

Principal's Newsletter

Term 3 | 1st September 2023 | Week 8

We are pleased to announce that our BOOK, inspired from PROJECT 10, One Big Bunjil, is now published and what a successful book launch we had yesterday. It was indeed a moment of great school pride and thank you all for being part of this Project 10 journey!

One Big Bunjil is a beautiful text paired with amazing illustrations by our students. The book captures the learning of numbers (Counting and base ten), Australian heritage (aboriginal language), fauna, reading and visual art. Congratulations to our artists, Taariq, Enea, Jordan, Mosiyah, Rory, Ahmad, Nathan, Jaipreet, Arthur and Dylan for their amazing illustrations.

If you didn't get a chance to join yesterday, below is a link to the BOOK Launch:
https://youtu.be/CsA7WDM___Go

Parent Opinion survey

As you will be aware, the Department of Education is conducting a survey to assist us in gaining your perception of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. The survey has been open since Monday 7 August and will close on Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. If you would like access to a computer then please let the school office know. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

The link to complete the survey has been posted on COMPASSS and seesaw. Don't forget to send Nicole a screenshot of your completion of survey to go into a draw for \$50 Coles voucher. There are 10 vouchers to be won. Nicole's email is: Nicole.pickersgill@education.vic.gov.au

Lastly, enjoy the weekend and the weeks ahead. To those of you who are celebrating Father's Day, wishing you a happy one. I look forward to seeing some dads, carers, guardians or a significant person to a child at Father's Day pie night next Thursday if you have registered.

Lastly, I would like to share our thoughts for the family and loved ones of Tajwar Munir. I am very saddened to announce to our school community that Tajwar has passed away this week. I am thinking of Tajwar's family and all staff and students who have worked closely with him. If you wish to talk to your child about Tajwar, please let your child's teacher know so he/she can provide you with a social story. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 7th September
Father's Day Pie night

Thursday 14th September
RUOK Day

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



One Big Bunjil – Book launch

Our illustrators





Fortnightly Principal's Awards

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

- Early Primary – Hgra, Jeremiah & Curtis
- Lower Primary – Diyaan, Raven & Tristan
- Upper Primary – Cherry, Mason & Ethan W
- Polly Parade – Mason
- BRC – Katrina
- CRC VPC – Sebastian & Wesley
- CRC Flexible Learning – Oshaya

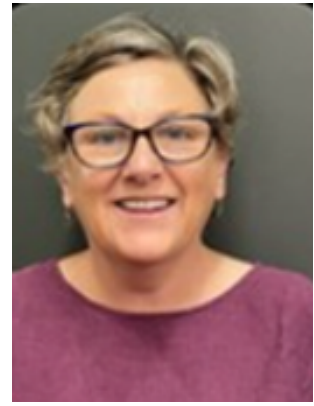
Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal





Wellbeing update



My name is Jo Kelly, and I am currently acting as the Assistant Principal, Wellbeing, whilst Danielle Heckman is on leave. A little bit about me! I have worked in special education for the last 12 years and I'm really passionate about education and inclusion. During this time, I have been a classroom teacher, led a wellbeing team for 5 years and for the last year I have been working with mainstream schools as an Inclusion Outreach Coach. I look forward to getting to know everyone and please don't hesitate to contact me.

Child safety and wellbeing at Warringa Park School

Warringa Park School is committed to providing a child safe and child friendly environment, where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety and wellbeing policies outline the measures and strategies we have in place to support, promote, and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students. The policies are located on our school website. <https://warringapark.vic.edu.au/parents/#policies>

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Safe Standards Risk Register
- Child safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Digital Learning Policy

As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at Warringa Park we welcome and encourage your feedback. If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions in relation to our child safe policies and practices, please contact Jo Kelly, Acting Assistant Principal, Wellbeing on joanne.kelly3@educationl.vic.gov.au

Well-Being Tip of the Fortnight: Embracing Mindful Moments

In our fast-paced lives, it's easy to get caught up in the chaos and forget to take a moment for ourselves. This tip is a gentle reminder to embrace mindfulness in your everyday routine. Mindfulness isn't about clearing your mind; it's about being present in the moment, fully aware of your thoughts and feelings without judgment. Practicing mindfulness can help you manage stress and approach challenges with a calmer perspective. It can foster self-awareness, improve focus, and promote emotional resilience.

