



Learning Centre's Newsletter

Term 3 | 8th September 2023 | Week 9

Early Primary Update

I cannot believe we are almost at the end of term 3! This year has flown by! Last week we celebrated Literacy and Numeracy week. Our Early Primary students celebrated by inviting in members of their family to play games centred around number and counting. This was an opportunity for students to share in a love of counting and number with their families and showcase their learning in mathematics this year.

We have been focusing on learning about our 'Yellow' and 'Blue' states of regulation. We have explored how our body feels, what emotions are in these zones and a range of strategies that we can utilise to support us in meeting the needs of our body in these states.

We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday break and we look forward to a huge term of learning in term 4!

Amy Byrne

Leading Teacher

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 14th
September
RUOK Day

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

Monday 2nd October
First day of Term Four

Monday 6th
November
Curriculum Day - no
school

Tuesday 7th
November
Melbourne Cup Public
Holiday - no school





Lower Primary Update

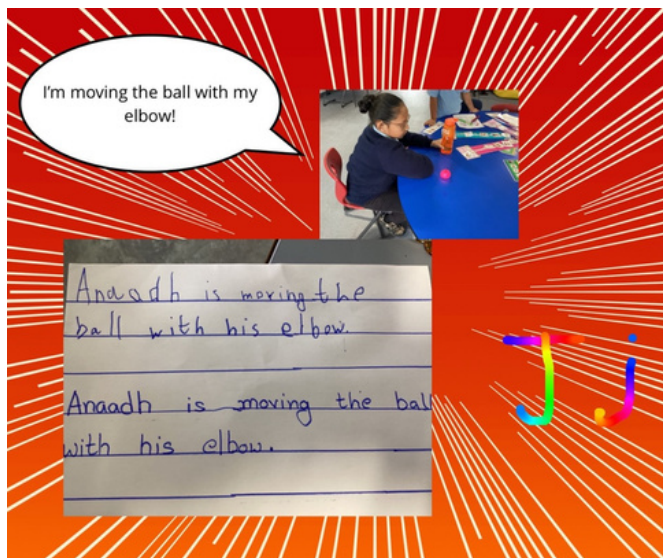
On Monday this week, Lower Primary enjoyed a performance by Perform Education. This performance was extremely engaging and saw the main characters change costumes and use various interesting props. The moral of the performance was –‘no matter what happens, no matter how things may change, you’ve got to be kind’. This key message resonates with the school value of “Respect” that we teach our students.

On Wednesday this week, the students in Lower Primary engaged in the Werribee Tigers AFL football clinic. Each class had a fun filled session where they practiced their skills of kicking, handballing, running etc. Throughout the session students were supported to develop their skills and the school value of “Working Together” by sharing the ball and taking it in turns to kick goals.

The learning that has taken place over the past term will be celebrated next week in PLC’s. Classes have developed movies, posters, and books to show their peers the learning journey of the science explorations that have taken place over the 4 challenges this term.

Stacey Hilder

Lower Primary Leading Teacher





Upper Primary Update

These past few weeks have been full of celebrations and reflection on the amazing term we have had in Term 3.

Our final Science challenge for the term was centered on movement and how “Lizzie can move a ball to Ricki without using her hands or feet”. Students have been investigating ways to move objects using ramps, vehicles, pulleys and paper fans. They investigated push and pull movement, gravity, speed and forces. There has been so much engagement with the science challenges this term as students anticipated what the school mascot would challenge them to do, before experimenting, learning more about the topic and then investigating the same task with new information and ideas. Several classrooms have shared these investigations in QR code and video formats across the learning centre to share with all of the Upper Primary classes.

