



Principal's Newsletter

Term 4 | 10th November 2023 | Week 6

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the mid-week break with the Melbourne Cup Holiday. Fortunately, the weather was favourable on both the pre cup and the cup day. On Monday, all staff across the four campuses participated in a PL session with Berry Street. There were many takeaways from the PL and the day was also a reflection on some excellent practices and initiatives that we have already in place at the school. In essence the day was around helping staff gain further /new perspectives, strategies and skills to build a safer, healthier and more engaging classrooms for our young learners. Our school is committed to four days of Berry Street training for staff over two years. Berry Street also has parenting and family services, community programs, trauma services, post care and other services that may be helpful to you. Please visit their website www.berrystreet.org.au if interested.



Upcoming Events

The end of term is just around the corner and there are so many reasons to celebrate the amazing school year we have had. Although this was a long term we have passed the half way mark. For most VPC students, there are only 3 more weeks of school. This can be both an exciting time and anxious time for students and families. We look forward to many families of Year 12 students join them on their Graduation Night at the Witchmount Estate, Plumpton on Friday December 15th.

Tickets sales for Graduation close on Friday November 14th. Tickets can be purchased at the Cayleys Road and Warringa campus offices.

Our Annual Cayleys Road Night Market will be on Thursday November 23rd. This will be a celebration of learning and creativity Cayleys Road students. BRC celebration day will be a day event at Bethany Road Campus on Friday December 8th.

We will also be celebrating International Day of Person's with a Disability in the week starting November 27th.

Upcoming dates...

**Thursday 23
November
Cayleys Road Night
Market**

**Thursday 30
November
Primary Graduation**

**Thursday 7th
December
Professional Practice
Day - Pupil free day**

**Tuesday 12
December
End of Year
Celebration for
families after school**

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





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On Wednesday December 6th, we have organised a transition day for students. On this day, students will have an opportunity to meet and work with their assigned teacher and ES for 2024 and their future class group members.

Last but not the least, our Whole School End of Year celebration will be Tuesday December 12th

Pupil Free Days

Following that, Thursday 7 December will be another pupil free day. This day will be an opportunity for staff to have a thorough handover of student information including individual support need to staff who will be working with your child next year.

Last day of term is Tuesday 19 December.

For booking OSHC with Their Care for 6 November and 19 December, please use the link that has been provided.

Primary Graduation

On Thursday the 30th of November we will be holding our Primary Graduation in the hall. You are all most welcome to attend/pop by to wish our graduating students well. The timeline is as follows;

PLC 7 – Gr 22,28,29 and 30 from 9:30- 10:20

PLC 8 – Gr 39,40,41 and 42 from 11:20- 12:10

PLC 9 – Gr 31, 36, 32 and 34 from 1:40-2:30

Ashwini Sharma

Principal

CONGRATULATIONS: VEEA OUTSTANDING BUSINESS MANAGER TO SHARON VEALE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGERS VICTORIA

It is with much pleasure I congratulate on behalf of all BMV members;

Sharon Veale for winning the Outstanding Business Manager Award. Sharon is the Business Manager of Warringa Park School, which is among the largest multi-campus special needs schools in Australia. Sharon has overseen the growth of the school from 1 - 4 campuses and accommodated the enrolments increase from 190 to 740 students. Leading with encouragement and care in her own school, Sharon's engagement with department initiatives and systems have supported the growing school community to achieve positive student outcomes.

Tracey Smith
President BMV





Fortnightly Principal's Awards

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

Hanaa Abdulfattah
Calvin Almoguera
Roseline Ezeja

George Andipas
Anhad Singh
Doni Piutau





Wellbeing update

Dear Families,

Welcome to November!

Over the next two weeks the Student Representative Committee (SRC) Elections will begin. It is an exciting time ahead and we are all waiting excitement to find out who our next SRC members will be for 2024. Watch this space with updates on the team.

Berry Street Trauma Training

On Monday our staff participated in the Berry Street Trauma training. The module covered the 'Body'. How to help our students regulate their stress response, de-escalate in school and classroom contexts, and provide strategies for increased engagement.



