

Upcoming dates...

Monday 17th June
Flu immunisation @
WCC and PPC

Monday 24th June
Flu immunisation @ BRC
and CRC

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

Principal's Newsletter

Term 2 | 6th June 2024 | Week 8

Dear parents and carers,

From Reconciliation Week activities and incursions, Active learning in classrooms, play based/applied/project-based learning and more, there has been no lack of opportunities for students at Warringa Park School to be active and learning recently. The activities in the last month have been a celebration and achievement in so many ways. With staff completing the mid-year assessments, we proudly acknowledge the growth students have made this semester. This is a shout out to the students and to the staff who have supported them.

During the National Reconciliation Week, students and staff had various opportunities to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. We focused on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have looked after our land and waters for over 60,000 years. At CRC, students created a mural representing our country and at BRC, staff had a professional Learning session. They looked at how we can engage students in Naidoc week activities by ensuring the activities are authentic, hands on and creative. The team at Bethany Road also got the jump on Reconciliation week with the Ganga Giri Celebrations Pumping out percussive didgeridoo playing and some deadly beats!

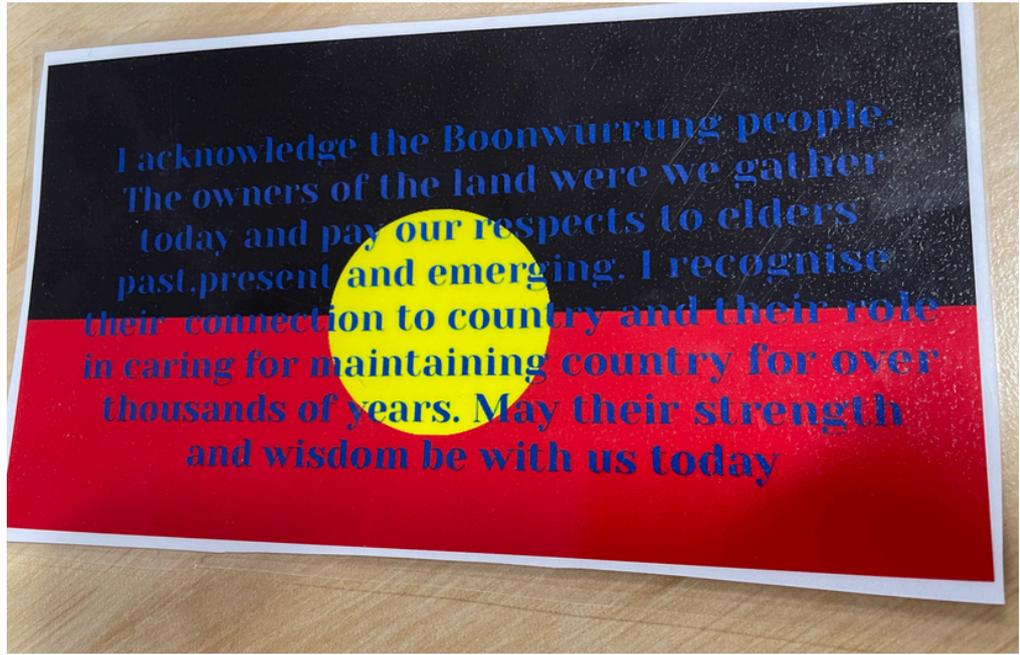
There were various avenues to explore and recognised the struggles that our first nations people have been through or are going through. On Monday we had Logan Miller and Darlene, her grandma, join us for our afternoon tea and story time. The acknowledgement to country on the next page is one that Logan wrote last year.

NowMoreThanEver#NRW2024





Principal's Newsletter



Last week, some of our key leaders attended the PASS conference with leaders of other special schools in Echuca. Leaders learnt new information and were challenged in their thinking, listening to keynotes on innovative ways that special schools are delivering curriculum and maintaining wellbeing and engagement. The time also allowed them to reflect on and affirm how committed our school is in leading the way in this area.

Student Opinion Survey

Students in Upper Primary and Secondary campuses have completed the Attitude to School Survey (AToSS) which is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Students shared their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general in this survey. We are proud of how honestly students have responded to the questions and look forward to sharing the outcome of the survey with you. This survey closes next week on 14th June.

Lastly, a reminder that tomorrow is pupil free day and Monday is a public holiday. Have a safe long weekend.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal



Curriculum update

Dear Families,

This is an exciting year as next term the Olympic and Paralympic Games will take place in Paris! The primary learning centres have been working on preparations towards completing in our own WPS Olympic Games which the Specialist Team are planning and will take place in term 3. In term 1 classes investigated their strengths and talents and were encouraged to recognise that everyone has different talents and that we cannot all be good at the same things. This term students have been learning about how they can take care of their bodies and minds just as the Olympians and Paralympians do. Classes have investigated how healthy eating and exercise ensures a healthy body. In promoting how to take of their minds the concept of resilience has been explored with students engaging in books that convey the message of never giving up.

