

Principal's Newsletter

Term 4 | 8th December 2023 | Week 10

This term has been very exciting at Warringa Park School with a host of activities to support our staff, students, and community. This has included Primary Year's and Later Year's new parent information sessions, World Teachers Day, Primary Graduation, International Day for person with a with Disability and Cayleys Road Night Market to date.

International Day of a Person with a Disability

Last week, we celebrated International Day of a Person with a Disability at all campuses. We know that our students are capable of reaching their potential and are amazingly talented. It has been a pleasure watching our student's grow and build upon what they already know, say, and do. To celebrate, the student's participated in Discos, Petting Zoos, BBQs, and face painting across campuses, fun was had by all. As a school, we proudly promote a dynamic culture that celebrates people's differences, leveraging the unique ideas, capabilities and experiences of our diverse members of the community.

Cayleys Road Night Market

We have had another successful night market with approximately 80 people attending. The highlight of the evening was the choir, and it was great to see students sing with such confidence. I wish to thank all Cayleys Road Staff for their support and commitment to this annual event. Approximately \$4000 was raised on the evening which will be used to continue the Cayleys Creation Program in the coming year. A Great celebration of learning and creativity!

SRC Election

It is with great pleasure to announce the Student Representative Committee of 2024. The students who have been elected will be honoured again at the end of year School Assembly on 15 December 2023. This will include students receiving their leadership badges. We are looking to a year ahead of strong student voice and agency at the school next year.

Transition Day

On Tuesday this week, we had organised transition visits for students to their 2024 class. In the one hour planned session, students had an opportunity to be with their prospective class peers and staff. Following this session, staff feedback has been sought to finalise 2024 class lists. 2024 class lists will be released to families next week.

Teaching and learning

Parents/carers will be able to access their child's report on COMPASS on Friday December 10th. You will have the opportunity to discuss their child's report with their teacher if you wish to.

Parent Opinion survey

We are extremely pleased with the parent feedback received through parent opinion survey. In most areas of the survey, we had over 90 % positive endorsement and I wish to thank the staff at Warringa Park School for their work and support to students.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal

Upcoming dates...

Tuesday 12th December

End of year Celebration for families after school

Friday 15th December

Term 4 Assembly 10am @WCC
Will also be live streamed over YouTube
<https://youtu.be/B1Sh1GLcc5Q>



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Last day of Term Four - 1.30pm finish

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Fortnightly Principal's Awards

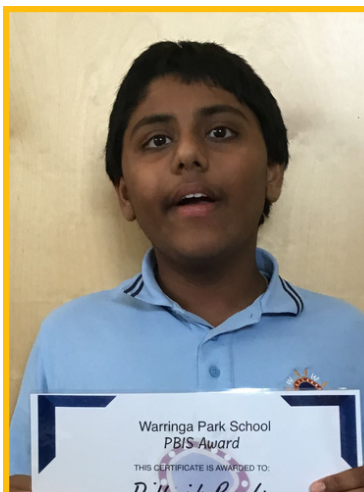
Congratulations to the following students who have received a SWPBS award this week.

- Early Primary - Alice & Ashley
- Lower Primary - Samuel, Miranda, Stuart
- Upper Primary - Caleb, Ritwick, Ouday
- Polly Parade - Viraj
- BRC - Nazih
- CRC VPC - Wesley
- CRC Flexible Learning - Zach

Caitriona Toland

Assistant Principal

Well Done!





Curriculum update - Primary years

Dear Families,

We are extremely proud to report the great progress that our students have made this year as illustrated by the table below which tracks the percentage of students who made growth between Semester 2 2022 and Semester 2 2023 as recorded by teachers using the Curriculum Level Tracker.

Subject area	Whole School	Early Primary	Polly Parade Campus	Lower Primary	Upper Primary
Reading and Viewing	90%	100%	90%	86%	98%
Speaking & Listening	91%	97%	90%	90%	94%
Writing	89%	97%	95%	90%	93%
Number & Algebra	90%	100%	90%	89%	94%
Measurement & Geometry	87%	100%	85%	86%	91%
Statics & Probability	77%	91%	90%	78%	83%
Self - awareness	85%	91%	95%	82%	90%
Social - awareness	87%	95%	95%	85%	90%

The progress that students have made over the past 12 months is a testament to the hard work and dedication our students, members of staff and families. We would like to sincerely thank the whole school community for all their support in ensuring that our students make learning progress.

