

Upcoming dates...

Friday 7th June
Curriculum Day - Pupil free day

Monday 10th June
King's Birthday Public holiday

Friday 28th June
Last day of Term Two
2pm finish

Principal's Newsletter

Term 2 | 24th May 2024 | Week 6

Having passed the halfway mark for the term, it's a real pleasure to report on the exciting learning taking place across all campuses. We launched our own TV news "Warringa Connect" across the school. Feedback from staff and students is so positive that they cannot wait for the next episode. We hope to have this screened at least once a fortnight to start off with and have plans to share the first episode with you in the coming week.

Behind the scenes, students have been supported across a range of different roles within our studio. They have been fully engaged in the process and there has been a buzz of excitement around the launch this week. Warringa Connect will not only enhance communication within the school community but also cultivate valuable skills and foster a sense of responsibility amongst students. Broadcasting helps students to adapt their communication style and refine communication skills whilst promoting technological literacy.

As we speak of technological literacy, I am reminded of the Education Week celebration at the school last week. Education This year's Education Week theme was "SPOTLIGHT ON STEM" highlighting the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in our everyday lives, in classrooms and beyond home and school. Over the last week, students across the school participated in various STEM activities and have produced a video that is shared on our social media account. Thank you to all our STEAM teachers for organising highly engaging activities for students which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Click here to watch the [STEAM video](#)

We recently welcome three teachers from Malaysia who were sponsored by Melawati Rotary club for 40 days of learning in Victoria. They visited four different special schools, Warringa being the last. I met with all three of them to hear about their experiences which was very positive.

On Monday 3rd June, we will be hosting an afternoon tea for families of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. We hope to use this opportunity to share stories and ideas in a relaxed setting. If you received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact Adrienne on 9749 5774.

Lastly, please note that our 2023 Annual Report has been finalised and can be accessed via the school website [here](#).

Ashwini Sharma

Principal





Curriculum update

Dear Families,

It was so exciting to witness our students' enjoyment as they participated in the Education Week activities which were arranged by our STEAM Specialist teachers last week! This year's theme, 'Spotlight on STEM, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond' provides us with the opportunity to celebrate and explore the endless possibilities of STEAM.

The Victorian Government's website suggest the following way parents can encourage STEM Skills at home with their children:

Investigate and ask questions about the real world

- You can do this by asking open-ended questions, such as:
- Can you describe...?
- I wonder what would happen if...?
- How would you answer that question...?
- What if...?

Encourage and support activities that are STEM-related

For younger children, this could include:

- playing games to identify different shapes, numbers and patterns
- singing songs and nursery rhymes about numbers and playing with building blocks.

For older children, this could include:

- using a digital device to make a movie with special effects
- learning cooking skills
- encouraging the use of apps and computer games that are STEM-related.

For more ideas and suggestions of websites and places to visit to promote further learning in STEM click on the link [here](#).

Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal

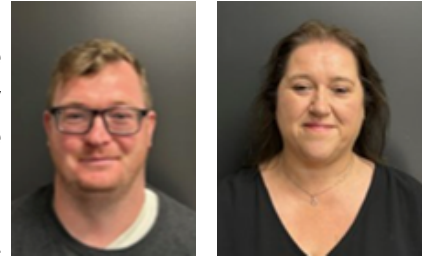




Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Week 6 already and it feels like the term is speeding past!

This week in our 'meet the team' segment our focus is on Ciaran and Irene who are NDIS navigators. Ciaran is based at Warringa Crescent and Polly Parade, while Irene works at Bethany Road and Cayleys Road. The role of the NDIS navigator is to support families in understanding and navigating the NDIS effectively, whether it's meeting access requirements, managing an existing NDIS plan or supporting links to required supports. The navigators can answer general questions and can give advice on NDIS access and eligibility requirements, understanding the content of and how to utilise plans, how to prepare for plans and what to expect with reassessments.



