



Principal's Newsletter

Term 3 | 15th September 2023 | Week 10

We have had another impactful term in which we had several opportunities to celebrate the work and achievements of our students. From camps, incursions, book week, literacy/numeracy week, science week, footy colours day, book launch, 100 days of school and R U OK day, there were many reasons to celebrate.

We are extremely proud of our student achievements and our staff members, who provide such stimulating learning opportunities for your child. Today's assembly once again highlighted the successes we have had throughout the term.

Congratulations to...

Principal's Award

Bethlehem (PPC)
Laikyn (Early Primary)
Hadi (Lower Primary)
Jayliah "JJ" (Upper Primary)
Kalani (BRC)
Jeremi (CRC)
Michael (VPC)

Specialist Award

Gulled (PPC)
Abdullah (Early Primary)
Alex (Lower Primary)
Obsan (Upper Primary)
Ananya (BRC)
Konphil (CRC)
Skye (VPC)

PBIS Award

Mason (PPC)
Jarra (Early Primary)
Thivain (Lower Primary)
Finn (Upper Primary)
Arijan (BRC)
Arya (CRC)
Temeura (VPC)
Harrison (VPC)



REMINDER

**School
finishes at
2pm
today!**

Upcoming dates...

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

Tuesday 19th December
Last day of Term Four -
1.30pm finish

**Wednesday 20th
December**
Pupil Free Day - no
school



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Parent Opinion survey

Thank you to those families who completed the parent opinion survey. The survey is now closed, and we look forward to learning about what you think about the school.

Congratulations to families of the following students who have won a Coles voucher worth \$50:

Summer C06, Krish BO2, Eloise B11, Norah CO1, Aradhna W41, Ilija CO9, Mia WO3, Katrina BO5, Kya and Luca C23 and Laasya PO5

Member statement to parliament

On Monday, two of our students attended a presentation ceremony at the parliament house in Victoria with their families. The students had put in a video to the parliament asking them to consider making environment and infrastructure in suburban communities inclusive of people with visual impairment. Our school won first prize in the Year 7-9 category of this competition.

The entry was made by the following three students from BRC who collectively won \$500 for themselves and \$1000 for the school:

- Loki
- Zach
- Tyler

This year, our school also submitted another video statement in Grade 5-6 category on promoting the need to have pets in school. Jordan's entry in this category was in the top ten entries as well.

Congratulations to all students who participated in this competition.



VenU training restaurant

Our VPC students have been accessing [Footscray Nicholson hospitality training centre](#) for a certificate course in hospitality. We have students attending the restaurant who are either in their first year or second year of training.

I had the opportunity to visit the restaurant with Kelly Botha and Bev Fegan (principal of Croxton Special School) when our students were working there as part of the training. Our students did an amazing job of hosting us in a highly professional manner at the restaurant (a 10/10 for service).

I would encourage you to book lunch on a Friday at the restaurant as our students would love to serve you at VenU restaurant.

VenU restaurant was awarded best training restaurant in Victoria at the Restaurant and Catering awards.

Lastly, I wish everyone a safe holiday and I hope that we can enjoy some sun and warmth. Enjoy the footy Finals!

Ashwini Sharma

Principal



COME ON DOWN!

Come on down to VenU Restaurant in Footscray!



The Warring Park School Hospitality students will take your order, make your drink every Friday at Victoria University's Nicholson St Campus.



If you want to come down, come and book a table with this QR code!





Wellbeing update

This week the Wellbeing Team organised events for staff and students to celebrate R U OK Day? The key message is that social connectedness and positive help seeking can assist people in crisis and is a whole of community responsibility.

As a school we recognise that asking the question, 'are you OK?' can make a real impact in the workplace and create a culture where people feel confident asking and answering this simple yet important question.

The events include a petting zoo at Warringa Park Crescent, Polly Parade and Cayley's Road. Bethany Road had a Silent Disco. Staff enjoyed a lovely morning tea together.



Innovation

At WPS there is lots of technology and innovation happening. This includes our students creating their favourite class stories using technology and green screen. Another simple App our students are using is PicCollage. Students have had lots of fun using this App to write using photo prompts of themselves or events at school. This App is worth exploring at home. <https://piccollage.com/>

To Kelly

Acting Assistant Principal



Students in Upper Primary have been using the FREE PicCollage app to create their own fun writing prompts.

The app is very easy to use, with a built in Web Search feature for images and animated GIFS.



Curriculum update - Early years

Dear Families,

Term 3 has given us the opportunity to work on consolidating many of the teaching and learning practices that we have been focusing on this year. Teachers have worked on implementing the use of warm up's, hooks and reflections into their maths lessons.

