

Principal's Newsletter

Term 4 | 27th October 2023 | Week 4

Dear Parent/Carers,

There is a buzz across the campuses with lots of exciting experiences for students. A highlight for students are the extra-curricular events that take place to enhance their time at Warringa Park School. Despite navigating the varied weather conditions (going from hot and needing sunscreen to rain and needing coats), students continue to thoroughly enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities. We are appreciative of the extra work that goes into planning, organising and facilitating activities and would like to thank the staff.

Year 12 Camp for VPC students

Next week, some of our VPC students will head to Queensland for a week-long adventure camp. It's great that our Queensland camp was back last year, and it was highly successful. The campers this year are very excited about this experience. Action-packed days have been planned which are designed to excite, inspire and motivate the young adults. Other Year 12 students attended their camp in July this year. We are always amazed at how well our students encourage and support each other to have a go at activities that are out of their comfort zone including the ever-popular giant swing.

In Week 7, the year 12 students will be participating in a week-long program including various activities. Thanks to the staff who have planned these experiences for our students.

Swimming

Our young learners at Polly Parade have had a fantastic time at the pool this week and they are looking forward to a few more days at the pool next week. Other than water safety skills, swimming has many other benefits, this includes alleviating stress, improving coordination, balance, fitness, flexibility and our overall health.

Pupil Free Days

A reminder that Monday 6 November is a pupil free day.

Following that, Thursday 7 December will be another pupil free day for the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

Last day of term is Tuesday 19 December.

For booking OSHC with Their Care for 6 November and 19 December, please use this link <https://theircare.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login>

Restorative practices

In 2023, Warringa Park School has welcomed a partnership with Real School's, an organisation dedicated to helping schools implement Restorative Practices. Restorative Practices is a framework designed to give students the tools to understand, prevent and resolve conflict, while building students social skills and capacities for empathy. Kirsty, whom is the Real Schools Expert Facilitator working alongside Warringa Park, has created a number of video tutorials explaining the theories and research behind Restorative Practices, as well as providing Restorative Practices tools you can utilise in your own homes to further develop your child's conflict resolution and empathetic skill set.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5laWZEoZXRI&list=PLiqcVta5_VTd6A4ZV_EBMkk9pn7bFA6cY&index=1

Ashwini Sharma

Principal

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



Fortnightly Principal's Awards

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

Early Primary - Dante, Cooper & Lloyd

Lower Primary - Akki & Jacob

Upper Primary - Simran, Phoenix & Alyssa

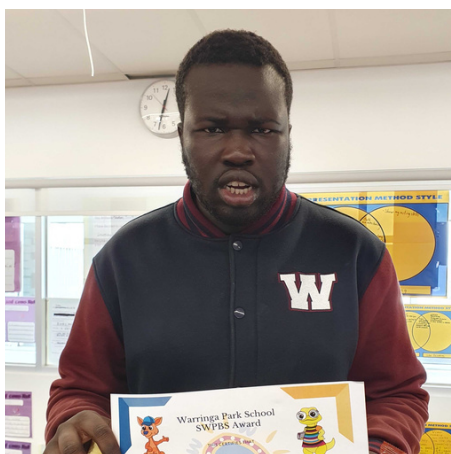
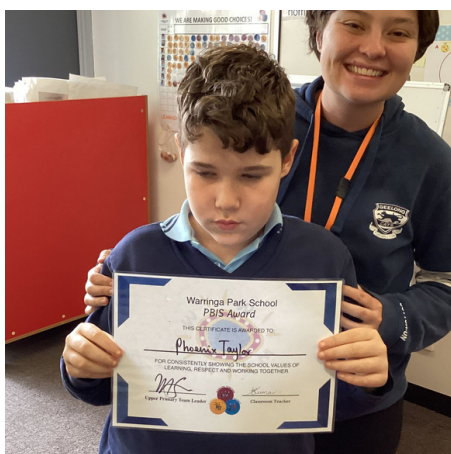
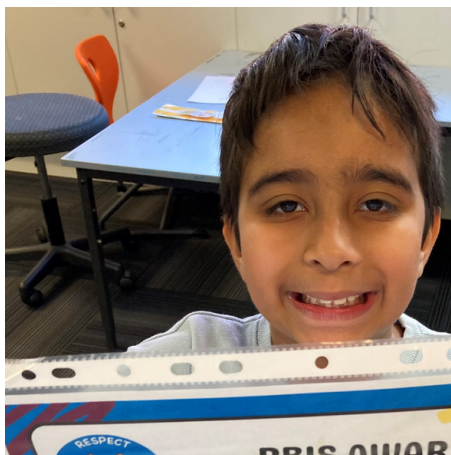
BRC - Ayub

