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**Don't forget Warringa Olympics next week. Wear your house colours on these days!**

**BRC - Monday**  
**PPC - Tuesday**  
**CRC - Wednesday**  
**WCC - Wednesday & Thursday**

# Learning Centre's Newsletter

Term 3 | 23rd August 2024 | Week 6

## Warringa Crescent Update

This week we celebrated the National Event of Children's Book Week. The theme for 2024 is "Reading is Magic". Many classes chose to celebrate book week by exploring the text "The Magic Hat" by Mem Fox. This saw classes magic potions, creating magic hats and wands, using green screen to turn into different animals or take them to different places. On Wednesday this week all classes continued to explore the theme of "Reading is Magic" though the visit of a magician. Students were captivated during his magic show, as he performed various amazing tricks. The students were highly engaged and were smiling and clapping throughout his performance.

Also on Wednesday this week, staff and students came to school dressed up as their favourite book characters. This led to many classrooms engaging in discussions on books and undertaking shared reading of these favourite books.

On Thursday and Friday some students from Groups 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 had the opportunity to go on camp in Glenmore at Lady Northcote YMCA. Everyone had a blast participating in different activities such as Orienteering, Archery, Giant Swing, Hut Building and Bush Cooking. Camp and the activities experienced gave all students opportunities to develop their independence, try new things and build upon their social skills. Camp was a huge success and we look forward to the remaining UP camp which will take place in Term 4.

*Amy Byrne, Tamara Collett & Stacey Hilder*

Lower, Middle & Upper Primary Leading Teachers







# Polly Parade Update

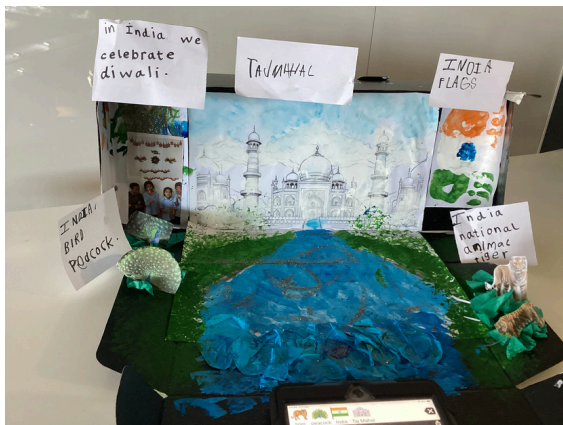
The last couple of weeks at Polly Parade Campus have been jam-packed with special events and exciting Inquiry investigations! Recently, our students explored the wonders of India, inspired by the book *Bindiya in India*. Through this exploration, they learned about India's vibrant culture by engaging in activities like Bollywood dancing, listening to Hindi music, trying on traditional clothing, and creating beautiful henna art. These experiences were enriched through the creation of dioramas that reflected their learning and discoveries.

For Book Week, the theme was 'Reading is Magic!' To celebrate the joy of reading and our favourite book characters, Polly Parade students participated in a range of activities inspired by *The Magic Hat*. From crafting and writing about their own magic hats to using magic wands to point out words while reading, students also made patterns and counted stickers as they decorated their hats. The excitement peaked when students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters, and everyone was amazed by a special magic show from Magician Tim Mason Magic, who brought our beloved books to life!

Finally, during our National Science Week celebrations, Polly Parade students put their science skills of predicting, observing, and explaining to the test. They engaged in scientific explorations based on the theme of 'Species Survival.' From inventing their own insects using familiar features to creating miniature habitats, students learned all about animals, their environments, and the essentials they need to survive and thrive.

**Alex Stewart**

Leading Teacher







# Bethany Road Update

The students at BRC had an amazing time on their school camp to Blackwood last week. Students engaged in night archery, a bush walk, rock climbing and many other team camps. Our vocational programs for Year 8/9 are back up and running for Term 3. During these programs, students focus on developing 21st century learning skills. Students select from our Agritech, Crafting, Canteen and Community Access programs, based on their interest.

Our first group of Year 9 students enjoyed their first visit to Cayleys Road this week to begin their transition there for the rest of their years at Warringa Park School, they loved it!

A reminder to Parents and Caregivers that our school hours are 9am – 3pm. School gates open at 8:50am, when our staff commence work for supervision. We kindly ask that students are not dropped off before this time.

**Kim Zammit**

Assistant Principal – BRC







# Cayleys Road update

Cayleys Road has been a buzz of activity over the last fortnight as we move through our Projects and Programs.

In our VPC section, students have been exploring career pathways in their Work Related Skills unit. This knowledge will support them to further understand options that are out there as they move towards their post school pathway.

