



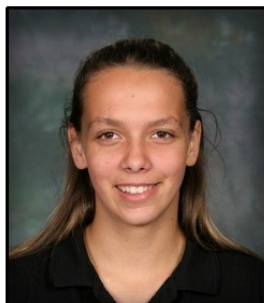
# Term 1 Newsletter

Wangaratta District Specialist School

## Introducing our Junior School Councillors and School Captains for 2020



Max Batt



Ava Hoile



Mia Rhodes-Orton



Aiden Carman



Jasmine Dobbyn



Lily Whalley



Aaron Feltham



Brandon Johnson



Leslie Bodsworth



Kaitlyn Cook



Cooper Lovell



Rory Nicholson



Dylan Hasson



Chase Mills



Kaden Klupfel



Conrad Hagl



Victoria Woodley



Jhett Jenkin

## School Captains



Nicholas Cavicchiolo



Amy Cooke





Congratulations to the Bogong Crew. A fantastic start to the year. It has been great to see the way the students work as a team whether it be in cooking, Bluearth, out in the community, completing jobs around the school or working in the classroom. They are to be congratulated for their efforts.



**Bogong—Term 1**

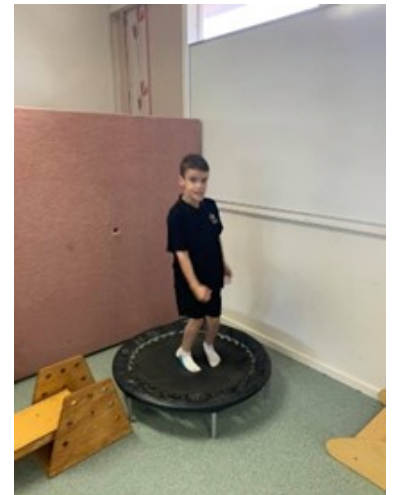


**Allied Health Team – Lily (SaLT), Paula (OT) Tina (AHA)**

2020 certainly started with some challenges, but the programs that the team have been running have seen children engaged and actively learning.

Paula and Tina have been collaborating with Ryan, Cat and Kate to create session for some of our students based on the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). Students have enjoyed movement and sensory activities to assist with coordination, balance and fitness. These sessions have been a lot of fun and it has been amazing to witness the student's confidence in their abilities increase each week.

These sessions have been taking place in our designated PMP room, which we have been working on making user friendly. We have been fortunate enough to have been given a considerable amount of equipment including crash mats, foam vaults, balancing beams and mini tramps. Thank you to Tim Hearn for organising this equipment, it has made an enormous difference to this program



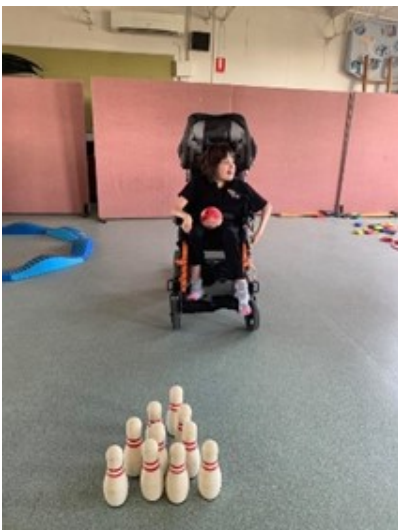
Paula continues to run movement groups in some classrooms and Learn to Play Therapy sessions with Buffalo. She also spends time upskilling the classroom staff and assisting students with daily living skills.

Lily has been working across most rooms, participating in both social and language group sessions. One on one therapy is also continuing with many students working with their iPads (Snap Core First app.) to aid communication.

Tina has been assisting both Paula and Lily in implementing programs across the school. We have also been running Key Word Sign sessions in two classrooms and the students have been amazing us with their engagement and use of signs.

We all feel privileged to work with your amazing children and enjoy every day we come to work.

