

Upcoming dates...

Monday 18th March

AGM and School Council Meeting

Cayleys Road Campus - 6pm

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Term One 2pm

Tuesday 16th April

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Thursday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public holiday

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Principal's Newsletter

Term 1 | 15th March 2024 | Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to your attendance at the Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings conducted across week 9. This time is devoted to teachers sharing with parents and carers the academic and social priorities for your child. Teachers may also utilise this time to elaborate on safety and engagement strategies to support your child's learning. For the Senior Years students, the SSG also provides important context around how the learning priorities are modified to support students with the skills, knowledge and competencies required for their post-school pathways. Your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Educational Career Action Plan (ECAP) will be posted on compass next Friday. Please take some time to look at the goals identified by your child's teacher as a priority and feel free to discuss your perspective during the SSG meeting.

Bookings for SSG can be made through Compass. Please discuss with your class teacher if you have trouble accessing the booking form or if you are not available for SSG meeting in week 9. Your child's teacher may provide other times that they could be available for the meeting. With the implementation of Disability Inclusion Profile (DIP) in 2023, an SSG meeting and SSG meeting notes are pre-requisites for Disability Inclusion meetings for all students. Disability Inclusion meetings which are facilitated by an independent facilitator, help us to better understand what our students need and what support is required to help them learn and participate at school. It involves:

- a new Disability Inclusion Profile and school funding model to strengthen support for students with disability.
- more resources, training and coaching for our teachers and school staff about the best ways to support students with disability.

The Disability Inclusion Profile helps us identify the strengths, needs and adjustments we can make to assist students' learning, participation, and engagement at school. The Disability Inclusion Profile replaces the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) application process. Over the coming years, we will continue to invite families of students who are currently part of the PSD, and other students with disability and additional learning needs to participate in a meeting to complete a Disability Inclusion Profile. We will invite the families of identified students to participate in this process in 2024 and beyond. If you are involved, you will receive a letter, information package and consent form late next week. The consent must be completed and returned to the school prior to the end of term. We will use school funding and supports provided through Disability Inclusion for more training and professional development for teachers and school staff, expert advice about disability, employing new teachers and other staff to help plan and deliver adjustments for students and resources to support learning. The new Disability Inclusion approach ensures our school is



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better able to support students with disability and additional learning needs. Warringa Park School is excited to be part of Disability Inclusion and we look forward to continuing to support our students to learn and thrive. If you have any questions about your child's learning or Disability Inclusion, or need translation or interpreting assistance, please contact me.

Harmony Week

Harmony week is celebrated throughout Australia from Monday 18th to Sunday 24th March. This year's Harmony Week theme is EVERYONE BELONGS. Celebrations will take place over the next week across all campuses on different days. We look forward to the students coming in dressed in orange or a cultural dress on the day their team celebrates this community event. The message of Harmony Day is social cohesion, inclusiveness, the celebration of diversity, respect, belonging and the togetherness from the numerous nationalities and abilities within our community. Together, we are stronger, and we are all amazing. To mark this at Warringa, our students have been invited to showcase their talents in a short class video showreel. This will be an opportunity for students to show their talents to others and we hope to share them with the whole community. Next week, students will have an opportunity to view the entries and vote for the most talented class!

Take part in a quick survey on the experiences of families in specialist schools

The Victorian Government is looking into the processes and rules that are used to decide whether students are able to go to specialist schools and settings.

To do this, they are asking parents/carers and students to do a survey with questions about your experience in specialist schools.

The aim of this work is to see if it can be made easier for students with disability and high needs to enrol in their chosen school.

There is a survey for parents and carers of a child with disability with experience in the specialist school system. There is also a survey for current and former specialist school students.

If you would like to do the survey, please click [here](#) for the Parent/Carer survey.

Current/former student survey click [here](#).

You do not have to do the survey if you do not want to.

The survey should take about 10 minutes to do. If you want to do the survey, please do it by 25 March 2024.

There is an Easy English version of the both the parent/carer survey and the current/former student survey. If you want one, please email Jordan Landers to ask for one. Jordan's email address is jordan.landiers@au.ey.com.

