

# Principal's Newsletter

Term 2 | 8th June 2023 | Week 7

Dear parents and carers,

From camps to sports clinics and excursions, Active learning in classrooms, play based/applied learning and more, there has no lack of opportunities for students at Warringa Park School to be active and learning recently. The activities in the last month have been a celebration and achievement in so many ways. With staff completing the mid-year assessments, we proudly acknowledge the growth students have made this semester. This is a shout out to the students and to the staff who have supported them.

Last week, some of our key leaders attended the PASS conference with leaders of other special schools. Leaders learnt new information and were challenged in their thinking, listening to keynotes on innovative ways that special schools are delivering curriculum and maintaining wellbeing and engagement. The time also allowed them to reflect on and affirm how committed our school is in leading the way in this area.

In the image to the right is a you tube link to a documentary that was shared at the conference.

Specialist Schools: Genuine Inclusivity That Makes a Difference:

Feel free to view, like, comment and share.



## Student Opinion Survey

Students in Upper Primary and Secondary campuses have completed the Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS) which is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Students shared their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general in this survey. We are proud of how honestly students have responded to the questions and look forward to sharing the outcome of the survey with you.

Lastly, a reminder that tomorrow is pupil free day and Monday is a public holiday. You will be able to access your child's report on COMPASS next Friday.

Have a safe long weekend.

**Ashwini Sharma**

Principal

## Upcoming dates...

**Friday 9th June**  
Curriculum Day - no school  
[Click here to book Their Care for this day](#)

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

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

**Monday 10th July**  
First day of Term Three



# Fortnightly Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received a SWPBS award this week.

Early Primary - Yusuf, Harsimrit & Nahwanul

Lower Primary - Liam, Faye & Stephen

Upper Primary - Vishnuu, Khloe & Zeahn

Polly Parade - Elyus

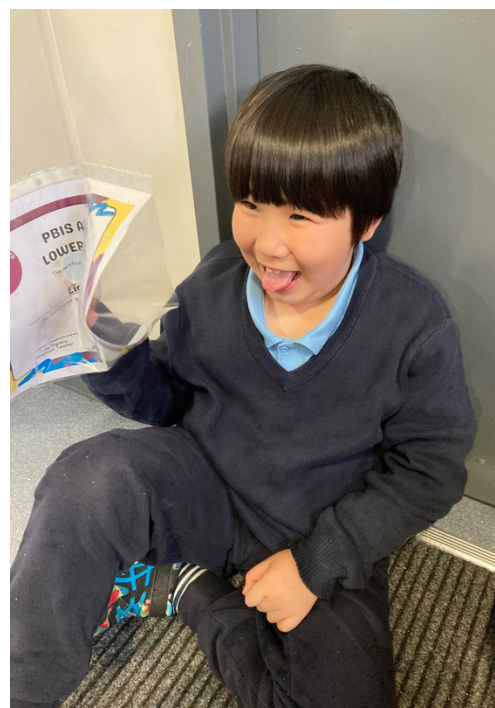
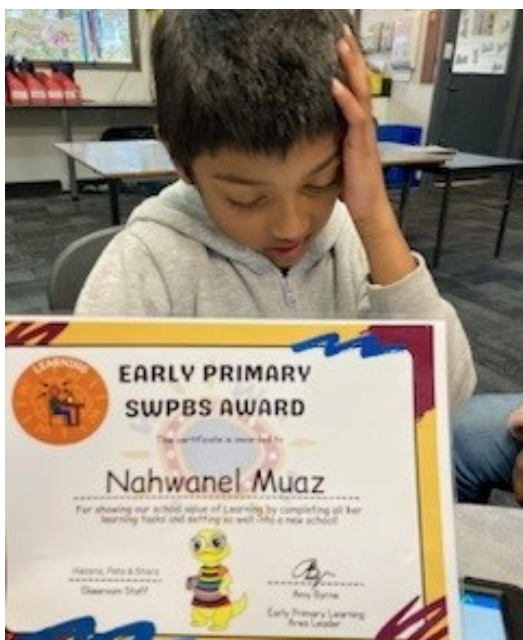
BRC - Group 9

CRC VPC - Wesley, Luca & Kyah

CRC Flexible Learning - Angelica

## Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal





# Wellbeing update

I was proud to welcome and host our American visitors from Whitworth University over the past 10 days. We have had a strong partnership with Whitworth for over five years and really enjoy hosting and sharing our work with their placement students. Eight placement students have joined us at WCC and participated in all classroom learning. This is also great exposure to our students to learn about American culture. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2024.

