

Upcoming dates...

Monday 6th May
CRC School photos

Thursday 9th May
PPC & BRC School photos

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free day

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Principal's Newsletter

Term 2 | 26th April 2024 | Week 2

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an excellent start to the term. On Thursday, we honoured the service and sacrifice of our veterans and serving personnel at all campuses. To commemorate, students laid wreaths, observed a minute silence and sharing of reflections. Some classes made ANZAC biscuits and/or poppies. Designated students read the Ode of Remembrance and the commemoration was very special indeed.

I took special interest in the ANZAC day match and the excitement for my team's (Essendon) chance to win the match kept growing for a fair part of the game, and what a way for it to end, there's hope for my team yet!!

Thank you to those families who attended the Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings conducted across week 9 of Term 1. We had a great turnout and if you haven't had a chance to have this meeting with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact him/her and make a time. Staff will be supporting your child to achieve the goals set in their individual educational plan.

As we continue to support your child in developing skills as readers, authors, scientists, artists, mathematicians and more, we look forward to working closely with you this term. There are nine more weeks to go and our incredible team is determined to provide the best opportunities for your child to learn and grow.

Study Tour

We would like to thank the School Council for supporting the study tour that was financially supported by the Victorian Education Excellence Award grant and the school.

Through this Professional Learning, Sharon Veale, Kelly Botha and I visited a school in Zurich, Switzerland and various schools in Finland and Sweden.

Having the opportunity to experience the high-quality teaching and learning, leadership, assessment, engagement, and resourcing practices used in the highly successful Finnish and Swedish education systems was very valuable.

Our highlight from the school visits and seminars was the focus on play based learning in the Early Years of schooling. In schools we visited, various learning environments were set up to enable students to develop their personal and social skills whilst having ongoing opportunities to build knowledge and skills in literacy, numeracy and environmental studies.

The visit was also an opportunity for us to reflect on the great practices that we have at Warringa Park School and acknowledge the amazing work our staff do.

Wishing you all a safe and warm weekend.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal





Curriculum update

Dear Families,

During the school holidays I was extremely privileged to join Ashwini and Sharon on the study tour to Europe. From the 6th of April to the 13th of April, we visited several schools in the Tampere region in Finland. The Finnish Education system has been recognised throughout the world as being of a very high quality with students achieving the top learning outcomes when compared with students from other countries. This program was arranged by Learning Scoop which is a Finnish company working in the fields of teacher education and pedagogical leadership development. The first 2 years of students' schooling is play based. This means that students who are 6 and 7 years of age spend more of their time engaging in learning activities that are driven by what the students are interested in and they are allowed the freedom to explore topics through games, social interactions with each other and learning through first hand experiences. A real highlight was to see the forest school program run at the Vuores School in Tampere. Here the youngest students at the school spend all their time in the forest close to the school buildings. They explore the environment around them and learn through experiences this provides them. It was inspiring to see how authentic their learning was as well as the way in which hands-on learning is used. This provided us with lots of ideas of how we can build on the authentic and hands on learning experiences we offer at our school especially for students in their first years of schooling.

Travelling also gave us a renewed appreciation for how lucky we are for the lives we are able to live in Australia and we are able to live in this way due to the sacrifices of our ANZAC soldiers. Back at our school, students observed ANZAC Day on Wednesday. The Specialist teacher team provided classes with activities that ensured that our students could build an understanding of the importance of the day. Each class created a wreath that was laid to honour those who have fought to ensure we are able to maintain our lifestyles in the future. Lest we forget.



Kelly Botha
Assistant Principal



Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Wellbeing update

Welcome back to Term 2. It has been glorious seeing all the students settling back in across all four campuses.

I thought it would be useful for you to see the overview of wellbeing staff that work at Warringa Park just as a reminder of who is in the team and who you may have contact with at times throughout the year.