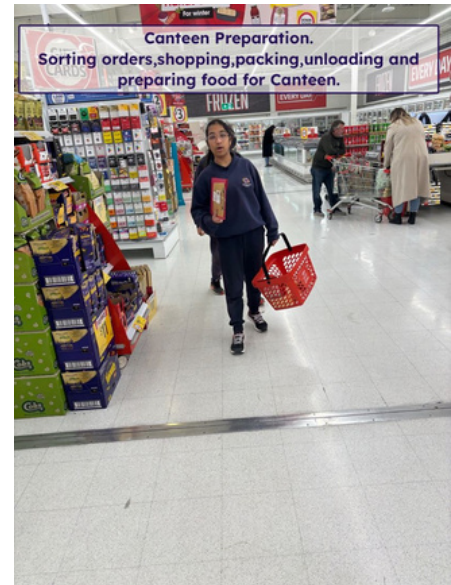
In our ASDAN section of the campus, students have focused on creating shopping lists to build their understanding of these skills followed by heading out into the community to purchase items on their list.

Meanwhile, in the 7-10 Flexible Learning cohort, students have been exploring different countries through their senses in their PBL. This week the focus has been on India and students had the opportunity to make some Naan bread. They enjoyed tasting the bread and used their AAC devices to describe what they could smell, feel, hear, taste and see.

We are looking forward to Wear it Purple Day on Tuesday and our Olympics celebration falling on Wednesday. All students are encouraged to wear either their house colours for the day, or purple. Either way we are looking forward to a colourful day full of action!

*Tim Hilton*

Assistant Principal - CRC







# Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Survey

Dear Parents,

We want our Parents/Caregivers/Guardians to tell us what they think!

Our school is again conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of family's perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion survey will be conducted from Monday 29th July – Friday August 30th.

The survey will be conducted online, it only takes 20 minutes to complete. The survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. Survey links will be shared by teachers on Seesaw and Compass.

Survey results will be shared with the parent community later this year through our annual reporting communication and newsletters. Last year we used the survey results to plan inform our communication protocols between school and home, improve school climate and improve student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning.

Please keep an eye out for further information and links to participate.

We have 10 x \$50 Coles vouchers up for grabs for families who complete this survey. To be eligible, you will need to take a screenshot of your completed survey and email it to [adrienne.bennie@education.vic.edu.au](mailto:adrienne.bennie@education.vic.edu.au) to go into the draw.

Yours sincerely,

**Ashwini Sharma**

Principal



This survey is individualised by campus, separate links and codes has been sent to families via Seesaw.





# STEAM update

Last week, we celebrated National Science Week, Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. There were a variety of exciting activities and experiments that sparked curiosity and creativity among students across all our campuses. The week was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to explore the wonders of science - learning to Predict, Observe and Explain the world around them.



Also, we'd like to welcome Joan Ocampo back to WPS and the STEAM team! Joan will be teaching STEAM at the WCC and PPC campuses.