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction this week we have finished conducting our annual Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS) to find out what your child thinks of their school. The AtoSS assists our school to gain an understanding of our students' perceptions and experience of school. Our Year 4-12 students were asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to our school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. Participation in the survey was voluntary and students' identity was confidential. We will use the results when they are sent to the school to inform our future work with students and how best to support our students. I look forward to sharing the results with you in term 3.

Bailey our therapy dog will be visiting Polly Parade and Bethany Road Campus on June 21st to check in on their numeracy lessons.

We had a great turn out at our DIPs parent day information session last week with the staffroom at WCC full of interested parents. We are hosting our first DIP meeting next week at BRC which will be a great opportunity for the school to review our practices.

*Danielle Heckmann*

Assistant Principal

## Note from the Nurses

The Australian Dental Health Vans will be at Warringa Park School next week, beginning Tuesday. Unfortunately, we are not sure at this stage which days the vans will be at which campuses.

A reminder to keep unwell children at home. We would like to minimise the spread of viruses at school, as these have a large impact on the whole school community. If a child is unwell at school, parents/carers will receive a phone call to collect your child.

Have a lovely long weekend.

*Natalie & Rachael*

School Nurses

## Curriculum update - Later years

Our Later Years Professional Learning Community (PLC) Leaders shared their PLC Inquiry cycles last week. The work that was undertaken in these cycles showed a large growth in students Numeracy outcomes. It is great to see the teacher's evidence-based strategies having an impact on student learning.

Next Term, we will focus on science, in particularly the inquiry skills of predict, observe, explain and physical processes. We are asking students to bring to school any recyclable materials to support with this inquiry.

The Department of Education, in partnership with Monash University have release High Impact Wellbeing Strategies (HIW). As a school, we will be doing some work around these strategies before implementation.

Our VPC students studying Certificate II in Hospitality have commenced their restaurant service at Victoria University, in Footscray. In this unit, students are working on their employability skills and the customer feedback .

