WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

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Learning Centre's Newsletter Term 3 | 14th July 2023 | Week 1

Early Primary Update

Welcome back to term 3. All of our students have settled beautifully into their classrooms and their learning. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families.

In Early primary this term, we have an inquiry centred around Physical Science. The students will explore forces and motion through a range of hands-on learning experiences. The students will explore concepts such as push and pull, movement, floating and sinking. This week students have explored what it means to be a scientist and how scientists investigate and solve problems. To add to the excitement, we have an incursion next Monday morning.

I encourage families to book in an SSG with their classroom teachers for next week. We look forward to seeing all of our families throughout next week. Have a wonderful weekend

Upcoming dates...

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Amy Byrne Leading Teacher







Lower Primary Update

It has been wonderful to see all of the students in Lower Primary so happy to be back at school after their two weeks of holidays.

Students have gotten straight into the Term 3 Inquiry related to physical sciences and innovation by creating classroom mailboxes for their up-and-coming science challenges which will be delivered every fortnight. These science challenges will give students an opportunity to be creative by using recycled materials when initially trying the challenge, before then exploring and learning about the concept and finally trying the challenge again to demonstrate their new knowledge.

Students have also begun to explore various things they can turn their recycled materials into. Some students have shown us how a container can become a hat, a car, a robot, a tower etc.

Next week on Tuesday, students will be participating in an incursion with the company Books to Life. During this incursion, students will watch a live performance of the book "Jorn's Magnificent Imagination" by Coral Vass which is one of the Speech Pathology Australia's 2023 Shortlisted books of the year. This performance will help students explore the notion that ideas can come from anywhere and that objects such as boxes, string, sheets and even orange peels can be turned into something else. We are very excited for this incursion and how it will support this terms inquiry.

Stacey Hilder Lower Primary Leading Teacher







Upper Primary Update

Upper Primary students have had a great start back to Term 3 and it's been wonderful to see students happy to be back at school and eager to learn.

This term, our Inquiry focus is Innovation: Powering Future Industries. Students will be 'challenged' with a series of learning tasks where they will go beyond learning facts and use hands on materials to create, test and explore their ideas.

To kick start the creative process, each PLC have chosen a Quality Text associated with Innovative Thinking and are exploring recyclable materials in ways they perhaps hadn't considered before.

PLC 7 have used the text 'This is not a box' to inspire thinking beyond a simple cardboard box and have created musical phones, a flower, a radio and a basket (to name a few).

PLC 8 enjoyed a science experiment where they wrote their understanding of 'What Science is' on strips before using acetone to dissolve these ideas into a polystyrene head! These ideas have also been recorded in floor books for students to refer back to during the term.

PLC 9 are using the text "Jorn's Magnificent Thing" to get their creative ideas flowing and have made classroom mailboxes to receive the challenges every fortnight.

Henny Penny chicken update:

The chickens have moved to their forever home! They are now old enough to live in the chicken coop in the garden attached to Room 36. Students from Room 29 still visit the chickens everyday and there are always at least two chicken visitors in their classroom throughout the day.

SSG meetings are next week. The Upper Primary teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers to share the learning and successes of the UP this semester. Please touch base with your classroom teacher if you are yet to make a booking or are having difficulty booking on Compass.

Maddy Slatkin Upper Primary Leading Teacher









Polly Parade Update

We are all happy to begin Term 3 with excitement and fun. All our young learners were happy and interested with our Science Inquiry Focus. Our task is to help our Learning Mascot Lizzie cross the Werribee River to visit her friend Wally- the working Together Wombat. With the help of Roo our Respectful Kangaroo, our students will use our various recycled materials to engage in fun-filled science experiments.

Our learners continue to learn more about numbers through counting, making collections and knowing how to measure. We also use the visual schedules in understanding time and what activities happen during the day.

Our PBIS Shop builds excitement to all our young learners every time they see the rewards they can receive in exchange of their PBIS tokens. This promotes positive behaviours across the school and motivate our students to practice our school values of Respect, Learning and Working Together.

Next week is SSG Week and we look forward to meeting parents to discuss our students' learning progress and goals for Semester Two. If you haven't, kindly make your online bookings or if you need help, ring the school to book your meeting.

We look forward to celebrating the 100 days of school in Week 3. We will be providing more details about this event in our next newsletter. We thank you all for your support!

Joan Ocampo

Leading Teacher





Bethany Road Update

I trust you have all had a safe and relaxing holiday, we are incredibly excited to be back for the second half of 2023! Students have re-engaged with school this week positively and it has been great to see a high level of correct school uniform being worn.