Try this simple exercise: Find a quiet space, close your eyes, and take a few deep breaths. As you breathe in and out, bring your attention to the sensations of your breath. When your mind wanders (as it inevitably will), gently guide it back to the rhythm of your breath.

Engaging in this practice for just a few minutes each day can have a positive impact on your well-being. <https://www.hopscotchandharmony.com.au/>

Couples Counselling

Peta Lee-Tobin, our couples counsellor, has experience working with parents (expecting and current) as well as young couples. She is registered with The Australian Counselling Association and is an AHPRA-registered Provisional Psychologist. Peta uses skills from Gottman Couples Therapy along with Emotion-focused therapy and attachment-based therapy when working with couples and co-parents.

To attend couples counselling, you do not need a GP referral as payment is made privately. There are no Medicare rebates for couples counselling. The fee is \$240 for the initial session and \$220 for subsequent sessions. <https://www.hopscotchandharmony.com.au/>



Wellbeing update

Immediate Availability: TEEN & YOUNG ADULT COUNSELLING

We welcome new clinicians, Olivia, Elizabeth and Sean to H&H and this means immediate availability! Our provisional psychologists can welcome new or returning clients who have mild to moderate mental health difficulties involving stress, anxiety, and worry. Most of our availability is with teenagers and young adults, with some availability for primary school aged children. Availability is in Werribee, Belmont and via Telehealth. <https://www.hopscotchandharmony.com.au/>

To Kelly
Acting Assistant
Principal



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The Holiday Program

<p>Week 1</p> <p>18 - 21 September</p> <p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p> <p><i>South/East Students</i></p>	<p>Week 2</p> <p>25 - 28 September</p> <p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p> <p><i>North/West Students</i></p>
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**Activities
Include:**

Trampoline Park

Futsal Tournament

Rock Climbing

Strength & Conditioning Training

Football Tournament

JOIN NOW

For more information contact community@mvfc.com.au



FREE AND OPEN TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Holiday Program, funded by the Department of Education and delivered by Melbourne Victory, is on during September 2023. Week 1: 18, 19, 20, 21 September (South & East Schools). Week 2: 25, 26, 27, 28 September (North & West Schools). Participants will join in football, education, and employment sessions, as well as join in on excursions around Melbourne. With spaces in the programs limited, registration is essential. Sign up now!



Curriculum update - Early years

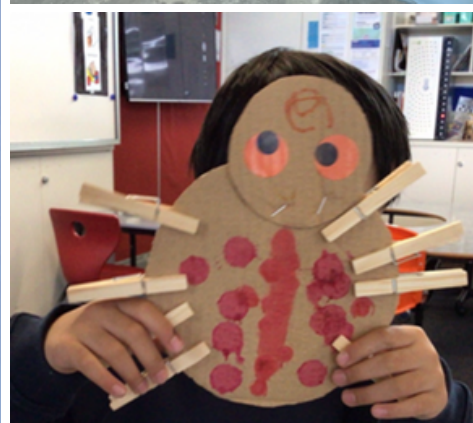
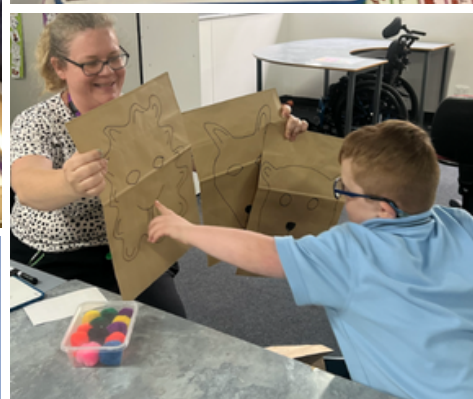
It was fantastic to celebrate Project 10 yesterday with the launch of our counting book *One Big Bunjil*. In 2022 the Project 10 Maths initiative was born, designed with Andrea Hillbrick our school's educational consultant we aimed to improve student learning outcomes in maths by supporting students to make connections to maths in their own lives and build purpose in their learning.

Not only did Project 10 drive whole school celebrations such as the Maths Championship Day, 20, 50 and 100 Days of school celebratory activities of which you would have seen photos up on the screen this morning but the project teachers the opportunity to broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of maths teaching and learning through regular Professional Learning.

