

## Upcoming dates...

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# Principal's Newsletter

Term 1 | 16th February 2024 | Week 3

Dear parents/carers,

## Meet The Teacher Evening

Despite the turn that the weather took, it was great to see many families join us on Tuesday with a great turnout at all campuses. Thanks to the IT team and the NDIS navigators who made themselves available for individual support to families on the evening.

If you need any assistance with COMPASS or Seesaw login, please feel free to get in contact with our IT team by contacting the school.

For any questions and/or assistance with NDIS for your child, contact



**NDIS Navigator**  
Ciaran Barter  
WCC & PPC Mon-Fri



**NDIS Navigator**  
Irene Kerr  
BRC & CRC Mon-Thur

I encourage every parent and carer to engage with the school through the many avenues that are available to do so. Warringa Park is an excellent school with fantastic students, excellent facilities, great staff and a school community that is supportive and appreciative of the school. Please remember to nominate yourself or someone else to represent our community at school council.

## Student Support Group Meetings (SSG's)

Each year we have at least two SSG meetings, where teachers, parents/carers, along with any Allied Health or Support Workers, meet together to plan, discuss and review students Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals. This term we will be scheduling meetings over a week beginning Monday 25th March with the late-night sessions on Tuesday 28th. More details to follow. It is likely that you would be invited to other SSG meetings as required during the year.

## Photography, Filming and Recording

To ensure privacy is maintained for members of our school community, we request that parents/carers, students and invited guests who photograph, film or record school related activities, only do so for their own personal use and do not publish the images in any form, including on social media such as Facebook, without the prior consent of the people that appear in the images.



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## Student Mobile Phones Policy

Government policy requires that all schools have a 'Student Mobile Phone' policy where a student brings a mobile phone to school, it will be stored securely and collected at the end of the day. The policy is attached to the COMPASS post of this newsletter. To see the rest of our school policies, [click here](#).

## Staff Curriculum Days

On Monday, staff participated in a whole day Professional Learning on comprehensive literacy facilitated by speech consultants. The key focus for the session was on communication and use of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) all the time in the school.

Improving outcomes in literacy is one of our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) Goals for this year together with the aim of improving number outcomes through an extension of our PROJECT 10 initiative.

Why Literacy?

"Literacy is the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society."



*The Goal of AAC:*  
**AUTONOMOUS COMMUNICATION**

**"BEING ABLE TO SAY WHAT I WANT TO SAY, TO WHOEVER I WANT TO SAY IT TO, WHENEVER I WANT TO SAY IT, HOWEVER I CHOOSE TO SAY IT."**

Gayle Porter  
Speech Pathologist Extraordinaire

Our next Curriculum day will be next term will be on the 15th of April and students will return from their holidays on Tuesday April 16th. On this day, staff will be undertaking Day 2 Professional Learning by Real School with a focus on Restorative Practices. Restorative practices have proven to be the key to improving staff-student relationships, driving up engagement whilst building a respectful school culture.

A reminder that our AGM will be held at Warringa Crescent Campus on Monday 18th March at 6pm.

**Ashwini Sharma**  
Principal



Year 12 students enjoying their new jackets



# School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

We have had a great start to the year with all students across the school working hard to show our three school values already. Our three values are:



Our three mascots help remind students what these values are:



I'm Lizzie the Learning Lizard



I'm Wally the Working Together Wombat



I'm Ricki the Respectful Roo

The SWPBS matrix reminds everyone of the expectations we have for each value:



Throughout Term 1, staff will be embedding the values through their reward systems. Although each class may run a little differently, all students can gain tokens for showing the school values and these can be used in the SWPBS shop. We will share more details of reward systems in action in the next newsletter once these have been implemented across the school.

In school we have an SWPBS core team that will be undertaking further professional development in the upcoming weeks, this is to ensure that we keep up to date with developments and to keep SWPBS as an area of focus. We are hoping to continue weaving SWPBS into everything we do!

### Student Representative Council (SRC)

This year, the SRC will be run across all four campuses. Lindsey and Tim Gibbs will be in charge of Cayleys Road and Bethany Road campuses, and Lindsey and Kerstin will be in charge of Warringa Crescent and Polly Parade.

The team have planned what meetings will look like for this year and they will begin in Week 6 of Term 1. Meetings will run on even weeks throughout the year. Students who have been selected as members of the SRC will get chance to assess what is great about our school as well as problem solving areas that need improvement. Each campus will select one problem to focus on as a project for at least one term.

Further updates will be shared once the meetings have started! Watch this space!

