



# Learning Centre's Newsletter

Term 4 | 3rd November 2023 | Week 5

*Reminder*

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY & TUESDAY THIS WEEK**

## Early Primary Update

It's the end of week 5. Our classes have been celebrating and exploring the Thadingyut Festival and now Diwali. Classes have been making a lantern to signify lights, which is a huge symbol of the festival. The students across EP have collaborated to create a celebration instillation within the Early Primary building, to showcase and celebrate their learning this term! It looks amazing! PLC 1 celebrated the book they have been reading, 'Elma's celebration', by having their own Elma celebration parade. Students created their own Elma inspired costume. Together with the other classes, and to the beat of their own drums- literally- the students danced and celebrated their learning.

*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



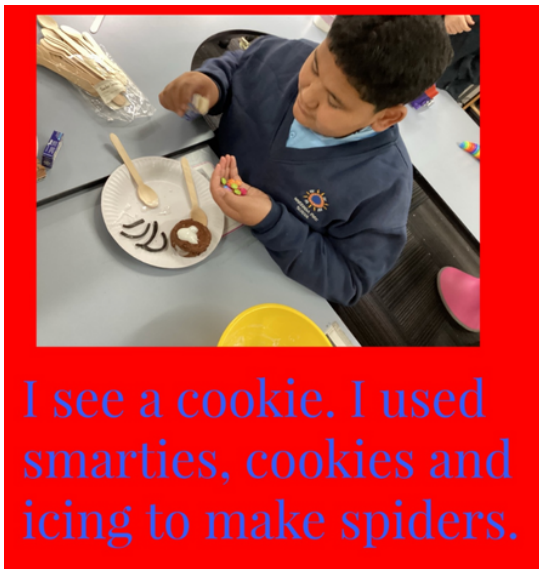
# Lower Primary Update

Classes have loved exploring Diwali as a part of their inquiry of celebrations. Students have engaged in hands on learning experiences such as making fireworks and diya. These engaging experiences have then been used to spark ideas for purposeful reading and writing lessons. Many students were so highly engaged in making the fireworks in their classrooms, they wanted to do it more than once!

With Halloween occurring this week, classes used this opportunity to connect to another celebration by exploring the same questions as they have with other celebrations, such as: Who celebrates this? What do people do during this celebration? What do people eat during this celebration?

## Stacey Hilder

Lower Primary Leading Teacher



**We are learning about the Diwali**



**New clothes**

**Firecrackers**





# Upper Primary Update

This week has been full of colour and fun as students begin to investigate the celebration 'Diwali', the Hindu festival of lights. Students have been creating rangoli designs (patterns using rice and chalk) in their classrooms and outside spaces, making lights and school-safe diyas (oil lamps) and some classrooms are making Halwa (a sweet dessert) next week, as they all learn about the significant aspects of the Diwali celebration and why it is so special to those who celebrate it. Dipal's Diwali has been the text staff are using for both Shared Reading and reading comprehension learning tasks.

Our Bethany Road Campus transition students (in current class groups) have had their last visit this past Wednesday, and today our first Cayleys Road transitions have commenced. Later in the term all students will have a transition day in their 2024 classrooms with fellow students and classroom staff in preparation for next year.

On Wednesday, our Primary SRC students travelled to the SRC forum to represent Warringa Park School. Feedback from the students who attended was fantastic; they spent time with student representatives from other schools as well as contributing their voices to plans made for the local school communities.

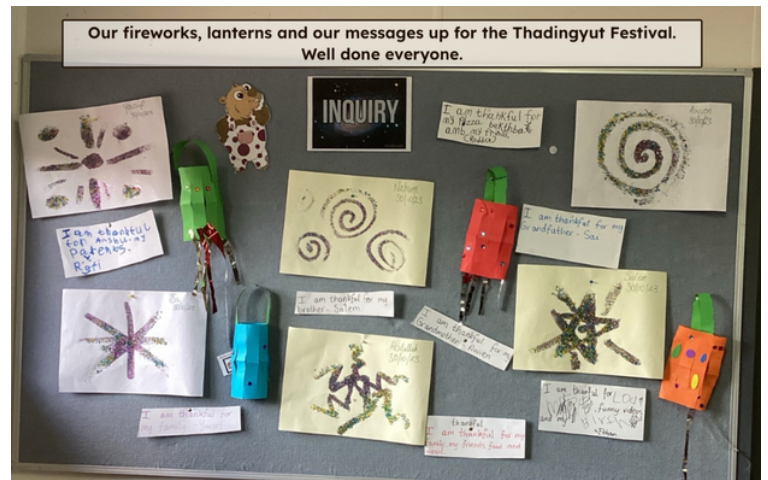
Next week, invitations for our Primary Graduation will go home so keep an eye on seesaw and for a paper copy in your child's bag.

