

WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 1 | 4TH APRIL | WEEK 10
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term 1 has arrived upon us incredibly quickly. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your connection to our school and for the commitment and hard work you show every day in supporting your child to be ready for learning.

I was incredibly pleased to see and/or hear of your presence this week at our recent Student Support Group (SSG) meetings this week. Your input into your child's priority goals is highly valuable and teachers will be sending you discussion notes that were taken during the SSG meeting. We were really pleased to have had over 80% parent/carers attendance in these meetings.

As Term 1 ends, we can only reflect on how lucky we have been to undertake most of this term with resources and opportunities that were presented to enhance student learning and wellbeing. We have been fortunate that our programs and events have unfolded as planned during the term and our teachers now look forward to undertake extensive work in term 2.

We end a fantastic term that has seen some significant accomplishments; our Foundation students began their schooling, settling into their learning spaces with their peers and new teachers and the entire student group beginning their learning with rigour and intent. The Harmony and Family Picnic Days were appreciated and enjoyed by many- a great way to bring our community together.

With Learning and Wellbeing remaining our highest priority this term, our end of term assembly today was yet another celebration of the achievements from across all campuses. The performance by Room 24 was incredible and the highlights represented the great work that took place across the school.

Lastly, our staff have worked tirelessly over the last ten weeks, and for that I applaud and thank them. It is also time to farewell one of our Assistant Principals, Lindsey Delooze as she takes on the role of a principal for Lockerbie Special School, a new school that will open in 2026. Congratulations and best wishes to Lindsey who will be missed by many of us from the Warringa community. Our best wishes also go out to Devyanika from Room 4 who will also be leaving us at the end of term.

UPCOMING DATES

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

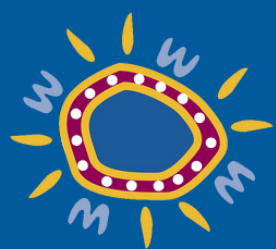
Friday 6th June
Curriculum Day - Pupil free day

Monday 9th June
King's Birthday Public holiday

Friday 4th July
School assembly & Last day of Term - 2pm finish

PROTECT
Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility





Principal's Newsletter

School Assembly

We had another very successful assembly today with all classes and many families joining us. Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards:

Principal's Awards



SWPBS Awards



Specialist Awards



Ashwini Sharma

Principal



Curriculum Update

Dear Families,

It has been such a wonderful term of teaching and learning; our staff and students can be very proud of themselves!

I hope that all families have reviewed their child's Individual Education Plan or Educational Career Action Plan and attended a SSG to discuss the goals which have been set with the classroom staff. If you were not able to attend a SSG this term, please contact your classroom teacher and one can be arranged early in term 2.

Next term students in the primary learning areas will be learning about their personal histories through inquiry learning. They will be investigating who is in their family and what they do together. We are looking forward to sharing more over the course of next term!

Kelly Botha

Assistant Principal

Who is in my family and what do we do?

TERM 2 INQUIRY

KEY SKILLS HISTORY

- experience, react, participate, identify, recognise, respond, sequence, relate, explain, describe, compare, create

THE FOCUS OF THIS INQUIRY IS HISTORY!

Students will start to investigate their personal and family histories. For some students that can just be around who is in their family! The concept of the past is introduced to students. For some students that could be what happened before lunch or yesterday. Students explore how things were different in the past. Student will have the opportunity to experience items from the past

Why teach history?

History aims to ensure that students develop: interest in, and enjoyment of, historical study for lifelong learning and work, including their capacity and willingness to be informed and active citizens

What are we aiming for?

To provide a study of personal and family histories. Students will learn about their own history and that of their family. This may include stories from different cultures and other parts of the world. As participants in their own history, students build on their knowledge and understanding of how the past is different from the present.

Key Questions

- What people are familiar and support me?
- What people are part of my immediate family?
- What stories do other people have about my recent past?
- What is my history and what objects relate to this?

Who is in my family?

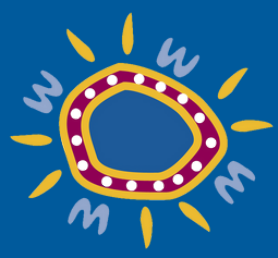
What do we live in?

Where do we go?

What do we celebrate?

How has it changed?

Students will learn about our mascot's histories!



Wellbeing & Innovation

Creating a Child Safe Environment at Warringa Park School

At Warringa Park School, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. As part of our commitment to child safety, we uphold the Victorian Child Safe Standards, which guide us in fostering a secure and supportive environment for all students. This month, we focus on **Standard 3: Empowering Children and Young People**.

What is Standard 3? Standard 3 emphasizes the importance of student voice and agency in creating a child-safe culture. This means that children and young people should be empowered to participate in decisions that affect them, know their rights, and feel confident to speak up if they have concerns.

How We Implement Standard 3 at Warringa Park School:

- **Student Voice & Leadership:** We provide opportunities for students to express their ideas and opinions through student leadership groups, classroom discussions, and feedback surveys.
- **Education on Rights & Safety:** Our wellbeing programs incorporate lessons on personal safety, respectful relationships, and self-advocacy, ensuring students understand their rights.
- **Encouraging Open Communication:** We foster a school culture where students feel safe to speak to trusted adults about any concerns they may have. This is demonstrated through our Safe helper program.
- **Inclusive Practices:** We ensure that every student, regardless of ability, background, or personal circumstances, is heard and valued.

How Families Can Support This Standard: Families play a key role in empowering children to speak up and be involved in decisions affecting them. You can support your child by:

- Encouraging open conversations about their school experiences and feelings.
- Reinforcing the message that their voice matters and they have the right to feel safe.
- Helping them identify trusted adults they can speak to if they need support.

Together, we can create a school environment where every child feels safe, heard, and respected. If you have any questions about our child safety policies, please feel free to reach out to the Wellbeing Team.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making Warringa Park School a safe and inclusive place for all students.

Danielle Heckmann

Assistant Principal



Dates for the diary

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Friday 4th July
School assembly & Last day of Term - 2pm finish

Term Three 21st July - 19th September

Monday 21st July
First day of Term Three

Friday 19th September
School assembly & Last day of Term
Three - 2pm finish

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 -
finish time TBC

Moving houses - Important Information

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:

- If you're planning to move, please visit www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/dta_search 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 (BRC and CRC) or Taara Boyles (WCC and PPC) at transport@warringapark.vic.edu.au

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](#) 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 to apply.