



Learning Centre's Newsletter

Term 3 | 25th August 2023 | Week 7

Early Primary Update

It has been a busy few weeks in Early Primary. Last week, we celebrated Science Week! Classes participated in a range of science experiments and continued their inquiry experiments exploring forces and motion. Each class was invited to create a rocket and on Friday we had rocket launches! This week we are celebrating Book Week. Reading is such an important skill for all of us to have, and ensure a love of books and reading is the foundation to this. Each class has created a short video trailer for a book of their choice. This will form our very own "Bookflix" with a wide range of books to choose from! This will be launched to all classes next week.

Next week is Literacy and Numeracy Week. All families have been invited to their child's classroom to play math games and activities with them next week. If you are unsure what day and time your child's class is hosting, please contact their classroom teacher.

Finally, thank you to those families who have shared information to help us inform classroom placements for 2024.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend!

Amy Byrne
Leading Teacher

Upcoming dates...

Tuesday 29th August
Father's Day Stall

- Bethany Road
- Polly Parade

Wednesday 30th August

Father's Day Stall

- Warringa Cres

Thursday 31st August & Friday 1st

Father's Day Stall

- Cayleys Road

Thursday 7th September

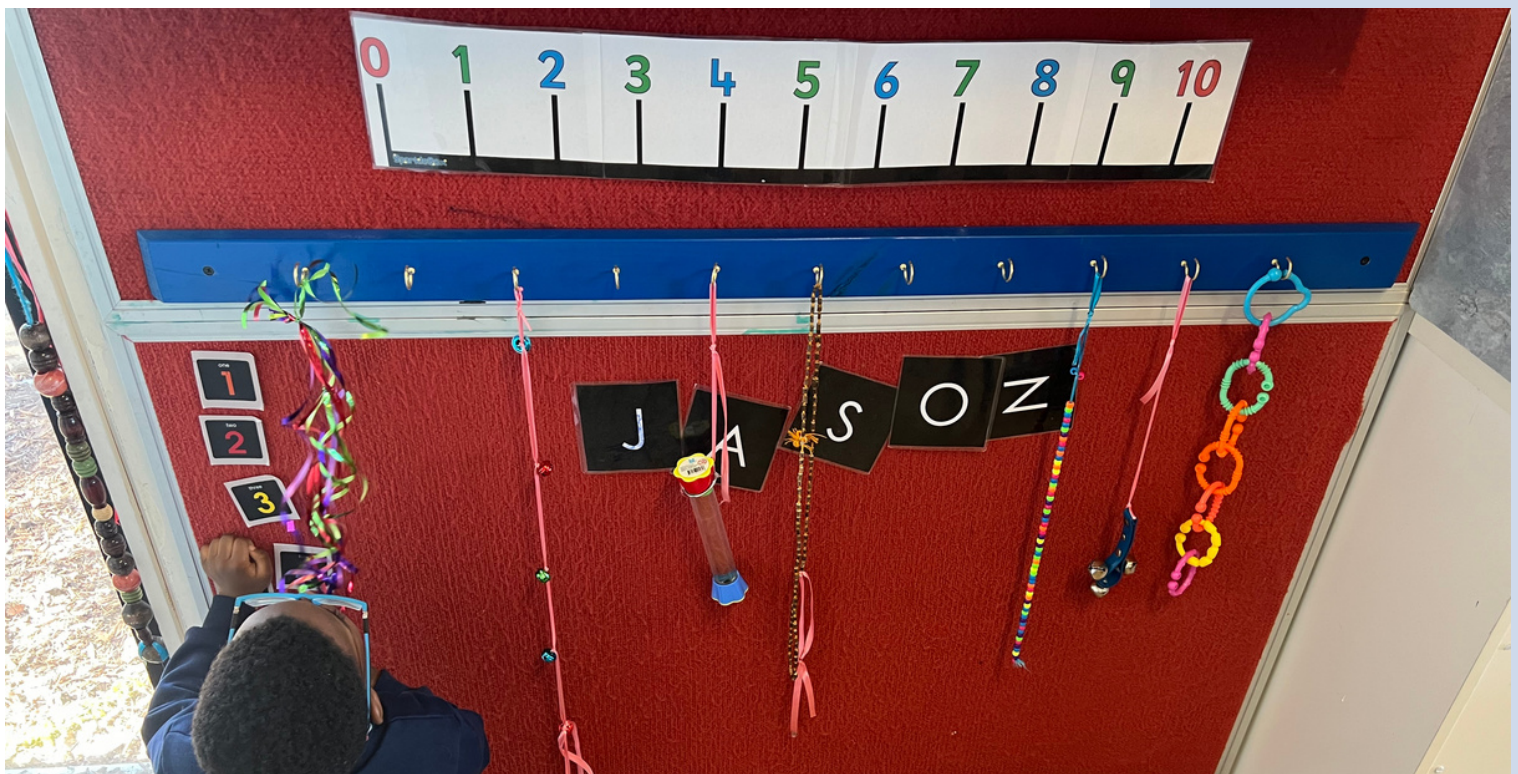
Father's Day Pie night

Thursday 14th September

RUOK Day

Friday 15th September

Last day of Term
Three - 2pm finish





Lower Primary Update

This week students from LP PLC6 had the opportunity to go on camp. For many students this was their very first experience staying away from home. All staff and students had a blast taking part in the activities and exploring the camp grounds. Students took part in Archery, Orienteering, the Giant Swing and Bush Cooking.

The opportunity of attending camp has allowed these students to continue developing their social skills and build their independence in personal skills.

We are so proud at how well all students engaged and participated on camp.

