



Upcoming dates...

Tuesday 16th April
First day of Term Two

Thursday 25th April
ANZAC Day Public holiday

Monday 6th May
CRC School photos

Thursday 9th May
PPC & BRC School photos

Friday 10th May
WCC School photos

Friday 7th June
Curriculum Day - Pupil free day

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Friday 28th June
Last day of Term Two

Principal's Newsletter

Term 1 | 28th March 2024 | Week 9

The end of term 1 has arrived upon us incredibly quickly. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your connection to our school and for the commitment and hard work you show every day in supporting your child to be ready for learning.

I was incredibly pleased to see and/or hear of your presence at our recent Student Support Group (SSG) meetings this week. Your input into your child's priority goals is highly valuable and teachers will be sending you discussion notes that were taken during the SSG meeting.

As Term 1 draws to an end, we can only reflect on how lucky we have been that our programs and events have unfolded as planned during the term. Last week was another opportunity for students to highlight their talents in "Warringa's Got Talent" videos. These class videos featured each member of their team and was an absolute pleasure to watch. The various activities organised at each of the campus to mark Harmony Day. Each campus came together to celebrate diversity and promote this year's theme "Everyone Belongs". Enjoy the photos and do log onto our [Facebook](#) to view the videos from this week.

We end a fantastic term that has seen some significant accomplishments; our Foundation students began their schooling, settling into their learning spaces with their peers and new teachers and the entire student group beginning their learning with rigour and intent. Teachers have also spent the last week planning extensively for learning term two.

As we celebrated the term's achievements during assembly today, our students beamed with pride and confidence. Learning and wellbeing will remain our highest priority next term and our eager learners are all ready for the challenges that will come their way. We will continue to work collaboratively as a team around individual students who require additional support to ensure that they were ready to learn.

Thank you for working together this term and to our staff, you have worked tirelessly over the last nine weeks and for that I applaud and thank them.

This weekend, Kelly Botha, Sharon Veale and I will head off to Zurich and Finland for a study tour to look at many schools in their region. Finland's education has been one of the best for many years and it boasts its richness in intellectual and educational reforms. We will particularly be learning about what makes Play-Based Learning successful and how Communities of practice is implemented with teams of teachers who share a concern or passion. We are grateful for the significant fund that Sharon received as a recipient of Outstanding Business Manager Award and our School Council Contribution that has enabled this learning opportunity. Tim Hilton will be the acting principal in week 1 of term 2 and we look forward to students returning on Tuesday April 16.

Have a safe and enjoyable break.



Principal's Newsletter

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at today's assembly. I am so proud of your achievements, and you should be too!

Principal's Award

Esther (Lower Primary)
Cooper (Middle Primary)
Junior (Upper Primary)
Syed Ali (Polly Parade)
Ilhan (BRC)
Jericho (VPC)
Sofia (CRC)

Specialist Award

Adi (Lower Primary)
Moses (Middle Primary)
Mia (Upper Primary)
Garang (Polly Parade)
Noah (BRC)
Adelle (VPC)
Veronica (CRC)

SWPBS Award

Jason (Lower Primary)
Brahm (Middle Primary)
Zane (Upper Primary)
Ahaana (Polly Parade)
Saifullah (BRC)
Istvan (VPC)
Joey (CRC)



Ashwini Sharma

Principal

Warringa's Got Talent!

Congratulations to the winning classes of Warringa's Got Talent - [P04](#), [W01](#), [W10](#), [W24](#), [B07](#) and [C08](#)! These classes received the most votes from their teachers and friends and were awarded with a dress up party and gold karaoke microphone! Click on the classes above to see the winning videos or watch all of the entries [here](#).

Laura Meney

Learning Specialist





Curriculum update

Dear Families,

We are immensely proud of the work that students have undertaken this term and we are very positive that great foundations have been laid on which learning will grow. Our inquiry unit, which focussed on preparing students to recognise that we are all good at different things, saw students discovering and celebrating their talents and strengths. Staff used the guiding question “How do we provoke curiosity, stimulate creativity, and build purpose in learning for all?” to ensure that they provided learning experiences which were engaging, hands on and authentic for all the students in their class. Their work was captured over the term in video footage and photographs and each class submitted a class video to our Warringa’s Got Talent competition. From watching all the amazing videos I can vouch for the fact that our students most definitely have talent!

Kelly Botha
Assistant Principal



GROUP 19 EXPLORING THEIR PAINTING TALENTS!



GROUP 34 ENJOYS USING THEIR SPORTING TALENTS!



GROUP 1 DISPLAYING THEIR SINGING TALENTS!



PO7 ARE TALENTED CHEFS!



GROUP 42 ARE TALENTED LEGO BUILDERS!



School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

What a brilliant term it has been for all our learners at Warringa Park! The SWPBS team will be starting their regular meetings next term and the PBIS shop (in the process of being renamed) will be up and running from Term 2 for students at Warringa Crescent, Polly Parade and BRC. Rewards for the students at CRC are currently being discussed as one of the SRC tasks.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Last week we had the best meetings with the SRCs at all four campuses! All of the students were thoughtful in their responses and all had ideas to contribute which was fantastic to see. At Warringa Crescent, BRC and CRC the students considered the names that had been put forward to rename the PBIS shop. The groups have shortlisted 4 options and these have now gone out to all students to have a vote on. We will announce the new name of the PBIS shop next term. At Polly Parade the students completed the same process but their focus was for the names of the new fish. Again the shortlist has been sent out as a survey to the Polly Parade class teachers and all students will get a final say through a vote.

In some other exciting news...we managed to get a mosaic artist, Libby McKinnon, out to Polly Parade last week to explore the idea around creating a mosaic for the outdoor space at the end of the building. Our next step is getting a quote, but we are excited by the direction we are heading in.

Lindsey Delooze

Assistant Principal





Allied Health update

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

AT WPS



★ WHAT IS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST?

The overall goal of an Occupational Therapist (OT) is to maximize a student's ability and potential to independently participate in a variety of activities across the school day.



HOW DO WE WORK?

Occupational Therapists work on a consultative basis, providing recommendations to classroom staff to support student engagement in areas such as: emotional regulation, sensory processing, fine motor skills and self-care.



OT PROGRAMS AT WPS

The Occupational Therapists help support the rollout of the Sensory Motor Program and the States of Regulation program throughout the school. The programs aim to support student regulation throughout the day.





Dates for the diary

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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 16th @ 9:30am. Week 8 Thursday 4th 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

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.