Hooks aim to hook students into the session using something exciting and relevant to their lives. Link lessons to real-life – show students maths in the world around them and beyond and make use of the inquiry topic to do this. Go outside for maths (nature counts, shape walks). Use carefully chosen picture story or high interest books and highlight the maths contained within these to spark student interest in maths. A warm up is a short, familiar and engaging learning opportunity to practice skills. These could be skills that students are currently working on or could be previously taught skills and concepts that require practice. Focus warm-ups on critical points-of- need that take longer to master.

Reflections are used with the following intentions:

- Link to learning intention and success criteria.
- Check for understanding.
- Build mathematical language.
- Reduce the cognitive load of our learners.
- Celebrate learning.

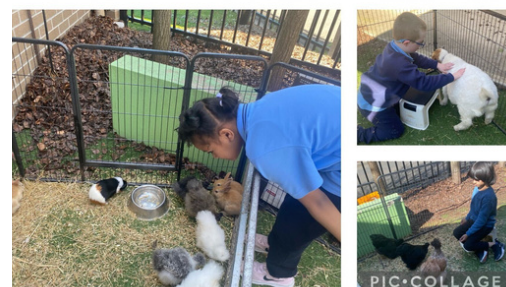
Leaders have undertaken observations in classrooms, provided feedback to teachers and supported them to plan to ensure these elements of teaching are being used effectively in every lesson.

This term students in the primary years have been investigating physical science concepts. Each fortnight Lizzy the Learning Lizard, one of our PBIS mascots, has provided classes with a challenge to work on. Using the science inquiry skills 'Predict, Observe, Explain' they used their choice of recyclable materials to work on solving the challenge. The concepts that students investigated are sink and float, push and pull and protect. Over the term they have helped Lizzy across a river to visit Wally the Wombat; made a work of art for Lizzy's house using marbles and paint as well as protected Lizzy egg. Using our PBIS mascots to provoke curiosity, stimulate creativity and build purpose in learning for students has been very successful. Leaders have done a large amount of work on Inquiry Learning this year and this is evidenced by the buzz about Inquiry around the school. Last week primary years leaders met to plan for next year's Inquiry and there was a great deal of discussion of how we can build on this year's successes in Inquiry learning.

We celebrated Book Week this year with our BOOKFLIX project lead by Learning Specialist, Laura Meney. Students were asked to recommend their favourite book/s that they have read this year to each other. Classes have made enticing trailers to encourage others read the books that they love. Laura has led teachers to be innovative by using different forms of technology to make the trailers. Literacy Numeracy Week also takes place in term 3 and it has been fantastic to see so many family members coming into school to participate in maths games in classes. These 2 celebrations have been a great way to end the term and we are so proud of all that has been achieved by the staff and students and we thank families for all their support which assists us to ensure that we provide excellent education for every student.

Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal



PIC-COLLAGE



Curriculum update - Later years

This week, students from Later Years have celebrated R U OK? Day. To mark the day, our VPC students worked with the wellbeing team to organise some engaging activities as part of their Work-Related Skills Unit 'To organise a small-scale project.' We have a petting zoo, some delicious home-made cupcakes, a BBQ, photobooth and some arts and crafts activities.

At Bethany Road, students will be having a Silent Disco on to mark the occasion, along with a BBQ and some delicious morning tea.

Earlier in the week, our Year 8/9 students attended the Future at Work workshop at the Wyndham Tech School. The workshop focused on collaboration and creativity of the digital world of work.

Kim Zammit

Assistant Principal





Allied Health update

INTEROCEPTION ✨

THE INTEROCEPTIVE SYSTEM IS OUR 8TH SENSORY SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES USE WITH INFORMATION AROUND OUR BODY-EMOTION CONNECTIONS.

STUDENTS ARE STARTING TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR INTERNAL BODY SIGNALS AND HOW THESE PROVIDE US WITH CLUES AS TO HOW WE ARE FEELING. WE FOLLOW A 3 STEP PROCESS TO DO THIS.



I. BODY

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT BODY SENSATIONS WHICH THEY ARE LEARNING TO LABEL. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR HANDS CAN FEEL FLAPPY AND OUR HEARTS CAN BEAT FAST.



2. EMOTIONS

STUDENTS THEN USE THESE SENSATIONS OR "SIGNALS" TO PROVIDE THEM WITH CLUES AS TO WHAT EMOTION THEY ARE FEELING.



3. ACTION

STUDENTS CAN THEN CHOOSE AN OPTION FROM THEIR TOOLBOX TO HELP THEM REGULATE.



HAVE A QUESTION OR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE?
TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER OR
SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST TO FIND
OUT MORE.