Please keep safe and we hope we will be back at work as usual after the holidays.





**Jake Deboer**  
I like drawing, doing  
numbers at school.

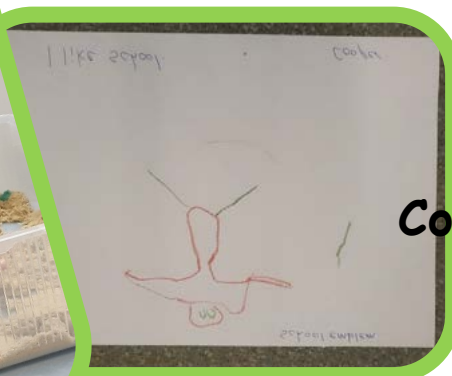
**Kane Beardow**

I like going to  
the playground  
and playing  
with pasta.



# BUFFALO

Our first term at school...



**Cooper Davies**



**Tony Woodley**  
I love to run around in  
the play ground and  
play in the boat.



I like to drive the  
tractor at home.



# VCAL Outdoor Ed

As the end of semester one approaches the VCAL outdoor education class have been busy honing their bush skills. Students were split into 2 groups, given a 10 metre length of rope and the instruction to make a stretcher. It was pleasing to see our students use their initiative creativity and communication skills to successfully complete the task. Once the stretcher was complete the objective of each team was to carry a team member 30 meters. The team which covered the distance the quickest was declared the winner!



## **Mount Emu:** Sarah and Luke

Welcome to a new year in mount Emu. So far this term we have enjoyed dodgeball in Sport with Ryan, playing Prodigy in math and lots more.

We like doing the activities in the Middles Cup with the other middle years classes in the gallery. We have won the cup 2 times!

My favourite thing this term was...

Playing footy. Jack

Dodgeball. Charlie

Nerf war with Jack. Dylan

Hair making with Ava. Rory

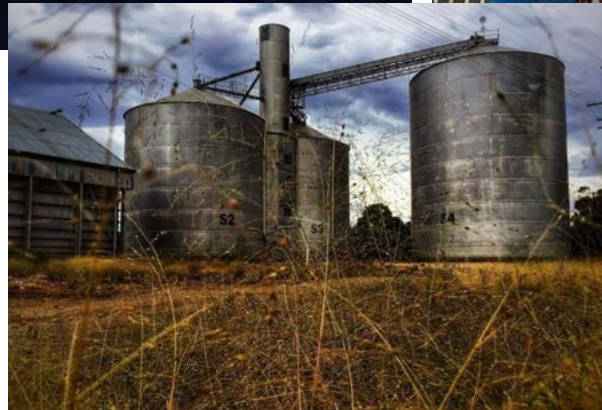
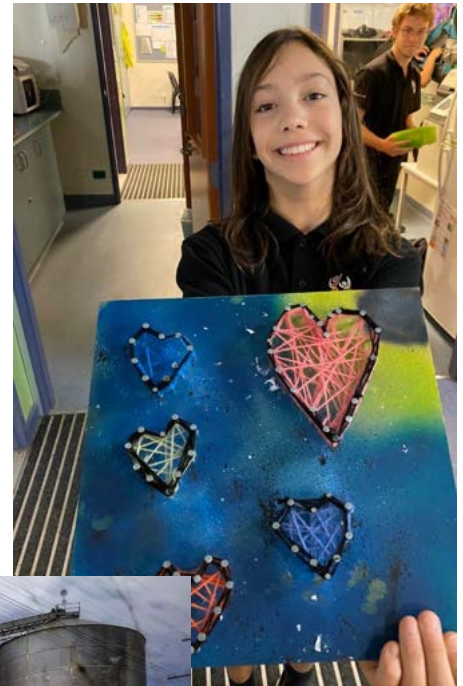
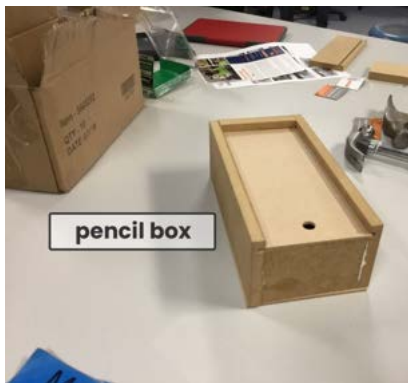
Playing with clay. Bailey

