### WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL



# **Learning Centre's Newsletter**

Term 2 | 5th May 2023 | Week 2

# **Lower Primary Update**

These first two weeks of Term two have gone by so quickly, and we have had some fun and exciting events take place.

Last week, we had an Australian Animal Incursion take place. During our incursion, students observed and touched many different animals including; Possums, snakes, a turtle, a crocodile, a joey, a frog, a lizard and many more. It was lovely to see the giant smiles on the student's faces as they felt the many different textures of the animals.

In classes following the incursion, students reflected upon the animals including what they saw, how they felt and if they liked it or not. They were used as inspiration in writing pieces and connections were made to the animals in the classroom texts.

I asked a few students what their favourite animals were during the incursion, and this is what they said:

Rafan - Joey, Ali - Owl, Julian - Snake and Kangaroo and Samuel - Crocodile.

This week, we celebrated our 50 days of school with a treasure hunt. Classes went on a treasure hunt around the school looking for mystery containers that contained various materials for counting. These materials were then used throughout the week as students engaged in a variety of mathematical learning experiences.

## Upcoming dates...

#### Wednesday 10th May

School Photo day

- Cayleys Road
- Polly Parade
- Bethany Road

Friday 12th May

School photo day Warringa Crescent

Friday 9th June Curriculum Day - no school

Monday 12th June King's Birthday Public Holiday - no school

Friday 23rd June Last day of Term Two - 2pm finish

# Stacey Hilder Lower Primary Leading Teacher









## **Early Primary Update**

Hello and welcome to term 2! We have already had a jam-packed start to this term.

Our students made poppy's, read stories, and made wreaths as part of recognition of ANZAC day. All of our students joined together at our school flagpole to lay their poppy and wreaths and participated in a minute silence to remember those who have lost their lives or the lives of loved ones and those who have previously or currently servicing in armed forces around the world.

We were lucky enough to have an animal incursion last Thursday. Students visited with a kangaroo, owl, a crocodile, a snake and many other furry, scaly and soft animals. Our learning inquiry for this term is centred around "How do I care for the world around me?", with students to explore how to care for animals. This will explore where they live, what they eat and other facts and features of animals they choose. We are excited to see the direction the students take their learning this term.

Finally, we celebrated 50 days of school this week with a math challenge. As a school, our teachers have participated in professional learning around the use of loose part materials to engage learners in mathematics, particularly counting. On Monday, students participated on a treasure hunt around the school to collect containers of loose part materials to add their class mathematics kits. Students have then used these materials to participate in a range of mathematics challenges throughout the week.

We have school photos next Friday, notes have been sent home. If you do not have an order form, please contact your child's teacher or the administration as soon as possible. The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting next Wednesday & Thursday also. If you have returned form for your child/children to participate, please ensure they are in attendance on Wednesday & Thursday to ensure they do not miss their optometrist appointment.

Thank you as always for your ongoing collaboration with our Early Primary Team!

**Amy Byrne** Early Primary

Leading Teacher

# **Upper Primary Update**

It's been wonderful to see how well the Upper Primary students started back at school after the holidays and how they've settled back into routines and focusing on their learning. Term 2 has already begun with many events, incursions and learning celebrations.

Congratulations to Joseph Zubah from Room 29 who was chosen to represent the school by reading the Ode of Remembrance during our ANZAC Day ceremony. Jordan took the honour very seriously and dedicated time and effort to practise the Ode of Remembrance before the day. Students from UP classrooms designed and created wreaths to show their respect to those who served and learning that week centred around what ANZAC Day represents.

On Thursday we had a fabulous animal incursion, which links to our Inquiry focus this term of Environmental Sustainability (how we can be sustainable, how we can look after the environment, how the quality of environments directly impact the animals that live there). Both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting a wide range of scaly, feathered and furry animals and many students were able to touch or hold these cute creatures.

On Monday this week we began our celebrations to mark the first 50 days of school and learning; classrooms where invited to participate in a school wide scavenger hunt to find 'loose parts' for their maths tubs in the classroom. Classrooms are currently creating a special page about the scavenger hunt which will be collated into a school wide book for each classroom.

