinforce the content discussed. This can be a very useful tool for schools should online issues arise & can also be used for further classroom sessions.

This age appropriate, fun & interactive session for primary students includes discussion, a vibrant power point presentation and is supported by videos and Susan's real life experiences. Topics covered include:-

- **Rules and Laws** - Where are they found, why we have them and what happens when we break them? Susan challenges the students to think clearly about their decisions.
- **Cyberbullying** - what is cyberbullying and how/when does it happen. How does it make a victim feel and what can we do if we see it happen or if it is happening to us.
Did you know that cyberbullying is a crime & Police can be involved?
- **Online 'friends'** that are not really a friend. How strangers find us online and what they might ask us to do. The issue of 'rude pics' is discussed in an age appropriate way so that children understand that 'private' in the real world is 'private' online as well.
What should they do if asked for a naked picture?
- What are the **sites & apps** that children are using and what are the age requirements for each site. Why it is important that online rules are **NOT** broken or disobeyed?
- **Staying safe online** - how we can be as safe as possible online. How to identify a problem and what can we do if there is a problem.
- **How to be a good Digital Citizen – Time for discussion and Q's.**

****Please note that sessions can be tailored to suit your schools requirements in relation to content or as a result of a specific concern *****

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Cybersafety Parent Sessions At WNPS

Monday 29th April @ 7pm in the BER Building

Growing up Online

An informative & entertaining session for Parents and carers is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach & will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:

- ❖ **What are kids doing online** – The popular social networking sites and apps such as Secret Calculator, Musical.ly, Instagram & Yubo as well as live streaming sites.
- ❖ **Online Grooming** – What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- ❖ **Cyberbullying** - What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- ❖ **Sharing Nudes** – the taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.
- ❖ **Top Tips**– how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction passcodes.
- ❖ **Problematic Internet use and gaming issues.**
- ❖ The session will conclude with time for Questions.

What Susan doesn't know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing! She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining. She has the unique ability to connect with each audience from young people to adults.

(Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Adolescent Psychologist)

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Office of the
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Susan Mclean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people.

She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments. She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools and law firms and is afforded 'expert' status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base. She is the most highly qualified of all Federal Government eSafety Presenters. Susan is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB) and is also a member of the Australian Government's Cybersafety working group and a published author. Her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.

Term One Swimming

Swimming Trials

Term One swimming commenced with 59 students taking part in the swimming trials on Wednesday 13th February at the Warragul Leisure Centre outdoor pool. Thank you to those parents who helped with timing at our swimming trials. Your support was much appreciated.

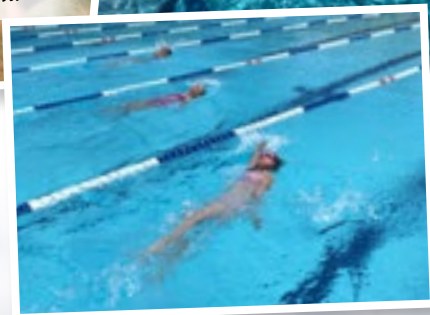
District Swimming

Following the swimming trials 26 students returned to the Warragul Leisure Centre outdoor pool on Friday 22nd February to take part in the District Swimming. The sun was shining and everyone was very excited to compete. It was fantastic to see students participating in the swimming carnival, some for the first time, and most importantly giving their absolute best.

Congratulations to all our swimmers not only for their great efforts in the pool but for supporting each other throughout the day.



Charlotte and Gemma



The WNPS District Swimming Team with Mrs Pyle.

Division Swimming

On Tuesday 5th March, ten Warragul North students competed in the West Gippsland Division Swimming Carnival once again at the Warragul Leisure Centre outdoor pool. Well done to Jake (4/5P), Gemma (4SE), Charlotte (4SE), Riley (5PS), Lachlan (5/6P), Lachlan (6BA), Sienna (6HI), Rianna (6BA), George (5/6P) and Rylee (6TH) for reaching this level.

With great support from family members who came to watch and from each other, Warragul North competed hard and finished with some great results. Nine of the ten children qualified individually for the Gippsland Regional Swimming Carnival in Sale.