Stacey Hilder

Lower Primary Leading Teacher





Upper Primary Update

This fortnight, Lizzie Lizard delivered another challenge card and resources in classroom mailboxes. She has asked students "How can we use recyclable materials so that Lizzie can visit Wally on the other side of the Werribee River?". This has led to student exploration of sinking and floating and the durability of different materials in water. They have also predicted and then trialled a series of experiments using the same materials to observe the impact of weight, damage (eg: holes) and shape of their vessels.

Predict, Observe and Explain are the key concepts driving this Inquiry learning. Some examples of how teachers plan for, and assess, students' demonstrations of understandings of the following are;

Predict: responding to yes or no questions, using prior experiences to pose questions, making an educated guess at to what might happen.

Observe: using senses to gather information, manipulating materials through hands on experiences, watching others model tasks, taking photos and notes.

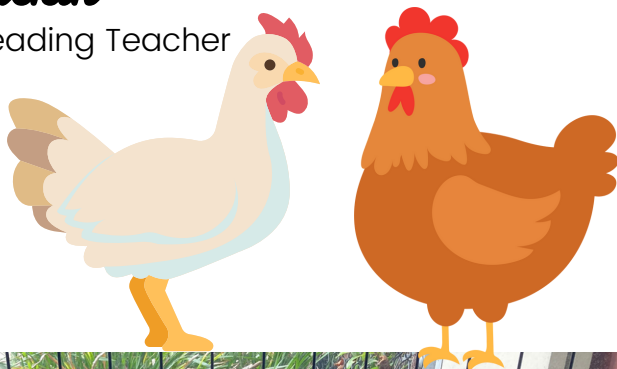
Explain: labelling photographs, indicating a preference, using AAC and speech to explain what happened and why, linking back to the prediction and its accuracy.

Henny Penny chicken update:

This week our four roosters are heading off to live life on a farm. Due to restrictions around roosters in suburban areas, we are unable to keep them at our school. This means we will have five chickens at school going forward. We anticipate four of them will begin laying after the holidays; with these eggs being used in Cafe 11 programs. We wish Peppa, Billie, Toby and Maxie all the best on the farm.

Maddy Slatkin

Upper Primary Leading Teacher






Polly Parade Update

We are so amazed how our young scientists made their science toy innovations during the Science Week. Their inventions sparked joy and excitement to learn about movement, push, pull and forces. We are grateful to all parents who sent their photos and videos of them playing and exploring with their children and enjoying the toys they made.