Cooking. Denny

Going for a big bike ride with Daine. Chris

# Hotham

What a term we have had in Hotham! It has been an amazing start to the year and Jordan, Mark and the class have accomplished so much. The cooking program has been a massive success so far with Spaghetti Bolognaise and Chips cheese and gravy being some crowd favourites. For community access we have been busy visiting the library and the Co-store displaying some great independence and social skills. The Hotham crew have been working extremely hard on instructional writing and also on strengthening their addition and subtraction skills. Other highlights to the term have been the Buntings Warehouse program, Hands on Learning and electives. We cannot wait to see what term 2 will bring and we hope that everyone has a n amazing break.



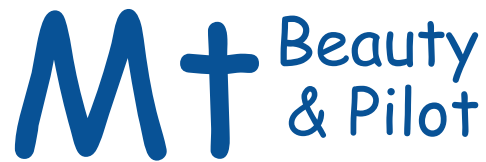


# Morgan - Term One Highlights

In a flash, term one is finished.! This term was a memorable one for many reasons. We began the year with lots of activities to get to know each other. We started our cooking program where some valuable life skills such as budgeting, looking at recipes and grocery shopping were practiced. Students learnt about the importance of hygiene and cleaning up after themselves in the kitchen. Some of the meals included class favourites Fettuccini Carbonara and Pizza. We started our Australian History unit, learning about outlaw Ned Kelly. Science involved some interesting experiments involving push and pull. In Maths, we learnt place value, addition and subtraction. In Literacy, some of our focus has included procedural writing, recounts, reading and comprehension. We are also learning about positive behaviours and strategies to manage challenging situations. This will continue throughout the year. Students have shown a keen willingness to follow our school values of being respectful, being safe and being learners. Below are some photos from Term One. We wish everyone a relaxing and safe Easter break.







What a fabulous start of the year we have had over in Mt. Beauty and Mt. Pilot. We have enjoyed so many different activities together and are already looking forward to what Term 2 will bring.

Science has been a huge hit for us this term, where we have looked at the effects of forces (push & pull) has on different objects. We have learnt about gravity, buoyancy, how rockets fly and how to build our own planes. We have enjoyed showing off our creations and having a play with these outside, seeing who's plane can fly the furthest. We have also worked hard at building our skills in maths and literacy collaboratively. The Mt. Beauty and Mt. Pilot team have really enjoyed working with such an amazing bunch of students this term and we are so excited to head into next term.

We hope you all have a fantastic holidays and stay safe!



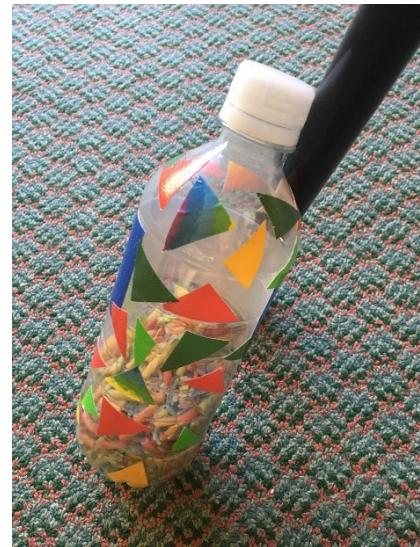




What a great term we have had in Music! We welcomed our Prep students in the Buffalo class and I discovered that they love playing the guitar! And they have great rhythm!

