



Upcoming dates...

Friday 20th September
Last day of Term Three

Principal's Newsletter

Term 3 | 19th July 2024 | Week 1

We have transitioned smoothly to term 3, engaging in various activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. From rock painting, art, cooking, incursion, indigenous sports, making rain sticks, storytelling to reading "BIG RAIN COMING", there were numerous opportunities for all to learn about the history, culture and achievements of our first nations people. Today's Ganga Giri performance at Bethany Road and Warringa Crescent Campus was enjoyed by all students.

Many of you joined us in celebrating our achievements during SSG meetings and at the end of term 2 assembly. We are proud of the good or excellent progress students are making towards achieving their goals and I would like to congratulate all of our award winners. In the last week of term, the leadership team presented our semester one achievements to the Senior Education Instructional Leader, Sandra Eglezos. The presentation was a real celebration of the academic and wellbeing achievements and an acknowledgment of how well the school has progressed in meeting the Annual targets. This wouldn't be possible without the effort and attitude of our students, the commitment and resilience from our staff and the support and partnership with our families and wider community.

Launching into term 3 inquiry, Olympic Games, students will continue to experience connection to their community. Whole School participation in the Warringa Park Mini Olympics, dance/sports competitions, and some students attending camps will bring our students together and further present opportunities to learn our school values as well as developing self-confidence.

As we begin a new term, a reminder to all families of our school hours. Each day, at all of our campuses, the supervised school hours are 8.50am to 3pm.

Lastly, I wish to inform you that one of our Art teachers, Ruth Mackay, is retiring. Ruth started at Warringa Park School 38 years ago, and throughout those years, she has been an integral part of the teaching team, always willing to lend a hand, support a class, promote a cause and be a ray of sunshine. We wish Ruth all the best for her future beyond teaching, you will be sorely missed by all of our staff and students.



Ashwini Sharma

Principal



Naidoc week celebrations





Curriculum update

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3, we are excited to continue building upon students' learning in the second semester of the year!

This term students will be focusing on learning about the Olympic Games through inquiry-based learning. Inquiry based learning is a student-centered teaching method that encourages students to ask questions and investigate real-world problems. In this type of learning environment, students are actively engaged in the learning process and are given the opportunity to explore their natural curiosities.

This type of learning is often hands-on and allows students to connect what they learn in the classroom and the real world. Inquiry-based learning has been shown to improve critical thinking skills, problem-solving skills, and creativity.

Through a story book which was written by staff for our students we will be reading about our mascots who will be visiting some other countries on their way to Paris to meet the Phryges, who are the Paris Olympic mascots. It incorporates the topics of Geography and diversity as our mascot begin a journey in Australia and travel to India, Ethiopia, France, USA (next summer Olympics is in Los Angeles). In each country they learn to say hello, visit a famous landmark and animal, and try the food. The story also incorporates the development of resilience as each character encounters a problem which they work together to solve!

Use the QR code below to read the book with your child at home!

The Games begin in Paris on the 26th of July, and we encourage you to talk to your children about them as we will host our own WPS Games. By talking about and watching the Olympics at home students will have a context which will help them understand the importance of our opening and closing ceremonies along with activities they will participate in such as athletics, basketball, soccer, artistic gymnastics, and break dancing. This will take place across the campuses during the week of the 26th of August.

We are looking forward to sharing the work that our students undertake this term!



Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal





Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you have managed to get some time to reset over the holidays, although I am sure for many of you it will have been a busy couple of weeks. Term 3 marks the beginning of semester 2 – I actually can't believe how quickly the first half of the year has gone. I personally wanted to say a huge thank you to all children, families and staff for making me feel so welcome. I love being on duty outside at Warringa Crescent as it gives me chance to meet some of our wonderful families and you always brighten up my day! I am looking forward to a fun term and seeing the students continue to grow and flourish.

This week in our 'meet the team' segment our focus is on Jimmy. Jimmy is our Youth Worker and works at Warringa Crescent, BRC and CRC campuses. Jimmy provides wellbeing support to a variety of different students and has implemented some excellent group activities such as drumbeats, in the older years' campuses.



Child Safe Standards

In the next few newsletters, I am going to continue sharing with you some details about the child safe standards. This week we will look at Child Safe Standard 6. This standard relates to people working with children and young people and making sure they are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

As a school, when we interview new staff we always have questions on the reference check to ensure that we get good background knowledge of the suitability of candidates. We also have a robust induction process in place for all staff working in school, this includes information about all child safe standards. We also continually review our practice, ensuring that staff are aware of up-to-date materials and information. Staff are all aware of what they need to do if a disclosure is made to them.

If you have any questions about the child safe standards, please reach out to ask me (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)

Meetings for the SRC will begin again next week. We look forward to being able to share with you the projects that all the teams will be working on across semester 2.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

This term our focus will be on working together. This value has been selected with it being the Olympics and Paralympics! Each fortnight we will have a focus on a specific expectation that links to the value of working together.

Term 3 Focus:

WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

PBIS Expectations Matrix



Weeks 2 & 3



Weeks 4 & 5



Weeks 6 & 7



Weeks 8 & 9

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

Early Primary - Curtis

Lower Primary - Lana

Upper Primary - Kyiden

PPC - Amen

BRC - Jack

CRC VPC - Joseph

CRC Flexible Learning - Zac

Lindsey Delooze

Assistant Principal



You are doing
★ **GREAT!** ★



Allied Health update

AAC Systems: Key Word Sign (KWS)



WHAT IS KEY WORD SIGN (KWS)?

Key Word Sign (KWS) is a tool or strategy which can be used to support children and adults with communication difficulties to understand and get their message across to others.

KWS adds signs to spoken words. The key words in a message are signed. KWS is not a sign language, but it borrows the signs from the sign language of the country it is used in. In Australia this is Auslan.



HOW IS KWS HELPFUL?

- Can function as an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) support.
- Can support students who may not be speaking (yet),
- Supports language and vocabulary development.
- Supports understanding of language.
- Builds on natural gesture.



WHO USES KWS?

Key Word Sign (KWS) can benefit anyone, of any age, whether they present with communication difficulties or not.

KWS is not the best option for people who only have a hearing impairment or who are Deaf.

However, KWS may be the best option for someone if they have other communication difficulties, even if they are deaf or have a hearing impairment as well.



RESOURCES FOR KWS

- Auslan signbank - <https://auslan.org.au/>
- Key Word Sign Australia - <https://kwsa.org.au/>



MORE QUESTIONS?

Speak to your child's classroom teacher or speech pathologist.



Dates for the diary

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 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.