Maddy Slatkin Upper Primary Leading Teacher

## **Polly Parade Update**

I have had the great pleasure of spending most of this week at the Polly Parade Campus! We are very proud to report that students have made a fantastic start to term 2 and have been very busy learning at school.

ANZAC Day was celebrated with students making poppy wreaths.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the animal incursion which launched our Term 2 Inquiry which is How Can We Care for Our World? Students have begun exploring this topic by investigating where animals live. They have had the opportunity to look, touch and discuss where insects live as well as make bird houses in art. Using the book Backyard Buddies by Andy Geppert students are having lots of fun learning more about the animals which they could encounter in everyday life.

Our Inquiry provides teachers with interesting topics on which reading, writing, speaking and listening and maths can be based. In P05 students are very interested in wombats so they have been reading, writing, listening and talking about what they eat. They have also counted the number of things wombats eat.



I am learning to talk about the page.





Kelly Botha Assistant Principal









# Bethany Road Update MATHS CHAMPIONSHIP DAY



























Well done to our winners....



## **Cayleys Road Update**

On the 1st of May, the VPC had an incursion and excursion. Male VPC students attended a workshop with Man Cave. The purpose of the workshop was to provide boys with a safe, healthy, and contained Rite of Passage into manhood. The program is designed to be transformational, and support the to psychological and emotional development of a boy, so he can become a healthy young man. The female students engaged in a Girls Program, they visited the Youth Resource Centre to meet the workers and learn about the programs on offer. In the afternoon, Sexual presented information Health Victoria on relationships, hygiene, and sexual health. Student feedback on this day has been very positive.

The Work-Related Skills group have been applying their numeracy knowledge to make homemade cleaner, which we will be selling at the Cayley's Road night Market later this year. Our Music group have been using the Application Garage Band and percussion instruments to make relaxation songs to share with our classes across the campus.

Cayleys Road Campus will celebrate 50 Days of School on Monday 8th May. To acknowledge this special day, students will engage in a Maths Championship Day. There will also be a 50's themed dress up competition, dance party and Maths challenges, all which will earn points for student houses.

To all mothers, grandmothers, or female carers: Please come and join us for our Mother's Day evening on Thursday 11th May from 5:00 – 6:30pm at the Warringa Crescent Campus. There will be many activities to engage in to celebrate the special job you do in caring for a young person.

We have begun implementing restorative practices and leaders have been modelling how to have restorative meetings with staff and students. On Tuesday 23rd of May, Real schools will be onsite at our Later Years Campuses working with staff and will host a Parent Information Session at 5:30pm that evening.

Caitriona Toland & Kim Zammit





Assistant Principal - CRC

## Dates for the diary

### **Term Two** 24th April - 23rd June

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# Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term at Warringa Park School!

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun and raise funds for lifesaving research and programs.

This year we've got a goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Warringa Park School to undertake skipping throughout the program and overall increase their physical activity!

Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons/during lunch break, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold a school Jump Off Week later this term, this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills. Students will get to create a class healthy smoothie through our Bike'N'Blend bikes.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

## Term Three

#### 10th July - 15th September

Monday 10th July First day of Term Three

Friday 15th September Last day of Term Three - 2pm finish

## Term Four

2nd October - 20th December

Monday 2nd October First day of Term Four

Thursday 7th December Professional Practice Day - Pupil free day

Wednesday 20th December Last day of Term Four

#### Is your child turning 16?

Most students at Warringa Park may be eligible for The Disability Pension when they turn 16.

Contact Wendy at the Cayleys Road office and she can advise you on the application process.

Call Wendy on 9749 5774

### Moving house? New phone number?

- Are you moving house, have a new phone number or email address?
- Please advise the administration team of any changes
- Any bus changes for new addresses will take time to check seat availability

## WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

10th May (Cayleys Road; Polly Parade; Bethany Road) & 12th May (Warringa Park)

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# **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** DISABILITY INCLUSION PROFILES (DIPS)

WEDNESDAY

10

MAY

5:30PM

You are invited to an information session about Disability Inclusion Profiles and how they will affect our school

- Who is involved?
- What do students and families need to know?
- New funding for our school

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