



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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4th December 2019



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## CALENDAR 2019

Thur	5 Dec	Junior Sports Day Thank You Morning Tea
Tues	10 Dec	Year 6 to Year 7 2020 State Wide Transition Day 2020 Foundation Orientation Sessions
Fri	13 Dec	JSC Christmas Food Drive & Christmas Dress Up Day in aid of Baw Baw Combined Food Relief Senior Assembly
Mon	16 Dec	Year 3 & 4 Excursion to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens
Wed	18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Thur	19 Dec	Students visit their 2020 grades Academic program concludes for 2019 at 3.30pm
Fri	20 Dec	Clean up and moving day - 1.30pm dismissal

## CALENDAR 2020

Thur	30 Jan	Term One commences for all students. 9am "Tea and Tissues" for parents of Foundation students
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## TERM FOUR ASSEMBLIES

Friday 13th December - Years 3 to 6

## Principal's Report

### We have our oval back!

Twelve months ago six large portable buildings arrived on our oval. They were the home for twelve grades for the first half of this year. During the year we saw our lovely new buildings come together like gigantic Lego blocks. Over the past few weeks we

have seen the portable buildings removed and the oval cleaned up. It was exciting last week when the temporary fencing was finally removed and we had our oval back. Over the remainder of the term and during the school holidays the oval will be reseeded so it should be looking lovely for the start of 2020.



# Principal's Report *cont.*

## Parent Club 2020

At the Annual General Meeting of Parent Club Ms Amy Mapleson was re-elected as co-ordinator and Mrs Kirsty Bowen was elected as assistant co-ordinator. We congratulate them and thank them most sincerely for taking on these roles for 2020 and wish them well for a successful year.

At the A.G.M. Mrs Kirstyn Pratt was thanked for her excellent contribution to the students of WNPS as assistant convenor during 2019.

Parent Club is continuing to work towards improving our grounds for the benefit of students. Parent Club is funding a new junior sandpit and line marking over the holiday period.

On behalf of our school community I thank Amy for her leadership and achievements as convenor of Parent Club during 2019.

## P.L.C. Leaders – Major Contributors

As the academic year draws to its end I want to offer my congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the wonderful leadership exhibited by our Professional Learning Community (P.L.C.) Leaders throughout 2019.

Week after week these leaders have prepared agendas based on student learning for the teachers in their team. Common assessment tasks, pre and post tests have been planned, data analysed and learning growth for each student measured. Leaders have assisted teachers research best practice and reflect on the impact of their teaching.

Our P.L.C. Leaders have ensured that student learning in Mathematics and Reading has remained a focus throughout the year.

The diligence, dedication and resilience displayed by our P.L.C. Leaders deserves to be publically acknowledged.

So thank you for your leadership and hard work Brad Mumford, Karen Dellar, Linda Kingsley, Trudi Gallagher, Mellisa Manuel, Ellee Polman-Short and Simon Prokopiwskyi.

These leadership roles assist Warragul North Primary School ensure that student voice and student agency is an integral part of our school culture. I look forward to assisting them accomplish their roles and tasks next year.

*Corinne Collins*  
Principal



# SCIENCEWORKS

Year Five headed off to Science Works on Tuesday 19th November. During Semester Two students have been learning about earth and space sciences.

On arrival the children enjoyed a relaxing, interactive experience in the Planetarium where they watched the movie, 'Solar System Odyssey' and also learnt some very interesting facts about our night

sky, galaxies and space. This was followed by a visit to the general viewing area where there were many interesting exhibits to investigate. Science Works was a great learning experience for the Year Five students.

*Miss Imogen Wilson*  
Excursion Co-ordinator



# 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

**A**chievement

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.**

**LITERACY –**

*Foundation – Kai (0BU)*

**ENGAGEMENT –**

*Year One – Diyenka (1KG)*

**ACHIEVEMENT –**

*Year Two – Charlotte (2KH)*



*School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 29th November to Diyenka, Kai and Charlotte. Congratulations!*



# Hello from the *Acorn Room*



During this term, I have been meeting with a small group of Year Five and Six students, working through a program called Seasons for Growth. Seasons for Growth is a grief and loss education program designed especially for kids.

