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Principal's Newsletter



Term 1 | 2nd February 2024 | Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. Happy New Year and I hope you were able to spend some quality time as a family over the holiday period. A very special welcome to our families and students who are new to our school. It was a real joy to see the students arrive on Wednesday and on Thursday, we welcomed 32 foundation students in our prep classes across both Warringa and Polly Parade campuses.

So far, the start of this year has been a really smooth one. We welcomed many new staff for an induction on Thursday January 25th and have had two curriculum days for staff on Jan 29th and 30th.

On these days staff undertook professional learning, received health, safety and medical training and prepared classrooms and resources for students.

Staffing

Despite the many staffing and recruitment challenges faced across the state, I am proud that we were able to start off 2024 academic year with almost all classes with a teacher and education support staff. We have been able to replace teachers who are awaiting visas or registrations with excellent casual teachers and will continue to recruit staff throughout the year to ensure that we are able to run the school at full capacity. This will ensure our students the very best learning opportunities.

On behalf of the Warringa Park Community, I would like to officially welcome our new staff for 2023.

Assistant Principal

Lindsey Delooze

Teachers

Angel Hein
Bianca Naidoo
Bimal Kumar
Harpreet Singh
Jay Wood
Libby Knights
Mohammed Farook
Nas Khan
Sam Nadan
Sandesh Singh
Sheila Pereira
Sohil Kumar
Tessa Sittrop

Business Manager

Chris Molivas

NDIS Navigators

Cieran Barter
Irene Kerr

Education Supports

Barman Barman
George Thelamala Mathew
Hope Farnbach
Kaori Yoshida
Karla Singh
Katie Miller
Kenton Lu
Ketki Jaiswal
Mimi Goh
Mona Gohar

Mental health & wellbeing leader

Kerstin Barter

Inclusion outreach

Karen Garner

Penny Wang
Ria Kartikariadi
Sana Naveed
Shiu Wati
Stephanie Ezard
Suzana Jovanovska
Thao Nguyen
Tunjaha Chowdhury
Vidhyashree Manchegowda
Yurie Takahashi



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There has also been a change in the leadership profile at the school. Cairtriona Toland will be taking up an acting principal role at Yarraville SDS this year.

Our school leaders play a vital role in enhancing the quality of education at the school and ensuring that we are continually working on improving learning and wellbeing outcomes for all our students.

Our 2024 Campus leaders are:



Warringa Crescent Campus

Polly Parade Campus

Bethany Road Campus Assistant Principal

Cayleys Road Campus Assistant Principal

Early Primary Leading Teacher

Middle Primary Leading Teacher

Upper Primary Leading Teacher

Leading Teacher

Alex Stewart

Alex Stewart

Alex Stewart

Alex Stewart

Kim Zammit

Tim Hilton

Our school encourages all parents and carers to have a voice in the school and we are ready to listen to your suggestions for improvement and any concerns you may have. To do so, please contact your class teacher on Seesaw for an initial appointment with them. If you need to make an appointment with a member of the leadership team, please arrange this through the administration team. On Tuesday February 13th, you will have a chance to meet teacher of your child from 5:30-6:30 pm. If your child is attending Bethany Road Campus (BRC), Meet the teacher evening will be held on Monday February 5th. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about child's class expectations, programs and teaching and learning overview.

Another avenue to engage with the school is as a member of the school council. Please keep an eye out for calls for nominations for the upcoming Council elections.

Seesaw for our New Families

Seesaw is the digital application that enables parents and carers the opportunity to view the teaching and learning that occurs in your child's classroom. It will also be the means by which staff and parents can communicate on matters concerning their child. If your child is new to the school, he/she would have brought home log in details for this app. If you have not signed up to Seesaw, please do so. If you require assistance in signing up to Seesaw, do take the time to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Compass

All parents need to sign into the COMPASS portal. This portal will enable parents and carers to make SSG appointments, access their child reports and school bulletins.

[Please click here for guidance on how to use Compass.](#)

Uniform

Warringa Park has a uniform and Sun Smart policy. Please support the school to keep students safe by ensuring that your child comes to school in uniform. If you have purchased uniforms from stores such as Kmart and Target, etc., it is essential that you get the school colours of the uniform correct. All new students will be provided with a hat at school when the delivery arrives.