We are extremely proud of all that was achieved through Project 10 and we like to commend our students and staff for all of their outstanding work. Yesterday we didn't just celebrate the launch of our book we celebrated all the learning that has been achieved through the initiative.

This week it has been fantastic to see so many families coming in to participate in this year's Project 10 activities by visiting classrooms to join in maths activities with students to celebrate Literacy Numeracy Week. Thank you so much to those who were able to take the time to come in this week.

Kelly Botha
Assistant Principal





Curriculum update - Later years

Over the last couple of months, teachers from Bethany Road have been moderating writing work samples to identify where students sit on the 34-point ordinal scale, of the Writing with Tools continuum. These moderations are assisting teachers to plan relevant, point of need learning experiences by identifying the skills each individual student needs to develop.

At Cayleys Road, the teachers have been using their Letter ID Assessments to identify where students sit on the Guidelines for Teaching – Letters, Sounds and Words. This data has been created into a Data Wall for students from Year 7 – 10. During PLC meetings, the teachers are using the data wall to plan learning experiences for students using evidence-based teaching strategies.

Students in the Victorian Pathways Certificate have been completing Unit 2 of Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related skills and Personal Develop. During Work Related Skills, students have been successful in identifying their interests and possible Careers Pathways. Last week, we had teachers from Tarnet Secondary College visit to observe classroom practice and discuss the structure of our VPC design.

Our school has been selected for a VPC Audit this year, so we have been working on gathering the policies, processes and planning documentation required.

All students who have accessed Cafe 10 for their work experience have made significant growth in the Employability skill of Communication. The data indicates that 100% of students in the VPC have met their 6-month target of demonstrating two levels of growth in communication, with five students making 2 levels of growth and three students making 4 levels of growth in the Employability skill of Communication. 100% of students from our Flexible Learning Centre have also met their 6-month target of demonstrating one level of growth in the employability skill of communication. Data from the Cafe 10 rubric indicates that from the five focus students, three students have made 1 level of growth and two students have make 4 levels of growth.

Last week the Secondary students engaged in Book Week. Each class made a trailer of their favourite book. These are being collated as a whole-school video, called Bookflix.

Kim Zammit

Assistant Principal





Allied Health update

AAC SYSTEMS: PROLOQUO2GO



WHAT IS PROLOQUO2GO?

- Symbol based, speech generating iPad application



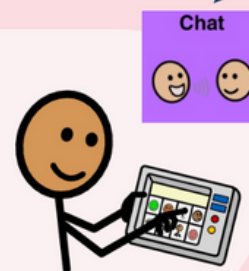
WHO USES PROLOQUO2GO?

- Non-speaking children and adults
- People who cannot always rely on their spoken language to communicate
- Communication partners of people who are non-speaking



GETTING STARTED WITH PROLOQUO2GO

- Ensure the system is always available, everywhere
- Practise using the system to become more familiar with the set up
- Model language kids are likely to use: the CHAT folder is great for this!
- Acknowledge all communication attempts even if it is not immediately obvious how the selection relates to the interaction



MORE QUESTIONS?

Talk to you child's classroom teacher or school speech pathologist about how communication systems are used at WPS to support student communication.