CRC VPC - Manyiel

CRC Flexible Learning - Marina

Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal





Wellbeing update

Super Hiro

Last term the school celebrated 'Super Hiro' day in a united stand against bully. In recognition of taking a stand against bullying, and for encouraging inclusivity and kindness throughout the school community the school was awarded a Certificate of Contribution by Bully Zero.

Parent Information Sessions

On the 11th of October we have held a parent information session across each campus for new families to attend, also for existing students transitioning between campuses. These sessions were very successful with many families attending and asking lots of questions.

Bandanna Day

On Friday, 27th November the school community supported National Bandanna Day to fundraise and raise awareness for Canteen. Canteen is a non-for-profit that provides free and tailored support to young people aged 12-25 whose lives have been turned upside down by a cancer diagnosis.

Berry Street Trauma Training

On the 6 December (Curriculum Day), our staff will be undertaking Berry Street Trauma training. The module is covering the 'Body'. How to help our students regulate their stress response, de-escalate in school and classroom contexts, and provide strategies for increased focus.

SRC Election

Student Representative Committee School Elections for 2024 are fast approaching with many students putting themselves forward to be a candidate in the upcoming November elections. Watch this space for our new 2024 SRC committee.

Nurse Update

During the last few weeks our school nurses have continued to facilitate CPR training for staff ready for 2024. The nurses have also been facilitating further Midazolam training for staff for 2024.

To Kelly

Acting Assistant Principal

Certificate of Contribution



Presented to

Warringa Park School

In recognition of your support
of Bully Zero

THANK YOU
for contributing to a world free from bullying

Janet Grima
Bully Zero CEO

A WORLD FREE FROM BULLYING.



#bandannaday

Buy your bandanna here and help young Aussies stand up to cancer!

BANDANNA DAY

Friday 27th October

\$5 each

Scan the QR code to pay by card or pop cash in the box.

bandannaday.org.au

canteen national bandanna day



Curriculum update - Early years

This week all staff attended a professional learning session on Quality Texts. Quality texts are carefully layered to prompt new understandings. With each re-reading, there should be opportunities to discuss elements of the text, such as the creators, big ideas and sub-plots. Quality texts open the door for students to think about each other and their relationships, and the world at large. Teachers at our school have used quality text as a teaching tool for many years. The professional learning session aimed to build on teachers' existing knowledge of planning with quality text as well as to provide new teachers with further information.

The photos below show Group 1 using the quality text Binny's Diwali, this week they made lanterns like the ones that are included in the book. This quality text fits into this term's inquiry which focuses on celebrations. The class will continue to read the book and participate in activities and experiences derived from the story that have been planned by their teacher.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) form an extremely important element in ensuring that we are constantly working towards improving student learning outcomes. 2024 PLC Leaders have already started preparing for their roles next year. Educational consultant, Andrea Hillbrick will run 3 twilight sessions for these leaders. The first session took place earlier in the term and focussed on creating a shared school wide mathematical language. The aim of this is to increase teachers' mathematical knowledge as well as to ensure that all leaders in our school have a common and correct understanding of all the mathematical concepts that we are teaching. New PLC Leaders will also be provided with the opportunity to observe other PLC Leaders this term to ensure that they are building their capacity so as to set them up for success next year.