Lindsey	Assistant Principal	PP, WCC, CRC, BRC	M, T, W, Th
Kerstin	Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator	PP, WCC	M, T, W, Th
Samantha	Wellbeing Coordinator for CRC and BRC	BRC, CRC	M, T, W, Th, F
Emma	Mental Health Practitioner	BRC, CRC	M, T, W, Th
Paige	Wellbeing Coordinator	PP, WCC	M, T, Th
Jamie	Wellbeing Coordinator	WCC	M, T, W, F
Ciaran	NDIS Navigator	PP, WCC	M, T, W, Th, F
Irene	NDIS Navigator	BRC, CRC	M, T, W, Th, F
Natalie	School Nurse	PP, WCC	M, T, W, Th, F
Rachael	School Nurse	BRC, CRC	M, T, W, Th, F
Jimmy	Youth worker	WCC, BRC, CRC	M, T, W, Th, F
Buena	Disability Inclusion	PP, WCC, BRC, CRC	M, T, W, Th, F
Greer	Enrolments	PP, WCC, BRC, CRC	M, T, W, Th, F

NDIS

Our NDIS navigators, Ciaran and Irene, wanted to share the following session with you all. If you are interested you can register directly.



State School Relief

Warringa Park School is 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.

Overview of the participant journey – Melbourne

Register now to learn more about the participant journey

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) invites people with disability, families, and carers to [register for information sessions](#) to learn more about the participant journey at the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

In these sessions we will give you an overview of the participant journey, including information on community connections, access, and creating your NDIS plan, and using your NDIS plan, and changing your NDIS plan.

You can [register for all three sessions, or just one](#).

Who should attend: Participants, families, and carers.

Date: 07 May 2024

Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf VIC 3006

Session	Time
Making connections and applying to the NDIS	10:00am to 11:00am
Creating an NDIS plan	12:00pm to 1:00pm
Using and changing an NDIS plan	2:00pm to 3:00pm

Additional information: If you have any accessibility requirements, please let us know when you register. Please note – Auslan interpreters have been booked for this event.





Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

The SWPBS shop now has a new name: Reward Shop! This name will be used at Polly Parade, Warringa Crescent and Bethany Road. The team at CRC have created a list of potential positive reinforcements that will be taken to the leadership team for consideration.

The SWPBS community of practice team will meet for the first time within the next fortnight, and the focus for these meetings will be developing a school wellbeing handbook.

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

Early Primary - Mankirat

Lower Primary - Mustapha & Zevanah

Upper Primary - Krish

Polly Parade - Biggie

BRC - Mia

CRC VPC - Ayden

CRC Flexible Learning - Badrul



Student Representative Council (SRC)

This week we have had SRC meetings at CRC and BRC, alongside the SRC forum which was held at Werribee Secondary College.

The SRC was an incredible event, hosted by Joanne Ryan (MP for Lalor). The primary team from WCC went to the morning session, whilst the CRC team attended the afternoon. Students got chance to present information about our school and how the SRCs run, as well as beginning to think about issues in school that we can plan to address. All students who attended were an absolute credit to the school with all school values being shown. It was a pleasure being able to attend both events!



Lindsey Delooze

Assistant Principal



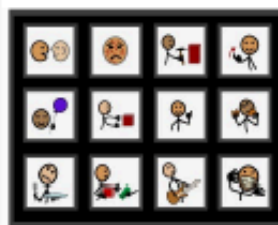
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AAC SYSTEMS: PODD COMMUNICATION BOOKS



WHAT IS PODD?

- Symbol based, communication system
- Can be electronic or non-electronic
- Customisable to the needs of the individual

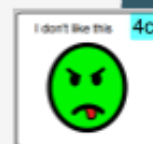


WHO USES PODD?

- Non-speaking children and adults
- People who cannot always rely on their spoken language to communicate
- Communication partners of people who are non-speaking

GETTING STARTED WITH PODD

- Ensure the system is always available, everywhere
- Practise using the system to become more familiar with the set up
- Model language kids are likely to use: pages 1a and 1b, 4a-b like it words and 4c-d don't like it words are great for this!
- Acknowledge all communication attempts even if it is not immediately obvious how the selection relates to the interaction



MORE QUESTIONS?

Talk to your child's classroom teacher or school speech pathologist about how communication systems are used at WPS to support student communication.



Dates for the diary

Term Two 16th April – 28th June

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ANZAC Day Public holiday

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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

School tours

WPS 2025 Prep Tours

Term 2 – Week 4 Wednesday May 8th @ 10am. 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 4 Tuesday May 7th @ 9:30am. 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 4 Thursday May 9th @ 9:30am. 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 4 Friday May 10th @ 9:30am. 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

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