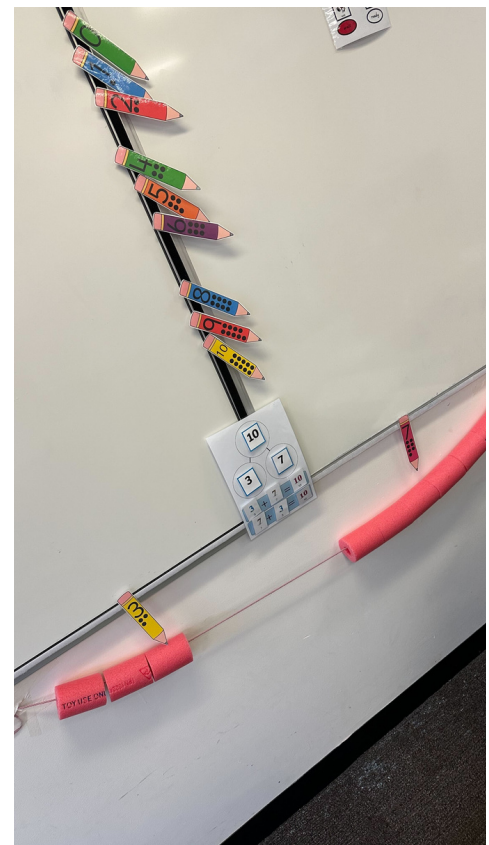
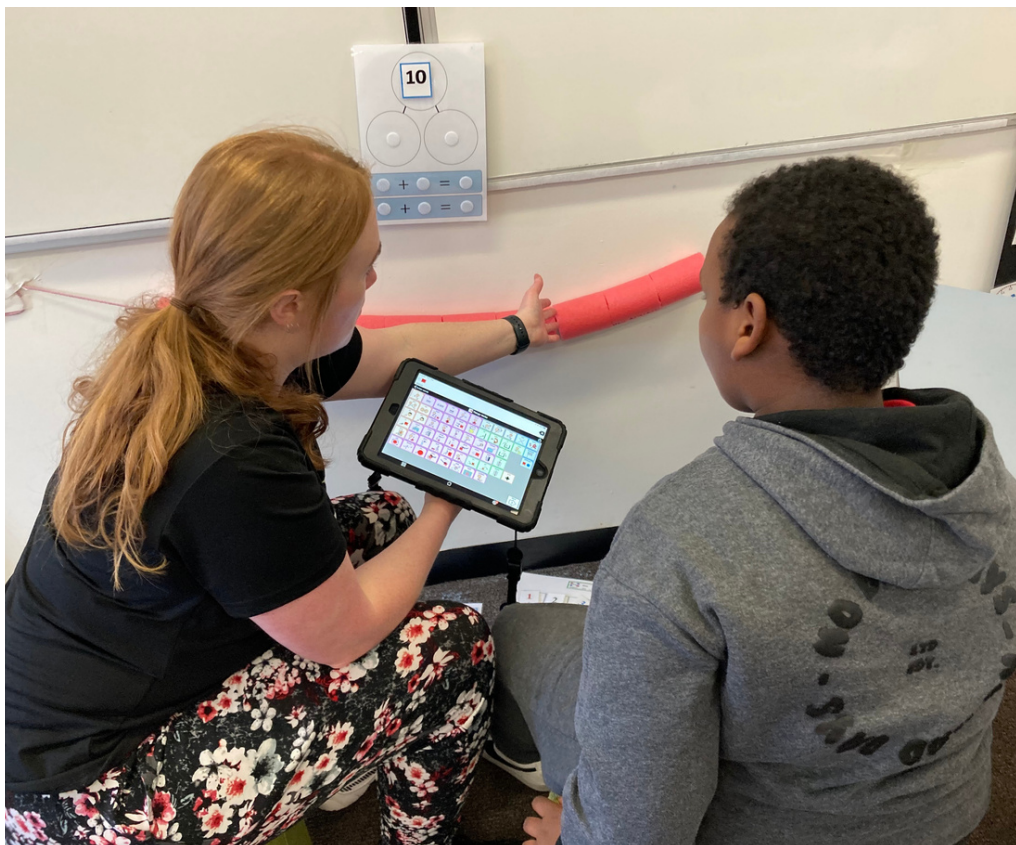
Last week we celebrated Literacy/Numeracy week with our book launch of “One Big Bungil” as well as inviting parents and carers into our classrooms to participate in maths learning activities. It was so nice to see such a large number of visitors come and engage in maths warm up games and learning tasks with their students, and to share the learning that is happening in the classroom. Students’ reflections on both events included pride and excitement for students across the whole school.

On Monday, we had a group of performers come to our school as part of our Book Week celebrations, engaging students with the text “Way too Cool”, and today we had members from the Werribee Tigers football team run skills workshops for the UP cohort. The school was a sea of colour with students wearing their favourite footy jerseys and colours to celebrate the end of term.

Last night we celebrated Father’s Day with our annual Father’s Day Pie night and it was so nice to catch up with students, father, grandfathers and important male figures in a relaxed atmosphere.

