

Principal's Newsletter

Term 4 | 13th October 2023 | Week 2

Dear parents and carers,

Learning

Despite the rain, this term has started off well with students launching right into their learning from day 1. In the primary years, students have been identifying special events and planning celebrations. As the year draws to a close, there will be various celebrations at school that students can plan and participate in. Students in the secondary years have continued with their science inquiry with an emphasis on hands on learning. We look forward to the yearly night market at CRC and the BRC celebration day later this term.

A reminder that we are a sun smart school. This means that students are required to wear a hat when outside during breaks.

Professional Learning

Over the school break, five staff members attended a 5-day comprehensive Literacy PL in Queensland. The PL explored evidence-based approaches to support all students with disabilities to read, write and communicate. The PL was attended by Kim Zammit (Assistant Principal), Nimi Goh (speech therapist), Maddy Slatkin (Leading Teacher), Stacey Hilder (Leading Teacher) and Olivia Galizi (teacher). We are looking at engaging with the facilitators of this PL to provide in-school support for implementation of comprehensive literacy at Warringa Park School in 2024.

Pupil Free Days

Please note that Monday 6 November is a pupil free day. Our staff will be attending a whole day professional Learning facilitated by Berry Street. The Berry Street Model helps educators gain new perspective, strategies and skills to build safer, healthier and more engaging classrooms for all learners. Our school has committed to four days training on this model over the next two years. Berry Street also provides training and support for carers and families. See link below to find out more about what they do.

<https://www.berrystreet.org.au>

Also note, that the last day for school this year is Tuesday 19 December and school finishes at 1:30 on the day.

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

Wednesday 20th December
Pupil Free Day



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Parking at school

A reminder to families that parking in the following areas is prohibited:

- In the disabled parking bays unless a Disability Parking Permit is clearly displayed at the left side or centre of the front windscreen, so that the permit number and expiry date can be seen from outside.
- In the driveway area during morning and afternoon bus times. This includes vehicles stopping for drop off and pickup



There are many varied reasons for these guidelines which relate primarily to safety, access and general emergency management. We certainly do appreciate that parking is not always easy and would like to thank those who have already made best attempts at finding other solutions.

A number of concerned school community members have recently brought this issue to our attention as they have observed numerous vehicles moving in close proximity of children who are sometimes walking through this space.

We would also like to remind all members of our community of our school values: RESPECT, WORKING TOGETHER and LEARNING. It is really important that any matter of concern is brought to our attention and worked through in a respectful manner. Please keep this in mind when interacting with any member of our school community.

Have a great week ahead.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal



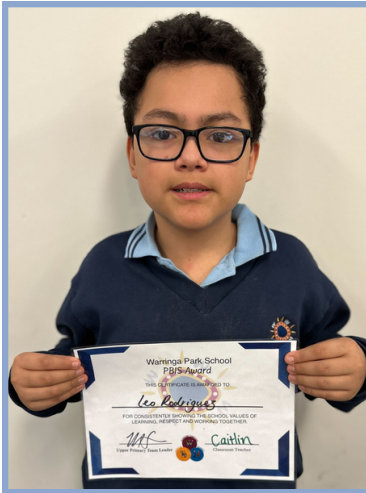
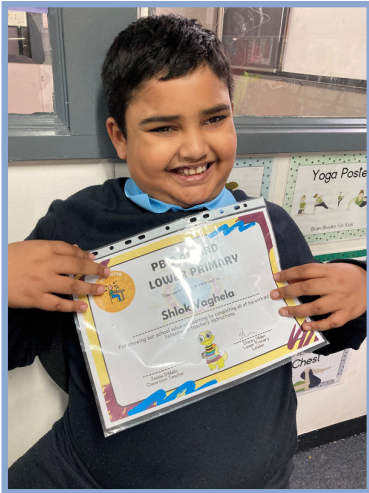
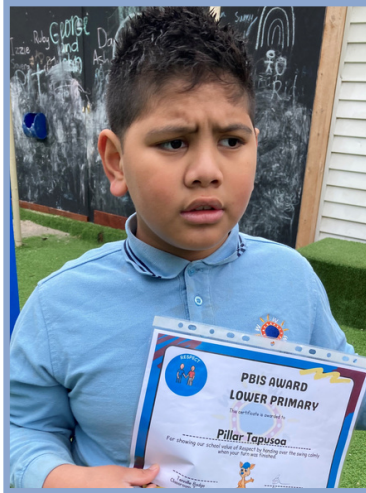
Fortnightly Principal's Awards

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

- Early Primary – Sahasra, Emraan & Mila
- Lower Primary – Pillar, Uriah & Shlok
- Upper Primary – Leo, Nahum & Black Wolf
- Polly Parade – Samuel
- BRC – Bailey
- CRC VPC – Kane
- CRC Flexible Learning – Konphil

Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal





Wellbeing update

Welcome back to school! We have another exciting term ahead. Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating Bandanna Day on 27th October to fundraise and raise awareness for Canteen (supporting young people whose lives have been turned upside down by cancer).

