#### WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

## Learning Centre's Newsletter

Term 4 | 17th November 2023 | Week 7

## **Early Primary Update**

Throughout the past two weeks, Early Primary have explored what it means to celebrate Diwali and now Ramadan. Our students are learning the key ideas of what 'celebrate means'. Our students are sharing with one another food they have made, wearing traditional clothes that reflects the celebration, creating crafts of symbols related to the celebration and the coming together with a group of others. Through mathematics, students are making connections to when celebrations occur on the calendar.

Teachers are finalising end of year reports for students. These are a wonderful celebration of the learning and growth each one our students have made across the year. I am so proud of the learning and growth of all our students.

# **Amy Byrne** Leading Teacher











#### Upcoming dates...

DON'T miss it!

**Thursday 23 November Cayleys Road Night** Market

**Tuesday 28** November **CRC** International Day of Person's with a Disability

**Thursday 30** November **Primary Graduation** 

Friday 1 December **BRC International Day** of Person's with a **Disability Celebration** 

**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



## **Lower Primary Update**

Classes have loved exploring Ramadan and Eid as a part of their inquiry of celebrations. Students have engaged in hands on learning experiences such as engaging in henna designs and making some lanterns. These engaging experiences have been so much fun for our students to take part in. Photos of these experiences have then been used to spark ideas for purposeful reading and writing lessons. Many students were highly engaged in making Henna artwork on their hands or onto templates of hands. Students concentrated carefully to make unique and interesting designs.

Its been lovely to hear the positive buzz happening in lower primary around the celebrations we have been exploring. Students have thrived on sharing what they know about their own celebrations and are eager to learn about what their peers celebrate. We are so proud of the how respectful each student has been when learning about new celebrations. They have all demonstrated our school value wonderfully.

# **Stacey Hilder** Lower Primary Leading Teacher



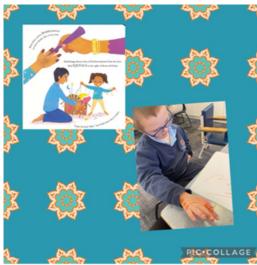


















## **Upper Primary Update**

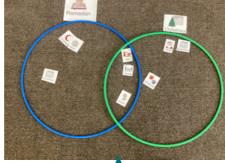
For the next fortnight, classrooms are investigating the celebrations of Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr as part of this term's inquiry. Quality texts within classrooms include 'The most exciting Eid', "Hassan and Aneesa celebrate Eid' and "Rameena's Ramadan'. Students will be making recipes that are significant to these celebrations and learning more about the importance these celebrations have to specific cultures.

Furthermore, In PLC 7, students have been learning about Venn diagrams and using knowledge of the different celebrations to find similarities and differences between one or more of them. In PLC 8, students have continued to use their floorbooks to record their new learning and as a reflection tool. Teachers in these classrooms have noticed that the availability for students to flick through the book has meant they are able to make connections more easily, as well as reflect on their enjoyment of different lessons (making lotus flowers, creating lanterns). In PLC 9, students have used iPad applications such as Clips to add themselves into backgrounds of different celebrations, holding culturally significant items such as lanterns or diyas.

Teachers have been busy these past few weeks, undertaking assessments and beginning to write their end of year reports. They have shared many reasons for celebration - student engagement and achievements have been highlighted in several team meetings over the fortnight.

# Maddy Slatkin Upper Primary Leading Teacher















## **Upper Primary Update**



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

# Upper Primary Graduation

Class Of 2023 PLC 7 Gr 22, 28, 29, 30 9:30-10:20 PLC 8 Gr 39, 40, 41, 42 11:20 - 12:10 PLC 9 Gr 31, 32, 34, 36 1:40-2:30 November 30th, 2023 School Hall, Warringa Crescent Campus



## **Polly Parade Update**

It is the end of Week 7. Our learners have been enjoying the celebrations around the school, and we thank our families and staff for sharing their stories, culture and festivities with us. All classes were highly engaged in learning about Diwali through reading, writing, arts and counting activities. Lanterns, lights and lots of vibrant colours decorated all classrooms across the campus. This week, we are celebrating "Eid al-Fitr" which is an important event for our Muslim friends.