Children's experience of grief is an issue close to my heart, having experienced a number of significant

bereavements in my own family in recent years and having primary school aged children myself. The Seasons for Growth program uses the metaphor of the seasons to help children work through their feelings about changes in their own families.

Some helpful understandings are:

- Change and loss are a normal part of life
- The experience of loss and grief is unique for each child, but almost all children will experience some sadness, anxiety, anger, resentment, confusion, guilt and loyalty tensions
- The feelings and other reactions children feel as a result of significant change and loss in their lives are normal
- We can all learn new skills to assist with adapting to change and loss

I have been tremendously privileged to work alongside this particular group of students. I've been impressed by the courage with which they have shared, and by the way they show care for each other. The experience of grief is a journey. Being able to share some of the load helps. We hope to offer more opportunities for students to participate in Seasons for Growth in 2020.

*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.*



## Canteen Roster

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

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Thursday 5th December	9.00am to 10.15am	Jo Cameron
Friday 6th December	9.00am to 10.15am	Belinda Hogan Victoria Lee
	1.00pm to 2.15pm	Anton Meyer
Thursday 12th December	9.00am to 10.15am	Jodie Mesaric
Friday 13th December	9.00am to 10.15am	Jo Cameron Val Little
	1.00pm to 2.15pm	Anton Meyer



# MORNING TEA INVITATION

The Staff of Warragul North Primary School would like to thank you for your assistance during 2019.

To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a morning tea in the B.E.R. building

**Thursday 5th December  
at 11.00am.**

We hope you can join us on this day.

## *Thank You Morning Tea For 2019 Volunteers*

An invitation is extended to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped in any way during 2019 to attend a 'thank you morning tea'. The staff of Warragul North Primary School would like to thank you for your assistance during the year.

Thank you to those that have helped in the canteen, been part of the Parent Club and School Council, worked on the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, assisted in classrooms, attended excursions and camps. **To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a 'Morning Tea' on Thursday 5th December at 11.00am in the B.E.R. Building.**

We hope you can join us on this day.



*thank  
you*



# 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

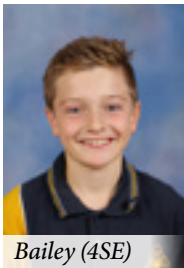
## Term Four - Week 7 Champions

*Junior*



Josh (2BR)

*Middle*



Bailey (4SE)

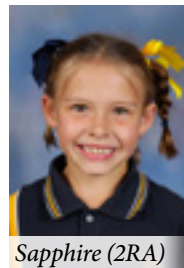
*Senior*



Anna (5JE)

## Term Four - Week 8 Champions

*Junior*



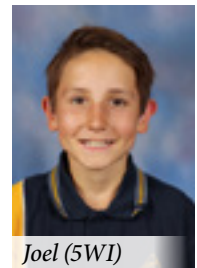
Sapphire (2RA)

*Middle*



Henry (3CO)

*Senior*



Joel (5WI)

## 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 13th December.*

*Please bring non-perishable donations from Monday 9th December to Friday 13th December and place them in the collection tub provided in each classroom.*



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

## 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.

## Permit Zone Signs

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



## ABSENCE REPORTING LINE



## ARE YOU MOVING?



If you plan on leaving Warragul North Primary School at the end of 2019, it would be appreciated if you could notify the school office as soon as possible. This will assist us with our class planning for 2020 and also enable us to forward a transfer note to your children's new school. Thanks!

## 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.

## 2020 CLASS ALLOCATIONS

Children will be placed in their 2020 classes for half an hour on Thursday 19th December. This will provide an opportunity for the children to become familiar with their 2020 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 2020. 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 20th December. **THERE WILL BE NO BUSES ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER.**

**The first day of school for 2020 is  
Thursday 30th January, 2020.**



# Tradie for a Day Excursion

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 27th 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.