The whole school will also be celebrating International Day of Persons with a Disability on 1 December 2023. Each campus will have a range of fun activities for the students to enjoy.



International Day of People with Disability

Warringa Park

1 December 2023

- Disco
- Dress Up - What you want to be when you grow up?

Polly Parade

1 December 2023

- Disco
- Dress Up - What you want to be when you grow up?

Bethany Road

1 December 2023

- Petting Zoo
- BBQ
- Casual Clothes

Cayleys Road

28th November 2023

- Petting Zoo
- BBQ
- Casual Clothes

Sensory Stepping-Stones with Werribee Gymnastics Club

Werribee Gymnastics' Sensory Stepping Stone Program is designed for gymnasts with different neuro-diversity. We cater for Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Sensory Integration Disorder, Developmental Delay and children who need extra support for participation. The program is designed by an experienced gymnastics coach and an Occupational Therapist and taught by specialty trained gymnastics coaches.

Our class program on Sunday mornings runs:

- 9 to 10am: SSS3 - This class caters for children who require substantial support. Parents are encouraged to participate to help manage behaviour and the coaches will take care of the rest. We recommend this class for children with a diagnosis of ASD Level 3.
- 10.15 to 11.15am: SSS2 - This class caters for children who require moderate support. Parents are encouraged to be nearby. We recommend this class for children with a diagnosis of ASD Level 2.
- 11.30am to 12.30pm: SSS1 - This class caters for children who require minimum support but will cope better in a quieter and more supported learning environment. We recommend this class for children with a diagnosis of ASD Level 1.

To make these sessions neuro diversity friendly we have included a number of modifications. Not sure which class is best for your child? Get in touch and have a chat with our resident OT! Places are limited to ensure low child to coach ratios.

Werribee Gymnastics Club also has a Social Story available for families to utilise, see more information on [Werribee gymnastics Inclusion page](#)

Inclusion within our mainstream sessions:

Providing all children with an opportunity to participate in gymnastics is important to us at Werribee Gymnastics. Where possible we will include children with a disability into our mainstream programs, however, this is not always the right choice for all children. Therefore we offer a number of different programs that we hope will assist all children to participate in gymnastics.

To Kelly

Acting Assistant Principal

DATE AND TIME

weekly on Sunday

- Sun, 15 Oct 2023
- Sun, 22 Oct 2023
- Sun, 29 Oct 2023
- Sun, 5 Nov 2023
- Sun, 12 Nov 2023
- 9:00am - 12:30pm

LOCATION

Werribee Gymnastics Club
52 Riverside Avenue
Werribee, Victoria,
Australia 3030

CONTACT

Call [\(03\) 9742 5446](tel:(03)97425446)
Email: info@werribeegymnastics.com.au
www.werribeegymnastics.com.au/inclusion

COST

\$35 per session plus Gymnastics Victoria registration (includes insurance) for 2023 is \$60.



Curriculum update - Early years

Dear Families,

I always find Term 4 extremely enjoyable as it gives us the opportunity to celebrate all the learning that has taken place over the year!