Specialist update - Music

In Music this semester, we have been working very hard on writing and recording a song and a video clip for RUOK day. Students developed lyrics about how they can ask for help, and what to say to others to offer help. We then rehearsed our singing and recorded ourselves using a portable studio setup. Many students also recorded percussion sounds for the song using everyday items such as doors, tables and light switches. With help from the Performing Arts team, we filmed a dramatic scene to demonstrate how we can ask a friend if they need help. Warringa Park School sent this song off to be included in the Dream Big Youth Music Festival, which was steamed live to schools across the state! "

Ben & Gavin
The Music team





House points update

Many of our students have been participating in school events, attending Lady Northcote Camps for our Lower, Upper and BRC students, Blackwood Camp with our Cayleys Road Group and also Camp Manyung with our Cayleys and Upper Primary Groups. All students had so much fun and were challenged to build their resilience and teamwork skills. Our students also attended many excursions and incursions throughout the term. They participated in the Literacy week 'Book Performance', participated in Football Clinics, 100 days of school and many more events. Well done to all students who were engaged in all events they attended.

From the many events our school has to offer, students will receive points for their house colour. The current results are:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
FREEMAN	GAZE	THORPE	SAUVAGE
4395	4195	3885	3865

George

PE teacher and House points coordinator





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?

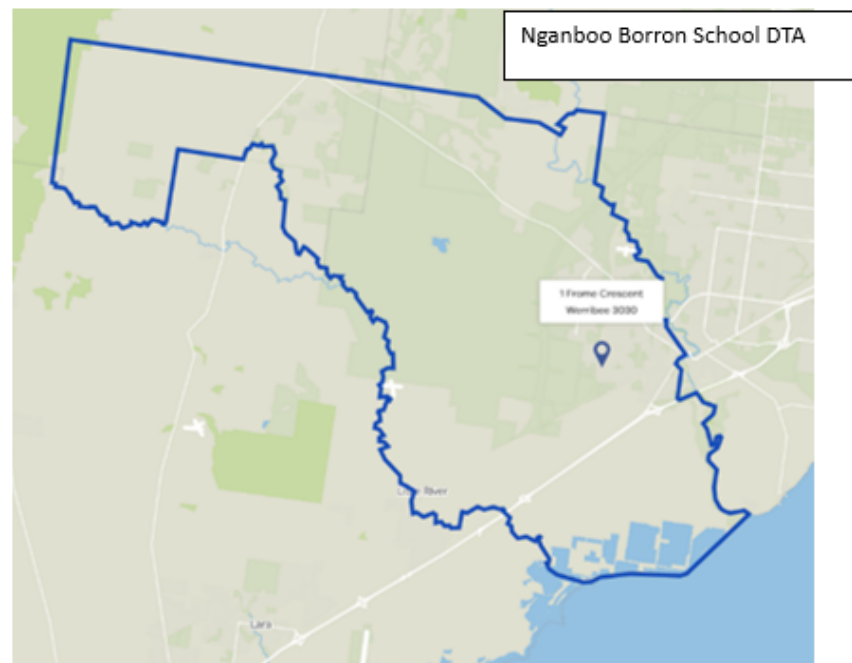
There are no changes to transport arrangements for students who are currently accessing transport assistance. These students will continue to be accommodated for the remainder of their education at their enrolled school. This will only change if the student moves residential address or is enrolled at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





Dates for the diary

Term Four

2nd October – 20th December

Monday 2nd October
First day of Term Four

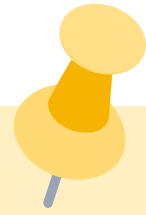
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School tours – New enrolments

Warringa Crescent School Tours
Thursday 31st August

Cayleys Road School Tours
Friday 1st September

Bethany Road School Tours
Thursday 31st August

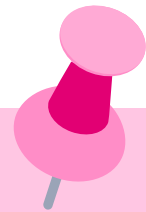
Polly Parade School Tours
Monday 4th September

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



2024 Parent info nights

Prep (PPC & WCC) Early, Lower and Upper
Wednesday 11th October 5.15pm

Bethany Road Campus
Wednesday 4th October 5pm

Cayleys Road Campus
Wednesday 4th October 5pm

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



Holiday Support Services

Warringah Park School are dedicated to the wellbeing of our school community.

We understand that holiday periods, while although enjoyable, can be challenging at times for families. We would like to share this resource list to help connect you to supports during school closure periods.