Safe School Helpers

Over the past few weeks, Paige, Jamie and Kerstin from the primary wellbeing team have started delivering the 'Safe School Helpers' unit of work with groups 17, 25 and 8. Lessons have been focussing on identifying key staff that help and identifying how our bodies feel when we are feeling safe and unsafe. Students have been really engaged in lessons. Further sessions will be delivered in Term 3.

Attitudes To School Survey (ATOSS)

The ATOSS survey is currently open for students from Year 4 to Year 12 to complete. The survey is used to give the school data about how students feel about school. Questions relate to connection to school, thoughts on teaching and learning, and connection to peers. Staff at BRC and CRC are in the process of delivering this survey. At Warringa Crescent the survey will begin next week and will be delivered by Lindsey (AP) and Stacey (leading teacher for upper primary). If you would like a copy of the questions to have a look at, or you have a child in Y4, 5 or 6 and would prefer them to be withdrawn from participating please let me know via email: Lindsey.Delooze@Education.vic.gov.au

Student Representative Council (SRC)

This week at CRC, students got chance to meet with Tim to discuss the ideas they have been working on around reward systems. It was great for Tim to hear the process the students are going through at the moment. At the next meeting they will complete a final presentation for consideration before moving onto their next project.

Students at BRC, Warringa Crescent and Polly Parade have all worked on their plans for their outside space this week. This has looked a little different at all three campuses but has still been just as much fun to develop ideas and make some choices.





Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Iron Armour Academy

Iron Armour Academy are running their 8-week Bounce program at BRC for some of our male students. The students have completed 2 weeks so far and are really engaged and enjoying it. We also had Chris from Iron Armour come and speak to all students at BRC for a motivational talk.

The Iron Armour Academy (IAA) BOUNCE PROGRAM is a mentoring program which aims to help young people "Win the Game of Life!" Our purpose is to engage, equip and empower each student with the tools to develop their FOCUS & RESILIENCE and improve in their LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION & DECISION-MAKING skills. We use the platform of sport, fitness, games, or creative arts to engage with students of all different backgrounds and abilities. The program can be tailored according to the needs of the school whether it be implemented as part of the student's wellbeing programs, sports or leadership development. We assist the students to develop in their self and social awareness and discover practical ways to overcome challenges in order to achieve their goals, and become better role models in their school, their family, their community – and "Win the Game of Life!"

BOUNCE - Is about having a relentless mindset and a resilient attitude towards life, and the ability to BOUNCE back in the face of adversity and make the right decisions. "Not like a bowling ball, when you drop it to the ground it stays down, but like a BOUNCE-y ball that even when it falls, it BOUNCE-s right back up again!" IAA CEO, Chris Aho

This week we are also starting singing choir group at Cayleys and BRC and music movement group for our flexible cohort at Cayleys. These programs will run for 6 weeks. Drumbat has also commenced at Cayleys rd and BRC.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Our focus for this term continues to be respect with the focus for the fortnight being 'We speak nicely to each other'. Videos of this happening have been filmed and shared with classes throughout school. We are also excited to have an SWPBS section in the new 'Warringa Connect' TV show.



We speak nicely to each other.



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

Early Primary – Elliot

Lower Primary –

Jacob & Alex

Upper Primary –

Izzie

Polly Parade –

Neyan

BRC – Tejas

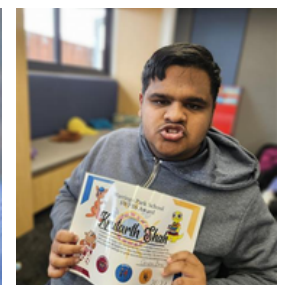
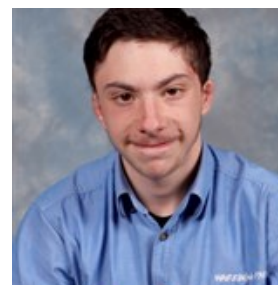
CRC VPC – Will

CRC Flexible

Learning – Krutarth

Lindsey Delooze

Assistant Principal





Allied Health update

Maintenance of Assistive Technology

Many of our students at Warringa Park School have Assistive Technology (AT) to help them navigate mobility and interact with others at school. AT supports people to access their environment while reducing the impacts of disability. Some examples of AT that are used in the school environment are wheelchairs, specialised seating, walkers, braces, and orthoses.