**Lindsey Delooze**  
Assistant Principal



# Wellbeing update

## Attendance

Term 1 is an exciting term as we help support students by setting routines and expectations. That is why I would like to emphasise attendance. 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 routine is crucial in setting up the day to be successful and arriving late can impact students' routines and learning. 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. If you have regular appointments, can you please let the teacher know so we are aware.

## Harmony Day

In Week 8 we will be celebrating Harmony Day (unity and diversity). This day is to foster inclusiveness, respect, and the idea that all people can make valuable contribution and they belong. During this week we will hold celebrations and students will be celebrating their strengths.



## Note from the Nurses

Secondary School Immunisation Program

Year 7 and Year 10 Students will be having their immunisations on Monday, 18th March at Cayleys Road Campus and Bethany Road Campus. The Wyndham Council have sent emails to parents for consent. Please check your emails and respond if you want your child to receive their Year 7 or Year 10 immunisations.

## Blank Medical Forms

Parents can now access blank forms through Compass.

Go to Community then to School Documentation.

Here, you will find Blank Action Plans – Epilepsy, Asthma, Allergy, Anaphylaxis and Medication Authority Forms for when your child requires medication at school.

Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe at school.

*To Kelly*

Acting Assistant Principal



# Curriculum update

Dear Families,

This week saw staff undertaking professional learning (PL) to ensure they are prepared for the teaching and learning programs that will be undertaken this year.

The VPC and Flexible Learning Teams participated in a Curriculum Day which focused on improving student and staff wellbeing. All the rest of our staff attended the PL run by Speech Pathologists, Jane Farrall and Helen Tainsh on Comprehensive Literacy Instruction of All. Jane and Helen explained that the Comprehensive Literacy Instruction for All program is a set of teaching strategies that have been proven, through research over a number of years, to be the best way of teaching literacy to students with disabilities. Staff learnt the importance of ensuring that students' learning is differentiated according to their needs and they were provided with information on how they are able to identify individual student needs as well as what strategies to use with which students. There was also a focus on the strategy of Shared Reading which is used with students who are considered emergent in their literacy journey. If you would like to find out more about shared reading you can visit Jane's blog by clicking this [link](#):

We had extremely positive feedback from staff regarding the PL and Jane and Helen then worked in classrooms with students with the purpose of showing staff how to implement the strategies covered in the PL.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Meet the Teacher Evening. Staff all greatly value strengthening the home – school partnership that is essential in ensuring best outcomes for students. I know that all staff believe that the more that families and school staff work together the more students are advantaged. The Meet the Teacher Evening is the first step towards developing this important relationship and we thank all the staff and families who made the time to attend.

*Kelly Botha*

Assistant Principal





# ALLIED HEALTH AT WPS



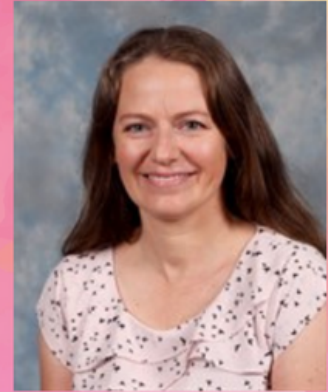
## MEET THE TEAM



Lisa de Vaux  
Occupational Therapist  
Early Primary & Polly Parade



Kendra Healy  
Occupational Therapist  
Upper Primary, BRC & CRC



Kylie Kastelic  
Physiotherapist



Nimi Goh  
Speech Pathologist  
Lower Primary, Upper Primary  
& Polly Parade



Roisin Dalton  
Speech Pathologist  
Lower Primary, BRC & CRC



Natalya Freeland  
Allied Health Assistant  
WCC



Venny Soegandi  
Allied Health Assistant  
WCC



Gurinder Kaur  
Allied Health Assistant  
BRC & CRC



Heena Sahi  
Allied Health Assistant  
Polly Parade

Allied Health staff support classroom staff to ensure students are ready to learn and engaged in their classrooms. Please contact your classroom teacher or appropriate therapist to discuss allied health supports at school for your child.



# Dates for the diary

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## Term Three

15th July – 20th September

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## Term Four

7th October – 20th December

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First day of Term Four

**Monday 4th November**

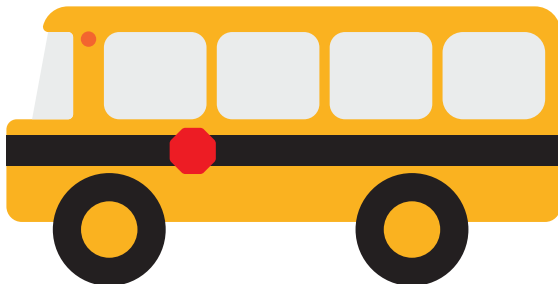
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**Tuesday 5th November**

Melbourne Cup Public holiday

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Last day of Term Four



## 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](mailto: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