At this time of the year teachers are undertaking the completion of summative assessments. Using tools such as ABLES and the Curriculum Level Tracker they are ensuring that students' overall progress in the different subject areas has been recorded. We are extremely proud of all that our students have achieved. Once the assessments have been completed teachers will work on preparing reports, we are looking forward to sharing these with families so that you may share in celebrating how much your child has achieved this year.



Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal

Curriculum update - Later years

The 7 - 10 Secondary students have been engaging in their History Inquiry into how countries around the world celebrate various traditions. Students have learned about the different types of foods and clothes worn around the globe and how these differ to Australia. Students have enjoyed sharing experiences from their home countries and their culture with other students in the class.

The students in VPC are finalising their assessment tasks and work requirements ready for VASS entry in two weeks. These students have worked very hard to meet all the requirements of the VPC and we are very proud of their efforts. VET courses will begin to finish, and results will be sent home by VET providers prior to the end of the year.



Kim Zammit

Assistant Principal

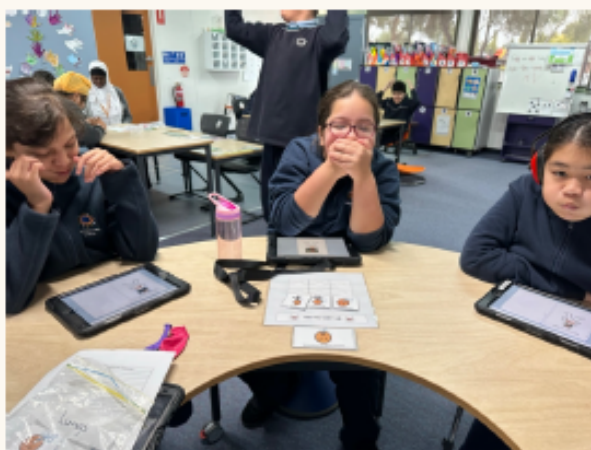


Allied Health update

BODY SIGNALS

DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR BODY PROVIDES US WITH WARNING SIGNS WHEN WE ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFERENT EMOTIONS?

STUDENTS AT WARRINGA PARK ARE BEGINNING TO IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT WAYS THEIR: SKIN, HEART, LUNGS, MUSCLES AND HANDS CAN FEEL.



BY COMPLETING EXPERIMENTS SUCH AS RUNNING ON THE SPOT OR CLENCHING OUR FISTS, WE CAN START TO IDENTIFY HOW OUR BODY CHANGES. THIS HELPS US TO FORM BODY EMOTION CONNECTIONS.

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING TO COMPLETE A BODY SCAN. IDENTIFYING HOW EACH BODY PART IS FEELING THEN CONNECTING THIS TO AN EMOTION. THIS CAN BE DONE THROUGH A BODY SCAN FOLDER, USING THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM OR THROUGH MEDITATION!



IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD TO IDENTIFY THEIR BODY SIGNALS AT HOME - SPEAK TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST!



Specialist update - STEAM

This Term in STEAM, students have been learning about and celebrating a range of important scientific inventions and breakthroughs, including The Wheel, The Telephone and Flight. Also, students from BRC have had the opportunity to visit the Wyndham Tech School, exploring different technologies and how they are changing our lives and the future of work.

Brian, Halid, Michael & Aris

The STEAM 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

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

BK's

GYMNASTICS

Come & Try
14:30-15:15
Suitable for
Ages: 1-5yrs

Come & Try
14:30-15:15
Suitable for
Ages: 5-7yrs

Come & Try
14:30-15:15
Suitable for
Ages: 8-12yrs

12 November 2023
14:30-15:15

Come & Try Day

Book now via the Activeworld App
or call 0408824259 to secure a place