Staff have used these topics as authentic reasons for students to read and write. In group 13, the class participated in the shared reading of a book called 'I Can Do It'. After completing the reading had lots of fun participating in personalised experiences to explore their talents such as dancing, playing soccer and basketball, climbing, and counting. This provided the students with experiences that they could write about, and they worked together in a 'Predictable Chart Writing' activity. Predictable Chart Writing is a literacy strategy which has been identified as an effective tool by the Comprehensive Literacy for All experts. Predictable Chart Writing follows a specific structure which uses the concept of repetition with variety to improve students reading and writing skills.

We are so looking forward to sharing our investigations into the Olympic Games with families next term!

Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal





Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Week 8 and we are rapidly moving towards the end of the term. This week in our 'meet the team' segment our focus is on Paige, Jamie and Sam who are our wellbeing coordinators. Paige works with lower primary both at Warringa Crescent and Polly Parade, Jamie works with middle and upper primary at Warringa Crescent and Sam works with our secondary students at both CRC and BRC. As wellbeing coordinators, Paige, Jamie and Sam all work closely with staff, students and families to ensure connections to external services, provide family support, classroom observations, and social and emotional support on an individual basis or as part of a small group. Paige, Jamie and Sam also support with wellbeing activities across all four campuses and provide professional learning to staff.



Flu immunisations

Wyndham Council Immunisers will be attending Warringa Park School to Give the Flu Vaccination to students. I have send out the link for consent on compass. Please follow the instructions on the letter attached to the Compass message to give consent for your child to receive the vaccination.

Warringa Crescent Campus and Polly Parade Campus
Monday 17th June
Bethany Road Campus and Cayleys Road Campus
Monday 24th June

The council will return to give a second dose to the students who are having the Vaccine for the first time on Wednesday 17th July, but will not be providing vaccines for students that missed out on the previous dates.

Child Safe Standards

As a school, there are eleven child safe standards that we are mandated to adhere to. Over the upcoming newsletters I will share further details with you about the standards. Sharing this information with you all fits within Child Safety Standard 4: Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing. The Protect poster, helps to explain how keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. These are on display across all campuses for all staff and visitors to see.

All members of staff in school have a duty to take reasonable steps to protect children in our care. There are four critical actions that we have to take when responding to an incident, disclosure or suspicion of child abuse. These four actions include responding to an emergency, reporting to authorities, contacting parents/carers and providing ongoing support.

As a school we are always here for support. If you have any concerns or worries, please contact myself (Lindsey.Delooze@Education.vic.gov.au) or any member of the leadership team.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Another fun week of SRC meetings! Here is a quick update for all four campuses:

CRC: went through ideas for a reward system thoroughly with some great negotiations taking place. We are hoping to start this new system from Term 3.

BRC: images have been added to the canteen menu. They were so happy with how this looks! Students also voted to remove soft drinks from the menu from 2025 onwards.

Warringa Crescent: Started the process of working on positive feedback during lunchtimes and how this can be done with students in the yard.

Polly Parade: Students continued with their plans for the outside space, sharing their likes and dislikes to help guide choice of activities to add to the space.



School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Respect continues to be the aim for this term. Our fortnightly focus for next week is: We wear our uniform. We have been so impressed by the amount of students coming to school every day in their uniform. This is important to build connection to school, build pride in the school and to show that they are part of our Warringa School community. Thank you for all your hard work with ensuring that your child is dressed in the school uniform, especially as we move towards the end of term and the weather gets colder. help guide choice of activities to add to the space.

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

Early Primary - Amelia

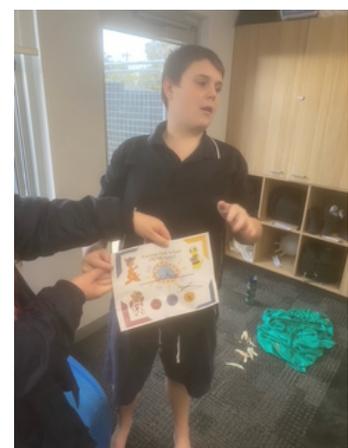
Lower Primary - Serae & Rose

Upper Primary - Sefi

BRC - Luka

CRC VPC - Gage

CRC Flexible Learning - Joshua



Lindsey Delooze
Assistant Principal



Allied Health update

AAC SYSTEMS: PROLOQUO2GO



WHAT IS PROLOQUO2GO?

- Symbol based, speech generating iPad application



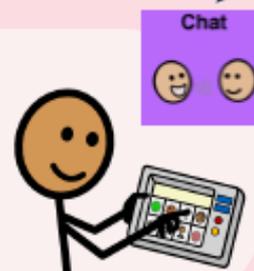
WHO USES PROLOQUO2GO?

- 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 PROLOQUO2GO

- 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: the CHAT folder is 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

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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 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 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 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.



FOOTBALL FOR ALL ABILITIES

Launching 14th June

Exciting News!

We're thrilled to announce that All Abilities Soccer Program is launching this June at West Point Soccer Club!

This program is designed to be inclusive and welcoming to players of all abilities, ages, and skill levels. Our goal is to provide a fun and supportive environment where everyone can enjoy the beautiful game.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, we invite you to join us on this journey. Let's play, learn, and grow together!

Register your Interest Today



Friday's 4.30pm until 5.30pm
Webster Street Reserve, Point Cook
Free come and try Friday 14th June

WE ARE WEST POINT