Attendance

Regular school attendance enables students to maximise their full potential and to actively participate and engage in their learning. While students must be kept at home if they are unwell, it is parent responsibility to make sure that your child arrives at school on time and that they attend school on all school days unless unwell.



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The school uses an SMS system that notifies parents of their child's absence if a reason for the absence is not recorded. If you receive this SMS, please communicate the reason for absence either by phone or via COMPASS. If your child is at school and you receive this message, please do not be alarmed as it may likely be that the roll was marked before your child arrived. In this case, please ring the school to confirm.

I would like to also emphasise the importance of students starting school on time. If you are dropping your child off, please note that staff members are scheduled to collect students from 8:50 to 9:00 am. The morning learning routine is crucial in setting up the day to be successful. When staff have to leave classrooms to collect a student during learning time, the safety and learning needs of other students can be compromised. We understand that students may have appointments but if that is not the case, we encourage all students to be at school on time unless other arrangements have been made.

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Have a wonderful week ahead and I look forward to working with you all this year.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal

Meet our newest Assistant Principal

Hi everyone!

I am Lindsey and I am so happy to be at Warringa Park as an Assistant Principal for Wellbeing Curriculum.

I will be working across the whole school and can't wait to visit each of the campuses to meet all of our wonderful students.

I am originally from the UK and moved to Melbourne 9 years ago. In the UK I was a primary teacher and then ran an autism unit. Since being over here I have worked at Springvale Park SDS, Ascot Vale Special School and Wembley Primary School. I absolutely love the work I do and I am really passionate about supporting people (both children and adults).

In my spare time I love baking and going on adventures with my little family. I have a little boy called Hugo who keeps me very busy. We had lots of adventures into the city over the holidays and loved going to the Aus Open!

The staff at Warringa have given me a lovely welcome and I can see that it is going to be a fun year ahead!

Lindsey





Wellbeing update

Welcome back to Term 1, 2024!

It was wonderful to welcome our students back to school and see the excitement of staff and students seeing one another again. After the break it was a pleasure to see the students settle back into their routines so smoothly.

NDIS Support

This year we would like to announce our new NDIS Navigators Ciaran Barter and Irene Kerr.

This role is to:

- Provide support and advice for parents and carers to access appropriate NDIS funded support services available to their children.
- Provide appropriate information, documentation for NDIS funded therapists.
- Support parents and carers to resolve issues experienced with the NDIS through appropriate channels.



NDIS Navigator
Ciaran Barter



NDIS Navigator
Irene Kerr

Nurse News

Welcome to the 2024 school year. We are very happy to see you back, and a big WELCOME! to our new students.

Medical Action Plans are essential for us to help keep your child safe at school. Please ensure that if your child has Asthma, Epilepsy, Allergy, Anaphylaxis, that their Action Plan is up to date. These are required every year. If you have a plan for any other condition your child has, please forward that to us, too.

Medication Authority Forms also need to be updated yearly. If your child requires medication at school, we need a Medication Authority Form signed by a doctor and a legal guardian.

If you have any concerns you would like to discuss, or questions you would like to ask, please feel free to contact your School Nurse.

Natalie – Polly Parade and Warringa Crescent
Rachael – Bethany Road and Cayleys Road

To Kelly

Acting Assistant Principal





Curriculum update

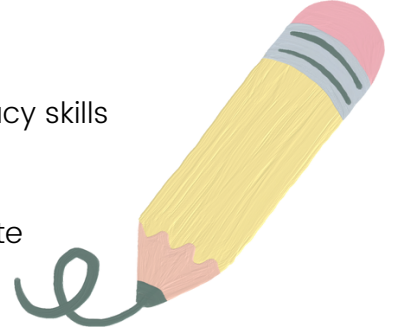
Dear Families,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome students to the 2024 school year! I hope that the holidays gave you the opportunity to spend time with family and friends and to enjoy time off with your children.

As you begin to form new routines this year, I would like to encourage you to make reading and mathematics a part of your child's daily routine.

There are a number of benefits of reading with children such as:

- helps children get to know sounds, words and language, and develop literacy skills
- introduces children to the value of books and stories
- can spark children's imaginations and curiosity
- promotes children's brain development and ability to focus and concentrate
- helps children build social, communication and emotional skills
- helps children learn about the world, their own culture and other cultures.



