

Upcoming dates...

Friday 30th August
Wear it Purple Day

Wednesday 4th September 3.15-4.30pm
NDIS Provider Expo
Warringa Crescent Hall

Thursday 12th September
RUOK Day

Friday 20th September
Last day of Term Three

Principal's Newsletter

Term 3 | 2nd August 2024 | Week 3

Dear families,

Our programs are running smoothly and it's heartening to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our students and staff alike. Our youngest cohort of foundation students (preps) have reached a significant milestone of 100 days of school. Congratulations to these little learners and thank you to the families for working closely with us in making your child's start to school journey, a successful one.

We have also had a very successful camp for students in Upper Primary and now look forward to a number of other camps this term. Thanks to all 11 staff who attended the camp last Thursday and Friday. The happy campers had an amazing time, taking on physical challenges to participate in the activities - a great way to build resilience and confidence. Lots of opportunities lie ahead for the campers to build their personal and social skills.

Teaching and Learning

With this year's Olympics taking off in Paris, students have participated in their mini-Olympic opening ceremonies held within PLCs. There is a buzz around planning our mascots' virtual journey to France and students' choice of country. Students have been enthusiastically engaged in this inquiry. They have been reading the locally published Olympic text that they can easily relate to and look forward to our own mini-Olympics.

Attendance

Attendance remains a focus for the entire school community and together, we are working hard on getting every student to school every day. If your child is not going to be at school for any reason, can you please let us know through Compass or by ringing the school on 9749 5774 (select option 1) or on the Absence line on 7002 5921. If we don't hear from you, you will receive a text message advising that your child is not present. Classroom teachers will also follow up unexplained student absences, if we don't get a response, you may get a letter to explain the reason for absences. Please note that following up on absences takes a lot of teachers' time away from other work so we would highly appreciate if you could communicate your child's absence with a reason on the morning (or prior) of your child's absence.

Warringa Connect

I would like to mention Warringa Connect which is a TV program created by the students to showcase the wonderful things that are occurring at our school.

The program airs every second Friday and will showcase segments such as: Warringa News, Sign of the Week, Special activities, Interviews, our mascots and school values and Joke of the day. Three episodes have been aired hope you are enjoying our own show!

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility





Principal's update

Capital Works Projects

The capital works at Warringa Campus is well underway and some of our young learners are fascinated by the construction work that it is underway. They have also transitioned really well to coping with limited play spaces. Thanks to staff who planned for this which has been very successful.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey (PCGOS)

The Parent Opinion Survey is a survey undertaken by the Department of Education once a year for parents to complete. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

The survey is now open for parents/caregivers/guardians to complete by Friday 30 August, and you would have received an invitation on Seesaw to complete this survey. The survey can be undertaken in several languages. Your say is really important so please take time to share your thoughts and ideas. Once again, if you send Adrienne a screenshot of your confirmation of completing the survey, you will go into a draw to win one of 10 X Coles voucher of \$50.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. If you would like access to a computer, then please let the school office know. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

School Review

All schools participate in a school review every 4 years. The school review informs the development of the school's 4-year School Strategic Plan. The review panel will be conducted by a lead school reviewer, our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), School Council President and two Challenge Partners who are current principals of other schools.

We have recently completed the first stage of the review that looked at Compliance around VRQA standards. From the audit, we are confident that we meet all standards.

We now have six days allocated for the next stage of the review in term 4. This will focus on our performance over the last four years and fieldwork. Fieldwork includes visiting classrooms, teacher professional learning team meetings and focus groups with our staff, parents/carers and students. If you would like to join a focus group in term four, please let the admin staff at your child's campus know. We value your views and opinions on how we can improve.

NDIS Navigators

Lastly, a reminder that our school is part of the NDIS Navigators initiative. NDIS Navigators in Victorian government specialist schools help students and their families navigate and understand the NDIS to get the most out of the supports available. Irene and Ciaran are based at our school to provide information and advice on the NDIS and available supports, including guidance on where to look for services and how to make the best selection for your child. You can reach out to them for any matters NDIS. They can especially help you understand how to navigate and engage with the system and the management of NDIS plans including raising questions or concerns with the National Disability Insurance Agency or NDIS funded organisations. Please feel free to contact the school to get in touch with a NDIS navigator.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal





Curriculum update

Dear Families,

The Olympic Games started this week and there has been a great deal of learning undertaken by students surrounding this exciting event. The primary learning centres are focusing on Australia this week. Their class books on the Olympics were presented to them and staff have planned so many engaging activities for all students to participate in. They have packed their suitcases and had their passports stamped, ready to follow our mascots' journey from Australia to India and Ethiopia and onward to France and the USA where the next Olympics will be taking place!