Kelly Botha
Assistant Principal





Curriculum update - Later years

Our VPC students finished school on December the 1st and will celebrate the Year 12 Graduation on Friday Dec 15th with all the other year 12's. We look forward to this event!

Students engaged in end of year activity week prior to their finishing date.

Students at BRC have been working on their Project Based Learning Celebration Day, where they will showcase their learning about other countries. B05 have created a video about Japan!



Kim Zammit

Assistant Principal

A note from the Nurses

As we come to the end of the year, we are very busy with new enrolments, transitions, and new class lists. We will make sure that the new classes next year have all of your child's medical information, ensuring that our return to school in Term 1 is smooth and safe.

For students that need to take medication at school, it is important to have a Medication Authority Form renewed every year. We are unable to give prescription medication at school without a form signed by your doctor within the 12-month date. We will endeavour to put a Medication Authority Form in the school bag of students that have taken medication at school this year. If you need one and have not received one, please ask the nurse to email you one, or ask for one at reception.

Please keep us updated if your child's medical needs change. You are welcome to email us if you have any questions or if you would like to pass on any information. A big Thank You to all of the parents that have kept their child's Medical Action Plans up to date throughout the year.

Polly Parade and Warringa Crescent School Nurse

natalie.roksandic@education.vic.gov.au

Bethany Road and Cayleys Road School Nurse

rachael.whitehead@education.vic.gov.au

The School Nurses have holidays over the summer break, but we are very happy for you to email us so that we have the information we need when we return.

We hope you have an amazing Christmas and a restful summer holiday.

Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe.

Nurses Rachael and Natalie

The School Nurses



Wellbeing update

Welcome to December!

I cannot believe we are in December already! The year has only gotten better with student's engaging not only teaching and learning but actively enjoying opportunities to explore and participate in making meaningful social connections that Warringa Park School has to offer.

Choir and Music

Cayley's Road Campus this term ran two pilot programs, one for VPC and the other for flexible learning cohort. This was a joint venture between Warringa Park School and Dynamic Performers Australia.

VPC Choir: This program encouraged students to use their voices and give them confidence to sing in a group situation. They focused on dynamics, storytelling, stability of sound and building confidence using popular songs and exercises. They learned via repetition and call and response techniques to build a fun repertoire of pieces and we will add hand and arm gestures (wordography) to help facilitate lyric memorising.

After only 6 weeks there was noticeable changes in the student's confidence self-esteem and social connection. The students performed two of their songs at the Cayley's night market despite nerves and anxiety around performing the student produced what could only be describes as fabulous performance.

Flexible learning students: The Music movement program saw students learning how to stretch their bodies so they can move them safely. Basic movements like learning how to cross our midline, working with opposite hands and feet, adding steps together to create routines and repeating these movements to help with memory and confidence. Our students learnt how to listen to the music to feel where the beat needs to sit.

Throughout the sessions it was positive to see more engagement from the students and progress in their ability to move to and connection to the music.

Given the success of our two pilot programs we are hoping to roll out further performing art program across the campuses in 2024.

A big shout out to Cassandra and Caroline from Dynamic Performers Australia who creativity and energy made the sessions so enjoyable for the students.



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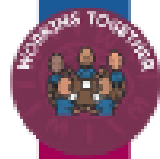
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LEARNING



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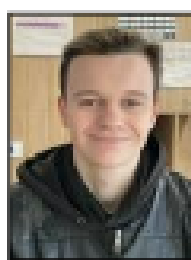