We have enjoyed performances at Assembly from Mt. Typo, Mt. Pilot and Mt. Buffalo. And also some very brave performances by some of our Band students, Shaneevah, Shalah, Maddie Hill, Lily and Jasmine. Well done to all of you!

Mt Buffalo and Mt. Buller classes had great fun making shaker bottles. We filled empty plastic drink bottles with coloured rice and pasta and decorated them with coloured tape. They look and sound great!





**Hello from Kosciusko.** It has been a cracking start to the school year. It has been so pleasing for Matt and Sheydin to see the way the Kossie students have joined together from their previous classrooms as a group. Our students have been working hard to meet the schools expectations and to make school a fun place for everyone to be.

This term the Kossie students have worked tirelessly on their instructional writing. This is something they do on a weekly basis, creating KeyNote presentations on a different recipe. The following day, students follow their instructional text to make dishes. Some of the terms highlights have been zucchini slice, honey joys, truffles and hot cross buns, just to name a few. Other highlights throughout the term have been having access to the Bun-nings Warehouse Projects, Hands on Learning and of course electives. Below are some of the amazing photos taken by our students in the photography elective.

Congratulations to Ava Hoile who was nominated for the Kosciusko Junior School Council-  
lor Representative.



Tyler Lawler Photo of the week—Week 6!

Captured at Brown Brothers Milawa.



# Stirling News

This term in Stirling we have enjoyed a very successful cooking program. Each week students have experienced making and eating different foods such as fruit kebabs and smoothies, sausage rolls, quiche and salad. During cooking we have been practising skills such as cutting, spreading and learning how to handle hot foods and utensils safely.



As well as cooking, students have been learning and practising how to engage in conversations in various settings and with a variety of different people from our school, as can be seen in the above picture where different staff members were invited to a 'High Tea' involving foods such as scones, several types of finger sandwiches and mini cakes made by the students.



In Science we have been learning about forces, push and pull. Over the term, students designed and created a push or pull car using recycled materials. They had to choose the materials needed to make the car and explore different ways of getting it to move. Here are some of the amazing creations they designed.





# Tambo

Bridie, Leanne and Belinda

What a huge term it has been in Tambo! This term we have spent a lot of time getting to know our students, building relationships and embedding the routine and expectations of our classroom.

Tambo students have enjoyed participating in weekly cooking lessons where all children have had the opportunity to engage in various aspects of the process from cutting, mixing, setting tables, reading recipes/following visual schedules and cleaning up. We are looking forward to preparing more delicious meals in the coming term!

A big focus of term 1 has been supporting students to engage in learning programs with increase independence. We have been doing this through the implementation of independent schedules, where students are able follow a visual schedule and complete a variety of learning tasks including literacy, numeracy, fine motor skills and ILP specific work.

We are so proud of all of our students and the fantastic progress they have begun to make over the last term. We are looking forward to seeing them all again soon!

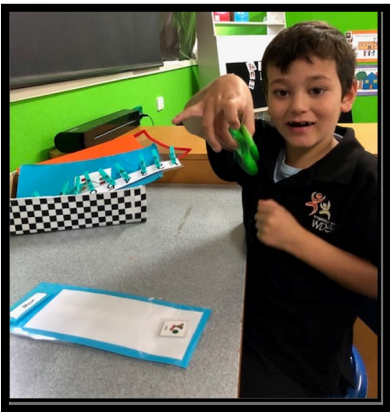






## Taminick Term 1

**We have been very busy settling into our new routine, developing our imaginative play skills, completing work tasks both independently and with our teachers, practising communication skills , swimming, cooking and throwing ourselves whole heartedly into sensory play!**





**Hello from Feathertop.** This year we welcomed several students from middle years, into the senior school. Our students are excited to be leaders of our school and to demonstrate for others at WDSS what it looks like to be; a learner, safe and a respectful student at our school.

