



# Learning Centre's Newsletter

Term 4 | 6th October 2023 | Week 1

## Early Primary Update

Welcome back to term 4! Early primary students have settled right back into learning this week. This term our inquiry topic is centred around exploring a variety of celebrations and festivals around the world. This week, classes are exploring 'what do I celebrate?' with a focus on identifying what are celebrations, what do I celebrate with my family and what do I like about celebrations. This has led to many classes exploring the idea of birthday celebrations and using these learning experiences in reading, writing and mathematics.

We were also lucky to have the Werribee Tigers Footy Club join us for a football clinic.

As we move into the warmer weather, we will be encouraging students to wear sunscreen and hats outside during play time. If any children have special requirements regarding sunscreen or you have any tips and tricks for keeping hats on, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Amy Byrne*

Leading Teacher

### Upcoming dates...

**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

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Pupil Free Day



Maths





# Lower Primary Update

It has been lovely to see everyone back after the term 3 holidays. The smiles on students faces as they came off the buses, and walked into the school on Monday was lovely to see.

Lower Primary has hit the ground running with their inquiry for Term 4. This term all classes will be investigating various celebrations from different cultures and places around the world. Classes have started this inquiry by first looking at what a celebration is, and what celebrations occur in their own families. This has led classes to explore birthdays and investigate the lives of different families.

Over the coming term classes will explore The Thadingyut light festival, Diwali, Ramadan & Eid al-fitr, Dance festivals and Australian Christmas.

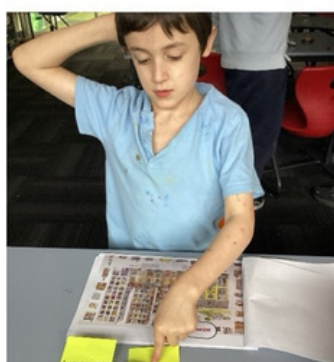
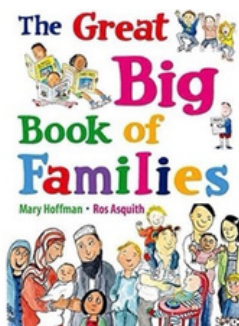
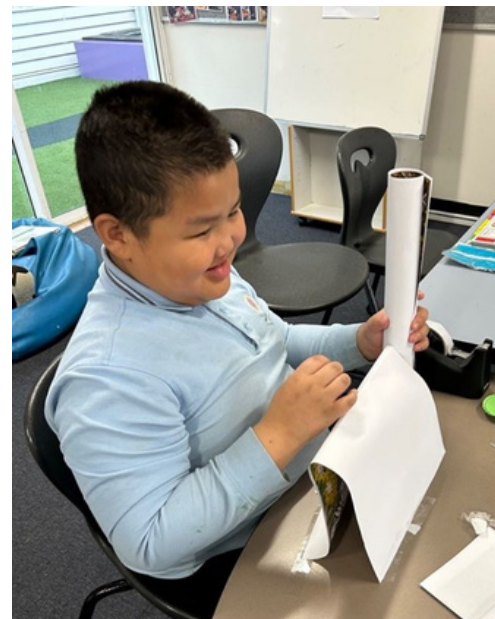
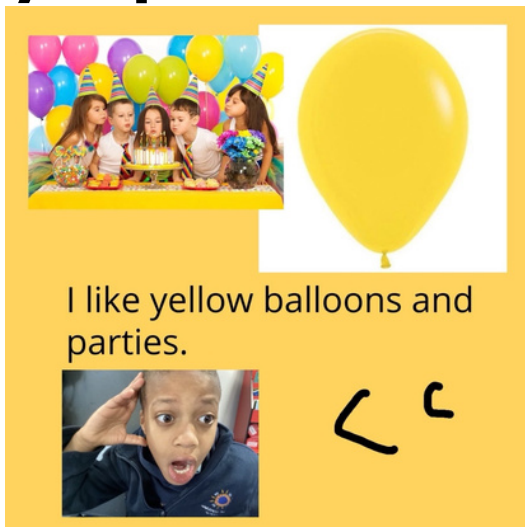
When learning about these celebrations, students will:

- Experience elements of different celebrations that they or others celebrate.
- Identify ways in which different families and communities celebrate special events.
- Identify key features of celebrations which illustrates how similar we all are.

This inquiry will develop the school value of "Respect" by supporting our students to understand, accept and be inclusive to all members of our school community.

**Stacey Hilder**

Lower Primary Leading Teacher





# Upper Primary Update

Welcome back to Term 4!

This term will be an exciting and busy term for Upper Primary students.

