



Learning Centre's Newsletter

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Term 3 | 26th July 2024 | Week 2

Warringa Crescent Update

What a return to Term 3! Students have settled so well into their learning for this term. We wish to extend a huge welcome to all our new students and families that have joined us this term.

Throughout week 1, we celebrated NAIDOC week. The students shared in a text "Big Rain coming" which led to many Aboriginal inspired learning experiences.

This week we began our journey to the Olympics. This saw classes exploring countries that are meaningful to them, their flags and whose are the 'same and different' across the class. Some classes have had their opening ceremony, are exploring a range of Olympic sports through watching videos or practicing them. Our first focus country is Australia. Students are learning about the Australian flag, foods special to Australia and landmarks you may find here. We have made and tasted fairy bread in some rooms, while others have climbed Ayers Rock! We will continue to explore Australia next week before we move onto our next host country!

This week some students from Groups 24, 25, 32, 34 and 36 had the opportunity to go on camp in Mt Eliza at Camp Manyung. Everyone had a blast participating in different activities such as Tree Rolling, Photo Trail, Giant Swing 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 2 camps for UP later in the year.

Amy Byrne, Tamara Collett & Stacey Hilder

Lower, Middle & Upper Primary Leading Teachers



Upcoming dates...
Friday 20th September
Last day of Term Three



Polly Parade Update

Polly Parade has had an exciting and eventful start to Term 3, with much more to look forward to! We kicked off with a celebration of NAIDOC Week, inspired by the book *Big Rain Coming*. Classrooms engaged in a series of lessons that included Indigenous food, Dreamtime stories, art, dance, and music. Students had the opportunity to make damper, conduct science experiments to create rain, craft and play rain sticks, and count collections of Indigenous-inspired objects.

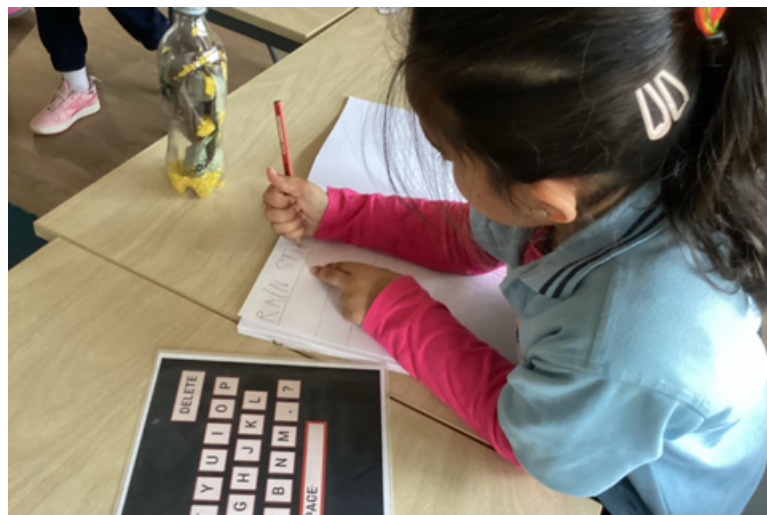
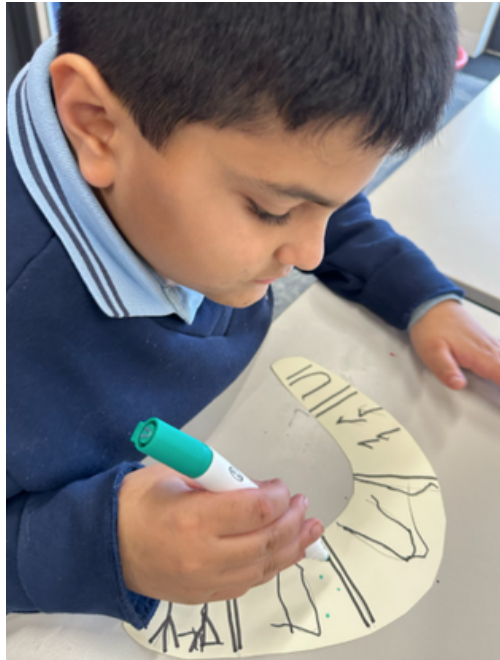
This week, we were thrilled to welcome Howard Wilkinson to PPC. Howard is a creative dance instructor who will be conducting weekly workshops at PPC this term. Through music, props, and costumes, students will immerse themselves in an enriched environment designed to inspire creative dance in response to various stimuli.

Our PPC SRC team has been busy brainstorming ideas for our PPC Mosaic Artwork, focusing on native fauna and flora. The next step will involve all PPC students designing individual elements (such as animals or plants) that will later be transformed into a mosaic with the help of mosaic artist Elizabeth McKinnon.

It has been an exciting couple of weeks here at PPC, and we look forward to the special events and projects yet to come!

Alex Stewart

Leading Teacher





Bethany Road Update

Welcome everyone to term 3! We hope you had a fantastic holidays! It has been an exciting start to the term. Students have been celebrating NAIDOC week this week and have participated in a number of exciting activities such as face painting, Indigenous art and games.

