

WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 2 | 16TH MAY | WEEK 4
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of Week 4 of Term 2, I can't believe we have already been back for a month! It has been a great start to Term 2 with lots of activities going on at all four campuses.

Mini Woolworths at Cayleys Road

Last week we had the pleasure of not only opening our Mini Woolworths at Cayleys Road, but it was the hundredth of its kind to be opened in Australia! We were excited to have special guests from Woolworths, including the CEO, the CEO from Fujitsu Australia, local MP Matthew Hilakari, Wyndham Mayor Mia Shaw, our School Council President Maricel Soriano and several School Council Members, as well as leadership and staff from Warringa Park School. Of course, the most important guests were our students who served customers in our new store. This program will give our students the opportunity to work in a real retail environment, working on Point of sale, doing stock counts, ordering plus so much more. A big thank you to Tim Hilton, Azemine (our work experience coordinator) and the team at Cayleys Road Campus for the work they have done and will continue to do to make this program a success.

Mother's Day

This past weekend was Mother's Day, and I hope all of our mother's, grandmother's and mother figures in our students' lives had a wonderful celebration. Each of our campuses held an Afternoon tea celebration for parents and students and we had a wonderful turnout at all of them. I thank those at each campus for the care and attention they put into making it a special time.

Education Support Appreciation Day

This week marks Education Support Personnel Day in Australia. With over 200 ES staff at Warringa Park School, I can attest that we cannot do what we do without the amazing support we receive from our education supports every single day. We celebrated our ES at each campus with a morning tea and small token of our appreciation of their work.

Swimming

Last week our swimming program for our Warringa Crescent students started and it certainly began with a splash! It is wonderful for our students to receive the opportunity to partake in these swimming lessons under the guidance of staff at Swim for All alongside their teachers, ES staff, PE teachers and Allied Health staff. Thanks to all those involved in this program, swimming and water safety is such an invaluable lesson for our students to learn. A shout out to Tom Hayes for organising this.

UPCOMING DATES

**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

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Principal's Newsletter

New Build at Warringa Crescent

I am proud and excited to be able to say that our new building at Warringa Crescent is open for business! Staff and students moved into this space on Tuesday and the excitement on their faces seeing their new spaces for the first time was delightful!

I look forward to commencing the next stage of our building project with the dismantling of the old rooms 8-13 and then moving onto works starting at Bethany Road.

Big thanks to all at Warringa who have been involved in this project, Tim Hilton, Alison Rooney, Toni Bohannon, Andrew Warner and the maintenance team.



Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS)

As advised in last weeks newsletter, from this week until 13th June, students in Grades 4 to 12, will have the opportunity to participate in the Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS). The AtoSS is a voluntary student survey offered by the Department of Education every year to help schools and the department understand students' experiences of school. We will ask your child about their thoughts and feelings about their school, their learning, relationships with other students, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to manage the collection of the online survey and will provide support to schools through a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at our school from 12th May to 13th June.

Education Week

Last but not the least....

Next week we will be celebrating Education week across Victoria. The theme for this year's Education Week is "Celebration of Cultures" focusing on diversity and creating an inclusive school environment. Our school has a committee overseeing Cultural Safety which aims to create a culturally safe school environment for all members of our community.

ALL OUR STUDENTS DESERVE A PLACE TO LEARN, GROW AND THRIVE.

On Tuesday May 20th, we invite all students to come in dressed to celebrate cultures. This can include but not limited to, traditional/cultural outfits, sports/footy themed clothing and/or accessories, etc

I am looking forward to celebrating diversity.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal

**Celebration
of Cultures**

Education Week
19-23 May 2025



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Curriculum Update

Dear Families,

Students have been undertaking fantastic work based on our Inquiry and Project Based Learning topic which focuses on students' personal histories!

In the last week of term 1 students at the primary campuses hosted family picnics. Families were invited to come to school to have afternoon tea as well as share stories and artefacts from the past with the class. This provided a springboard into term 2's inquiry and staff are able to use the students' first-hand experiences as a basis for their learning.

Celebrating History with a Family Picnic



Room 9 had an amazing family picnic day. Yusuf's mum brought her favourite teddy that she had 46 years ago. Yusuf's grandma brought a special treasure to show us all. Yusuf's grand dad shared stories about what Hoppers Crossing looked like about 60 years back. Aung's dad shared his childhood days in Myanmar (Burma). Lana's dad shared about his childhood days growing up in east Melbourne. We learned that most of areas were farmland and paddocks instead of the roads and buildings that we have today. It was a session of celebration, joy and embracing each other's past stories. Thank you families.



Students at the Bethany Road campus have been investigating how things have changed. By comparing photos of themselves from the past and present to working out how people communicated before telephones students have been provided with many hands-on learning experiences to develop their understanding of this concept.

Kelly Botha
Assistant Principal





Wellbeing & Innovation

We were thrilled to celebrate Mother's Day with afternoon teas at each campus, bringing together our students and the incredible women in their lives. These events were a beautiful opportunity to recognise and appreciate the love and support our families provide every day. Thank you to all who attended and helped make these moments so special.

Our Music and Movement Program has also begun, bringing joy, creativity, and sensory engagement to our students in small group settings. This program encourages self-expression, coordination, and emotional regulation through rhythm, dance, and sound—and the smiles on students' faces speak volumes!

Our senior students have had the opportunity to participate in The Man Cave workshops—powerful sessions designed to support young men in building healthy relationships, emotional literacy, and positive identity. We are proud to partner with organisations that align with our values of inclusion, respect, and care.

Next week our Senior students will engage with the Pat Cronin Foundation, learning about the importance of choosing kindness and understanding the impacts of violence. These sessions empower our students to be upstanders and promote safer communities.

We also want to remind families that the Attitudes to School Survey is now open for students in Years 4–12. This important survey provides valuable insight into how our students feel about their learning, safety, and connectedness at school. The feedback helps guide our planning and improvements, so we encourage all eligible students to take part.

Danielle Heckmann

Assistant Principal





Dates for the diary

Term Two 22nd April - 4th July

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

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

Warringa Park's bus transport zone was rezoned last year. 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 will affect your child's eligibility for bus access if the new address is out of the new Warringa School Zone.

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.