We will continue having visits from our BRC buddies as we prepare our students who are graduating the primary campus this year, for 2024 at our Bethany Road or Cayleys Road campuses.

Transitions will also begin this term with students visiting the campus they will be attending next year with small groups of students and a familiar staff member. They will stay for a few hours each time and become familiar with the new classrooms and playzones. As the term progresses, students will have the opportunity to spend time with some of the BRC and CRC students in their classrooms, ending with the whole school transition day where students will be in their class groups for next year with their new teacher.

This term we will hold our Graduation Ceremony for those students graduating from our primary campus on Thursday the 30th of November. It will be held in the school hall and parents, families and carers are welcome to attend this special day.

More information regarding transitions and the primary graduation will be sent home shortly.

This term our Inquiry focus is Community History, and 'How, when, where are why we celebrate key events during the year?'. The key understanding goals include experiencing elements of different celebrations that they or others celebrate, identifying ways in which different families and communities celebrate special events, identifying key features of celebrations which illustrate how similar we all are, and learning to sequence events on a timeline or calendar. We are really excited for this topic and know students will have a lot of fun with their learning!

**Maddy Slatkin**

Upper Primary Leading Teacher



**Learning IS FUN**



# Polly Parade Update

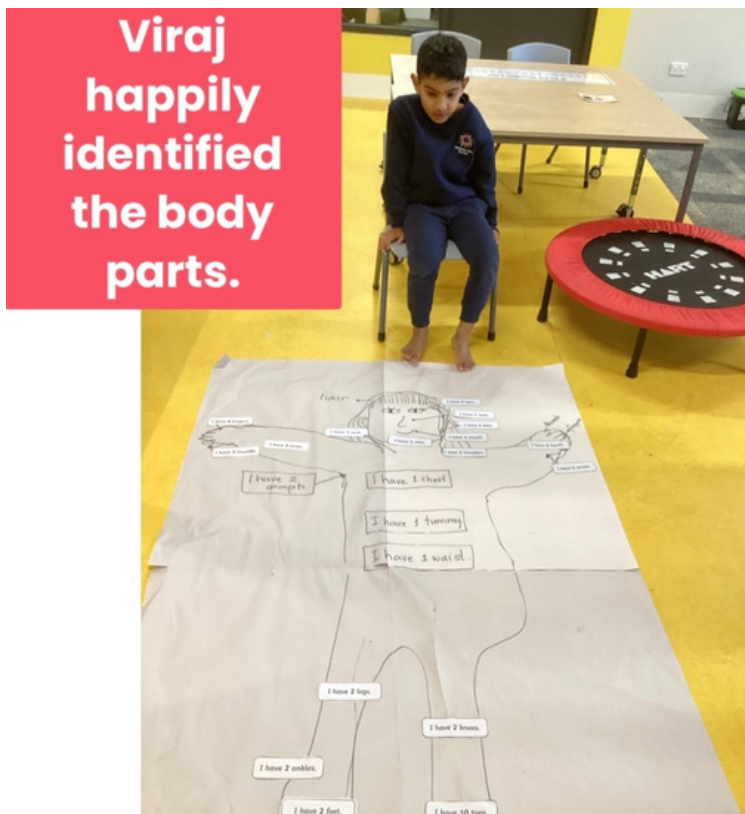
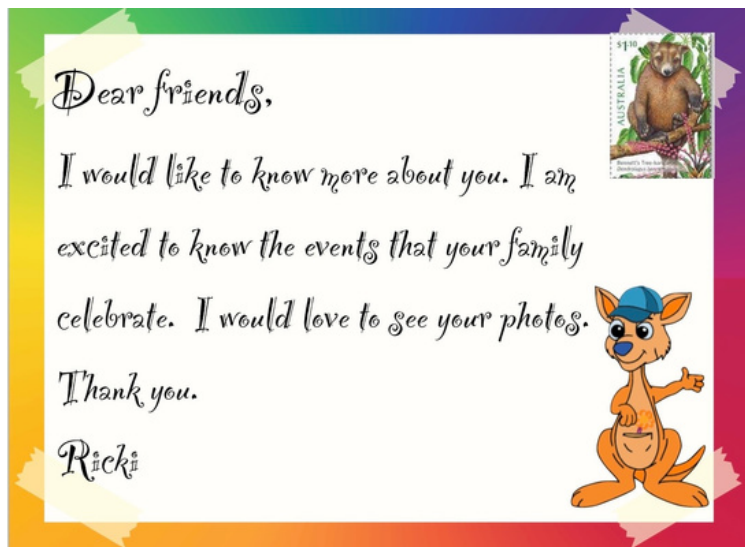
Our students happily returned this week for Term 4. Everyone is excited to learn about our inquiry focus on celebrations. This week, we received some photos from students sharing their favourite family celebrations. We are making a postcard for Ricki the Roo, our respectful kangaroo, to share memorable family events we celebrate. This promotes cultural awareness and inclusivity among all our students. Our teachers were given recognition and appreciation during the celebration of the World Teacher's Day last Thursday. A special morning tea was shared at the staff room.