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& Their Future.

Wyndham Services

Foodbank (Open till 6.00pm)

Hoppers Crossing

Services: Food Parcels

Provides material aid for children and young people of 12 to 25 old experiencing disadvantage.

Aid includes food parcels, sanitary items and baby items including formula and nappies.

Eligibility

- Children and young people of 12 to 25 years old residing, working, or studying in the Wyndham City Council region.
- Identification required.

Emergency Relief

Salvation Army Community Support Services, Werribee

Open now until 3.00pm

Services:

- Clothing
- Food parcels
- Food vouchers





Wellbeing update

Ask Izzy to find a Disability Advocate

People with disability who need someone to speak up for them can use Ask Izzy to search for independent Disability Advocacy providers in their area. These services provide access to professionals who can ensure the choices and rights of people with disability are respected and they are being treated fairly. <https://askizzy.org.au/disability-advocacy-finder>

Auslan Santa Photography

Make a merry memory with Auslan Santa

Where: Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre Near Vodaphone (Santa speaks sign language too!)

At Pacific Werribee, we believe that the magic of Christmas should be accessible to everyone, regardless of their abilities. That's why we're thrilled to offer Santa photo sessions with our Auslan-speaking Santa. Whether you have a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, we're here to ensure their wishes are heard.

Sessions: Available from 22 November 2023 from 3pm-6pm.



To Kelly
Acting Assistant Principal





Curriculum update – Primary years

Dear Families,

This week has seen a great deal of professional learning taking place for staff. Monday's session with Berry Street will assist staff to build a positive and supportive classroom culture through consistent predictable classroom routines, the explicit teaching of self-regulation and the fostering of safe relationships. Creating this type of classroom culture is important in ensuring that students are supported to be ready to learn.

On Wednesday evening the 2024 PLC Leaders attended their second Twilight Session with education consultant, Andrea Hillbrick. During this session leaders covered the concept of part – part – whole. Part – part – whole is known as a 'Big Idea' in maths and is an important foundational skill for students to grasp in order to be successful mathematicians. Providing students with opportunities and experiences in composing and decomposing numbers can assist in the development of flexible additive strategies. When students know the parts of numbers and see how they relate to other numbers, they can use this understanding to additive problems.

Along with deepened their understanding the maths concept and how to teach it, Andrea also demonstrated the use of strategies that PLC leaders can use when leading their PLC's in undertaking this work in term 1 next year. The Twilight session are also a great opportunity for PLC from all campuses to work together, share their practice and build supportive relationships all of this promotes collective efficacy in the school.

Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal





Curriculum update - Later years

Dear Families,

The Flexible Learning students in year 11 and 12 have been exploring patterns and shapes through viewing the quality texts 'The Rainbow Serpent' and 'How the Birds got their Colours.' Students had the opportunity to create their own patterns and shapes by making a rainbow serpent and a bird using various colours.

Our VPC student have now finished their VPC studies and VET courses. Results are being send through from the Registered Training Organisers for entry onto VASS and will be distributed to families mid – late December.

School Based Apprenticeship will continue Thursdays and Fridays. The last day for Make and Bake will be Friday 8th December and the last day for Warehousing will be Friday 22nd December.

Yesterday the VPC students engaged in a graffiti workshop, where they learnt about the implications of graffiti on the community. Students were highly engaged in this seminar.

Kim Zammit

Assistant Principal





A note from the school nurses

Hello Families,

We still have a lot of Covid spreading through the school. Please, if your child is unwell, keep them at home. If your child is displaying symptoms of cold or flu, test them for Covid. RATs are available from the school if you need them. If you are unable / don't want to test your child for Covid, and your child is displaying symptoms of cold or flu, they will be assumed to be Covid positive. Students that have Covid are excluded from school for a minimum of five days from the day they tested positive, or longer if symptoms persist. This information comes from the Department of Education website.