***Mr Simon Prokopiwskyi, Ms Kay Baughurt, Ms Jo Hill  
and Mrs Jeanette Thomas  
Year Six Teachers***









## YEAR SIX GRADUATION WEDNESDAY 18TH 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 B.E.R. Building 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 and form fond memories for our graduating students as the final social event in their primary school years!

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

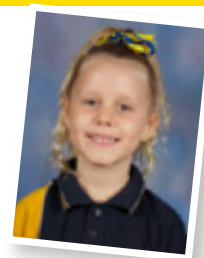


### Junior Sports Day!

The Junior School Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 5th December** at school for Foundation to Year Two children. A note with all the details and a timetable was sent home earlier this week.

### 'Catch 'em being good' raffle

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



# School Costs 2020

The school costs for 2020 were confirmed at the October meeting of School Council.

Statements will be posted out to all families at the beginning of 2020 with payment due as soon as possible. Families wishing to pay in two instalments should pay the first instalment by the end of Term One 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 2020:**

The school charges for the 2020 year as set by School Council are as follows:

### **STUDENT SUPPLIES**

**\$250.00 FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS**

**\$240.00 FOR YEAR 1 - 6 STUDENTS**



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. Foundation students receive a WNPS satchel, a whiteboard and a set of headphones.

Included in the student supplies cost are Maths Online and Wushka. These are educational websites for Mathematics and reading that the children will use at school and will also have access to at home.



### **'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, excursions and incursions.

## **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PER FAMILY**

**(These voluntary contributions will not appear on your statement however your payment of these items would be greatly appreciated)**

### **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CHARGE**

**\$40.00**

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**

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.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

The office will close at 1.30pm  
on Friday 20th December for  
the staff Christmas lunch



## SEE YOU IN 2020!



# Chess Tournament 2019

Warragul North Primary School has offered chess club as a lunch time activity during Terms Two and Three providing the opportunity for children from all year levels to play chess. The children played games of chess against each other, culminating in a chess tournament at the beginning of Term Four. The results of the 2019 Chess Tournament for senior students are:

**Junior Champion – Elizabeth (2HE)**

**Junior Runner-up – Maggie (1SP)**

**Junior Third Place – Taylah (1SP)**

Trophies, medals and certificates were presented at assembly on Friday 29th November.



*Congratulations to Taylah,  
Maggie and Elizabeth*



# 300+ Days Of Home Reading Awards

At the end of 2019 special medals will be presented to every student who has achieved 300+ days of home reading in 2019. This award is potentially achievable by all students, regardless of their reading level and reading expertise. To achieve this award reading needs to be recorded in the child's reading diary. We are hoping that many of our students will achieve a 300+ days of home reading award for 2019. The last day for reading to be counted for 2019 is Sunday 15th December as this will enable time for the medals to be ordered.

## Term Four Musical Soiree

### What a Night!

Wow! On the night of Thursday, 21st November 2019, a huge audience of parents, families and friends come out to support our talented students in their musical endeavours at the Term Four soiree.

Forty 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 2020!

*Mrs Sue Legg*  
Performing Arts Co-ordinator





# Year 4 Camp

## Mount Evelyn



*Mt. Evelyn*  
RECREATION CAMP

The children in Year Four spent three action packed days at the Mount Evelyn camp from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th November. The children experienced the many activities on offer at Mt Evelyn. Students flew down the flying fox, enjoyed a wildlife encounter, soared on the giant swing, rode bikes on a BMX track, went bushwalking and even braved the swimming pool. On the last day we enjoyed a lovely walk through the bush to Silvan Dam where we had lunch before the bus collected us for the trip back to Warragul. Our lucky students had a wonderful time at this fantastic camp.