Maddy Slatkin

Upper Primary Leading Teacher





Polly Parade Update

It has been amazing to see so many families coming in to participate in this year's Literacy and Numeracy Week. They have visited classrooms to join in maths activities with students and to celebrate their learning success. Our students shared their fantastic counting skills with their families to show different ways of making their chosen number. Families were so proud to see how used their voice and agency to choose the materials to use to create their number displays. Our students are so engaged in improving their numeracy skills to count collections. Andrea Hillbrick, our educational consultant visited our classrooms and worked with our students. Our teachers had the opportunity to undertake professional learning with Andrea that broadens and deepens their knowledge and understanding of maths teaching and learning. They are implementing exciting ways and opportunities to make connections to Maths in our students' daily lives and build purpose in their learning.

Our students also shared their book trailers which were made using their digital technology skills. They animated their chosen books by using iPad apps which includes iMovie and Clips. Parents enjoyed watching the trailers and our learners had so much fun sharing stories on how they made their trailers by creating colourful props, wearing costumes, and acting the characters in their chosen books.

All our students watched the livestream of our book launch for our school's counting book, 'One Big Bunjil' and we were thrilled to read in our classrooms!

Our young scientists are now exploring the concepts of force and movement. They are learning how their bodies move and how they can make objects around them move by using their force. Our students had been experimenting with how magnets attract objects and use of wheels and simple machines to make work easier. They use their scientific skills of 'Predict, Observe, explain' to engage in hands-on experiments and simple projects that develop their understanding.

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating RUOK Day. We will have a Petting Zoo visiting us next Thursday, 14th September from 1- 2PM in celebration of this event.

We thank all of you for all for your support this term and wish you a great spring break!

Joan Ocampo
Leading Teacher





Bethany Road Update

It has been another successful and busy term at the Bethany Road Campus, as we have had students working through their focus in Science. Students have been working in groups to build key science skills such as observing, predicting and explaining as they look to apply these through a project for the remainder of the year.

We were incredibly lucky to have Kirsty Lush from Real Schools join us in Later Years as she spent time in classrooms across CRC and BRC. Kirsty was blown away by the authentic use of affective statements happening right across both sites and enjoyed learning about how successful restorative conversations had been in supporting students and teachers to resolve any concerns or issues that had come up. We are very excited to continue our work with Real Schools as we continue to build a strong culture of restorative practice across Warringa Park.

We saw another successful camp come and go with students in their first year at BRC heading to Lady Northcote for a one-night program. Activities such as archery, low ropes, bush cooking, and the giant swing looked at challenging students to work together, communicate and build resilience. Bethany now has one camp left to go with our students who have been at Bethany Road for a couple of years heading to Blackwood for a two-night experience which includes staying in either cabins or tents.

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that a group of our Year 9 students were successful in winning The Parliament Prize for the Year 7-9 group. Congratulations to Tyler Guilfoyle, Loki McAdam and Zac Bugeja for delivering a powerful message about accessibility needs in our local community. We look forward to having the students attend Parliament to celebrate their success.

To support the cohort of grade 6's that will be transitioning to BRC next year, we have created a small group of students to be BRC buddies to finish off this term and into the start of the next. The team have been travelling to Warringa Campus and spending some time with the group who will join them as peers at BRC in 2024. This will support the junior students to have a few familiar faces as they start their transitions next term, and will look to build to a smoother and more manageable full time transition as they begin their Later Years journey with us.

Term 4 ahead!



Tim Hilton

Assistant Principal - BRC



Cayleys Road Update

This term we have celebrated 'The weeks' which are focus based celebrations across all schools. Earlier this term we had Book week and Science week. Last week we had Literacy and Numeracy week and we had several of our past students return to deliver some motivational speeches to our current year 10 – 12 students. This was such a celebration to firstly hear from our past students on the programs they are engaging with post school. It was also wonderful to see how engaged our current students were in hearing from their peers.

We are doing some focused work at the campus on our lunch time routines and activities in preparation for the warmer months in Term 4. We will have a new Allied Health space for students to access in Term 4. Our current play zones include a range of outdoor and indoor areas for students to engage in sports, crafts, sensory and quiet time activities. Our SRC have also worked in this space and will be launching their posters and resources for students in Term 4 also. I look forward to sharing these resources with you next term.

Finally, it was with great sadness we said goodbye to one of our cherished students last week as Tajwar Munir passed away. Tajwar was a much loved member of C10 class this year and was well known and cared for across our school. We had several staff attend the funeral on Friday which was an opportunity to say goodbye and support Tajwars beautiful family. We will celebrate Tajwars life at Warringa Park School in a memorial next term. If any students or families would like support with this news, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school.