**FTOP News announcement #1** - At the beginning of the term, Feathertop student Tyrell Sarre wrote a letter to Harvo enquiring about Senior T-Shirts and the possibility of changing the style of the current shirts. This feedback was well received by Harvo and the leadership team. All senior students were given the opportunity to vote on which shirt they preferred. After results were tallied, orders were placed! We expect that they will be ready early term 2. Well done Tyrell for his proactive initiative in term 1.



Tyrell Sarre

**\*\*Please note, for parents/carers wanting to order additional t-shirts for their child, please contact Work Locker before 3rd of April (end of week 1 school holidays) (03) 5722 4644. \*\***

**FTOP News announcement #2** – Congratulations to Kaden Klupfel who was nominated the Feathertop Junior School Council Representative. Special mention to power duo Simon Bodsworth & Jamison Matthews who were nominated joint Vice Representatives.



Kaden Klupfel



Simon Bodsworth



Jamison Matthews

**FTOP News announcement #3** – During week 5 we participated in the annual water safety day at the Olympic pool. Students worked their way through several stations which allowed them to exercise water safety skills and swimming styles. Feathertop students would like to thank our PE teacher, Ryan Hargreaves and VCAL students for organising the day.



**FTOP News announcement #4** – During week 8, WDSS celebrated the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Although the NDA announced they postponed the National Day of Action in the interest of student and staff health, we still promoted the importance of this message within our school community.

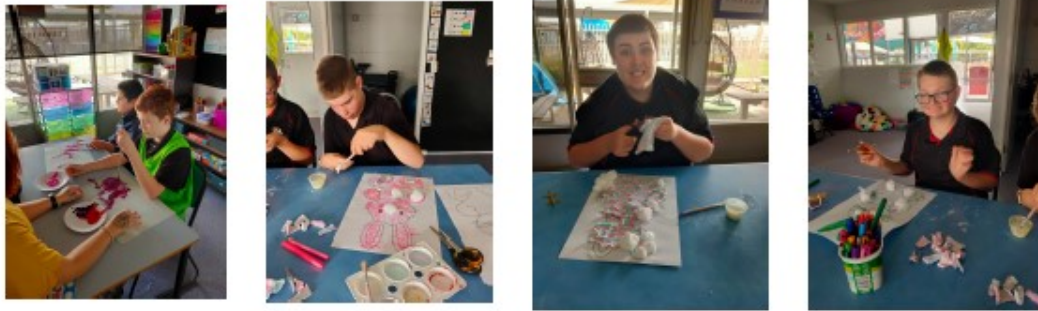




# Stanley Term 1

This term in Stanley has been full of laughter and learning. We have enjoyed lots together and achieved some pretty wonderful things.

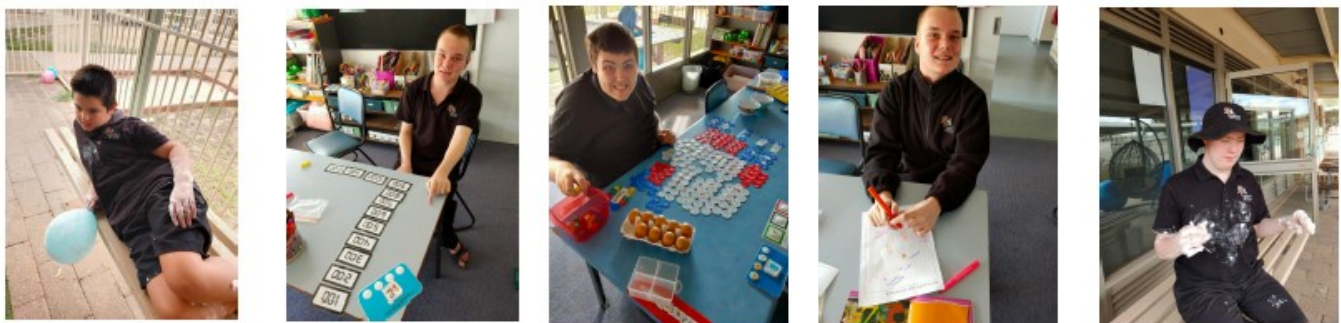
From our relaxing morning walks to the creek, music with Robin, cooking eggs every way possible, swimming and getting creative with paints and crafts.



