



### Message from Jacqui

It has been terrific to see the students all running around together and playing a range of activities at lunch time. There is a lovely ambience to our school environment and the students are taking wonderful care of each other. The play is very active at the moment so it is important that students are wearing suitable clothing and footwear. In particular, I would encourage children to wear runners or a shoe with a similar structure to ensure they are providing adequate support when running.

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Nicole this week. Nicole has been an amazing support to the Christmas Hills Primary School community over a number of years and we are very grateful for her contributions.

Not only has Nicole been a warm and friendly member of the community who offers her support in daily organisation, first aid and wellbeing but also has a wealth of understanding of how to support students both emotionally and academically.

Nicole's commitment and passion for our school community has been invaluable. From the many hours of planning school events, to the hours of time she has donated to volunteer and assist with fundraising and events, to the outstanding organisation and diligence to ensure we have all the safety and first aid processes up to date, to the extra personal touches of knowing everyone's birthdays, interests, families. The list goes on.

Nicole's skills, expertise and professionalism was recognised last year when she was announced as the Outstanding Business Manager as part of the 2019 Victorian Education Excellence Awards. This was an outstanding achievement and yet another demonstration of the significant contribution Nicole has made to our school community over the years.

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Nicole for everything she has contributed to our school community over the years and wish her well as she begins the next chapter.

### School Council Nominations

Thank you to those people who either nominated themselves or someone else for the 2020 School Council. It is with great pleasure that I announce the 2020 School Council members; Annie, Andy, Brenda, Bronwyn, LaLuna, Sophie, and as DEET representatives Angeline and myself.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support and welcome these members to our School Council. It is a wonderful demonstration of our community spirit that we have been able to fill all of the parent vacancies.

### Important Dates for 2020

#### Curriculum Days

Friday 6th March

Monday 17th August

Monday 30th November

#### Term Dates

Term 1 28th January —27th March

Term 2 14th April—26th June

Term 3 13th July—18th September

Term 4 5th October—18th December

#### Coming up:

##### Wednesday 4th March

School Photos

##### Friday 6th March

Curriculum Day

##### Tuesday 17th March

School Nurse—Prep visit

##### Sunday 22nd March

Warrandyte Festival Kids Market

#### CHIRPS ALERTS

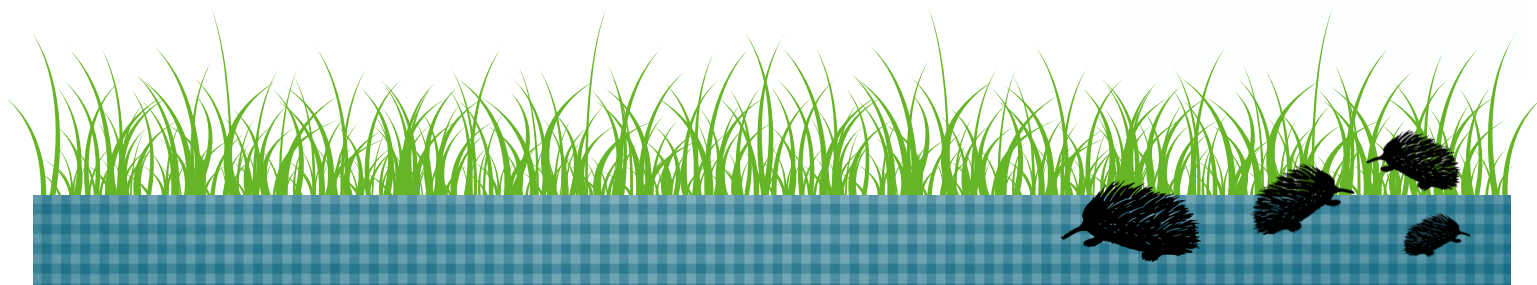
CHIRPS alerts are going out to ...

Nia—for showing CARING and saving the laptops during the storm

Olle—for being INQUISITIVE during our painting experiments in art

Charlotte—for showing PERSISTENCE with your weekend recount writing

Luka—for being INQUISITIVE with your survey project





## Warrandyte Festival

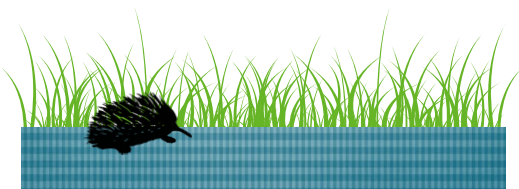
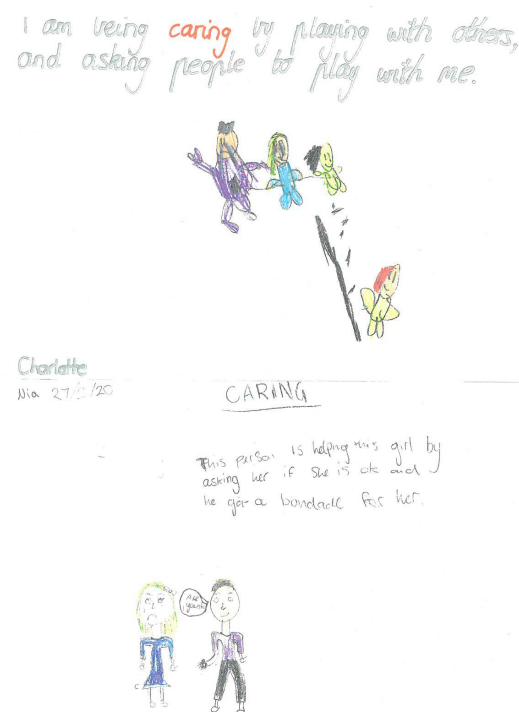
We will be hosting a market stall at the kids market as part of the Warrandyte Festival on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a terrific opportunity to fundraise for our school whilst also spreading the word about the benefits of attending a small school. We will need support for this event to be a success, if you are able to make donations of newspapers, potting mix or seedlings that would be very much appreciated. There will also be a roster for families to assist in manning the stall. We would love to see the students assisting parents on the day. This is a great opportunity to continue to show our community spirit and all pitch in to make light work of the day.

## PE Program

Each term we focus on a different sport in our PE program. This term is focusing on Athletics. We are joined by Terry who is a very experienced and passionate Little Athletics coach who is supporting us to provide the students with a rich PE program which develops the fundamental skills of throwing, running and jumping. Due to Terry's other coaching commitments the timing of these sessions varies from week to week but will be held either on Wednesdays or Thursdays and will continue until the end of the term.

## School Values—CARING

Every Wednesday afternoon we spend half an hour as a whole school to focus on Wellbeing. The current school value we are focusing on is CARING. After a whole school discussion students were given the opportunity to draw what CARING means to them.



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Someone falls over and someone comes and helps.



I am being caring by warning the other person about the snake and both moving away from danger.

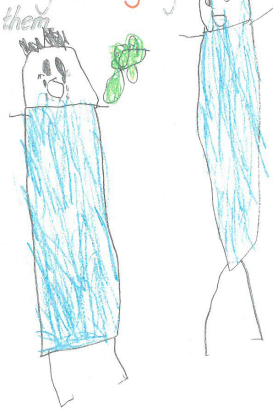


if you get hurt  
have stand up  
for you self  
if the teacher  
tell the truth  
accept it  
what you did



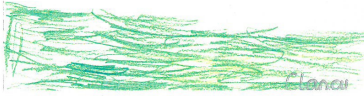
A bird ate somebody's apple.

I am being caring by helping them



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I am being caring by helping someone up when they have fallen.



Caring is good because it



When somebody has a problem then you should help them.

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