

WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 2 | 6TH JUNE | WEEK 7
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

From Reconciliation Week activities, Active learning in classrooms, play based/applied/project-based learning and more, there has been no lack of opportunities for students at Warringa Park School to be active and learning recently. The activities in the last month have been a celebration and achievement in so many ways. With staff completing the mid-year assessments, we proudly acknowledge the growth students have made this semester. This is a shout out to the students and to the staff who have supported them.

During National Reconciliation Week, students and staff had various opportunities to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. We focused on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have looked after our land and waters for over 60,000 years. All campuses got into the theme "Bridging now to next", in several ways including painting murals, dot painting on rocks, making a mosaic birdbath, sensory play with clay and talking about what the land means to them. The celebration was a great success across all four campuses and we are already looking towards how to do even more in 2026!

#BridgingNowToNext #NRW2025



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 6th June

Curriculum Day – Pupil free day

Monday 9th June

King's Birthday Public holiday

Monday 30th – Friday 4th July

SSG week

Tuesday 1st July

Students finish at 1pm for SSGs

Friday 4th July

School assembly & Last day of Term – 2pm finish

Monday 21st July

First day of Term Three

Friday 19th September

School assembly & Last day of Term Three – 2pm finish

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility





Principal's Newsletter

PASS Conference

Last week, some of our key leaders attended the PASS (Principal's Association of Specialist Schools) conference with leaders of other special schools in Melbourne. Leaders learnt new information and were challenged in their thinking, listening to keynotes on innovative ways that special schools are delivering curriculum and maintaining wellbeing and engagement. Well done to Kelly Hartley, Danielle Heckmann, Laura Meney and Meagan McDonald who presented at the conference on our COPs (Communities of Practice). Congratulations to Tim Hilton also for his role as a member of the organising committee. Most of all, our students were the real stars. The VPC team had prepared gifts for all participants which were the centre pieces for the tables, our student videos highlighted the process of making the candles, bath bombs and chocolates were also played for the audiences, a great representation of Warringa Park and our talented students.

Student Opinion Survey

Students in Upper Primary and Secondary campuses are nearing completion on the Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS) which is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Students have shared their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general in this survey. We are proud of how honestly students have responded to the questions and look forward to sharing the outcome of the survey with you. This survey closes next week on 13th June.

Education Week

Education Week is celebrated annually in Term 2 in Victoria.

This year's theme was, 'Celebration of Cultures' and WPS wanted to highlight the diversity of our community and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school. Students and staff were asked to come to school dressed in their cultural dress and in classrooms students participated in fun activities celebrating different cultures. It was great to see so many of our staff and students dressed up and we are very proud of how many people in our school community come from different culture backgrounds.

Swimming program

Our four-week swimming program at Warringa Crescent is complete and I wish to thank Tom Hayes, the specialist, Allied Health and classroom teams for their support of this program. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces going to and from the swimming pool each week, knowing that our students are receiving invaluable lessons on water safety. Well done to all involved.

Lastly, I wish to inform you all that one of our Assistant Principals, Kelly Hartley, will be finishing up with us next Friday 13th June to commence her maternity leave. We wish Kelly and her husband all the very best for the upcoming birth of their first child and look forward to having her back in 2026.

A reminder that tomorrow is pupil free day as it is Report Writing Day for our teachers. Reports will be available by 27th June. Monday is also a public holiday.

Have a safe long weekend.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal



Kelly Hartley
Assistant Principal



Wellbeing & Innovation

At Warringa Park School, the wellbeing and safety of our students is at the heart of everything we do. As educators, we are all mandatory reporters, which means we have a legal obligation to report any concerns we may have about a child's safety or wellbeing. This includes concerns about abuse, neglect, or harm. Our staff are trained to act quickly and responsibly, ensuring every child in our care is supported, protected, and safe. We also encourage open communication with families—if you ever have concerns or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to our wellbeing team.

On a brighter note, we are thrilled to share the success of our music Movement and Choirs at the Warringa Crescent Campus and Bethany Road Campus. Our students showed incredible enthusiasm, talent, and teamwork through this creative outlet, and their performance was a highlight for many. Music and movement are powerful tools for self-expression, confidence, and community building, and we look forward to continuing and expanding this much-loved program.

Finally, a gentle reminder about the importance of daily attendance. Every school day matters. Being at school every day gives students the best chance to learn, connect with their peers, and access the support they need. Even missing a few days here and there can add up to significant gaps in learning and social development. If your child is facing challenges attending school, please contact us so we can work together to provide support.

Together, we can ensure our students feel safe, supported, and set up for success—every single day.

Danielle Heckmann
Assistant Principal





Dates for the diary

Term Two 22nd April - 4th July

Friday 6th June

Curriculum Day - Pupil free day

Monday 9th June

King's Birthday Public holiday

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SSG week

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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.