Kelly Botha
Assistant Principal



Geography: Learning about Australia. Affan is gluing all the Prolo visuals in the correct places on the map.



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The women won a gold medal at the Olympics.



Week 1
Australiana
Math

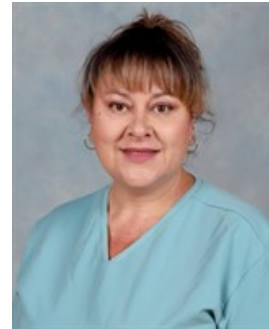




Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Week 3 and we are speeding through the term already! The wellbeing team have been working hard on a range of events for this term. These include the Naidoc week celebrations, Wear it Purple day, R U OK day and Father's/special person day celebrations. It is so lovely being able to celebrate so many important dates and events through the term that recognise appreciates the diversity amongst our community.

This week in our 'meet the team' segment our focus is on Nat and Rachael who are our school nurses. Nurse Nat works at Warringa Crescent and Polly Parade, with Nurse Rachael working at BRC and CRC. Both nurses work incredibly hard to ensure that first aid care is delivered effectively across all four campuses. The nurses organise training for all staff, set up all first aid resources for all areas of the school and for camps, and monitor and implement the documentation that is required for any health needs in school. Nat and Rachael are currently reviewing documentation that we have in school with regards to medical plans required for conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis and allergies etc.



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



Child Safe Standards

This week's focus is on Child Safe Standard 2. This standard relates to child safety and wellbeing being embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.

We have a range of policies and documents that are updated either on an annual or biannual basis that are reflected within the culture of the school. These policies are updated by the school leadership and shared with the school council as well as being available on the school website. Child Safe standards are implemented across the school with guidance from the leadership team and they have become part of all leadership meetings to ensure that this is at the forefront of everyone's minds.

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.

Wear It Purple Day- Friday 30th August

On Friday 30th August 2024, 'Wear It Purple Day' will unite LGBTQIA+ youth and allies 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.

By wearing purple, Australians demonstrate to rainbow young people that they are celebrated and respected, acknowledging all have the right to be proud of who they are and who they are becoming.

At our Primary Years Campuses, we celebrate Family Diversity- that all families are unique and come in different shapes and sizes.

On Friday 30th August, we will have a free dress day where students and staff will have the opportunity to wear purple to celebrate diversity in our school community.

If you would like to purchase items from Wear It Purple to wear on the day, please use this [link](#).





Wellbeing update and School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

The focus for this week is 'We take turns'. Classes are practising this skill ready for the whole school Olympics later this term.



Student Representative Council (SRC)

SRC meetings have started again and it has been so lovely to see all the students.

The Polly Parade team have worked on some ideas that will be used in the mosaic artwork. The artist has been in and met with Alex and the art teachers, ready for this project to get moving forward. We can't wait for all the students to be involved with this.

At Warringa Crescent and BRC the students have had chance to look at the Attitudes to School Survey data. Each campus will be guided to choose an idea to work on through this data. At CRC the students requested last term to work on a project about bullying. This week we started by exploring what this looks like so that we can get a good idea as to what is happening.

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

Early Primary - Raynav

Lower Primary - Luke

Upper Primary - Jean

PPC - Mannat

BRC - Nazih

CRC VPC - Tristan

CRC Flexible Learning - Aditya

Lindsey DeLooze

Assistant Principal





All Abilities Unleashed Kids day

On Wednesday 31st of July, about 100 staff, VPC students and Flexible Learning students were a part of the Variety Abilities Unleashed Kids day at Eagle Stadium, Werribee. Abilities Unleashed is a national initiative by Disability Sports Australia focused on promoting active pathways for people with disabilities. These days mark the start in the active journey of children living with disabilities. Sports included dance, walking soccer, basketball, circus, netball, athletics, lawn bowls, karate and break dancing.