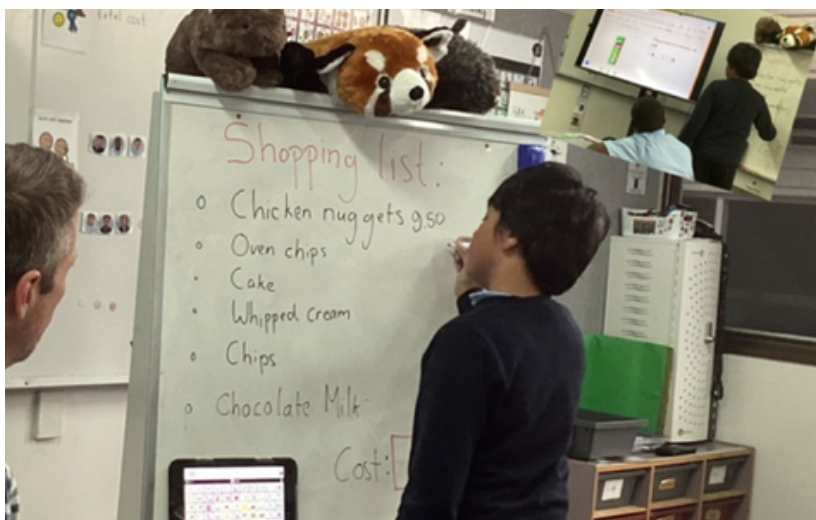
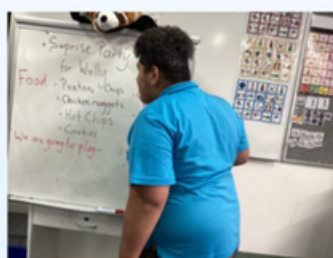
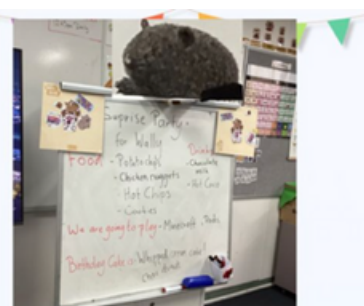
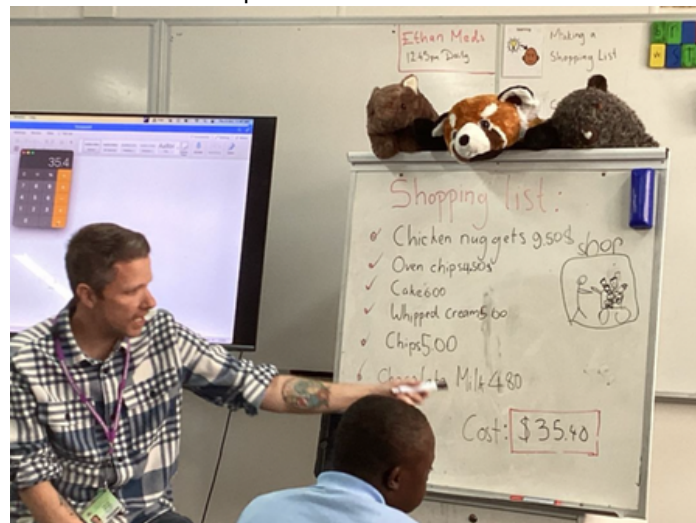
The work that has been undertaken this year in teaching and learning has been very successful and this was reflected in the results of the Staff Opinion survey.

Professional learning targeted to improve literacy & numeracy achieved a positive endorsement of 94% from staff. It was very pleasing that Planning differentiated learning activities achieved an 88% positive endorsement and that Collaborating to plan curriculum achieved 87% from staff. Our data in all areas of teaching and learning in the Staff Opinion survey has improved compared to last year which is real cause for celebration. The survey has assisted us to identify that the area of Practice Improvement should be our focus next year.

This term students will be undertaking a unit of Inquiry which will focus on Celebrations. The concept of a celebration has been introduced across the school with many classes planning and throwing a birthday party for one of the school's 3 PBIS mascots. Group 18 planned a surprise party for Wally the Working Together Wombat. In order to throw the party, they undertook a great deal of planning using their literacy and numeracy skills as is illustrated in the photos of the work below. They came up with a list of what they needed for the celebration, researched the cost of each item and added up the total needed to purchase the party supplies. They also baked a cake following the steps in the recipe to ensure it was a success. Wally even attended the party and got a great surprise when he entered the room! Great work Group 18!

Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal





Curriculum update – Later years

During the school holidays 5 staff members attended the Literacy for All Intensive course with Jane Farrell in Coomera, QLD. The 5-day instructional course covered theoretical and practical aspects of Comprehensive Literacy Instruction for children with a disability, including complex communication needs. Teachers learned about Literacy practices for both emergent and conventional readers and writers and were provided with access to several practical resources.

Later this week, we will meet with the Learning Consultants to discuss an implementation plan across our four campuses, based on the data we have gathered.

Teachers at Bethany Road have continued to moderate writing work samples to assist with their planning, at student point of need. This targeted approach has seen several students make growth with their writing.

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 are completing their final learning outcomes, which are due to be entered into VASS no later than 13th November. Results will be delivered to the school on December 11th. VET courses will begin to finish for the year from Friday 20th October.

Kim Zammit

Assistant Principal

A note from the school nurses

We have now entered term 4 and are on the home straight! We have had a great response in receiving updated management plans, so thank you all for getting them in. All Management Plans need to be updated yearly. This information is instrumental to ensure that your child is receiving the best care that we can provide here at school.

COVID-19

There is still Covid present in the community and at school. We recommend that if your child is showing signs of Covid that you test them please.