## *Brian, Pramesh, Joan, Ari & Halid*

The STEAM team







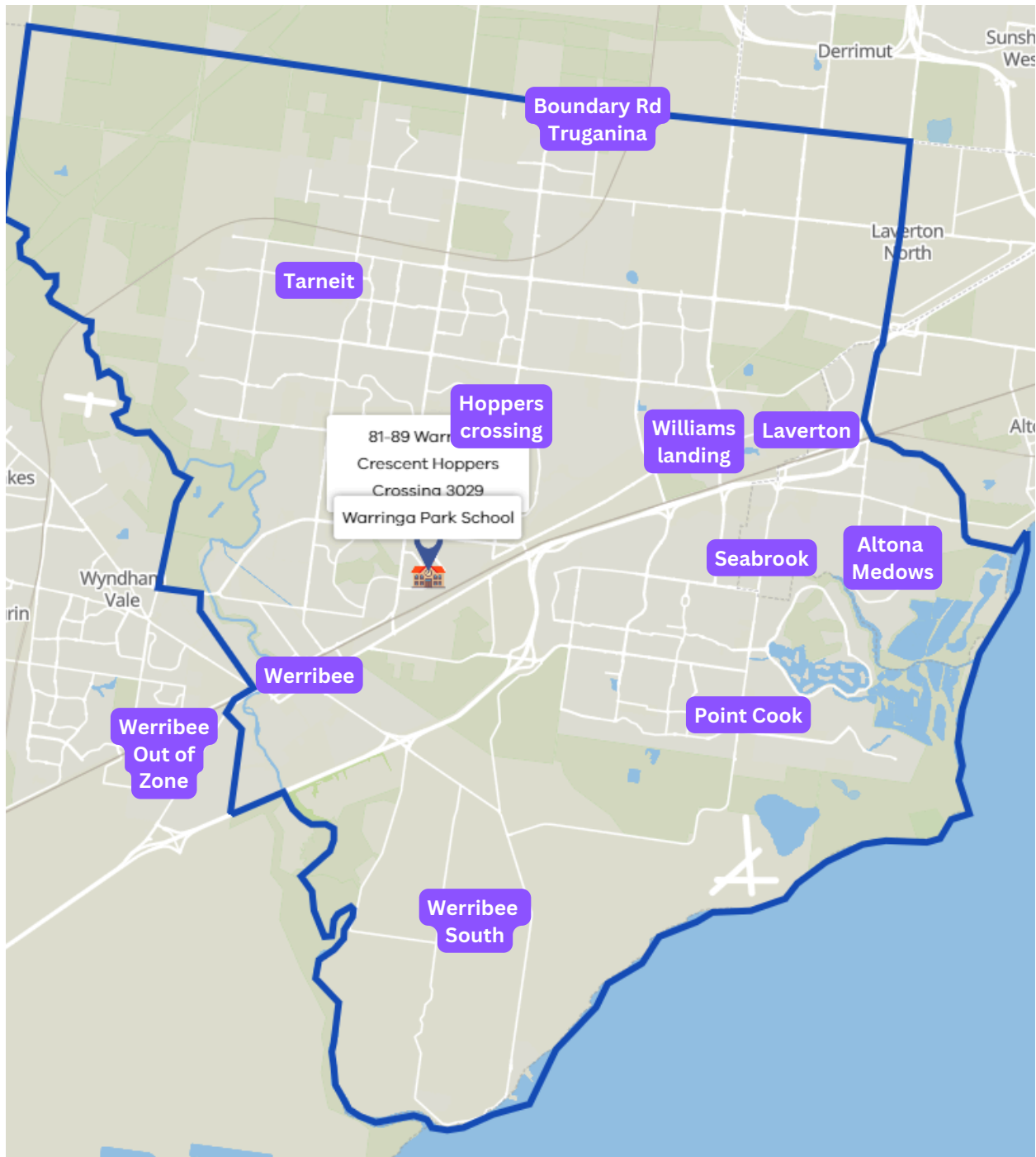
# Important Information - Bus Transportation - Moving Houses

As our transport zone has been updated in 2024, we want to ensure you're aware of how any future address changes might impact bus access for your child.

Here's what you need to know:

- We've attached a map of Warringa Park's new designated transport zone (DTA).
- If you're planning to move, please use the [link](#) provided to check if your new address will fall within our updated transport zone.
- Important: Changing your address may affect your child's eligibility for bus access. However, if your child is currently using the bus service, there will be no changes to their arrangements.

For any questions or assistance, please contact Wendy Harrison at [transport@warringapark.vic.edu.au](mailto:transport@warringapark.vic.edu.au).







# Dates for the diary

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## Term Four

7th October – 19th December

**Monday 7th October**

First day of Term Four

**Monday 4th November**

Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

**Tuesday 5th November**

Melbourne Cup Public holiday

**Friday 6th December**

Year 12 Graduation Night

**Thursday 19th December**

Last day of Term Four

## School tours

### WPS 2025 Prep Tours

Term 3 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 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 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 8 Friday 6th September @ 9:30am

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

Week 8 Friday 29th November @ 9:30am

## 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 have 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](mailto:Shenol.Ross@education.vic.gov.au) to apply.



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WEAR IT PURPLE STRIVES TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE THOUSANDS OF SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, AND WORKPLACES THAT ARE COMING TOGETHER TO CREATE A MORE INCLUSIVE FUTURE FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS.



FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

WEAR IT  
PURPLE





# NDIS provider expo



Come and engage with local service providers that can assist you to find support workers, allied health professionals, support coordinators, plan managers and more.

We   
ndis

Warringa Crescent  
Campus

Located in the hall

3.15 -4.30

Wednesday the 4th of  
September



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# Free Parent Program

Co-Developed with Families  
for Families

ENVISAGE is a peer program to **empower you and your family to feel confident and supported** in raising children aged 0-8 who have a developmental concern, disability or who are neurodiverse.

Your child does **not** need a diagnosis or NDIS plan for you to participate. It is fully funded therefore **no cost you.**

The interactive workshops are facilitated by a trained health professional together with a parent with **lived experience.** The program is an opportunity to:

CONNECT & SHARE EXPERIENCES

LEARN EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

ACCESS PRACTICAL SUPPORT TOOLS

*"ENVISAGE will show you that the best guidebook often lives within yourself, and sometimes, all we need is a trusted framework to light the way"*  
- Bree, Parent NSW



## How It's Delivered



90 mins per week



5 Weeks



Online & In-Person options available

## Register Online

Scan the QR Code or contact our team to register / find out more:



(07) 3861 6079



envisage@acu.edu.au