



Learning Centre's Newsletter

Term 4 | 20th October 2023 | Week 3

Early Primary Update

It's the end of week 3. Our classes have been celebrating and exploring the Thadingyut Festival. Classes have been making a lantern to signify lights, which is a huge symbol of the festival. Students have used their lantern as a prompt to complete writing tasks. In writing our students are focusing on the function of writing- which means we are supporting students to choose what they would like to write about, generate ideas to write about and share their ideas and messages with others. In Early Primary, our goal is to support our students to engage in the writing process and to see themselves as a writer. We use alternative pencils with their AAC to support them to communicate their ideas.

October is AAC awareness month! We have so many amazing young people who are learning to use AAC to communicate with others.

Amy Byrne
Leading Teacher

Upcoming dates...

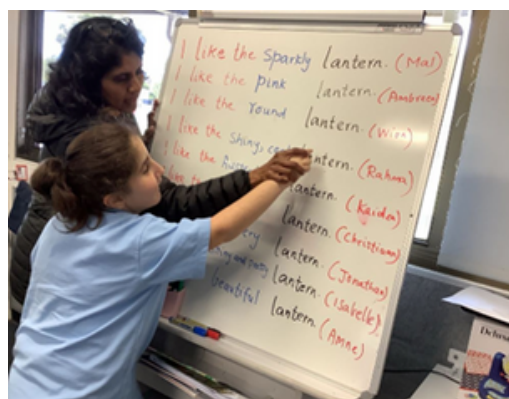
Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day - no school

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

Wednesday 20th December
Pupil Free Day





Lower Primary Update

Classes have loved exploring the Thadingyut Festival of Lights as a part of their inquiry of celebrations. Students have engaged in hands on learning experiences such as making sticky rice and making lanterns. These engaging experiences have then been used to spark ideas for purposeful reading and writing lessons.

It has been lovely to hear the conversations taking place in classrooms around respecting other people's celebrations. All students have embraced their learning of new celebrations with a really positive attitude.

Stacey Hilder

Lower Primary Leading Teacher

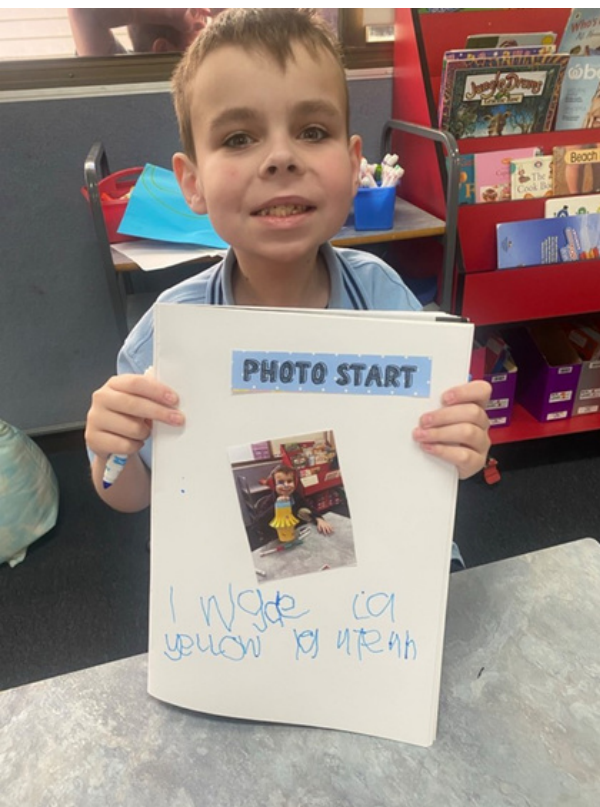


Thadingyut festival

They lighting candles

They carry idols around

They doing prayer





Upper Primary Update

The sunshine at the end of this week has been a welcome addition as students settle back into the term. A reminder to parents to please send in any school hats if your child doesn't already have theirs in their classroom (Term 4 is a sun smart term).

On Wednesday, our first group of transition students visited the Bethany Road Campus. They had a tour of the grounds, visited some classrooms and had either a recess or lunch break with the students currently attending BRC. Before the visit there were some nerves as students didn't know what to expect; however, there was a lot of happy faces and excitement when students returned to the Warringa Campus.

