

WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 1 | 31ST JANUARY 2024 | WEEK 1
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and I hope you were able to spend some quality time as a family over the holiday period. A very special welcome to our families and students who are new to our school. It was a real joy to see the students return on Thursday, so eager and happy. It was equally joyous to welcomed 36 foundation students in our prep classes across both Warringa and Polly Parade campuses on Friday.

So far, the start of this year has been a really smooth one. and have had two curriculum days for staff on Jan 28th and 29th.

On these days, staff undertook professional learning, received health, safety and medical training and prepared classrooms and resources for students.

Staffing

Despite the many staffing and recruitment challenges faced across the state, I am proud that we were able to start off 2025 academic year with all classes with a teacher and at least one education support staff. This staffing profile for the first day is a great achievement. This means that our students will start the year with very best learning opportunities. The first few weeks in classrooms will be focuses on routines, expectations and forming relationships.

On behalf of the Warringa Park Community, I would also like to officially welcome the following new staff to Warringa Park School. All new staff participated in an induction program on Thursday January 23rd.

Teachers

Chloe Clowes
Payal Kumar
Usha Diwan
Kelly Jewers
Shivani Deo
Carly Tunks
Bianca Soares
Aris Vela

Laura Timberlake
Veronica Jandula
Shimal Devi
Isabella Scalpello
Filiz Ates
Iqra Shoukat
Stephen Whittingham

Education Supports

Nathan Burns
Kamrun Naher
Navneet Kaur
Darryn Ruthven
Ornella Peter
Woin Urge
Nilesh Prasad

Speech Therapists

Alicia Algefski
Angelique Gutang

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 10th February
Meet the teacher evening - 5pm

Tuesday 18th February
Curriculum Day @
Cayleys Road and
Bethany Road
campuses - Pupil free day

Wednesday 19th February
Curriculum Day @
Warringa Crescent and
Polly Parade campuses
- Pupil free day

Thursday 20th February
Year 7-10
immunisations

Monday 10th March
Labour Day Public
holiday

Friday 21st March
Harmony Day

Monday 31st February
- Friday 4th April
SSG week

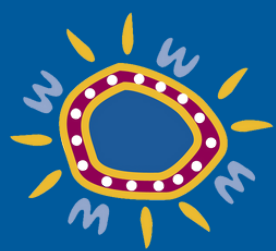
Friday 4th April
School assembly & Last
day of Term One

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



WELCOME



Meet our Leaders

We welcome back as an Assistant Principal, Caitriona Toland who did a one-year Principal secondment at Yarraville SDS in 2024. Alex Stewart will continue to lead Polly Parade Campus as she takes on a new role as an Assistant Principal at the school.

Our school leaders play a vital role in enhancing the quality of education at the school and ensuring that we are continually working on improving learning and wellbeing outcomes for all our students.



Caitriona Toland
Assistant Principal



Kelly Botha
Assistant Principal



Danielle Heckmann
Assistant Principal



Lindsey Delooze
Assistant Principal



Tim Hilton
Assistant Principal
Campus Principal CRC



Kim Zammit
Assistant Principal
Campus Principal BRC



Alex Stewart
Assistant Principal
Campus Principal PRC



Stacey Hilder
Leading Teacher Upper
Primary



Meagan MacDonald
Leading Teacher Middle
Primary



Tamara Collett
Leading Teacher Lower
Primary



Tim Fegan
Leading Teacher CRC

Our school encourages all parents and carers to have a voice in the school and we are ready to listen to your suggestions for improvement and any concerns you may have. To do so, please contact your class teacher on Seesaw for an initial appointment with them. If you need to make an appointment with a member of the leadership team, please arrange this through the administration team. On Monday February 10th, you will have a chance to meet teacher of your child from 5pm. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about child's class expectations, programs and teaching and learning overview.

Another avenue to engage with the school is as a member of the school council. Please keep an eye out for calls for nominations for the upcoming Council elections.