Regional Swimming

On Thursday 14th March it was an early start for the children travelling to the Regional Swimming Championships at Sale. Last year only two children from Warragul North Primary School made it through to this level of competition so it was great to have nine children competing at Sale this year. All swimmers put in a fantastic effort on the day and should be justly proud of their achievements. Well done Jake, Gemma, Charlotte, Riley, Lachlan, Sienna, Lachlan, Rianna and George.

Mrs Lisa Pyle

Physical Education Co-ordinator



Riley and Rianna



11 Year Old Boys Relay Team, Riley, George, Lachlan and Lachlan



PARENT CLUB EASTER EGG RAFFLE



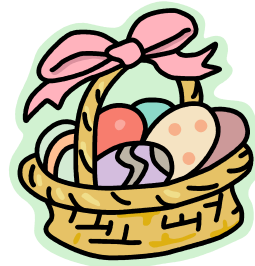
We are once again running our
classroom Easter raffle.



We would be grateful if all
families could donate either
eggs or chocolates or a soft toy.

**Please leave all donations at the
office by Wednesday 27th March.**

Tickets for the raffle will cost
50 cents each, and will be for sale in
Class rooms from Thursday 28th March
until Friday 5th April.



There will be great prizes in
every Classroom.

Each classroom will draw their
raffle on Friday 5th April,
the last day of Term One.



Thanks for your great support!



Hello from the *Acorn Room*



"Forty-seven percent of parents said their children spend too much time in front of screens" (www.nationalonlinesafety.com). As technology is becoming more pervasive, children and young people are experiencing tech-related dependencies. This can lead to sleep deprivation, loss of interest in other

things, and even screen addiction. Here are some tips on what to do:

1. Limit screen time. It can be helpful to use as timer, as it is easy to lose track of time (especially when a child is content and quiet) and it also means this limit is being enforced by something other than 'your voice'.
2. Encourage alternative activities. Perhaps write a long list of activities your kids could do. When they say they're bored and ask for a screen, you could suggest they need to do two activities from the list first.

3. Mobile free meal times. It may seem like a great way to settle a child at meal times, but in reality it's encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and their emotions.
4. Remove devices from bedrooms at night time. Even having a device switched off in their bedrooms, children may be tempted to check for notifications.
5. Insist on greetings and farewells. Good manners are more important than doing something on a screen.
6. Lead by example. If parents are consistently on their device, children will learn this is acceptable. Try setting house rules that the whole family can abide by.

Mrs Sheryn Cutler
WNPS Chaplain

Warragul North Primary School offers chaplaincy and pastoral care to students and families in the Acorn Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Connor (1DE)**
Well done!



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of school for Term One is Friday 5th April and school will finish at 2.30pm. Buses will depart just after 2.30pm. The first day of school for Term Two is Tuesday 23rd April (Monday 22nd April is a public holiday for Easter Monday).

Permit Zone Signs

Only vehicles displaying a valid permit issued by Baw Baw Shire can park or stop in a permit zone



PARKING | TRAFFIC FLOW DISABLED PARKING



Please be aware that the 'reserved' parking permit area near the administration building is for staff use only and permits must be displayed on the windscreen.

If everyone adheres to the agreed parking areas and direction of traffic flow it creates a safer environment for children during drop off and pick up times.

Just a friendly reminder that the disabled parking space provided outside the administration building is for people with a disabled parking permit only. It is also requested that you be mindful of other people who use this space and not double park across it. Please do not park across this specially designated car space. Thank you.

To assist families to clearly understand the various parking signs displayed around our school, in our newsletters we will include detailed information from the VicRoads website.

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.

Mrs Lisa Pyle, Mrs Deb Magyar and Ms Karyn Porch
Physical Education Teachers

Term One - Week 4 Champions

Junior



Sapphire (2RA)

Middle



Lawson (3/4M)

Senior



Liam (6HI)

Term One - Week 5 Champions

Junior



Aden (2HE)

Middle



Amaya (3GA)

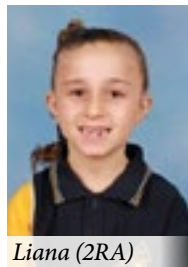
Senior



Lexie (4/5P)

Term One - Week 6 Champions

Junior



Liana (2RA)

Middle



Kayla (3GA)

Senior



Logan (6BA)

Term One - Week 7 Champions

Junior



Jim (2RA)

Middle



Milly (3BC)

Senior



Ash (5PS)

Artists of the Week Awards

Artist of the Week awards were presented at assembly on Friday 8th March to Madison (1DE), Georgia (2HE) and Evie (0JO). A great start to Visual Arts for 2019.