This week, in our Inquiry learning, all students are investigating the Thadingyut Festival (also known as the Lighting Festival of Myanmar). The Thadingyut Festival is held over three days, falling on a full moon in October which marks the end of Buddhist Lent. Classrooms have been exploring this celebration through cooking traditional recipes, researching and creating items representative of the festival (lanterns and paper lotus flowers) and finding similarities and differences between this festival and others (such as birthday celebrations).

Maddy Slatkin

Upper Primary Leading Teacher





Polly Parade Update

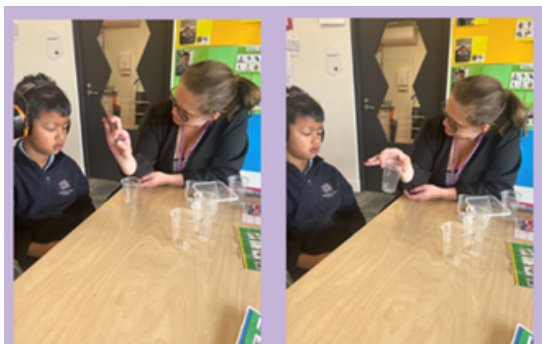
Dear Families,

Students at the Polly Parade campus have been thoroughly enjoying investigating Celebrations! Students have been finding out more about what their peers celebrate with their families and sharing with others the celebrations that are important to them. Using birthdays to begin with has provided students with a context and helps them to connect the knowledge they already have about celebrations which forms a foundation on which they can build new knowledge upon. This week has seen classes to being to explore festivals celebrated around the world which involved looking at maps, reading to find out more and making crafts used in the festivities.

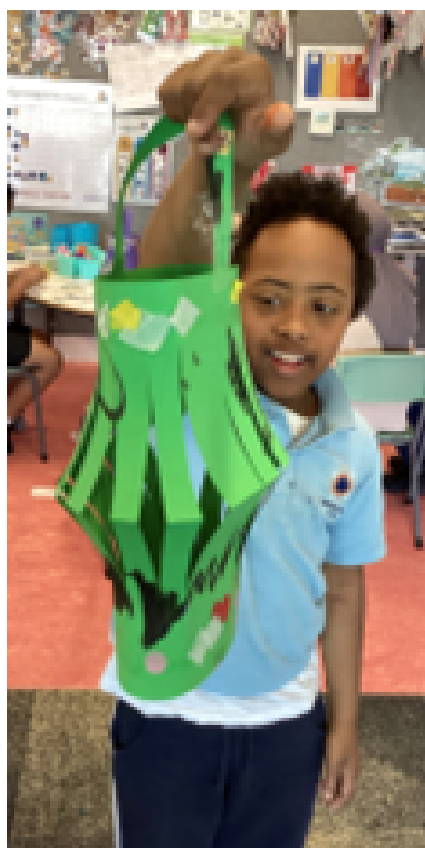
We are very proud the progress that students have made in maths, and we have many who are able to successfully count on consistently. This has meant that they are now ready to work on adding on. Teachers have found ways to engage students in adding using hands on activities such as making fruit skewers with two different types of fruit which was a lot of fun and healthy too!

Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal



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count with Dorothy





Cayleys Road Update

Dear families

It has been wonderful to have a bit of sunshine at the campus this week and students have been really enjoying their break times outside. Our yard zones are working well for students giving a wide range of activities from organised games in the Gym, sensory and soft play activities on the Oval and Common Room, Quiet zones for those who prefer a quieter environment and table top games and activities under the Gazebo. We have also opened an Allied Health space this term to give students with mobility needs much needed floor time in a sensory environment.

Students across the campus are preparing for our Annual Night Market which will take place on Thursday 24th November from 5 to 7pm. Students have an opportunity to apply their Literacy, Numeracy and work related skills in creating a wide range of Market items. Our Night Market is a wonderful celebration of the Applied Learning programs here at Cayleys Road and a time for our Cayleys Road Community to come together and celebrate.

Our Year 12 Queensland camp is not far away now and we had a great turn out to the parent information session in preparation for the camp which is in week 5. Thank you to all of the families who attended. Students and staff are really looking forward to the adventure. We also have our year 10/11 Phillip Island camp this term and information will follow soon for these students.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal - CRC





Dates for the diary

Term Four

2nd October – 20th December

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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.



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

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to cancer!

BANDANNA DAY

Friday 27th October

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by card or pop
cash in the box.



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