Lastly, our Acting Assistant Principal, Jo Kelly, will be leaving us at the end of next week. Jo has secured a fantastic opportunity at another school closer to home and we are very sad to see her go. She has made a wonderful contribution to the leadership team during her time with us, her support in the Wellbeing and Inclusion space has been highly valued and she will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best for the future ahead. Our Assistant Principal Lindsey Delooze will take over the Child Safety and Wellbeing responsibilities from Jo.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal





School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Last week an SWPBS community of practice meeting was held with other schools from across Victoria. There were three clear messages that came from this meeting around the teaching of the school values, creating a handbook for all staff and how we develop data to monitor staff confidence.

From Term 2, we will have a focus on a specific school value which will link to the learning happening across the school. Over a two-week period, we will be encouraging staff to focus on teaching a specific expectation from the school matrix that links to the value on focus.

The value for each term will be: Term 2: Respect, Term 3: Working Together, Term 4: Learning. As we go through the year, we will keep you updated with the focus for the fortnight.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Last week saw our first SRC meetings for the year. The teams at CRC, Warringa Crescent and Polly Parade all met and had a getting to know you session. Next week will see the first meeting of the year for BRC and the second meetings for all the other campuses.

The teams did a great job, with students at CRC and Warringa Crescent beginning to think of names for the SWPBS shop. At Polly Parade the first task for the team was to think of some new names for the fish are welcoming all our visitors.

For the Polly Parade SRC there will be a number of smaller tasks for them to do over the year. Alongside starting with the fish, the students will also begin to help with making some decisions about new play equipment in the yard.

We are excited to see what the SRCs are able to achieve throughout the year.

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

Early Primary - Matthew

Lower Primary - Ayaan & Abel

Upper Primary - Akot

Polly Parade - Joel

BRC - Anas

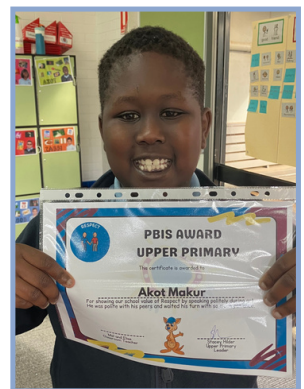
CRC VPC - Cody

CRC Flexible Learning - Finn &

Kiara

Lindsey Delooze

Assistant Principal





Wellbeing update

Thank you to the families that booked meeting with our NDIS Navigators Ciaran Barter (early years) and Irene Kerr (later years) for SSG week. Both Navigators are now fully booked for SSG week.

For families that couldn't secure a booking, our NDIS navigators are still available during school hours for meetings and NDIS support.

NDIS Navigators can help you to:

- navigate and understand the NDIS.
- apply for and access NDIS funded supports for your child.
- understand activities like a plan reassessment.
- find out how to raise issues about your child's plan or with a provider.



Please contact the NDIS Navigator directly:

Early Years, Warringa Park Main campus, and Polly Parade – Ciaran Barter

Ciaran.barter@education.vic.gov.au

Later Years, Cayleys Road and Bethany Road Campuses – Irene Kerr irene.kerr@education.vic.gov.au

A note from the nurses

On Monday 18th March, Year 7 and Year 10 students will be receiving their immunisation through the School Immunisation Program. Thank you to those parents that returned their consent forms. For students that have not returned a consent form, immunisations can be done through your GP.

To Kelly

Acting Assistant Principal

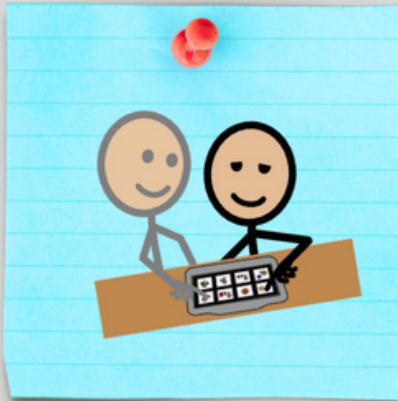




Allied Health update



Speech Pathology at WPS



How we work

- Support classrooms to support students' receptive and expressive communication.
- Support safe mealtime practices for students with swallowing concerns.
- Support delivery of literacy programs within the classroom.