This term, student assessments are being undertaken and reports are being prepared by teachers. We are so amazed and proud seeing all the learning progress our students achieved this year.

In Week 4, swimming lessons will begin. We thank all parents for submitting the forms and if you haven't, we kindly request parents to submit the signed forms as soon as possible.

We are all our excited to share with all of you the photos of our lantern festival that will happen in Week 3. We thank all of you for all for your support!

**Joan Ocampo**  
Leading Teacher





# Bethany Road Update

A warm welcome back to school for Term 4 before the rain took over. It was so positive to see students coming back well rested and excited for the last term of the year. A reminder to families that Term 4 has a few important facts to keep in our minds:

- Hats, Hats, Hats. All students must wear a hat to head outside for breaks. I have told the students that if they choose not to wear a hat in Term 4, that is absolutely fine, but they will be spending the break in the multipurpose room or the art room to stay safe in the shade.
- Some of our Year 7 and 8 students will have the chance to attend the Wyndham Tech school over the next few weeks. This is a brilliant excursion that provides insight into the jobs of the future!
- Transitions for our Year 9 cohort will begin to take place throughout the Term. It sounds like it was a fantastic turnout at CRC for the New Parent Information Evening, I hope that you were provided with lots of exciting information about 2024.

A quick notice to all families of Bethany Road Campus. I will be heading on Long Service Leave from Wednesday 18th October and will be returning the day after Melbourne Cup on Wednesday 8th November. Our Later Years AP Kim Zammit will lead BRC in my absence. I look forward to coming back to finding out all of the exciting things that will happen while I am gone, and will be ready to lead us through until the end of the year from then on!

*Tim Hilton*

Assistant Principal - BRC

# Cayleys Road Update

Dear families

Welcome to Term 4 and I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable school break. Our staff here at Cayleys Road are excited to have students back and learning resume. This term is an important term for final assessments, end of year reporting and finalising of certificates for the year. It is also an important time for transitions and planning for the 2024 school year.

We were delighted to have our Parent Information Session this week for families who will be new to Cayleys Road next year. I am always very proud to share the learning and achievements of the students at Cayleys Road and the feedback from families was that of excitement for the 2024 school year. If any families do have questions or need any further information regarding the 2024 school year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are delighted to announce the beginning of our Hydrotherapy program here at Cayleys Road which will begin for a small cohort of students next week. This will be led by our Allied Health team and it will be a valuable support for our students.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

*Caitriona Toland*

Assistant Principal - CRC



# Dates for the diary

## Term Four

2nd October – 20th December

### Monday 6th November

Curriculum Day – no school

### Tuesday 7th November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – no school

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Professional Practice Day – Pupil free day

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## 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

## Variety kids Xmas Party

The most exciting event of the year is back, and tickets are now available!

The Variety Kids Xmas Party is an annual event where Victorian kids, aged 0 to Grade 6, who are facing challenges with disadvantage or living with illness or disability come together to have fun in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

There are carnival rides, attractions, clowns, costumes, live entertainment, food, games and sports. To top it off, every child receives a gift!

**Date:** Thursday 14 December 2023

**Time:** 10am – 1.30pm (registration opens at 9am)

**Location:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf VIC 3006

**Cost:** FREE, strictly by invitation only to Variety families, organisations and schools.

Please contact Adrienne at the WCC Campus on 9749 5774 to register your interest by 14th November. You will need to provide the name, age and gender of the child/children you are bringing and the name and number of adults also attending.

**Parking:** There are multiple options for car parking in the area, please check rates as some may charge by the hour. Onsite parking is available for schools arriving by coach/bus.

Please note that they are unable to cater for specific dietary requests.



EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

# ATTENDANCE COUNTS

It's important your children attend school everyday.



## OK reasons to stay at home



sick



natural disaster



## NOT OK to stay home



sleep-in, shop or go on holidays



BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR 1 DAY A FORTNIGHT  
EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL



Leisure Networks

# open day

**are you looking to connect with your community, meet new friends, build new skills and enjoy new experiences?**

come and say hi, enjoy afternoon tea with us and explore the possibilities.

191 Watton Street, Werribee  
Wednesday 11th October 2023  
3pm - 5pm (afternoon tea supplied)



**free event**

register via the QR Code