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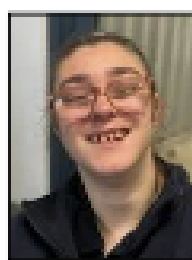
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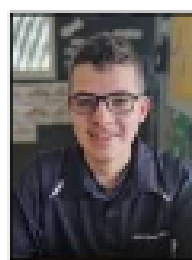
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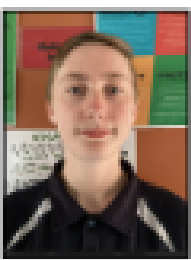
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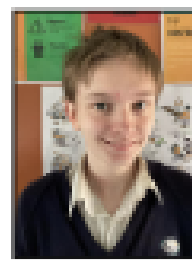
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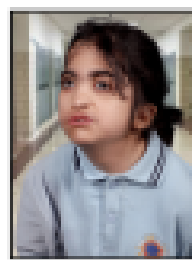
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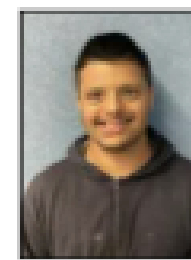
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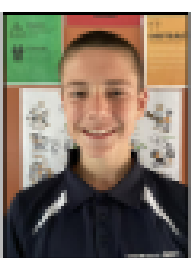


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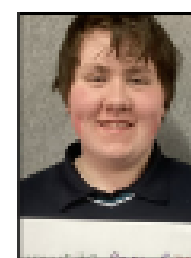


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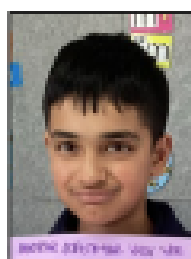
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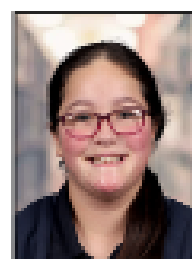
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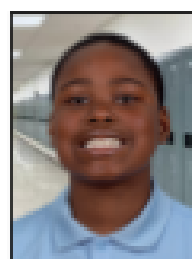
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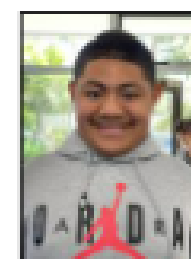
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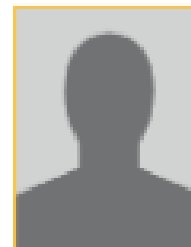
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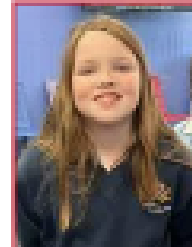
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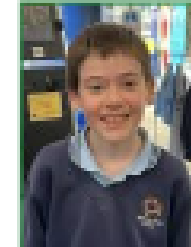
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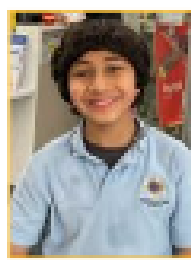
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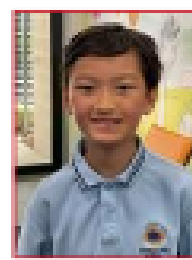
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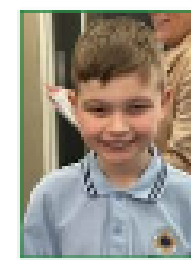
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RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION

The following information about physical restraint and seclusion is for all students attending Victorian government schools.

The use of physical restraint and seclusion must only be used in an emergency. This means that staff cannot plan to use them, and they cannot be written into Behaviour Support Plans or Safety Plans.

School staff can only use physical restraint and seclusion to protect a student from hurting themselves or to stop a student hurting another person and there is no other way of keeping them safe. School staff must stop physical restraint and seclusion as soon as the danger has stopped. If a student is secluded, then staff must watch them the whole time.



Restraint and Seclusion Policy information for parents/carers

The following information about physical restraint and seclusion is for parents/carers of students attending Victorian government schools.

Overview

- All students have the right to be safe at school.
- The rights of students are protected by laws and policies.
- School staff have a duty of care to their students.
- School staff have the right to work in safe environments.
- The law allows school staff to stop a student from doing things that are dangerous.
- Differences in laws and policies can sometimes mean that schools cannot do the same things that families can do at home.

Advice

What are physical restraint and seclusion

The Department defines physical restraint as the use of physical force to stop a student moving.

If a staff member holds part of a student's body, and the student cannot move away, this would be physical restraint. If a staff member blocks a student's movement, but the student can move away from the staff member, this would not be physical restraint.

