



Learning Centre's Newsletter

Term 3 | 11th August 2023 | Week 5

Early Primary Update

Early primary have continued to explore and respond to their science challenges. Over the past 2 weeks, they have explored the concept of 'protection' and what materials and forces would cause objects to 'break' and 'not break'. They are busily working towards coming up with a way to protect Lizzie our Learning Lizards egg!

In personal and social learning, we have explored what it means to be in the 'yellow state'. The feelings we may experience- such as scared, silly, frustrated, and excited, as well as how this makes our body feel. Does it my heartbeat faster, or my tummy feel fluttery? Finally, the students have explored a range of strategies that they could use to regulate themselves in the yellow state while they experience these emotions. All this work is so important in supporting our students to understand their emotions, feelings, and positive regulation strategies as we work towards students developing their own regulation toolbox. These toolboxes will support others to help them to co-regulate.

Amy Byrne
Leading Teacher

Upcoming dates...

Friday 25th August
Wear it Purple Day

Thursday 7th September
Father's Day Pie night

Thursday 14th September
RUOK Day

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





Lower Primary Update

This fortnight, all classes received their second challenge card for the term's inquiry. Students in Lower Primary have then blown us away with their investigations of the concepts of "protection". Teachers have used every lesson as a teaching opportunity to explore the concept of protect by first also learning about what causes things to break.

At the end of the fortnight, students acted upon the challenge to create a way to safely protect Lizzie's eggs. Students each took this challenge differently, and the results are amazing!

I am super excited to see how our students respond to the next challenge.

On Thursday the 31st of August Lower Primary would like to invite families to join us to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week by coming into the classrooms for a fun Maths lesson. Please keep your eyes open for the official invitation from your classroom teacher with further details.

Stacey Hilder

Lower Primary Leading Teacher





Upper Primary Update

Today marks halfway through the term and what a terrific term it has been!

In week 2 PLC8 & 9 attended Manyung Camp and last week I attended the Lady Northcote Camp with PLC7 and 9. Both camps were incredibly successful; the excitement and 'can do' attitudes of the campers was such a pleasure to be a part of. At Lady Northcote, campers participated in Bush Cooking (making damper and cooking it over a fire), the Giant Swing, Orienteering and Archery. Students worked together to set up the bedding in their rooms and organising their belongings, as well as set up and pack down after all meals, demonstrating independence and maturity.

Over the past fortnight, teaching staff from Upper Primary have had the opportunity to work with a mathematics consultant. Anna from Top 10 Maths has supported our PLC meetings by assisting us in planning learning tasks where students can 'show what they know' before moving on to explicit teaching. The lesson sequences planned with staff include a variety of ideas on how we can monitor student understandings as well as planning for misconceptions and how they can be addressed.

Our mascots are still involved in our Inquiry focus, with Lizzie Lizard leaving the challenge prompt "Lizzie has laid an egg, how can she protect it from breaking?" in each classroom's mailbox. This has led to student exploration of the different ways we can protect something from breaking including different materials, the forces that can be applied to an object and the fragility of a range of different objects.

Maddy Slatkin

Upper Primary Leading Teacher



Polly Parade Update

What a way to celebrate the 100 Days of School! We celebrated with a Grandparents' afternoon tea. Some of our grandparents from overseas joined online, and we thank all of you for your time celebrating our students' learning success!

Our mathematicians had fun learning with Tim the Magician last week and were so engaged watching some magic tricks while exploring how to count. We thank all our teachers and staff for organising various games and interactive activities for the day that further improved our students' mathematical skills.

Over the past few weeks, we have been exploring science concepts such as sink and float. Our young scientists have been busy investigating various objects around the school. They tested their predictions by observing how objects sink or float in water. They made a barge for Lizzie that can float on Werribee River made of recycled aluminium cans and popsicle sticks which can use to visit her friend Wally on the other side. The students had lots of fun learning and through play to understand the science inquiry topic. We are also learning about heavy and light to measure the weight of objects. Our mathematicians created their coat hanger weighing scales and used their counting skills to check if more objects will make a collection heavier or lighter.

Next week, we are celebrating the National Science Week with the theme, 'Innovation: Powering Future Industries.' Our young scientists will invent and create their own science toys exploring the concepts of sink and float, push or pull and movement. Our campus will have a toy innovation week to celebrate our students' scientific skills and ingenuity in making their own toys. We would like parents to play with their children next weekend after they create and build their science toys and share some photos with us on Seesaw.