Supporting communication

- We work with classroom teams to implement communication systems into classrooms to allow students who are non-speaking or do not rely on their speech access to communication.
- We encourage staff to model language for a variety of communication functions (greetings, comments, asking questions, telling stories) throughout the day- not just requesting!
- Model social language e.g., "I like it", "That's funny", "This is fun", as this is the language kids are likely to learn to use first.



How can I help?

- If your child has a communication system at home, speak to your classroom teacher about how we can support it's use at school. PODD and Proloquo2Go are two of the main systems we use at school - but not the only two!
- Model language for your child at home as often as possible for a range of communication functions - this will help them learn to use their system in all environments.



Dates for the diary

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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

School tours

WPS 2025 Prep Tours

Term 1 - Week 8 Wednesday March 20th @ 10am

Term 2 - Week 4 Wednesday May 8th @ 10am. Week 8

Wednesday 5th June @ 10am

WPS Early, Middle & Upper primary Tours

Term 1 - Week 8 Tuesday March 19th @ 9:30am

Term 2 - Week 4 Tuesday May 7th @ 9:30am. Week 8

Tuesday 4th June @ 9:30am

BRC Tours

Term 1 - Week 8 Thursday March 21st @ 9:30am

Term 2 - Week 4 Thursday May 16th @ 9:30am. Week 8

Thursday 4th June @ 9:30am

CRC Tours

Term 1 - Week 8 Friday March 22nd @ 9:30am

Term 2 - Week 4 Friday May 10th @ 9:30am. Week 9 Friday

14th June @ 9:30am (Changed to week 9 due to Curriculum Day)

Term 3 and 4 dates to be circulated at a later date. They can be found [here](#).

Bus Transport - Moving House - Important information

RE: Changes in our DTA this year (Designated Transport Zone)

If you are moving house and require Student transport to school, please contact

transport@warringapark.vic.edu.au to see if the new address is in our transport zone or follow this [link](#) to check your address.

- 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

State School Relief

Warringa Park School are partnered with State School Relief to support families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniform and essential resources. Applications are considered for school uniform shop vouchers and/ or direct supplies from the SSR store. Please see fact sheet <https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/SSR-Voucher-FAQs-sheet.pdf> for more information.

If you obtain a current concession card and/ or are requiring support with school uniform please contact us on 9749 5774 or email Shenol.Ross@education.vic.gov.au to apply.



SUPERHEROES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Junior & Teen Programs

Make friends and try new experiences in a safe, fun, and supportive environment!

Visit Collingwood Children's Farm, Laser Tag, Eternity Dance Class, Cooking + more!

AUTUMN School Holidays

2nd to 12th APRIL



Junior Program: 6-12 years

Teen Program: 13-17 years

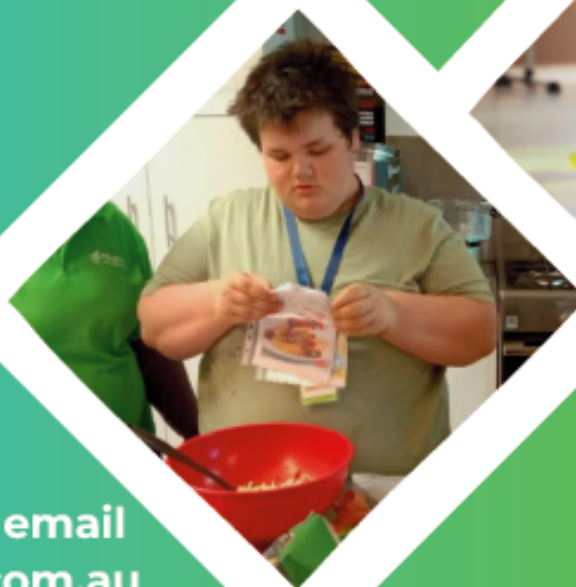
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Use your NDIS funding

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