*Ms Allison Hallyburton*  
Camp Co-ordinator











# HOOP TIME

The Hoop Time finals were held in Dandenong on the 26th of November. The Warragul North Primary School, All Stars Girls team was represented by Sophie (6BA), Madi (6TH), Elli (6HI), Dom (6BA), Ava (5JE), Abi (5/6P) and Addi (5PS).

We played seven games for the day and won five. We made it all the way through to the semi-final and unfortunately we were beaten by five points. We played so well and we were all so proud of our result. We finished in top four in the state just missing out on a spot in the grand-final. A tremendous effort by everyone involved.

We would like to thank all the wonderful parents and grandparents who supported us on the day by cheering us on and by scoring all of our matches. We would also like to thank Lachie Pyle for coaching us and making himself available to run extra training sessions for us at the Warragul Leisure Centre. These sessions really made a difference to our defensive game.

The girls conducted themselves beautifully throughout the competition and displayed all the characteristics of good sportsmanship. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

*Mrs Lisa Pyle*  
*Physical Education Co-ordinator*



Abi, Addi, Ellie, Ava, Dom, Madi and Sophie.



# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Children attending OSHC sessions are becoming excited about Christmas and are busy with activities based on the Christmas theme. They enjoy colouring pictures and making decorations using the craft materials. We have twin elves on the shelf at the OSHC house and the children look for them each session to find where they are hiding each day.

Booking lists for OSHC sessions next year are being finalised and most days have a waiting list for After School Care sessions. If you have requested care for your child next year and now find you are not going to need it would you please notify OSHC or the Office so the place can be given to another child.

OSHC is available on a permanent or casual basis. Some sessions are fully booked and a waiting list is held for those sessions. Please remember that the Office or OSHC must be notified if your child is not going to attend a session they have been booked in for. That place can then be used for a casual booking.

**Once you have a permanent booking you will be billed for that placement whether your child attends or not.**

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*



# Community News

**Beleza** SCHOOL UNIFORMS

**WARRAGUL**

**END OF YEAR TRADING 2019**

December 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15- CLOSED	16- OPEN 9:30am - 5:00pm	17- OPEN 9:30am - 5:00pm	18- CLOSED	19- OPEN 9:30am - 5:00pm	20- CLOSED Last Day of Term	21- CLOSED
22- CLOSED	23- CLOSED	24- CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE	25- CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26- CLOSED BOXING DAY	27- CLOSED	28- CLOSED
29- CLOSED	30- CLOSED	31- CLOSED				

January 2020			
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	CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	OPEN 9:30am - 5:00pm	OPEN 9:30am - 5:00pm

 Warragul Church of Christ

**JESUS**  
*Lights Up Christmas*

**Christmas On Bowen**  
Sunday 15th December, 2019  
Warragul Church of Christ - 155 Bowen St Warragul


**Jumping Castle, Face Painting & More**

**Enjoy BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs and salad & cold drinks**

- Kids Activities from 5.30-7.00PM
- Carols Concert from 7.00-8.30PM

Supper Following

[www.cocwarragul.org.au](http://www.cocwarragul.org.au)

 **GTC**  
GIPPSLAND TENNIS COACHING

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Warragul (Burke Street) Tennis Club  
9.00 am – 10.30 am

**or** Drouin Tennis Club  
11.00 am – 12.30 pm

Cost: \$100.00 for 4 days (or \$25.00 per day)

Come and have some fun in the holidays!

**Lessons also available during the school term**

For further information or enrolments contact  
Gippsland Tennis Coaching

Mark Stevens email: [mstennis@dcsi.net.au](mailto:mstennis@dcsi.net.au)  
Jamie Dunn 0449 257 569



**Healthy ideas for the festive season**

Take a fruit-and-cheese tray up a notch by layering cubes and grapes in a tree shape and adding sprigs of thyme. Or try making these Grinch inspired fruit tasties. Even sandwiches cut in a Christmas themes with healthy fillings like cucumber and cream cheese are a healthy change from all the sugar!

 **WEST GIPPSLAND HEALTHCARE GROUP**