*Kim Zammit*

Assistant Principal





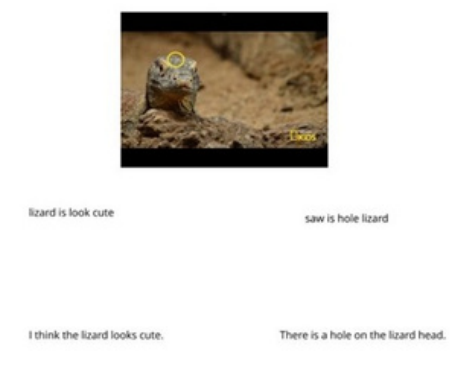
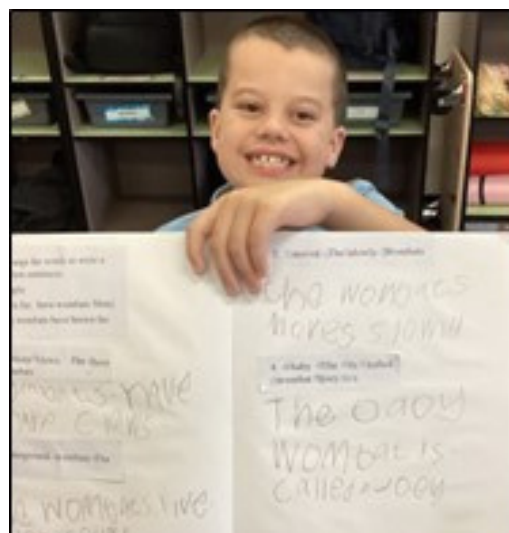
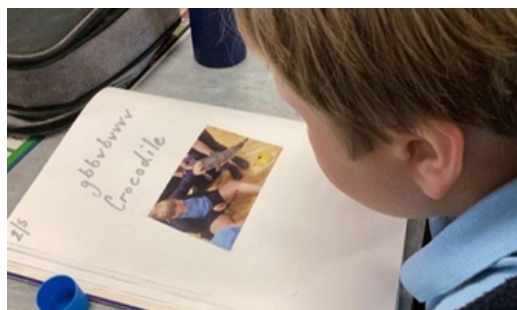
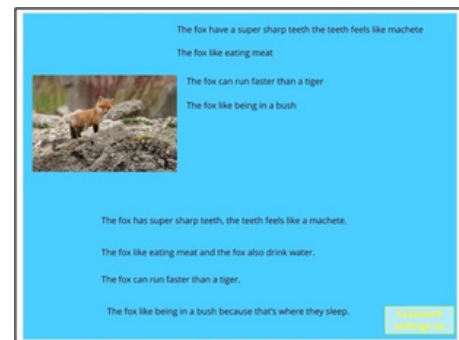
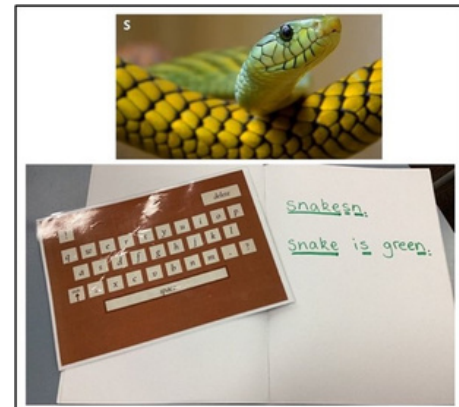
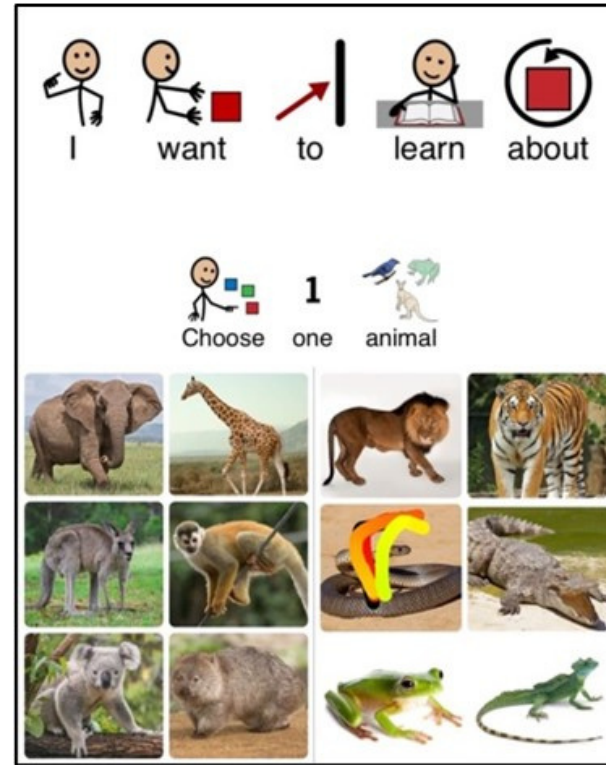
# Curriculum update - Early years

Dear Families,

We have had a great deal of focus on teaching and learning in Mathematics this year, but students have continued to work on developing their Literacy skills too.

The Upper Primary Learning Centre have been researching animals to write about. Once they have chosen the animal that they would like to find out more about they have been supported to research it. With a range of different abilities and skills our writers have been provided with different types of aides to support them to undertake their own writing. Through the use of technology such as the 'Book Creator' and 'Writing Wizard' apps on the iPad as well as using alternative pencils which can be in the form of alphabet flip charts or laminated keyboard students have been very successful in recording their own thoughts and ideas! We are very proud of their fantastic work!

**Kelly Botha**  
Assistant Principal



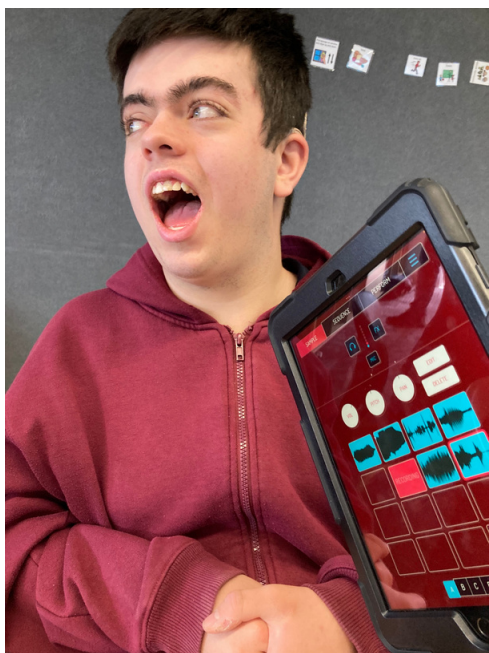


# Specialist update – Performing Arts

In Performing Arts this term, students have been making beats and loops to create dance songs with GarageBand and the Koala Sampler apps with Ben. Gavin's classes have been learning to play instruments that create musical notes, using keyboard and xylophone to play along with video modelled whole-class ensemble arrangements. With Robyn, students have enjoyed playing percussion instruments with songs such as 'Shaky Egg' and 'The Wellerman'. They have also been using a range of dancing props such as ribbons and hula hoops, as well as costumes and stretchy bands to dance with and create drama roleplays, like rowing a boat or pretending to be a bear in a cave.