Reading stories with children has benefits for you too. The special time you spend reading together promotes bonding and builds your relationship with your child.

Reading with your child does not have to stop as they get older, by choosing reading material that is age appropriate or provides information on topic that a young adult is interested in is a great way to get them to practice reading at home.

Just as reading at home is beneficial for students, undertaking maths in real life situations is has a great way to assist students to make progress in their learning. The blog 'Tutor Doctor' suggests the following ways that maths can be practiced at home:

1. Let them help you with the cooking and baking

A really easy way to improve your child's mathematics skills is by encouraging them to help you with cooking and baking. Get them involved in reading the instructions, following recipes, weighing and measuring out ingredients. This will enable them to become familiar with quantities, fractions, temperatures and cooking units.

2. Get them involved in the food shopping

Getting your kids involved in the food-shopping can not only make a ordinary activity fun but they can practice maths at the same time. Encourage them to read food labels, compare brands and prices, budget and find the best deals. This will help your child understand the value of money and learn to understand numbers and prices. Before you know it you might actually be enjoying the food shopping!

3. Play maths games with them at home

Making maths fun is the key to improving maths skills and knowledge. There are loads of enjoyable games you can play with your child such as dominoes, chess, cards and memory games. Games like these will test their maths skills without them even realising it. It's a win win!

If your child uses technology on a regular basis then why not find some maths learning apps.

4. Read books that incorporate maths

A super easy way to get kids using maths at home is by encouraging them to read books that incorporate maths or logic.

5. Encourage them to do some maths every day

It's important to encourage your child to do a little bit of maths every day, even if it's only for 10 minutes. The more they practice, the better they will become. Simple! Quick activities such as problem solving will really get your child thinking and using their mathematics knowledge.

Kelly Botha
Assistant Principal





Theircare update

Welcome to School Year 2024! We are excited to be back!



Dear Warringa Park OSHC Families,

We would like to communicate some important information about the delivery of OSHC at your school in 2024 and beyond.

Good news! Your school has been selected to be part of the High Intensity OSHC Program, which will provide fully government subsidised care for children and young people until mid-2027.

TheirCare is excited to deliver this program and we are looking forward to building on the successful partnership we have developed with the team at Warringa Park and each and every family and child/young person that utilises the existing service.

We hope to make the transition to this new phase of program delivery as seamless as possible for you. Your school will officially transition to the High Intensity OSHC Program, and therefore you will cease being charged fees, in Week 3 of Term 1. Until this time, you will continue to be able to access the existing fee based OSHC service.

For existing families with bookings in Term 1, these will not change. There may need to be some adjustments to your bookings down the track, and if and when required, we will communicate with you further about this.

Please call the service phone number for all booking enquiries on 0499 530 034.

The team at Warringa Park OSHC will be available to answer any questions you may have. Please call the service phone between 12:00pm and 3:00pm Mon to Fri. If you prefer to have a face-to-face meeting, please call us to book an appointment.

Regards,

TheirCare Warringa Park Team

Welcome to TheirCare!

Exceptional care focused on children.

TheirCare delivers high quality Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). We exist to enrich communities. Our Educators are qualified, caring, open and engaged. We understand Aussie families. We are here for you and your family, all year round.

How to Enrol

Full enrolment instruction can be found at

www.theircare.com.au

Click BOOK NOW + then click Register Now. Once registration is complete, contact the service for further instructions.

Times 

After School: 3PM - 6PM
Holidays Program: 9AM - 5PM

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Dates for the diary

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Term Two

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Wednesday 8th May
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PPC & BRC School photos

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WCC School photos

Friday 7th June
Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

Monday 10th June
King's Birthday Public holiday

Friday 28th June
Last day of Term Two

Term Three

15th July – 20th September

Monday 15th July
First day of Term Three

Friday 20th September
Last day of Term Three

Term Four

7th October – 20th December

Monday 7th October
First day of Term Four

Monday 4th November
Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

Tuesday 5th November
Melbourne Cup Public holiday

Tuesday 20th December
Last day of Term Four

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 Warringa Crescent 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