Our visits to the library on a rainy day or cuddles with the guinea pigs



And all of our fantastic learning from sensory play to counting, writing and learning our O'clocks.



We hope everyone stays safe and connected through these uncertain times and look forward to connecting with you all in the near future.

Stanley Team



## Buller Alicia, Darlene and Jess



We have had an amazing start to the year in Buller! During term one we have engaged in sensory play and activities inside and outside the classroom. We have been getting creative and painting as well!

The Buller class all went out for lunch at the Town and Country Tavern during the term, where we practiced our skills of making an order, sitting at the table and using our knife and fork. We shared a meal with the Allied Health Team to thank them for all the hard work they have done with our class this term. We have been getting out into the community including walks to different parks, trips to Kmart to get classroom essentials and also our swimming program that ran this term.



## Mt Typo: Jess, Andrea and Lisa

Wow, Mt Typo has raced head first into term 1 2020 and boy have we been busy!! We have all got to know our new friends and our teachers and are settling in to our routines and doing some amazing work every day. We are having fun whilst we learn and grow everyday and make a great little team.

Some of our favourite things would have to be, our cooking sessions, so far we have made everything from bliss balls to pizza with our very own dough that we made ourselves. Our community access includes our shopping trip to the supermarket where we buy our ingredients for the cooking session and something we all love is our trip to the park or library after.

We are very lucky to have our very own class pet called "Bax" who is our blue tongue lizard. Bax is such a popular typo class mate and can often be found hanging around with the team, we are learning what to feed Bax and we take turns each week at being on duty.

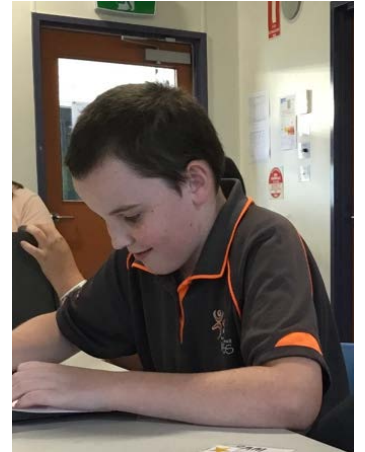
Science, history, art and music also keep us busy and before we know it our days are over and we are headed home. The days have disappeared so quickly this term and we will look forward to our holidays, but will certainly all be just as eager to come together all fresh for Term 2.







**What a term in Cobbler!** We have got off to an amazing start this year. We have been lucky to have Chris and Marley in our room, providing wonderful support and opportunities for our learning. Some of our highlights have been Community Access, particularly to the Library, and Cooking, we are experts at chicken schnitzels! The visit from Nitro Circus was thrilling. Our Working Towards Rewards has been highly successful, with making playdough or milkshakes popular choices. I hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday, I look forward to when we are all together again!





# WARBY

Term 1 is done and dusted! What a fast paced, hot and full of learning term it was. In Warby, we had a nice start to the year, engaging in ART, PE, Cooking and all areas of our learning.

## SCIENCE

Science became a big focus of our learning, where we explored how things move including force, motion and gravity. We were able to have some fun during these sessions, seeing how much force balloons can take and making robots balance just by using some coins and our finger!

## COOKING

Our cooking program was also very popular. We have had some delicious meals cooked including lasagne, rice paper rolls and fried rice. We worked in small groups of 3.

## MEASUREMENT

Within our math program, we have started math groups where we are working on developing our understanding of measurement. Units of measurement such as cm, m and inches were all covered, including mapping out the distance of our school!

We look forward to seeing you in Term 2!

