

# Merri River School



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Term 4

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**SMOKE-FREE  
SCHOOL**



Welcome to week 3 of term. Today we saw all students return to school. They have all settled in well and are doing some amazing work!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – RU OK Day
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 12 Graduation Day
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 12's Final Day Of School

## PUPIL FREE DAYS

Please pop them in your diaries.

- **Friday 26 November** – whole school planning
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of the school year

**STAY SAFE  
STAY AWARE  
TAKE CARE**

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

As our community continues to open up and enjoy more freedoms, in order to protect the ongoing wellbeing of students in schools the Department of Education has indicated that all adults working on-site in schools must be COVID-19 vaccinated. Parents are welcome to come into the front office to drop things off, or pick up students or for any general enquires. However, our current advice is that if parents (or any members of the community) need to come into school beyond the front foyer, they will need to provide evidence of being COVID-19 vaccinated. The easiest way of doing this is linking your vaccination certificate from MyGov with the Service Vic app on a smart phone. However, a physical copy of a vaccination certificate (issued from Medicare) is also fine. When staff are arranging meetings with parents and carers, they will ask whether they are able to provide evidence of their vaccination status before confirming how the meeting will be conducted.

### **Management of an unwell student or staff member at school**

It is important that any student (or staff member) who becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms while at school gets tested and returns home.

#### **The symptoms to watch out for are:**

- \* fever
- \* chills or sweats
- \* cough
- \* sore throat
- \* shortness of breath
- \* runny nose
- \* loss or change in sense of smell or taste

Some people may also experience headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Staff or students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should **be advised** to get tested and stay home until they receive a test result. (This is not mandated, just advisory).

Staff and students are **not required to present a medical certificate stating they are fit to return to an education setting after a period of illness, however staff and students should not return until symptoms resolve**. If they have been tested for COVID-19, they must also wait for a negative test result.

Enjoy your Weekend!

Kind regards

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# Students Of The Week



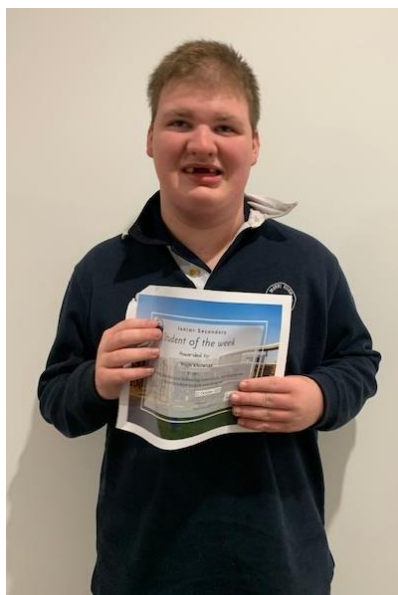
Maya Theobald Daly received the Junior Primary award for following the behaviour expectations and completing all of her work. Great job Maya!



Archer received the Junior Primary award for being a good learner, being focused and calm.



Kira received the Senior Primary award for being energetic and motivated and radiating joy to everyone.



Hugh Knowles received the Junior Secondary award for being respectful and following instructions. Also helping out a fellow student to pick something up.

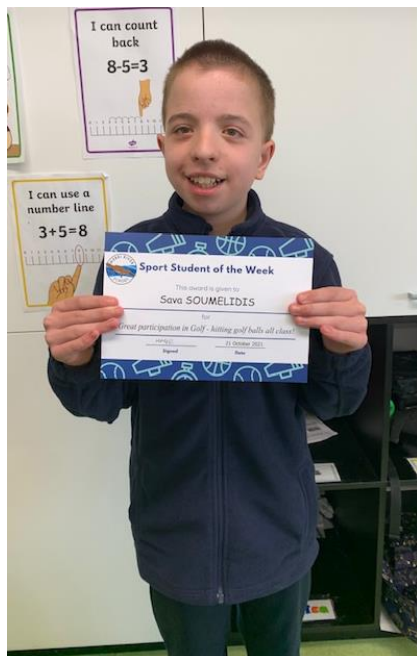


Lachlan received the Senior Secondary award for concentrating well to independently complete maths tasks.



Jacob Wylie received the music award for listening to instructions in Drum Beat.





Sam Soumelidis received the sports award for great participation in golf - hitting golf balls all class!



Daedric Spedden received the Therapy award for listening well and speaking politely in the literacy/sensory group.



S4 received the Food For Life award for working cooperatively in the kitchen with mutual respect.



Therapy groups had some messy fun this week with green slimy boogers! We read the book Dirty Bertie and then played with toy bugs in the slimy boogers! So much fun!







Lots of big smiles coming from the kitchen this week with chocolate muffins on the menu! Well done to our secondary students who also worked hard creating a delicious Spanish paella!!

Mmmm yummo!







P2 this week learnt to swing a golf club, make gingerbread and muffins.





## Next week's Core Word

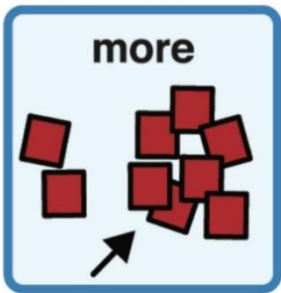

### Why Core Words?

Research and best practice continue to show us just how important it is to give AAC learners access to a robust balanced AAC system, complete with core words.

**Core words** are the building blocks of language that make up over 80% of the words we say. When we give access to these words, we are giving AAC learners power and flexibility in their communication.

Core words are all of the words on the Prolo Core Word Boards around the school.