Over the last weeks, we had been exploring the science concepts- push and pull and we had seen a lot of our students learning how they can change the directions of objects around them by applying these forces. Using various tactile and sensory objects, our young scientists are able to understand that they can use their fine and gross motor skills to move objects.

We celebrated Book Week and all our students were thrilled in making their movie trailers about the book they had chosen. They are the main characters of the book trailers they made and we are all collecting them into our Book Flix Page. We are sharing these movies with you all on Seesaw.

Our PPC explorers enjoyed the time in the sensory garden creating the scene of the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". They created their own caterpillars using an old stocking filled with potting mix. They planted herbs and flowers that goes to our Sensory Garden.

Our mathematicians learned about less and more to measure how much their containers have. Our mathematicians compared how their different containers had more or less by counting the objects they placed inside. They also used the weighing scale to test which containers will weigh more or less. Great job everyone!

Next week, we are celebrating the Literacy and Numeracy Week. We are inviting all our parents to visit our classrooms next Friday, 1st of September from 2:15 to explore some reading and counting activities with your children. We are excited to show all of you the great reading and counting skills our learners achieved over the last eight months.

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

Joan Ocampo
Leading Teacher





Bethany Road Update

Another successful camp is done and dusted at BRC. The students engaged in a range of fun activities such as archery, low ropes and the old favourite the giant swing (which a certain AP was talked into going to the top of!). Camp is such an amazing opportunity to build a range of skills in our students and I thank all staff who either attended, or supported back at the campus with students who didn't attend. Bethany Road has one more camp coming up for the year, which will take place at Blackwood in Term 4.

Our STEAM focus has continued on and to celebrate Science Week last week, classes were invited to our incredibly exciting Bottle Rocket Launch! Groups worked on their bottle rockets throughout the week and on Friday we saw the launch take place. This continues to build wonder and curiosity in our students, which are skills that will guide students through their senior years.

Allied Health's work has continued on the campus with our Occupational Therapist, Physio and Allied Health Assistants all getting opportunities to work along with students and promote incredibly valuable sessions such as a Sensory Motor Program, which we are seeing be utilised by a number of our rooms where students are identified as benefiting from a range of physical activities.

The launch of Bookflix is the big highlight from Book Week this year, where all classes are busy working along on lots of books and videos to celebrate the hard work being put in place in reading sessions.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Tim Hilton

Assistant Principal – BRC





Cayleys Road Update

We are delighted to welcome back our year 7-9 students who went to Blackwood camp this week. Students and staff had a wonderful experience and were sharing fun stories on their return.

We celebrated science week last week with some exciting rocket launches on the oval. Science is a wonderful hands on learning opportunity for students and it was great to see the engagement across the campus

This week we are celebrating book week and each class has created their own Bookflix review of their favourite book. These are shared and available across the school for future readers. What a wonderful resource!

Our leadership team are working on class groups for 2024 over the next few weeks and would encourage parents to contact myself or Ashwini if you have any feedback regarding your child's placement for next year. We value input from staff and families in ensuring we strive for the best class placements each year.

Have a wonderful weekend

Caitriona Toland
Assistant Principal - CRC





Designated Transport Zone Update

Warringa Park School (All Campuses) DTA is changing in 2024. This is due to the opening of a new Specialist School (Mild to Profound Intellectual Disability) opening in Werribee/Manor Lakes called Nganboo Borron Specialist School. Students who have been enrolled at Warringa Park School before 2024 will be able to continue to access the School bus services until the student graduates/leave the school/moves house. If this is applicable to you and your family, your child is able to remain at Warringa Park School and continue to access these bus services. To view Warringa Park School's new DTA, use the Department's new Transport Area Map by clicking below and typing in your home address: (NB: You will be looking for Warringa Park or Nganboo Borron)

https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/dta_search/

Designated Transport Area changes

What is changing?

Nganboo Borron will be opening in 2024. The school caters for students with mild to profound intellectual disability.

The Designated Transport Area (DTA) of abutting schools who cater for students with the same disabilities will have a change in their DTA from the 2024 school year.