## Maddy Slatkin

Upper Primary Leading Teacher

First we went in the bus and drove and then we got there and we went into a classroom and then we met some people and we had lunch and we went outside and played with some people and we had so much fun and we came back inside and we done relaxation and we went back to the bus and came back to school. **Aleesa, Group 22,**

**wrote about her transition to BRC**





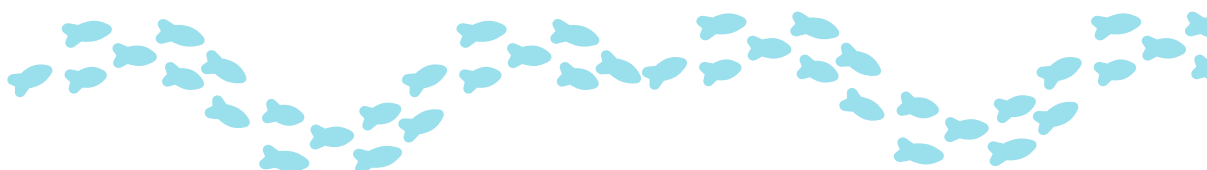
# Polly Parade Update

Our young learners at Polly Parade attended two successful days of swimming over the last two weeks. There was so much fun, excitement and enjoyment expressed by our swimmers who are being assisted by our specialist teachers, allied health and education support team. The swimming lessons are extremely beneficial for our students because it enhances their knowledge of safety in and around water, develop their physical skills including eye-hand coordination and increase their social and personal skills. Thank you Dion for organising our swimming lessons. There are two more sessions scheduled for this term- November 14 and 21.

For our inquiry, we are learning about Diwali to discover how this festival of lights is celebrated by families all over the world. Teachers are supporting our students to generate, share and write their ideas from these experiences using AAC tools. Students were engaged in creating their rangoli, diya and fireless crackers to experience how this tradition is being celebrated. It is fantastic to see how our students use their counting skills to count the colours and shapes formed from their crafts and integrate their numeracy skills to work on adding on. Staff had been engaging students in making cakes, biscuits and sweets using their number and measurement skills while working cooperatively with their peers.

This coming Monday, 6th of November, all staff will have a Professional Practice before the Melbourne Cup Day. We will see everyone on Wednesday, the 8th. We thank all of you for your support!

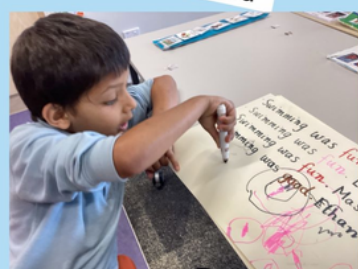
**Joan Ocampo**  
Leading Teacher



**POLLY PARADE SWIMMING** 



Swimming was  
Ethan





# Bethany Road Update

Over the past couple of weeks, we have commenced class and small group transitions. The Year 9 students have visited Cayleys Road and engaged in some sport and cooking learning experiences and student in Year 6 from WCC have participated in a school tour at BRC and have joined in with Literacy and Numeracy class sessions.

The 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. Year 9 students will be showcasing their learning through creating and sharing a film which they have made on Festivities Around the World.

*Kim Zammit*

Assistant Principal - BRC





# Cayleys Road Update

Dear families

Here we are at the Melbourne Cup weekend already. The term is going by fast however students at Cayley's Road are making the most of every minute.

The word of the week has been 'Transitions' for CRC as we have hosted several visits for students who will attend the campus in 2024. Firstly, our VPC students hosted 3 days of transitions for year 9 students coming over from Bethany Road Campus. This involved fun activities, milkshake making and time to socialise with old and new friends. We then had our Year 6 students who will be coming to us from the Warringa Campus visit on Tuesday and Friday this week. These students had an opportunity to explore the campus and do some fun classroom activities. Year 6 students will have a few more visits over the coming weeks and all students will visit once more for our Whole School Transition Day near the end of term.

Our Queensland campers are having an amazing camp experience up in Queensland and have shared many photographs which are documenting their trip. We look forward to hearing all the stories on their return. Our final camp for the year will be the VPC 10/11 camp to Philip Island which will be in week 9.

Finally, I would like to extend to all families our invitation to the Cayleys Road Night Market on the 24th November from 5 – 7pm. The students across the campus are busy preparing for this annual end of year event and we look forward to celebrating a wonderful year with our fantastic Cayleys Road Community.

Have a lovely 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\*