Mrs Shelley Roberts and Ms Jo Draisma
Visual Arts Teachers



Clean Up Day

Clean up Australia Day was founded in 1989 and is a great way to encourage community involvement and appreciation for the environment. On Monday 4th March, students in 3/4M, 4CU, 4HA and 4SE represented our school in cleaning up rubbish at Kiah Park.

This experience inspired students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment and help them play an active role in our community. Students and teachers worked together to clean up Kiah Park which is special to our community.

Mr Brendan Cox
Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Peace Run

On Wednesday 27th February the Peace Run visited the students at Warragul North Primary School. In 2019, for the first time the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run will encircle the entire globe in a calendar year, bringing the Peace Torch to every country of the Southern Hemisphere. Starting and finishing in Bali, the Peace Torch has travelled to Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu before it commenced its Australian journey in Brisbane on 12th February, 2019. The Peace Torch followed an inland route through central NSW, the ACT and Victoria and finished in Melbourne on 1st March. From Melbourne, the Peace Torch flew to New Zealand, other Pacific Island Nations, South America, Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands before returning to Bali in November.



Adam Wallace and Mark Wilson

Author Visits

During this term WNPS has had two authors visit our school and make a presentation to the children in all year levels. Thank you to Mrs Ann Burton our Library Technician for organising the visits.

Mark Wilson is a multiple award-winning author and illustrator with 17 books in print worldwide including *Flapper* and *Beth, the Story of a Child Convict*. In his presentation Mark discussed picture books and how different writers and illustrators approach them. He also discussed endangered species and Australian history, the main themes that run through his books.

Adam Wallace is a children's writer and cartoonist. He is the author of the New York Times bestselling *How to Catch* series and the *Accidentally Awesome* series. Adam's exciting visit was interactive and he used creative storytelling, lessons on drawing and his *Rhymes With* series to inspire our budding illustrators and writers.







WORKING BEE

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2019

From 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

**Join us for a B.B.Q. and
enjoy the company of others.**

Loads of fun!

*Meet new people and make our
school grounds even better!*

SPARK

St Paul's Art and Recreation for Kids

WARRAGUL

holiday program

*Places are limited
so book early!*

**We want to ignite some fun and
creativity into the school holidays!**

St Paul's has created another fun filled and interesting holiday program open to all children in the community aged 5 to 14 years to enjoy.

Each session has been designed and will be delivered by experienced teachers and professionals.

Wednesday 10 April

9:00 am – 12:00 noon Ages 5 to 14

Dance – \$35

Come along for a morning of dance and fun with the professional staff from Dancepointe focusing on three styles of dance.

HIP HOP: Learn modern up-to-date street steps including dance combinations, poppin', locking, break and freestyle.

COMMERCIAL JAZZ: An exciting and ever-evolving dance form full of rhythm passion and life. Participants can learn all the latest moves.

CONTEMPORARY: This class will allow participants to learn exercises and routines that express lyrical interpretations of music and free movement.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Ages 5 to 14

Eggcellent Science – \$35

Just in time for Easter comes this Science eggstravaganza! The perfect way to get your budding scientist in the mood for Easter fun. A range of Science experiments and experiences will make this afternoon eggcellent fun!

** Please note: For those with allergies, eggs will feature heavily in the experiments and fun.*

Thursday 11 April

9:00 am – 12:00 noon Ages 5 to 14

Greatest Showman – \$35

Your child can become a part of the 'GREATEST SHOWMAN'. In this musical theatre workshop participants will be inspired by the power of performing! Each child will have their time to shine whilst collaborating as a part of an ensemble developing choreography, performing hit songs, learning acrobatic tricks and a dance combination. A fun and creative workshop not to be missed.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Ages 7 to 14

The Artist's Garden – \$35

Does your child have a green thumb? Or a flair for being creative and arty in the outdoors? If so, this is the workshop for them! Working with the art staff from the St Paul's Secondary School participants will create mini gardens and design spectacular art work for outdoor spaces.