Teachers will work with students to ensure they are coming back ready to follow the school values of Respect, Learning and Working Together by demonstrating the classroom expectations across all times of the day. I encourage you to discuss with your child that this also includes any bus ride that they may take to and from school, as this is a continuation of the school space.

We look forward to our Lady Northcote Camp coming up in Week 6, cam families all please work on returning all relevant paperwork and payment by the due dates that have been given to you. I remind you all that most of our school buses do not have the capacity to safely take student luggage for camp, so organising a drop off and pick up with your child for camp would be the preferred method.

Being Term 3 now, we will also start to look towards a transition program for students who will be moving up to our Cayleys Road Campus next year. I encourage families to keep an eye out for information regarding this in the coming weeks.

I am excited for a busy and successful term ahead.

Tim Hilton

Assistant Principal - BRC

Cayleys Road Update

Welcome to Term 3 and I hope everyone had a restful break. I know that staff here at Cayley's Road are excited to get the term started and Programs and VETs have started back again this week.

For our year 12 students we have had a number of information sessions, bus tours and documentation provided so far this year. Ideally, we encourage families to have made a decision on students post school pathways this term. Our career teacher, Amy Reid, is available if families would like to book in a meeting. Please contact the school to do so. Identifying pathways early will give us at school an opportunity to support transition planning with the new service. It will also give families time to work with NDIS if post school options are needed to be funded through this scheme.

Next week we will have our midyear Student Support Group meetings. These meetings can be booked online on Compass, and we encourage all families to take the time to link in with classroom teachers. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss student reports and progress and confirm student gals for Semester 2.

As we return from the holidays staff across the school are taking the opportunity to refocus on our school wide expectations. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour expectations are Learning, Respect and Working Together. All classrooms at our school have acknowledgment systems to recognise when students are displaying these school values and we are delighted to celebrate students in the newsletter each fortnight also.

As part of our school wide supports the SWPBS team will also be sharing some resources and tips on some key strategies we implement at school which may also be helpful outside of school. This week we are starting with schedules. We hope these tips are helpful and if you would like any more support or information, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal - CRC



Dates for the diary

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2nd October - 20th December

Monday 2nd October First day of Term Four

Monday 6th November Curriculum Day - no school

Tuesday 7th November Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - no school

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

School tours

Warringa Crescent School Tours Thursday 3rd August Thursday 31st August

Cayleys Road School Tours Friday 4th August Friday 1st September

Bethany Road School Tours Thursday 3rd August Thursday 31st August

Polly Parade School Tours Monday 7th August Monday 4th September



100 days of school at Warringa Crescent Campus

100 Days of School

Dear Families,

On the 28th of July, the Warringa Park Campus will be celebrating 100 days of school with a whole campus dress up day where students can dress like they are 100 years old. On this day, we will also have an incursion, grannny dance party and an award for the best dressed student. We will also be hosting a Grandparents Morning Tea at 11:00-12:30 for Warringa Campus students that will include coffee/tea and biscuits.

If you would like to attend this day, Please RSVP below before the 21st of July or contact your child's teacher via Seesaw:

Student Name: Section (circle one): Early Primary /lower Primary /Upper Primary Number of Attendees: Class Number: Allergies/Dietary Requirements:

SWPBS UPDATE

Throughout the year, the SWPBS team will be sharing information around some of the tier 1 interventions our students access when at school.

Tier 1 supports are those that **all** students access throughout the school day.







VISUAL SCHEDULES

- Help students anticipate what will occur during their day by providing consistent visual cues.
- Schedules help to reduce anxiety by providing a visual representation of the day.
 - They help to promote calmness between transitions.
- Help students to develop independence in routines.

If you believe your child may benefit from the use of schedules at home, please contact their classroom teacher for more information!



Come down to Arndell Park and chat with youth workers and get a free haircut!

For 6 weeks from 19 July, the Social Barber will be hanging out at Arndell Park Community Centre!

Hang out and have a chat with youth workers and the barbers.

The haircut is free for young people aged 14-22 years.

Bookings aren't necessary and haircuts will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

If time runs out, appointments will be carried over to the following Wednesday.

Proudly supported by Wyndham City Youth Services.

Date 19, 26 July

Time

5pm – 7pm

2, 9, 16 and 23 August

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Location

Arndell Park Community Centre (Room 3), 29 - 49 Federation Blvd, Truganina



Find out more visit: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/social-barber

Arndell Park Community Centre 29 - 49 Federation Blvd, Truganina