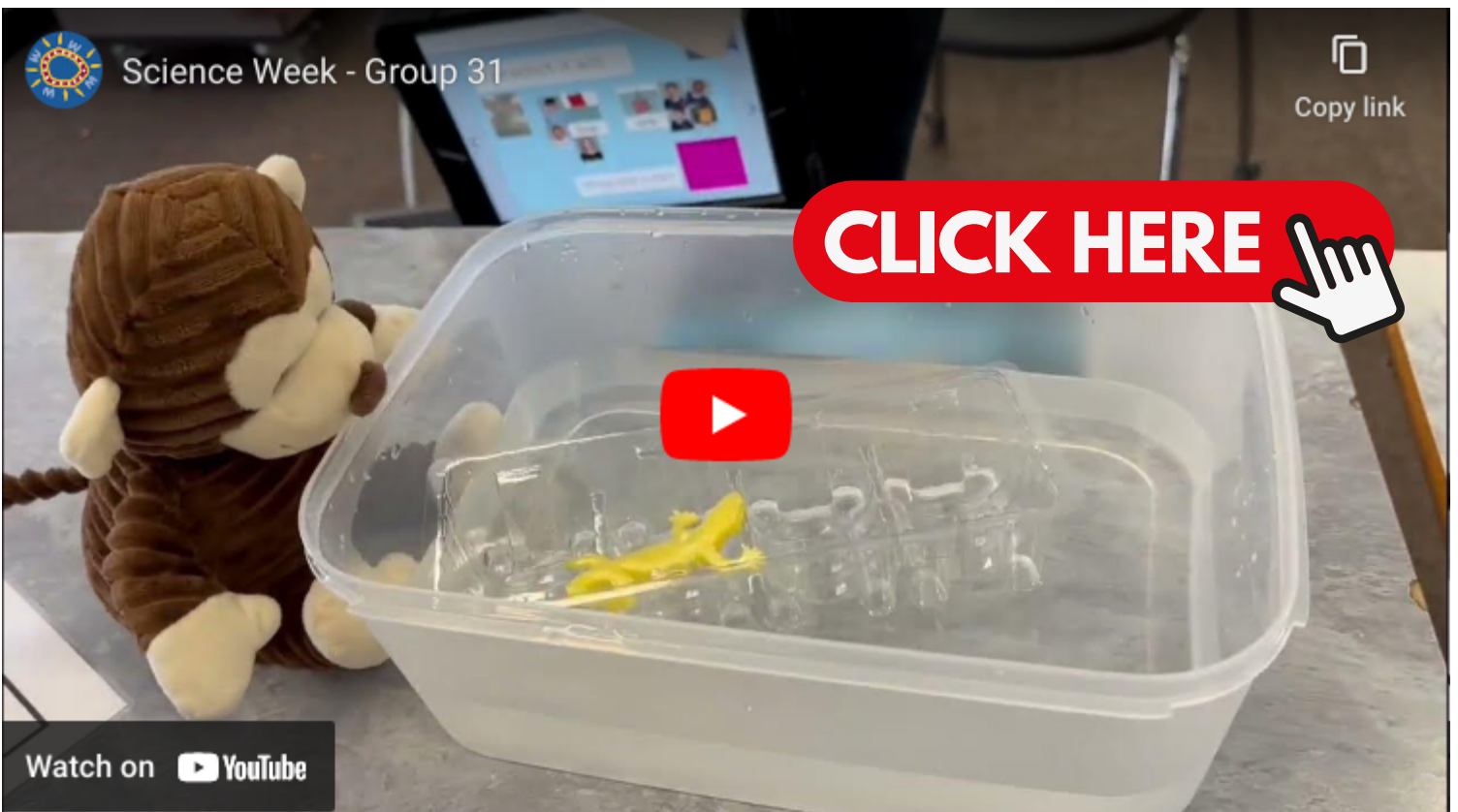


Specialist update - STEAM

Science week was a huge success. Students from across the school designed and launched bottle rockets, created innovative inventions and participated in a range of science experiments - many of which were captured and shared as part of our Science Week Video Challenge. Thank you to all the classes who submitted entries for the challenge, here are some of the highlights:

Brian, Halid, Mike & Aris

The STEAM team





Dates for the diary

Term Three

10th July – 15th September

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 31st August

Cayleys Road School Tours
Friday 1st September

Bethany Road School Tours
Thursday 31st August

Polly Parade School Tours
Monday 4th September



Sporting news!



FREE INCLUSIVE MULTI-SPORT FUN AFTERNOON

- ▶ Activities for people with disability
- ▶ Play sport your way

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER



Find out more and register at

WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/INCLUSIVESPORT

FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

Wear your AFL, Rugby, or Soccer Colours to celebrate kicking a ball in PE. We have Werribee Tigers VFL to run AFL clinic for each learning group.



For the Good of the Game



**Polly Parade:
Tuesday 5th
of Sept**

**Bethany Road:
Wednesday 4th of
October**



**WERRIBEE
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Warringa Crescent:
Lower Primary: 6th of Sept.
Early Primary: 7th of Sept
Upper Primary: 8th of Sept**

**Cayley's Road:
Thursday 5th of
October**