As we reach the end of term three, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break over the school holidays. We look forward to Term 4 and continuing the learning journey with students

Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal – CRC

ACTIVE HOLIDAYS

JOIN IN SOME FREE ACTIVE FUN THESE HOLIDAYS

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VISIT WWW.WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU/ACTIVEHOLIDAYS TO FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK

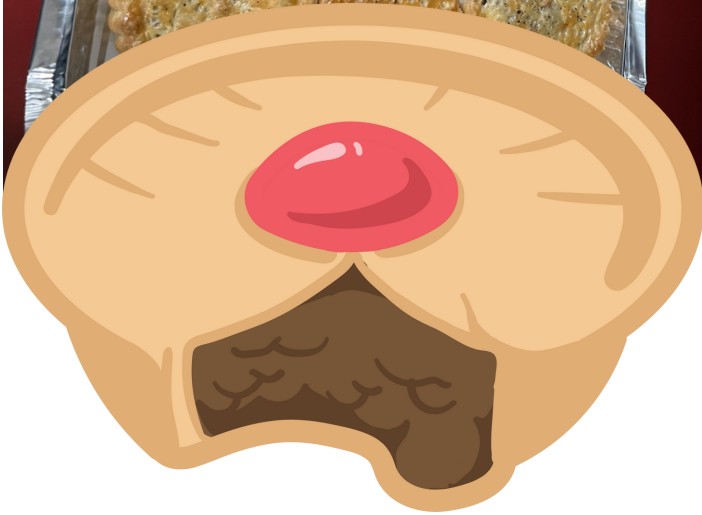
Looking for something for the kids to do these holidays?

Wyndham City's Active Holidays program is back this September. Join in FREE activities for 4 to 18 year olds from Saturday 16 September to Sunday 1 October. From Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Cricket and Dance to Footy, Football, Karate, Table Tennis, Tennis and more there's lots for kids to join in. See the program at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activeholidays Bookings open 7 days before each session. Why not try something new these holidays?



Father's Day Pie Night

We had many families here participating in various activities and enjoying the warm gourmet pies. Thank you to all of the staff members who helped on and before the night, and to Tim H for organising a successful evening.





Dates for the diary

Term Three

10th July – 15th September

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.

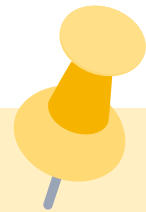
Contact Wendy at the Cayleys Road office and she can advise you on the application process.

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



2024 School tours

Warringa Crescent School Tours

Prep – Tuesday 10th October 9.30am
Prep – Tuesday 14th November 9.30am
Year 1 – 6 – Thursday 26th Oct 9.30am
Year 1 – 6 – Thursday 23rd Nov 9.30am

Cayleys Road School Tours

Friday 27th October 10am
Friday 24th November 10am

Bethany Road School Tours

Thursday 26th October 12pm
Thursday 23rd November 12pm

Polly Parade School Tours

Monday 30th October 10am
Monday 27th November 10am



Holiday Support Services

Warringa 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](#)



Kids / Teens / Adults

WHAT'S ON WEST

- capacity building programs
- school holidays activities
- social connections
- individual & group skill building programs



current programs

- community garden
- social weekends
- social squad
- school holidays
- friyays
- community access



☎ 1300 561 802



191 Watton St, Werribee

www.leisurenetworks.org

new activities in term 4

Ready to take a step
towards achieving your
goals or building your
capacity?

Sign up today!
No waitlist



coffee club

Promoting a first step connection with community through an informal social activity that is providing a safe place of welcoming and inclusion. Tuesday mornings.



pathway to employment

The Program is designed for those with little or no work experience and focuses on entry level employment skills. Improve your employment skills in a comfortable, nurturing and all inclusive learning environment. 10 week group program.

social networkers

Build confidence and independence by connecting you to your community by using community venues & environments, whilst making lasting connections along the way. 10 week group program.



monthly movie club

Want to develop friendships, learn new skills and work towards your individual goals of becoming more independent with your social activities? Lets work on this whilst enjoying a bonus of going to the movies. Thursday mornings.

paddock to plate

Designed to provide you with the opportunity to see, smell, catch, grow, taste and share a variety of food experiences and destinations with other people with similar interests. 12 week group program.



cooking club

Want to learn all about the importance of eating balanced and portioned meals whilst connecting you socially to new friends and your local community. Tuesday afternoons.

☎ 1300 561 802

Scan here
to register
your interest