We continued our swimming lessons this week and we will have our last session next week. We had seen huge improvement with our students' eye-hand coordination, knowledge of safety in and around water and their social skills in sharing their enjoyment at the pool with their peers. I am sure that our learners have been excited to tell stories about how much they enjoy swimming and playing when at the pool.

Polly Parade students continue to improve and progress with their reading and writing skills. The daily morning check-in's have greatly developed their ability to recognise and write their names. Their reading and comprehension skills are further improved by their exposure to various quality text and intensive communication with their teachers using AAC tools. Our students' counting skills have greatly improved and this is demonstrated by their confidence in counting collections, comparing quantities, and adding on.

On December 1, Friday, we will celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disability. The day is about promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities and to raise awareness of their situation in all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life. This is an exciting day for our students because they will have a fun disco and BBQ. Sausages will be served to students after the disco- gluten free and Halal options are available. Students are requested to dress up what they want to be when they grow up. We thank everyone for your continued support!

#### Joan Ocampo





## **Bethany Road Update**

What a welcome home I received from everyone upon my return from leave! I would like to send a sincere thank you to Kim Zammit who looked after BRC in my absence and did a fantastic job! I was very excited to come back and see that students had been hard at work in all their learning areas, made evident from tracking data, which has shown growth in all learning areas across BRC this year!

It has been very exciting to see some of our future Bethany Road students starting to do some transition sessions here with us. Grade 6 students from Warringa Park along with some students who will be joining us from outside schools have spent time at our campus to get to know what happens at BRC and what to expect for next year. We will have more time for these students in the lead up to the end of the year.

Next Wednesday, our Year 8 cohort will be off to Blackwood for camp. To all families whose child is attending to follow the packing list thoroughly, especially when it comes to things like a pillow, sleeping bag and sheet. Lots of our students will be on mattresses in tents if they aren't in a cabin, so a sleeping bag will be the best option for all!

For any families not attending Camp, the CRC Night Market will be taking place next Thursday 23rd November. If you have a free evening, I highly encourage you to get down and check out what is happening at Cayleys Road, I have sorted so many of my Christmas presents at the market every year and am very sad to be missing this one!

A reminder to all families that on Friday the 1st December, BRC will be celebrating International Day of Person's with a Disability. We will have lots of things happening at the campus including a petting zoo, airbrush tattoos and face painting. We will also be having a sausage sizzle on that day, classroom teachers will be reaching out to confirm dietary requirements for all.

With the end of the year quickly approaching, we know that this can be a time of confusion and anxiety for our students, as they wait to learn the plans for 2024 and who they might be in classes with. I assure you all that as a whole school we are working through our processes to get this information out as soon as we can. As always our plan will be for students to spend time with their 2024 class on how Whole School Transition Day, so we can assess whether we have the right space worked out for all of the students. As much as you can, please try to assure your child that they will know their place before the end of the year.







## **Cayleys Road Update**

Dear families

'Celebration' is the word of the week for us at Cayleys Road Campus. We had a wonderful Award celebration for our VPC students this week where we had winners from each class across VPC. It was a great celebration to acknowledge the work all students across our 6 VPC classes have completed this year.

Across the campus we are all getting excited for our Annual Night Market which will take place on Thursday 23rd November from 5 – 7pm and we would love to see as many of our CRC Community attend as possible. It will be a wonderful celebration of all our students and the work that has been completed this year.

In the coming weeks we will also have a campus celebration for International day of persons with a Disability. Our celebration will take place on the 28th November and we encourage students to come to school dressed as someone who inspires them.

To our families, as we head into the last few weeks of the school year, a gentle reminder that drop off times (after 9.15am) and pick up times (before 2.45pm) are important time frames to ensure student safety. If you are having any ongoing challenges meeting these time frames, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can look at safe solutions.











## 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

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

#### 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 PI, 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.



# 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\*