The Department defines seclusion as leaving a student alone in a room or area from which they are not allowed to leave. Special seclusion rooms or other areas of a school that were built for seclusion, or that are used for seclusion, are not allowed in schools. Schools must not prevent students from leaving areas of the school normally used by students.

If multiple students are left in a room or area this does not meet the definition of seclusion. Sending a student from a classroom, suspending, or expelling a student is not seclusion.

The use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools

School staff are only permitted to use physical restraint and seclusion when they need to protect someone because a student is about to hurt themselves or another person and there is no other way of keeping them safe. These situations are considered emergencies.

School staff must stop physical restraint and seclusion as soon as the danger has stopped.

If a student is secluded, then staff must watch them the whole time.

No one – not doctors, health specialists, or you as parents/carers or your child – can ask school staff to use physical restraint or seclusion.

Physical restraint and seclusion must not be included in a student's Behaviour Support Plan, Safety Plan, Individual Education Plan, or any document about a student's learning or safety.

To Kelly

Acting Assistant Principal



Allied Health update

ACTION

STUDENTS AT WARRINGA PARK HAVE NOW DEVELOPED THEIR OWN REGULATION TOOLBOXES! THESE TOOLBOXES PROVIDE THEM WITH ACTIONS/STRATEGIES THEY CAN USE TO REGULATE THEIR EMOTIONS.

AS WE HEAD INTO THE HOLIDAYS, BELOW ARE A LIST OF CALMING AND ALERTING ACTIVITIES THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO COMPLETE WITH YOUR CHILDREN TO SUPPORT THEIR REGULATION AND BUILD THEIR OWN TOOLBOX FOR HOME!

CALMING

- BLOWING BUBBLES
- ANIMAL WALKS
- COLOURING AND DRAWING



- NATURE WALKS (SEARCH FOR SHELLS/STICKS/ OTHER COOL ITEMS ON THE BEACH!)



- MAKING/PLAYING WITH PLAYDOH
- SENSORY PLAY



ALERTING

- GO TO A PARK
- RUNNING RACES
- OBSTACLE COURSES



- DANCING
- TRAMPOLINE PARK
- PLAY WITH SHAVING CREAM





Specialist update - Performing Arts

This year students across the 3 senior campuses have worked in their classes to develop their own songs. Students have come up with musical ideas, written and edited their lyrics, rehearsed and then recorded their performances in a portable studio setting. Our album has 20 songs, and is now available to stream and download for free.

Congratulations to all the students who have done such an amazing job!

<https://radioon2.bandcamp.com/album/2023>

Robyn, Gavin & Ben

The Performing Arts team





Specialist update - Visual Arts

The Visual Arts Team would like to invite staff, family and community to the Warringa Park Art Auction at the End of Year Celebration at Warringa Crescent on the 12th of December. Bidding starts at \$5. Get in early to purchase a work of art by our incredible young artists!

PK, Ellie & Andrew

The Visual Arts team





Dates for the diary

Term Four

2nd October – 20th December

Tuesday 12th December

End of year Celebration for families after school

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Important information for bus transportation in 2024

All bus runs for 2024 have been sent to the bus companies and are in the process of being finalised. Letters will be posted out in the first week of January. NB: Any future change of address or movements will not be able to be considered until after the start of Term 1, 2024. Any queries can be emailed to transport@warringapark.vic.edu.au

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

**NEW INCLUSIVE
ALL ABILITIES**

WEEKLY CLASSES

Term 1 ~ 30th Jan 2024

**ANYONE WITH A
DISABILITY**

Proudly
participating in



CIRCUS *fit*
STUDIO

57 Elm Park Drive
Hoppers Crossing
circusfitstudio@gmail.com



11.30am ~ 12.30pm

Tuesday 12th December
Thursday 14th December

FREE TRIAL
come & try

BOOK NOW

WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

**12TH
DEC**

**TUESDAY
4.30 - 6.30PM
WARRINGA CRES CAMPUS**

COME ALONG FOR A BBQ, DISCO, FACE-PAINTING, PHOTO BOOTH, ART AUCTION, MARKET STALLS, CRAFTS, BUBBLES, GAMES & MUCH MORE!