What does this mean for existing students accessing a transport service?

All students who are currently eligible for and receiving transport assistance will be grandfathered. This means they will continue to have access to transport assistance.

If an existing student moves residential address or changes school, they will be required to re-apply for transport assistance and will be assessed under the new DTA.

New enrolments in 2024 will be assessed based on the new DTAs.

What does this mean for transport arrangements?

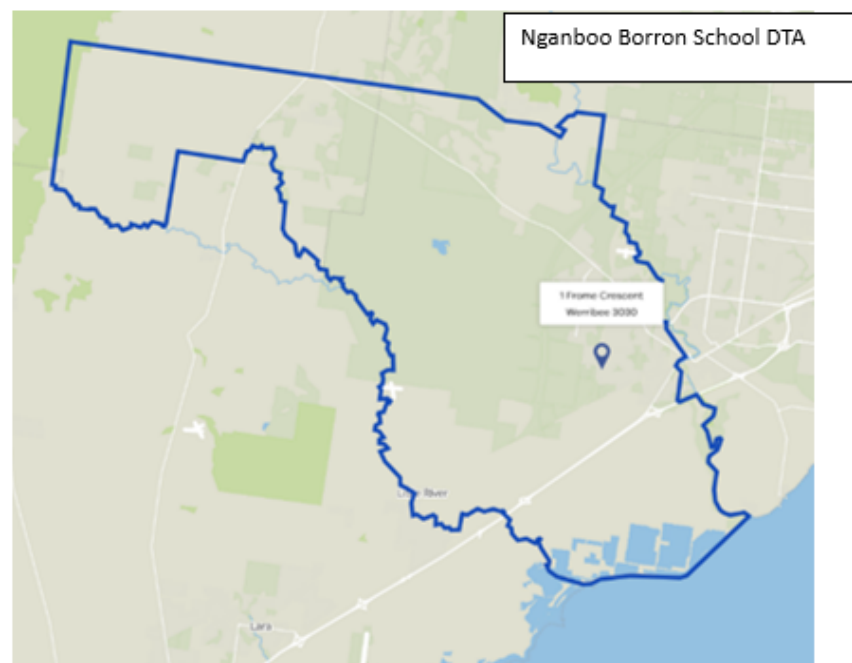
There are no changes to transport arrangements for students who are currently accessing transport assistance. These students will continue to be accommodated for the remainder of their education at their enrolled school. This will only change if the student moves residential address or is enrolled at a different school.

New students who enrol in 2024 will be assessed based on the new DTA.

Find out more

Designated Transport Area address look up:
Find my transport area
([findmyschool.vic.gov.au](https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au))

Students with Disabilities Transport Program,
Policy and Procedures: Policy |
[education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au)



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.

SWPBS UPDATE



MOVEMENT BREAKS

- Movement breaks can support students to be ready to learn no matter what state they are in.
- It can support your child's sensory needs and allows the body to regulate.
- These are purposeful opportunities with a clear start and end point to help stay in a regulated state (as not to become overstimulated).
- They can be as short as 30 seconds and as long as 10 minutes. This can be incorporated as part of a routine or as when needed.
- It should be seen as something fun and not as a chore.



Here are some ideas you can try:

Jumping jacks, skipping, pushing, pulling, trampoline, bike, dancing, yoga, playground, kick a ball, wall push-up, toe touches, run, scooter board, star jumps, finger exercises, crab walk and many more...

If you believe your child may benefit from movement breaks at home, please contact their classroom teacher for more information!



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. Please see the next page for our Father's Day stalls!



**FATHER'S
DAY
STALL**

Gifts from 50c
cash only

TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST
BETHANY ROAD CAMPUS
POLLY PARADE CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST
WARRINGA CRESCENT CAMPUS
THURSDAY 31ST & FRIDAY 1ST
CAYLEYS ROAD CAMPUS



Dates for the diary

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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 31st August

Cayleys Road School Tours

Friday 1st September

Bethany Road School Tours

Thursday 31st August

Polly Parade School Tours

Monday 4th September