We look forward hearing from you and thank all of you for all for your support!

Joan Ocampo
Leading Teacher





Bethany Road Update

It has been wonderful to walk around classroom and see our scientists busy at work getting involved in lots of different experiments. Students are showcasing their problem solving skills as they look to test hypotheses in a range of different experiments. We look forward to celebrating this next week in our Science Week celebrations, coming to a head with a bottle rocket launch from all of the classrooms on Friday!

School Camp heads off to Lady Northcote on Monday and we cannot wait to get out there. Camp provides such a unique opportunity for our students to engage in a different learning environment and take on new and exciting challenges. Camp is one of my favourite times as it gives us a new platform to build relationships with our students and I am genuinely keen to get out into the fresh air! I look forward to celebrating the successes with all families next fortnight.

Social enterprise groups have continued kicking goals and providing authentic work experience skills development for our students as they work through their final years at Bethany Road. In Canteen we are seeing more independence than what we have ever seen in the program, as the students have really taken to leading little groups throughout the session. I was also very proud when I went to visit our students at Warringa working in the Volunteer Program, as they showed genuine support and leadership for their younger peers. The success of this program has even led to us looking to develop a BRC Buddy Program for some of our Grade 6 students as we plan our transitions for 2024.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone, from all the Scientists at BRC!

Tim Hilton

Assistant Principal - BRC





Cayleys Road Update

We have reached the halfway mark of term 3 and our students are having success in the classroom, during specialist classes, out on programs and during play times. It is great to see students displaying all of our three school values across their learning environments. Students are exploring physical sciences this term and are enjoying hands on experiences as they investigate and experiment like young scientists.

This fortnight we have also had a focus across the campus on personal and social development. There are several learning opportunities for students in this area including our Respectful Relationships curriculum, our SWPBS learning opportunities, our work on the States of Regulation and toolboxes and our Health and Human Development curriculum. Teachers have assessed the point of need of each class in this area and are running lessons to develop student personal and social capabilities.

We have an upcoming camp for our year 7 – 10 students in week 7 and preparations are well underway for this exciting opportunity. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions related to this camp and its planning.

In the Later Years we have worked closely with 'Real Schools' this year and are implementing responsive practices across Cayley's and Bethany Road campuses. We are looking forward to some intensive supports from 'Real schools' next week with classroom observations, staff and leadership workshops.

Have a lovely weekend.

Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal – CRC

Makenbake are supporting cancer research by joining the Daffodil Day Appeal for 2023 and to show the love we have created a special Daffodil Day Gift Pack.

**Cancer Council
Daffodil Day
August 31st**

Our trainees at Dandenong, Geelong, Nunawading and Shepparton have produced 9 mouth watering vanilla Yo Yo's and a shortbread iced image cookie.

With every purchased gift pack Makenbake will donate \$1 to the Daffodil day Appeal, starting now and continuing through to the end of next month.

We are encouraging everyone to also visit our fundraising page on the Daffodil Day Appeal website and donate to an important cause <https://www.daffodilday.com.au/fundraisers/ianfriswell3974/makenbake-gre8>

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Father's Day news

FATHERS DAY PIE NIGHT

Warringa Crescent Campus

**THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
5.30PM**



**TO REGISTER EMAIL
TIM.HILTON@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU**

In Father's Day week, we will be having stalls at each campus. Keep an eye out for more information to come!



Dates for the diary

Term Three

10th July – 15th September

Friday 25th August
Wear it Purple Day

Thursday 7th September
Father's Day Pie night

Thursday 14th September
RUOK Day

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

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

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

**12-25
YEARS**

YOUTH FORUM 2023



Are you passionate about issues in our community? The Youth Forum is a chance for you to connect with other young people, and discuss issues that impact our community, such as:

- Transport
- Sport
- Mental Health and Wellbeing

Wyndham Youth Services is inviting young people to come together to let us know how we can improve, and act on, issues in the local community.

TIME:
FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
5-8PM

LOCATION:
ENCORE, 80 DERRIMUT RD,
HOPPERS CROSSING

Free event, catering included

**Bookings essential
and follow QR code
to book.**



To find out more visit:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/youth-forum-2023

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