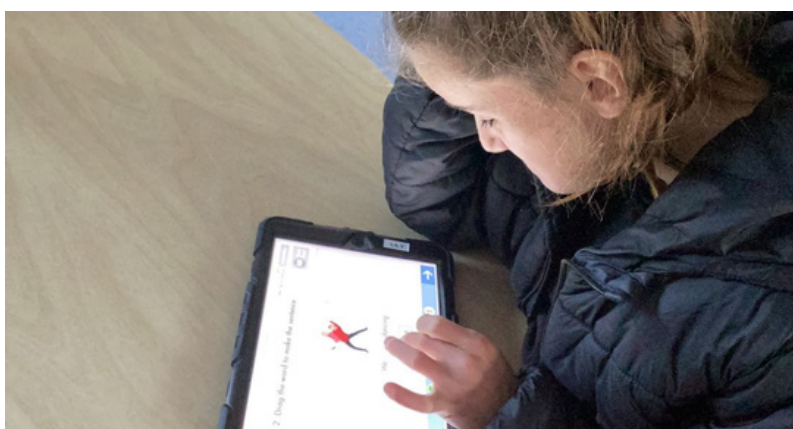
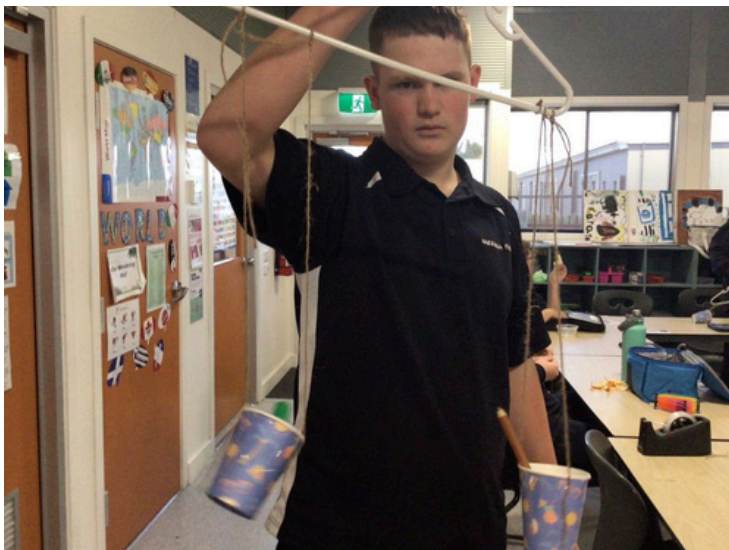
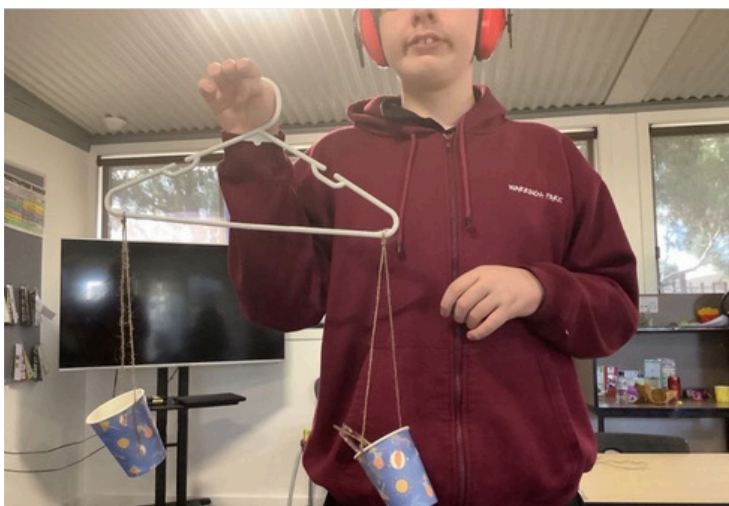
In classrooms, students have been focusing on estimation in maths, geography in Project Based Learning and doing language experiences and writing about them in literacy.

The excitement will continue later on in the term with the year 7's and 8's going on camp in either week 5 or week 10. Vocational Programs will start again in week 3 of this term and students will choose which program they want to be a part of; Travel training, canteen, art & crafts, community studies and Agritech are the different options the year 8 and 9 students can choose from.

Have a great week everyone!

Olivia Galizi

Learning Specialist - BRC





Cayleys Road update

It has been an incredibly settled start back at CRC this Term, as we start to get Olympic Fever! This is always a special time in the world, and providing our students the opportunity to explore their learning through the lens of a worldwide event really helps us to connect globally.

Our first week back saw us take the chance to celebrate NAIDOC Week. We had the team at Ganga Giri come out to celebrate, educate and entertain us with their cultural performances, while our Wellbeing Team organised face painting, rock art and some other cultural painting. Having opportunities to connect to our country's Aboriginal heritage is so important, and the students all thoroughly enjoyed the activities on offer.