With a visit from a very special guest!!!

WARRINGA PARK'S HOUSE COLOUR DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER
15TH

A day for your child to wear their house colours and to announce the FINAL RESULTS to the whole school. Ask your classroom teacher to find out which colour your child is in.

FREEMAN HOUSE



Cathy Freeman
Olympic Runner

THORPE HOUSE



Ian Thorpe
Olympic Swimmer

SAUVAGE HOUSE







Louise Sauvage
Olympic Wheelchair Athlete

GAZE HOUSE



Andrew Gaze
Olympic Basketballer

LOCAL SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Organisation	Program Information	Contact/Booking Details
	<p>Warringa Park School TheirCare Holiday Program</p> <p>Time: 9.00-5.00pm</p> <p>Age Groups: Primary Years</p> <p>Location: 98-85 Warringa Cres, Hoppers Crossing.</p>	<p>PH: 0499 530 034 https://theircare.com.au/</p> <p>https://theircare.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Holiday-Programs/Warringa%20Park%20School.pdf</p>
	<p>Gateways Support Services Recreation, Camps & Activities</p> <p>Time: Varied dependent on activity</p> <p>Age Groups: 7-11 years 12-17 years 16-20s.</p> <p>Location: Werribee, Footscray, North Geelong.</p>	<p>PH: 5221 2984 https://www.gateways.com.au/services/recreation/recreation-camps-and-activities?filters=product_cat[154]</p> <p>If you need help with your choices you can contact:</p> <p>Western Melbourne Recreation – RecreationWM@gateways.com.au</p> <p>Barwon & Western Melbourne – Camps@gateways.com.au</p>
	<p>Yooralla Holiday Program</p> <p>Time: 9:30am-4:30pm</p> <p>Age Groups: 6-12 years 13-17 years</p> <p>Location: St Albans or Laverton.</p>	<p>PH: 1800 966 725 yoorallaconnect@yooralla.com.au</p> <p>https://info.yooralla.com.au/western-program-summer?utm_source=School%20Holidays%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Promo&utm_content=Calendar-western</p>
	<p>Felicity Holistic Care Superheroes School Holiday Program</p> <p>Time: 10am-4pm</p>	<p>PH: 0493 689 167 programs@felicitycare.com.au https://www.felicityholisticcare.com.au/programs</p> <p>https://www.felicityholisticcare.com.au/wp-</p>

	<p>Age Groups: 6-12 years 13-17 years</p> <p>Location: Wyndham Park Community Centre, 55-57 Kookaburra Avenue, Werribee.</p>	<p>content/uploads/2023/10/BROCHURE-JAN_24-KIDS.pdf</p> <p>https://www.felicityholisticcare.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/BROCHURE-JAN_24-TEENS-1.pdf</p>
	<p>The Grange Community Centre School Holiday Program</p> <p>Time: 6.45am-6.30pm</p> <p>Age Groups: Primary Years</p> <p>Location: 260-280 Hogans Rd, Hoppers Crossing.</p>	<p>PH: 8742 8000 enquiries@grangecommunity.org.au</p> <p>https://www.grangecommunity.org.au/school-holiday-program</p> <p>https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/revi%3Aaid%3Aasc%3AUS%3Adcdc0933-d2b3-3d07-b351-d14533fcb1c1</p>
	<p>YMCA Truganina South Primary School Holiday Program</p> <p>Time: 6.30am-6.30pm</p> <p>Age Groups: Primary Years</p> <p>Location: 51-71 Federation Boulevard, Truganina South.</p>	<p>PH: 0438 938 327 truganinaoashc@ymca.org.au</p> <p>https://childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au/outside-school-hours-care/truganina-south-primary#holiday_program_bookings_now_open</p>
	<p>Wyndham City Council Weekly Activities</p> <p>Time: Varied dependent on activity</p> <p>Age Groups: 5-10 years 10-16 years 16-25 years</p> <p>Location: Manor Lakes, Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Point Cook, Tarneit.</p>	<p>https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/w-hats-on/werribee-all-abilities-basketball-club</p> <p>https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/w-hats-on/hoppers-crossing-karate</p> <p>https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services</p>