Next week we are focusing on the Core Word "MORE" Try and incorporate "MORE" into book reading with your child, during conversation or while playing! Have fun ☐

Core Word of the Week:	
	<p><b>Sign:</b></p> <div><p>Cup dominant hand, fingers spread and place fingertips on centre chest.</p><p>Move hand forward.</p></div> 
How?	
Commenting:	<i>More, No more</i>
Needs & Wants:	No <i>more</i> , not <i>more</i> , I don't want <i>more</i>
Getting & Giving Information:	We should get <i>more</i> , Who wants <i>more</i> , I think we want <i>more</i>
Social interaction:	<i>More</i> please, Can I have <i>more</i> please, I have <i>more</i> jokes,
Core Words so far:	<i>Like, not/no, look, get, have, make, do, on/off, stop, want, put,</i>

\*Find 'more' on Lamp, PDD and Speak for Yourself apps too!

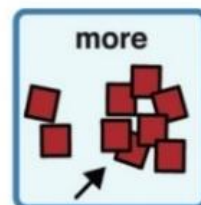
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## WORD OF THE WEEK

'MORE'

Modeling core words for success!



Therapy

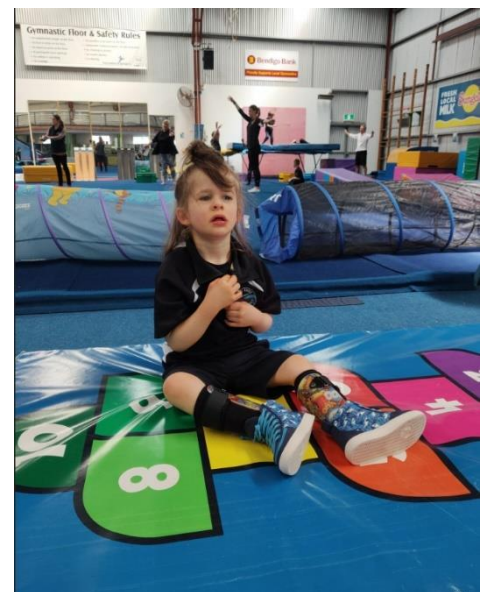
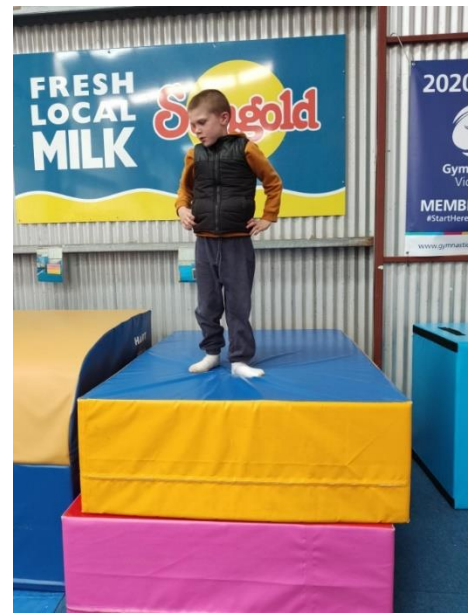
Annalice, Steph, Sez, Kim,

Sue, Noons, Louise & Katie





P1, P2 and P3 had a great time practicing their skills at Springers Gymnastics on Wednesday.  
Great effort everyone!



RUOK Day will be held at school on Wednesday 27th of October.

Games, Sausage Sizzle, Band, Show bags and lots more.

**Covid safe processes will be in place.**

More details to come closer to the date.

**RU  
OK?**

### Year 12 Graduation Day

Graduation Day for Year 12's will be Wednesday 1st of December.



**This will also be the students' final day of school.**

More details regarding Graduation to follow.



Happy Birthday to everyone  
that celebrated their special  
day over the past couple of  
weeks.

A very big happy 18<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday to Zake who is  
turning 18 tomorrow.







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We are so excited to announce that **next week, all** of our afternoon programs are going to run as normal! We can't wait 🙌😊

Covid safe practices will be in place which unfortunately at this stage means the programs are only available for Merri River students.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns



The 24-ShearMadness is happening again and this year, they are raising money for the Merri River School!

Check out their Facebook page for all the details in the lead up to what we hope is a record-breaking 24 hour Sheep Shearing Marathon!

# 24hr SHEAR-A-THON

supporting those who support special needs

Warrnambool Showgrounds  
Midday Fri 10 Dec -  
Late Sat 11 Dec



**PLUS** Food Vans &  
Family Entertainment

ENTRY Gold Coin Donation



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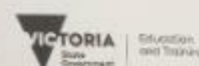
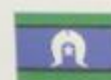
# Koorie Kids Shine at Kindergarten

**15 hours a week of FREE kindergarten  
is available for your child**

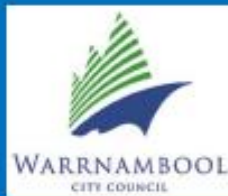
At kindergarten, your three or four year old child will make new friends, enjoy fun activities and get ready for school.

## Enrol today

Contact your local kindergarten or local council,  
or visit [education.vic.gov.au/koorie-kids-shine](http://education.vic.gov.au/koorie-kids-shine)  
for information.







## After School Care Warrnambool



### Safe care for local families

For almost 20 years Warrnambool City Council's After School Care program has provided high quality registered care for families in Warrnambool. Located at **St Joseph's Primary School**.

Childcare benefit reduces fees by as much as 85%.

**For easy enrolment or more information email:**

**[oshc@warrnambool.vic.gov.au](mailto:oshc@warrnambool.vic.gov.au)**

**or call 555 94555.**