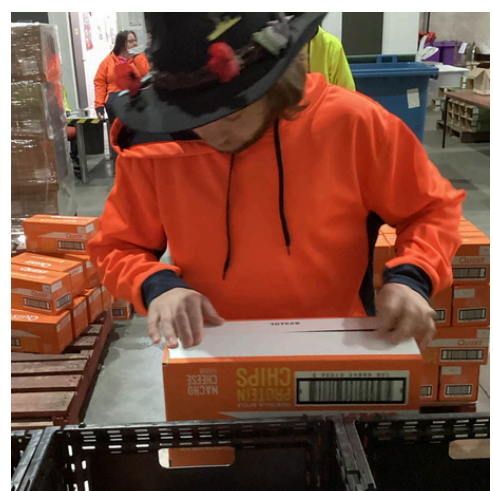
In Year 7-9 we have started this by doing a focus on different places around the world. Our students will continue to build their vocabulary and understanding of the names of different countries, and this will lead us into understanding that we all have different backgrounds and cultures around the world, and they should all be celebrated!

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our Post School Pathways team and especially Amy Reid for her efforts in escorting families around on our annual bus tours to local providers. This year we moved to a model where we spread the tour over three days, with slightly different offerings each day, and we felt like it was a great success once again!

Thank you all,

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 to go into the draw.

Yours sincerely,

Ashwini Sharma

Principal



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



Visual Arts update

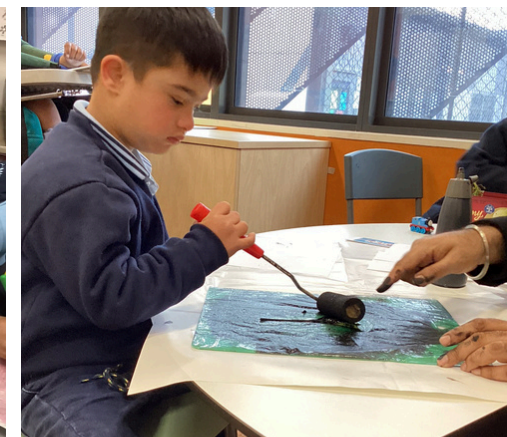
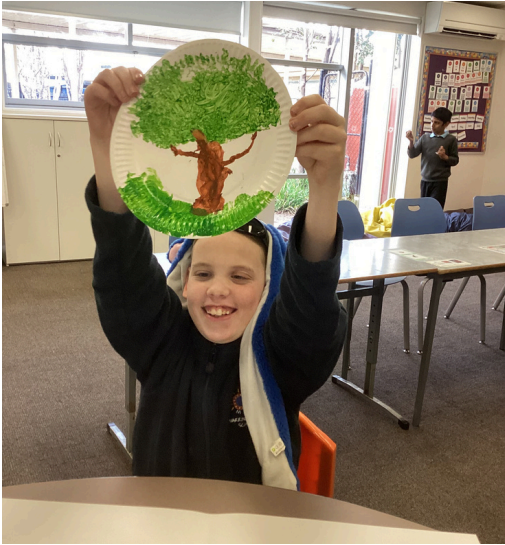
We've all come in fresh and full of energy after the holiday. Visual Arts students finished up our Healthy Living Unit by looking at the cells and the microscopic body with mixed media work and experimentation with salt, media and mark making.

This term we will be focusing on Geography and exploring our values around protecting and belonging to 'Country'. Exploring further afield, The international event of The Olympics and our participation in it will guide our Art Activities. We will make mixed media work reflecting how we celebrate our accomplishments along with investigations into the buildings, sports and the general spectacle of the event that brings so many nations together.

We are saying farewell to a treasured member of our team: Ruth Makay, who is retiring. Ruth has been a stalwart of Warringa Park School for over twenty years. Her broad knowledge of the curriculum, her expertise around differentiated and play based learning along with her warmth and generosity have benefitted both students and adults alike. We wish Ruth all the best in her next chapter.

PK, Harpreet, Ellie & Andrew

The Visual Arts team





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

Friday 6th December

Year 12 Graduation Night

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.



Association for
Children with a
Disability

Free online workshop

Getting Support at School

Does your child need more support at school?

Do you want to feel more confident to ask for the help they need?

Then don't miss this FREE online workshop by ACD.

Take a detailed look into how school processes work and learn how plans can help your child.

When:

- Monday 12 August 7:00 pm
- Tuesday 13 August 10:00 am
- Wednesday 14 June 10:00 am
- Monday 19 August 10:00 am
- Tuesday 20 August 10:00 am

More information:

- This workshop is for families of school-age children with disability
- Workshop is two hours
- Bookings are essential
- For families in Victoria only
- Professional workshop facilitators are parents of children with disability

Topics include:

- Individual Education Plans
- Behaviour Support Plans
- Reasonable adjustments
- Understanding school processes and plans

Read more and register now



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