*Children staying
all day will be supervised
at lunchtime
(12:00 noon - 1:00 pm)
extra cost \$5*

Friday 12 April

9:00 am – 12:00 noon Ages 7 to 14

Mixed Martial Arts – \$35

We are thrilled to once again offer the children in our community the opportunity to work with Kael Coster of Coster MMA. Basic martial arts moves and principles will be introduced to the participants through both Muay Thai Kickboxing and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. This session will help improve their fitness, strength, confidence, balance and discipline whilst learning valuable self-defence skills. The session will also include learning anti-bullying strategies on how to avoid and diffuse confrontation.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Ages 7 to 14

Baskets and Bunnies – \$45

What could be more fun than creating Easter eggs and the basket to take them home in? This session will involve basic chocolate making and working with other ingredients for participants to create their own edible Easter masterpieces. While the chocolate sets, the children will make the baskets to take all their chocolate creations home.

*Children will need to bring their own
snacks and drinking water.*

*Those staying a full day will also need to
bring lunch. No nuts or nut products please.*

**All workshops sign in at
St Paul's Anglican Grammar School,
Warragul Secondary School,
150 Bowen Street.**

Saturday 13 April

9:00 am – 10:00 am All ages

MiniRoos Soccer – FREE!

SPARK is excited to partner with the Warragul United Soccer Club to offer your budding soccer stars the opportunity to have a go at MiniRoos Soccer... absolutely free! Start your Saturday morning with the chance to try out the MiniRoos club football program with experienced coaches and program organisers.

Bookings open

FRIDAY 8 MARCH

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBCPH>

Community News

WARRAGUL kids' farmers market

Friday 22nd March, 2019

Hosted by Warragul Primary School

For more information or to register your interest, email wkfmarket@gmail.com or send us a message via our Facebook page.

Want to try something new?
Want to try something fun?
Come and play Badminton?

We can cater for all ages and abilities!

Contact your local club for more information

Drouin - 0418 440 097

Ellinbank - 0418 531 445

Labertouche - 0438 582 921

Warragul - 0438 302 167



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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.
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YARRAGON WILDCATS WINTER COMP.



Looking for boys and girls of all ages and skill levels to play winter basketball. The season runs for 14 weeks over the space of terms 2&3. Come along and have some fun.



Registrations to be in by 26/3/19 to yarragonbasketball@gmail.com



Saturday Winter Netball Competition

Competition starts on 27 April 2019

Warragul and District Netball Association (WDNA) catering for:

- Net Set Go 5-7 years as at 31/12/19 **Mixed**
- Net Set Go 8-10 years as at 31/12/19 **Mixed**
- 11&U **Mixed** | (age 9-11 as at 31/12/19)
- 13&U **Mixed** | (age 11-13 as at 31/12/19)

WDNA & Drouin & District Netball Association offer a competitive combined competition for#:

- 15&U **Mixed** | (female & males – restrictions apply*) | (females 12-15 of age as at 31/12/19)
- 17&U Female | (age 14-17 as at 31/12/19)
- Open Female | (minimum age 15 as at 31/12/19)

NOTE:

*Combined competition games for 15&U, 17&U & Open alternate between Warragul and Drouin netball courts

*Modified Mixed Rules – teams may have zero (0), one (1) or two (2) players on court at any one time

The Winter Competition offers:

- A family friendly environment
- Competitive games with badged umpires
- An inclusive competition catering for all abilities
- Fenced playgrounds and a fully stocked canteen
- Local games involving limited travel
- Coaching and umpiring opportunities
- Opportunities to join Representative Squad Teams

Join as a team or as an individual player.

Registrations close on Friday, 5 April 2019

Warragul registration and club contacts please visit:

www.wdna.org.au or contact Karen Romano 0417 524 916

Drouin registrations and club contacts please visit:

ddnanetball@hotmail.com or contact Karen Thomson 0408 275 588.