- Signs present as temperature above 37.5, runny nose, cough, sneezing, feeling unwell, not wanting to eat.

The policy remains the same regarding Covid positive students. Students who test positive are to remain at home for 5 days from the day of the positive test. Before returning to school, the student needs to be asymptomatic. This means, no temperature or signs of Covid. The student needs to be eating and drinking. The student needs to have a negative RAT test result the morning of their return.

Parents will be notified if their child has been in contact with a Covid positive student.

Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of Covid.

Gastro

We have also had Gastro going around the Warringa Crescent Campus. If your child has diarrhoea twice at school, they will be sent home. Students must stay home for 48 hours after their last episode of diarrhoea when they have Gastro.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe at school.

Rachael & Natalie

The School Nurses



Allied Health update



AAC AWARENESS MONTH

10 - 17 OCT 2023



International AAC Awareness Month is celebrated around the world each October. The goal is to raise awareness of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and to inform the public about the many different ways in which people communicate using communication devices.



AAC AWARENESS MONTH DISCOUNTS - 50% DISCOUNT & FREE TRIALS

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RECOMMENDATIONS:



- It is strongly recommended that you consult with your child's speech pathologist to support you in choosing an AAC app/system that is appropriate for your child.
- Warringa Park School is not affiliated with any of the organisations related to the applications and does not endorse in any particular application contained within this poster.
- The information on this poster is for the purpose of sharing of information and there are other AAC apps/systems that have not been included.



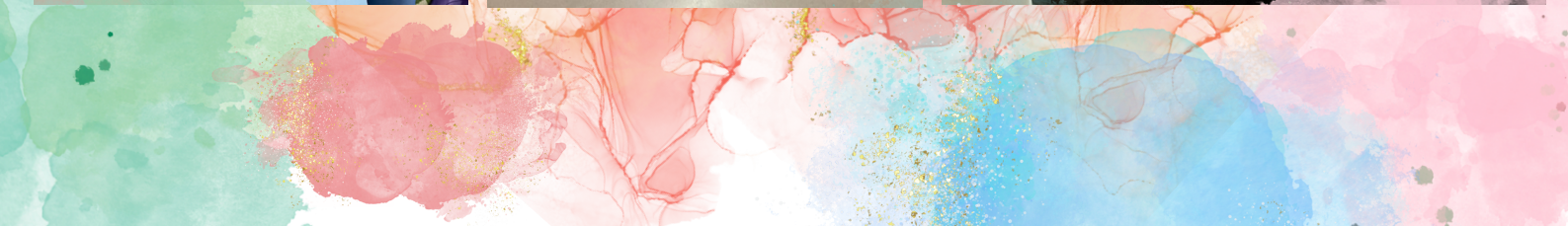
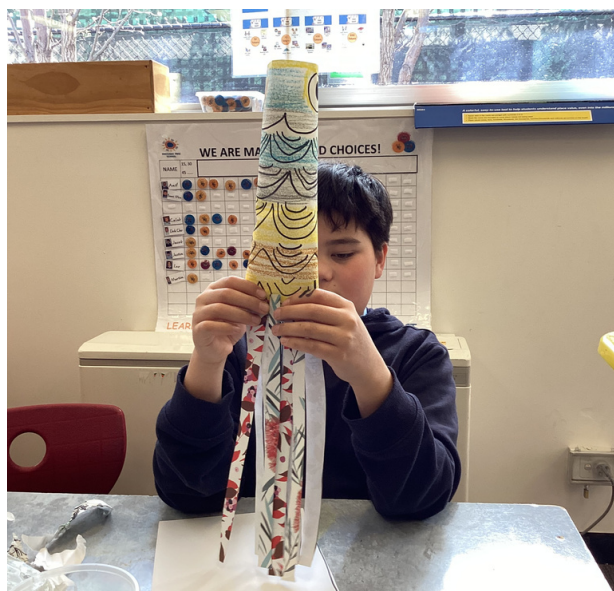
Specialist update - Visual Arts

This Term in Visual Arts we are learning about Art connected to celebrations in different cultures. In Week 1 students learnt about Japanese Art and Culture, creating 2D artwork of Cherry blossoms, which in Japanese life represents Spring, the changing of seasons and friendship. Students constructed trees and flowers using coloured paper, tissue paper, markers and crayons. In week 2 we are continuing to celebrate Japanese culture, making 3D Koinobori windsocks using paper, paint, collage and coloured tissue paper.

Have a great weekend!

Andrew, PK, Ruth & Ellie

The Visual Arts team





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

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

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
Airbrush tattoos

*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

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BANDANNA DAY

Friday 27th October

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