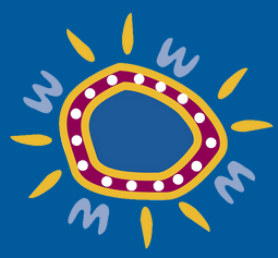
Seesaw for our New Families

Seesaw is the digital application that enables parents and carers the opportunity to view the teaching and learning that occurs in your child's classroom. It will also be the means by which staff and parents can communicate on matters concerning their child. If your child is new to the school, he/she would have brought home log in details for this app. If you have not signed up to Seesaw, please do so. If you require assistance in signing up to Seesaw, do take the time to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Compass

All parents need to sign into the COMPASS portal. This portal will enable parents and carers to make SSG appointments, access their child reports and school bulletins.

Please click [here](#) for guidance on how to use Compass.



Weekly newsletters

Our weekly newsletters and student updates will change in 2025. On a three-weekly basis, we will rotate between the following updates. In one week, you will see the Principal's Newsletter. This will have an update from myself of the goings on across our four campuses and contain any information that I believe is important to our families. The following week will be a newsletter titled, "Beyond the Classroom News". This is where we will share our Student Representative Council (SRC) updates, celebrate our weekly SWPBS student award winners, Allied health news and our Specialist class activities. The third newsletter will be our "Campus News", where you will see what is going on in our learning centres and be able to hear all about what has gone on in your child's class over the past three weeks. We will then loop back around and start the cycle again with a Principal's newsletter and so on.

In doing this, we hope to make our weekly newsletter shorter, making it quicker and easier to read for our families. It is vital that you read this each week as there is always valuable information included. After a term, we will seek feedback from our families on these changes.

Uniform

Warringa Park has a uniform and Sun Smart policy. Please support the school to keep students safe by ensuring that your child comes to school in uniform. If you have purchased uniforms from stores such as Kmart and Target, etc., it is essential that you get the school colours of the uniform correct. All new students will be provided with a hat at school when the delivery arrives.

Heating of foods at school

Due to health and safety concerns, staff members will no longer be able to heat/toast student lunches. If your child likes/needs to have hot food for their lunch, you will need to send it already heated in a thermos type device. [Here is a link](#) to an example thermos. We thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

Regular school attendance enables students to maximise their full potential and to actively participate and engage in their learning. While students must be kept at home if they are unwell, it is parent responsibility to make sure that your child arrives at school on time and that they attend school on all school days unless unwell.

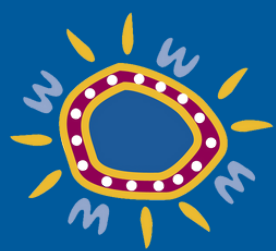
The school uses an SMS system that notifies parents of their child's absence if a reason for the absence is not recorded. If you receive this SMS, please communicate the reason for absence either by phone or via COMPASS. If your child is at school and you receive this message, please do not be alarmed as it may likely be that the roll was marked before your child arrived. In this case, please ring the school to confirm.

I would like to also emphasise the importance of students starting school on time. If you are dropping your child off, please note that staff members are scheduled to collect students from 8:50 to 9:00 am. The morning learning routine is crucial in setting up the day to be successful. When staff have to leave classrooms to collect a student during learning time, the safety and learning needs of other students can be compromised. We understand that students may have appointments but if that is not the case, we encourage all students to be at school on time unless other arrangements have been made.

Have a wonderful week ahead and I look forward to working with you all this year.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal



Dates for the diary

Term One 30th January - 4th April

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SSG week

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School assembly & Last day of Term One

Term Two 22nd April - 4th July

Tuesday 22nd April

First day of Term Two

Friday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public holiday

Monday 12th May

CRC School photos

Thursday 15th May

PPC & BRC School photos

Friday 16th May

WCC School photos

Wednesday 21st May

Curriculum Day - Pupil free day

Friday 6th June

Curriculum Day - Pupil free day

Monday 9th June

King's Birthday Public holiday

Friday 4th July

School assembly & Last day of Term Two

Term Three 21st July - 19th September

Monday 21st July

First day of Term Three

Friday 19th September

School assembly & Last day of Term Three

Term Four 6th October - 18th December

Monday 6th October

First day of Term Four

Monday 3rd November

Curriculum Day - Pupil free day

Tuesday 4th November

Melbourne Cup Public holiday

Thursday 18th December

School assembly & Last day of Term Four