Covid is still something everyone should be concerned about. We've reached our new normal: Covid is now part of a host of seasonal respiratory viruses that peak during the autumn and winter seasons. That means, while you can get Covid at any time of the year, there are windows of opportunity in which new strains of the virus can cause widespread infection. You're also now more likely to get Covid again year after year like other common circulating illnesses, such as Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and Influenza (Flu). We are currently in a surge of Covid in Melbourne. Please be mindful of our high-risk students and keep your child home if they are sick.

RAT information

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-rapid-antigen-tests>

Thank you for helping to keep your children safe.

Rachael & Natalie

The School Nurses

SICK WITH FLU? KNOW WHAT TO DO!

Influenza (or flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. Most people with flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. If you get flu symptoms, in most cases, you should stay home and avoid contact with others except to get medical care.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF FLU

Flu viruses can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly.

People who have flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: Fever* or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue (tiredness). Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea. This is more common in children.

* It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

STAY HOME WHEN SICK

When you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible. Remember to cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw tissues in the trash after you use them. Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.

*Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine before resuming normal activities.





Allied Health update

Hydrotherapy at Warringa Park School

Term 4 has seen the commencement of hydrotherapy sessions, utilising the swimming pool at the Cayleys Road campus. The sessions are supervised by a physiotherapist and a qualified swim teacher. All students are attended to, in and out of the water, by our wonderful, allied health assistants. For the pilot program, student selection has been based on mobility needs, with priority given to children in wheelchairs and those using mobility aids, such as walkers.

When a person is confined to a wheelchair for most of their time, they do not get the opportunity to stretch into a backward arch or straighten their hips. Limiting movement in this way leads to reduced range motion in all the joints of the body. The program has focused on water familiarisation, moving the arms, legs and spine through the full range of motion possible for each student, and water play. As with all physiotherapy sessions at Warringa Park School, the primary aim is to have fun.

Permission slips for the second group of students have gone home and we look forward to extending the program in 2024.

Kylie Kastelic
Physiotherapist

What is Hydrotherapy?

<p>A versatile rehabilitation solution for nearly all conditions</p>	<p>Physical therapy performed in a pain-free, warm water environment</p>
<p>A therapeutic modality utilized for healing, rehabilitation, performance training, recovery and wellness</p>	<p>Studies show it has long-term benefits for patients</p>





Specialist update – PE

Dear Families,

This term in Physical Education, students are working on throwing, catching and striking. To start the term we had the opportunity to learn about and participate in “lawn games” from around the world that require under arm throwing that included Cornhole, Quoits, Bocce and Finska. We progressed our learning by learning how to grasp, throw and catch different sporting equipment while also learning how to strike a ball with a cricket bat, baseball bat or tennis racket.

Polly Parade have been undertaking their swim program at Swim4All in Werribee to great success, a big thank you to all staff, parents and students involved!

Cayleys Road Campus have a group of students undertaking an after-school basketball program also to great success, thank you to those staff, parents, students and coaches involved!

Lastly our VPC PE elective have been learning the skills and game play of badminton and flag football/rugby. We’ve also finally got the Cayleys Road Fitness Room up and running with a group of students utilising this space learning and participating in a number of resistance training and cardiovascular training.

Dion, George, Tom, Ethan & Bryce

The PE team





Specialist update - PE



YEAH!



AMAZING!





Dates for the diary

Term Four

2nd October – 20th December

Thursday 23 November
Cayleys Road Night Market

Thursday 7th December
Professional Practice Day – Pupil free day

Tuesday 12 December
End of Year Celebration for families after school

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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 or adrienne.bennie@education.vic.gov.au 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.



Cayleys Road Night Market

10 CAYLEYS ROAD, WERRIBEE SOUTH

Come and celebrate the wonderful products created by the students of Cayleys Road. All products are available for purchase. Arrive on the night to enter our raffle for a chance to win a BBQ and prizes from local businesses

Candles, planters, sensory toys, jewellery and many more handmade products

Student run cafe,
Art auction

Face-painting, BBQ, Tarot readings and Photo Booth

23rd of November 2023

Time: 5pm - 7pm

All proceeds raised go towards further supporting student enterprise opportunities.

Partial EFTPOS available, cash required for most stalls