Assistive devices often require maintenance and adjustments due to growth of our children, changing abilities, and generalised wear and tear. For AT supplied by the NDIS, there is usually funding in the student's budget to pay for maintenance, repair, and adjustment of these items. Maintenance must be undertaken on AT. This is important for safety, both at home, school and out in the community. For items stored at school, maintenance and repairs must be organised by families. If we notice anything is broken, we will let you know however, we do not repair or perform maintenance on student owned equipment.

A maintenance schedule for AT with moving parts and electronics (wheelchairs, walkers, standing frames), a six-monthly check and service is required. For items that have no moving parts (gravity chairs, positioning equipment), servicing can be at yearly intervals, but care needs to be taken to ensure that the item is regularly adjusted to remain the correct size for your student.

Maintenance of personal AT used by your child at school, can be scheduled either in your home during the school holidays, or during the school day. Scheduling maintenance whilst your child is present, ensures that the equipment is still safe and relevant to your child's needs. Should you wish to have equipment serviced and repaired at school, please call, and speak to Kylie, our physiotherapist, who can arrange a suitable time with your equipment technician.

Keeping well this winter

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing · staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

COVID-19 booster

The 2024 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2024 booster dose.

You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the vaccine clinic finder.

Find out more

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to: · Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet · Getting vaccinated against influenza.



Dates for the diary

Term Two 16th April – 28th June

Friday 7th June

Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

Monday 10th June

King's Birthday Public holiday

Friday 28th June

Last day of Term Two 2pm finish

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 2 – Week 8 Wednesday 5th June @ 10am

Term 3 – Week 4 Wednesday August 7th @ 10am. Week 8 Wednesday September 4th @ 10am

Term 4 – Week 4 Wednesday October 30th @ 10am.

Week 8 Wednesday November 27th @ 10am

WPS Early, Middle & Upper primary Tours

Term 2 – Week 8 Tuesday 4th June @ 9:30am

Term 3 – Week 4 Tuesday August 6th @ 9:30am. Week 8 Tuesday 3rd September @ 9:30am

Term 4 – Week 4 Tuesday October 29th @ 9:30am.

Week 8 Tuesday 26th November @ 9:30am

BRC Tours

Term 2 – Week 8 Thursday 6th June @ 9:30am

Term 3 – Week 4 Thursday August 8th @ 9:30am. Week 8 Thursday 5th September @ 9:30am

Term 4 – Week 4 Thursday October 31st @ 9:30am.

Week 8 Thursday 28th November @ 9:30am

CRC Tours

Term 2 – Week 9 Friday 14th June @ 9:30am (Changed to week 9 due to Curriculum Day)

Term 3 – Week 4 Friday August 9th @ 9:30am. Week 8 Friday 6th September @ 9:30am

Term 4 – Week 4 Friday November 1st @ 9:30am. Week 8 Friday 29th November @ 9:30am

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!

NEW - Choose from all day excursions OR half day excursions/centre based activities.

Favourites including: Sovereign Hill, Eternity Dance Classes, Inflatable World + more!

WINTER School Holidays

1st to 12th JULY

Junior Program: 6-12 years
Teen Program: 13-17 years
Drop off/Pick up: Werribee
Use your NDIS funding

BOOKINGS & PROGRAM

www.felicityholisticcare.com.au/programs

**BOOKINGS
CLOSE
14TH JUNE**



For further information email programs@felicitycare.com.au

Registered NDIS Provider



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REGISTERED
NDIS
PROVIDER

Under 18 School Holiday Camp

Camp Kookaburra (Corop)

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th July 2024

Activities include- basketball, archery,
giant swing, flying fox, campfire, canoeing,
raft building, bush hut building,
gaga pit and much more.



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