

# Warrnambool Special Developmental School

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Term 2

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I would like to thank you for all your amazing support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning. Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling.

## TRANSITION BACK TO SCHOOL

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May will be a pupil-free day. This means that on this day no students will be attending onsite and no remote learning will be taking place.**

## STAGE 1

- Students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, senior secondary (Year 11 and 12 VCAL and VCE) students and **all students in Specialist Schools will return to school from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.**
- Year 10 students undertaking VCE studies, including VCE VET studies, should also attend school for those classes where practicable.

## STAGE 2

- all other year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Therefore, from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, all of our students will be expected to attend school as normal.

This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after this date, we can no longer support their learning from home.



 UPCOMING EVENTS

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**NO BUSES**

**NO REMOTE  
LEARNING**

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**11 more  
sleeps to  
go**

Looking  
forward to  
seeing you  
soon!

**Warrnambool Bus Lines**  
**55621866**  
**Christians Bus Company**  
**55629432.**

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. There may also be families that feel that their child should still continue with remote learning. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. This will apply until further notice. It is important to note that changes will include:

- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students;
- the way we conduct parent-teacher meetings and interviews.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

With my best wishes,

Robert



Happy Birthday to everyone that celebrated their special day over the past week.





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14 May 2020

Dear Robert

We would like to thank and congratulate the staff of WSDS for their exceptional support of the students and their families during these uncertain times.

Every staff member at WSDS has been invaluable in ensuring that Remote Learning has been as accessible and available as possible for the school community.

The unparalleled availability of staff members to assist with this transition and the ongoing support to ensure students continue to feel included in their school community while undertaking Remote Learning has been outstanding.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of every teacher, support staff member, therapist, volunteer and school community member that has assisted to ensure the continued education of our students. A special mention to the dedication of the Leadership Team in Robert, Sue and Jo for ensuring this transition occurred as seamlessly as possible.

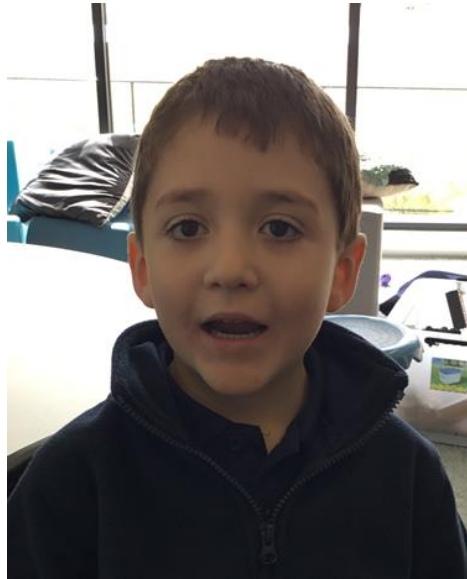
We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of every parent and carer by extending a huge thank you for embracing the challenge of Remote Learning during very difficult circumstances.

Sincerely

Jay Overall  
Russell McLaren  
Kate Darmanin  
Craig Haberfield  
Clare Kavanagh  
Kelda Ind  
Paul Lougheed

Parent Representatives and Community Member  
Warrnambool Special Developmental School Council

This morning we held our first school assembly via Zoom. We had over 80 people join in to sing our national anthem, happy birthday to the students who have had birthdays in the past two months and to announce the students of the week. These awards went to:-



Kallan O'Keefe received the Junior Primary award for having a go and trying his best at everything during remote learning.

Thomas Short received the Junior Primary award for doing his best and being resilient during remote learning.

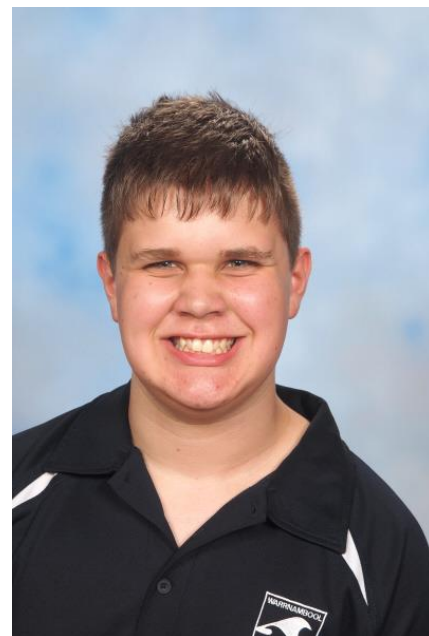
Harmony Wagner-Hawkins received the Junior Primary award for having a positive attitude to remote learning and always trying her best.



Lylah Soumalidis received the Senior Primary award for her great attempts at working independently while at home.

Brodie Hughes received the Junior Secondary award for completing his home learning tasks independently and to a very high standard.

Nikita Triance received the Senior Secondary award for working at an incredibly high standard and having a fantastic commitment to her studies.



Ethan received the Senior Secondary award for his positive attitude to remote learning, persistence at completing all learning tasks set and responding well to feedback on his work tasks.

Melanie Sudiro received the Food For Life award for participating remotely every week this term so far.

Ashley Holmes received the Sports award for his amazing Trick-Shot video.

Oliver Ferrier received the Therapy award for outstanding achievements in Term 2.

Specifically his completion of activities in online learning, participation in S7 Zoom meetings using his Touch Chat, singing with Matt during the S7 Zoom meetings and starring in the OT hygiene videos.



# Food for life

Hi everyone, we all hope you are enjoying doing some fun cooking from home!

Keep us updated on Seesaw on all your amazing cooking!

We have loved all your photos and videos of your cooking, keep it up!

From Jane and Sarah

## THIS WEEK'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK:- Blueberry Muffins.

### Ingredients:-

1 & 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 cup white sugar plus 1 tablespoon for muffin tops

1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/3 cup neutral-flavoured oil – canola, vegetable and grape, seed are great

1 large egg

1/2 cup milk – dairy and non-dairy both work

1 & 1/2 teaspoons of vanilla extract

1 cup frozen berries

### Method:-

1. Preheat the oven to 200C, line muffin tray with muffin patty pans
2. Add oil to a measuring jug that holds at least 1 cup
3. Add milk mixture to the bowl with dry ingredients then use a fork to combine. Do not over mix. Fold in the berries
4. Divide the batter between muffin patty pans. Sprinkle a little sugar on top of each muffin.
5. Bake muffins 15 to 20 minutes or until tops are no longer wet and a toothpick inserted into the middle of a muffin comes out with crumbs, not wet batter
6. Transfer to a cooling rack.



## Healthy Hygiene Tip of the Week:

**Ensure you wash your hands for 20 seconds before and after any kind of food prep, before eating, after going to the toilet, after blowing your nose or coughing and sneezing and after handling any kind of rubbish! :)**

**Brodie from S2 making Pavlova Nests and Thomas from P2 Making some Pancakes**



### Thank You

Words cannot express the incredible pride we have for our Senior Secondary students working through this pandemic but today I want to thank our families and school staff for the valuable contributions they are making.

Juggling other kids at home, and still trying to work, going onsite to work with students or going in to other work places, caring for other family members, magically creating meals from the cupboard from things you never wanted to use, for allowing your home to become a classroom and everything else this pandemic has thrown at you.

Thankyou Lisa Lee.



### Senior Primary P8

P8 students have been great learners this week producing excellent work and having fun. Great job and thanks to all the parents too!



Whether you are working at home or at school,  
don't forget to save paper by thinking

**'Do I really need to print this?'**

Every little bit helps.