Each event aims to motivate and enable participants to discover local sport and active recreation opportunities in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. The program provides a platform for local inclusive program and disability service providers to collaborate and connect to children with disabilities in their area. Benefits of attending the day: physical and mental health benefits of exercise social wellbeing, friendships, and community connection strengthening balance, coordination and mobility skills teamwork, collaboration and planning increased self-esteem through a sense of achievement.

Overall the day was a big hit with nothing but positive feedback from staff and students!

A BIG thank you to all staff for their support, students for representing the school so well, coaches for being so inclusive and interactive, and to those behind the scenes who facilitated the day.

Dion Killeen

Physical Education Leader

Disability Sports Australia	Organisation	Name	Email	Number
Wyndham City x Sport4All	Football Victoria	Selin Arpaci	Selin.Arpaci@footballvictoria.com.au	03 9474 1824
Variety Victoria	Wyndham Netball Association	Phil Morley	president@wyndhamnetball.com.au	0437 078 739
MatchWorks	Reclink	Fofo Nshimirimana	fofo.nshimirimana@reclink.org	0478 770 992
Reclink x AAA Play	Western Athletics	Stacey	info@westernathletics.com.au	
Bupa Australia	Walking Football Victoria	Mick Trim	mick_trim1@hotmail.com	0430 163 550
Group Dance Fitness	Beatfreakz Fitness	Jenna Chaffey	beatfreakzfitness@yahoo.com	0424 124 661
Bowls	Hoppers Bowls Club	Michael Coleman	bowlscoordinator@hoppersclub.com.au	0419 588 343
Karate	Hoppers Crossing Karate School	Alexander Diaz Dehaney	hopperscrossingkarate@gmail.com	0449 704 588
Circus	Circus Fit Studio	Jo Woodhouse	circusfitstudio@gmail.com	0411 410 684
Basketball	Werribee Basketball	Kylie Bozanic	werribeeabilities@gmail.com	0421 697 574
Disability Sports Australia	Disability Sports Australia	Abilities Unleashed	abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au	0478 159 118
Wyndham City x Sport4All	Wyndham City x Sport4All	Kylie Bozanic	kylie.bozanic@sport4all.com.au	8353 4089
Variety Victoria	Variety Victoria	Kellee Ireland	kellee.ireland@varietyvic.org.au	03 8698 3903
MatchWorks	MatchWorks	Amelia Ansell	amelia.ansell@matchworks.com.au	1300 132 363
Reclink x AAA Play	Reclink x AAA Play	Laura Thomson	Laura.thomson@reclink.org	0432 800 993
Bupa Australia	Bupa Australia	Sal Balkis	sal.balkis@bupa.com.au	0421 616 983





Allied Health update

UNDERSTANDING OUR SENSORY SYSTEMS

VESTIBULAR



What is the Vestibular System?

This system gives us information about our position in space and the movement of our head in relation to gravity. The vestibular system can affect balance, muscle tone, arousal and alert levels, bilateral integration and ocular motor / perceptual functions



How to know if your child seeks vestibular input

Does your child...

- Show an increased tolerance for movement?
- Need to keep moving in order to function?
- Repeatedly and vigorously shake their head?
- Like to be a 'thrill seeker'?
- Not get dizzy?
- Enjoy swinging high?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your child requires **lots** of vestibular input to regulate their nervous system!

How to know if your child avoids vestibular input

Does your child...

- Show an intolerance for movement/does not like lots of movement?
- Avoid playground activities?
- Lose balance easily?
- Become anxious when their feet leave the ground?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your child can only tolerate **small** doses of vestibular input to regulate their nervous system!

How can we target the vestibular system at home?



- Swinging
 - forwards/backwards to calm
 - side to side/spinning to alert
- Rolling on a ball
- Using a scooter board
- Riding a bike
- Yoga
- Leap frog
- Jumping on a trampoline
- Play simon says
- Walk along a balance beam
- Go to the playground
- Dancing
- Throw and catch

If you would like to know more - please reach out to the Occupational Therapy team!



Dates for the diary

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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.

WEAR A TOUCH OF PURPLE TO
SCHOOL



WEAR IT



PURPLE



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



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

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