SERVICE DIRECTORIES

[Ask Izzy](#)
[Department of Social Services](#)
[Disability Information Hotline](#) 1800 643 787

BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

[Carer Advisory Line](#) 1800 514 845
[Child First parent assistance](#) 1800 271 045
[Parentline phone support](#) 1300 301 300

RESPIRE

[Gateway Emergency Respite](#) 1800 422 737
[Wyndham Home Support](#) (03) 8734 4514
[NDIS Respite](#) 1800 800 110

PARENT GROUPS

[Mackillop Family Services](#) (03) 9680 8444
[Gateways Parent Support](#) (03) 5221 2984
[Tweedle MyTime Support](#) (03) 9689 1577

COUNSELLING

[Lifeline](#) 131114
[Beyond Blue](#) 1300 224 636
[Carer Gateway](#) 1800 422 737

FAMILY VIOLENCE

[1800RESPECT](#) 1800 737 732
[Orange Door](#) 1800 271 045
[Safe Steps](#) 1800 015 188

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

[Financial Crisis and Material Aid](#)
[Personal Hardship](#) 1800 226 226
[NDIS, Carer Card](#) and [Companion Card](#)

NEXT TERM READY

[Term Dates and School Uniform](#)
[How to use Compass](#)
[How to use Seesaw](#)

Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
[beyondblue.org.au](#)

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890

(9am to 1am daily)

For webchat, visit:
[headspace.org.au/eheadspace](#)

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
[kidshelpline.com.au](#)

1800 RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
[1800respect.org.au](#)

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527

(3pm to midnight daily)

[qlife.org.au](#)
(online chat 3pm to midnight local time, including over holidays.)

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
[lifeline.org.au](#)

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
[suicidecallbackservice.org.au](#)

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
[mensline.org.au](#)

13YARN

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

13 92 76
[13yarn.org.au](#)

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

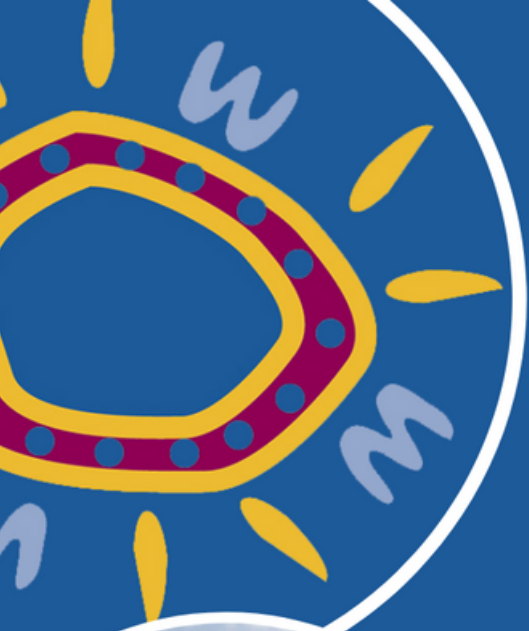


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CRC INFORMATION NIGHT

You are invited to come and find out more about Warringa Park School's Cayleys Road Campus



**10 CAYLEYS ROAD,
WERRIBEE SOUTH**

DATE AND TIME

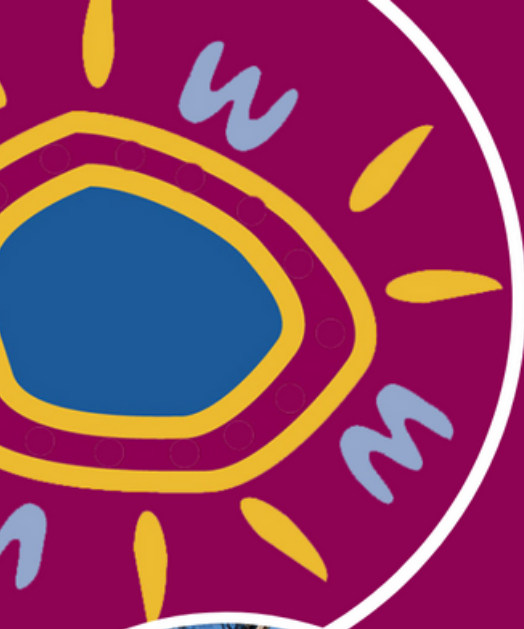
**WEDNESDAY 4TH
OCTOBER
5.00PM**

CALL CAITRIONA FOR INFO :

0401 796 667

MORE CONTACT INFO:

caitriona.toland@education.vic.gov.au



BRC INFORMATION NIGHT

You are invited to come and find out more about Warringa Park School's Bethany Road Campus



**55-85 BETHANY ROAD,
HOPPERS CROSSING**

DATE AND TIME

**WEDNESDAY 4TH
OCTOBER
5.00PM**

CALL TIM FOR INFORMATION :

0455 679 942

MORE CONTACT INFO:

tim.hilton@education.vic.gov.au