## *Robyn, Gavin & Brian*

Performing Arts teachers





# Dates for the diary

## Term Two

24th April – 23rd June

### 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

### Monday 10th July

First day of Term Three

## Term Three

10th July – 15th September

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First day of Term Three

### 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

### Friday 15th September

Last day of Term Three - 2pm finish

## 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

## Term Four

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



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# We Can Be Heroes



Winter Holiday Program



**Super  
Food**



**Circus  
Antics**



**Movie  
Time**



**Silent  
Disco**

**Bookings close Friday 9th June**

Save up to 85% with the Child Care Subsidy



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## Warringa Park School



**Times** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm



**Location** 81-85 Warringa Crescent, HOPPERS CROSSING VIC



**Call** 0499 530 034



### Steady Feet

It's a circus adventure! Through craft, sensory and physical movement, the children will explore the wonders of the circus! Plus, plenty of time to work on your child's individual goals.



**Hula Hoop Fun**

MONDAY

**26**  
JUNE



**As low as** \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$70.00. Suburb Avg \$11.90.



### Defying Gravity

Scale the walls at Clip n Climb! Try your personal best as you take on the unique rock-climbing walls. Put on your safety harness and climb the walls, just like your favourite superhero!

**Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.**



**Climbing Excursion**

TUESDAY

**27**  
JUNE



**As low as** \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$18.70.



### Pump it up

Move to your own beat! Get funky with a Silent Disco, brought to you by Party Higher. Be your own DJ and enjoy the music with headphones on, sing with it, dance to it, or cancel the noise with headphones off.



**Silent Disco Incursion**

WEDNESDAY

**28**  
JUNE



**As low as** \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$13.30.



### SUPER Foods

Decorate your very own chef's apron and hat, to prepare for our upcoming super food day!



**Chef's Apron and Hat**

THURSDAY

**29**  
JUNE



**As low as** \$10.84 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$72.25. Suburb Avg \$12.28.



### Super Taste Buds

Super-size your taste buds! Shake n bake yummy pancakes. Shake your pancake mix, decorate, and eat. Plus, plenty of time to work on your child's individual goals.



**Shake n Bake Pancakes**

FRIDAY

**30**  
JUNE



**As low as** \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$70.00. Suburb Avg \$11.90.





Excursion



Incursion

In-house  
FunPublic  
Holiday

## The Great Escape

Get your spidey senses tingling! Today Supreme Incursions will host a very special sensory treasure hunt.



**Sensory Incursion**

MONDAY

**3**  
JULY



**As low as** \$18.74 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$13.30.



## Tick, Tock

What's the time Mr Wolf? Build a clock to help us know what time to go on our adventures.



**Clock Decorating**

TUESDAY

**4**  
JULY



**As low as** \$10.84 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$72.25. Suburb Avg \$12.28.



## Winter Slumberland

Pyjama party time! PJs or comfy clothes today as we explore sensory activities and dancing. Plus, plenty of time to work on your child's individual goals.



**Pyjama Party**

WEDNESDAY

**5**  
JULY



**As low as** \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$70.00. Suburb Avg \$11.90.



## On the Flip Side

Jump for the sky with Airoworld Altona! The massive indoor trampoline park is suitable for all ages and abilities. You and your friends can warp the laws of gravity, if you dare!

**Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.**



**Trampoline Park  
Excursion**

THURSDAY

**6**  
JULY



**As low as** \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



## Test your Powers

Put your powers to the test! Physical and sensory challenges that are sure to entertain. Plus, plenty of time to work on your child's individual goals.



**Superhero Hands**

FRIDAY

**7**  
JULY



**As low as** \$10.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.

**Full fee** \$70.00. Suburb Avg \$11.90.

# Holiday Program Important Information!

## What to bring

- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- A labelled drink bottle for water
- Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details



## Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.



## Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.



## TheirCare provides

- Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles



## Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.



## Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.



## Serious stuff!

### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.



## Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



## Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

\*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

