

WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS



TERM 1 | 13TH MARCH | WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Families and carers,

The last few weeks at Warringa has been engaging and fun as our students participated in both indoor and outdoor learning, including camps and swimming programs. Outside of classroom learning can have a positive effect on student outcomes, including educational, interpersonal, social and critical thinking skills, as well as mental and physical health. We believe that applied learning opportunities we provide our students is an engaging way for students to learn various mathematics and literacy skills whilst helping build individuals' personal and social skills.

Student Support Group Meetings (SSG's)

We look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming SSG meetings, where teachers, parents/carers, along with any Allied Health or Support Workers will be meeting together to plan, discuss and review students Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals. This term we will be scheduling meetings over a week beginning Monday 30th March with the late-night sessions on Wednesday April 1st. You will receive a link to book a time with your child's teacher.. During this meeting, teachers will discuss your child's successes and any challenges they might be facing. Together, we'll develop a collaborative and individual plan to ensure your child reaches their full potential. We encourage you to attend these meetings on-site.

We have also scheduled SSG meetings in terms 2 and 3 this year.

International Women's Day

Sunday 8th March was International Women's Day (IWD), an annual day to celebrate the social, cultural and political achievements of women across the world.

At Warringa Park School, we are proud to promote a gender-equal school community for our staff, students and our families. We had a number of female students from the School Representative Council (SRC) join some school staff for a special morning tea at cafe 11 where they shared what it means for them to be a leader /student at Warringa Park.

Harmony Week

We look forward to Harmony Day celebrations that will be held at all campuses next week. This is yet another way to celebrate diversity and culture. Harmony Day is celebrated throughout the country in the coming week. This celebration recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Warringa Park is an inclusive school and will be hosting celebrations focusing on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. Students are encouraged to wear orange or cultural attire on the day. Please watch this [video](#) to see how the members of our school say "hello" in their own languages.

At Warringa Crescent Campus, contractors have been hard at work in creating a "Yarning Circle", a place where we can share knowledge, foster respectful relationships and pass on culture. We look forward to unveiling our Yarning Circle on Monday 16th March.

A reminder that our AGM will be held at Warringa Crescent Campus on Monday 16th March at 6pm. You are all welcome to attend.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 1st April
SSG night - students finish at 1pm

Thursday 2nd April
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First day of Term Two

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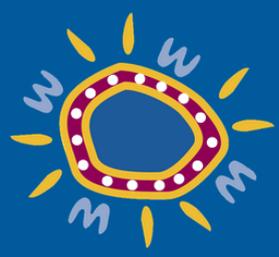
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Report writing day - pupil free day

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Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility





Wellbeing & Innovation

Learning walks have now been completed across all campuses to gather baseline data on current practice. The data will inform our priority areas moving forward, particularly in relation to Tier 1 consistency and classroom climate. These insights will guide our next phase of targeted support and professional learning.

Feedback from the Foodbank cooking classes continues to be highly positive, with strong student engagement and growing family connections. We have supported student groupwork through the Drumbreat and Safe School Helpers program. Term 2 we will provide additional opportunities including a primary year's choir group and would like to continue our art therapy/social skills groups. Our new Youth worker has expressed interest in also facilitating a positive body image program that wellbeing coordinators will support. Overall, the school is building strong momentum toward a more aligned and proactive whole-school wellbeing approach.

Thank you to our NDIS navigators who planned our Futures Expo (Wednesday 4th March) which supported the families of our year 11 and 12 students to plan for post school pathways with providers from supported employment, further education and adult day services attending. Navigators are also planning bus tours for term two to allow parents/carers to visit the sites of expo providers they are interested in to get more information and view operations of these providers on a typical day.

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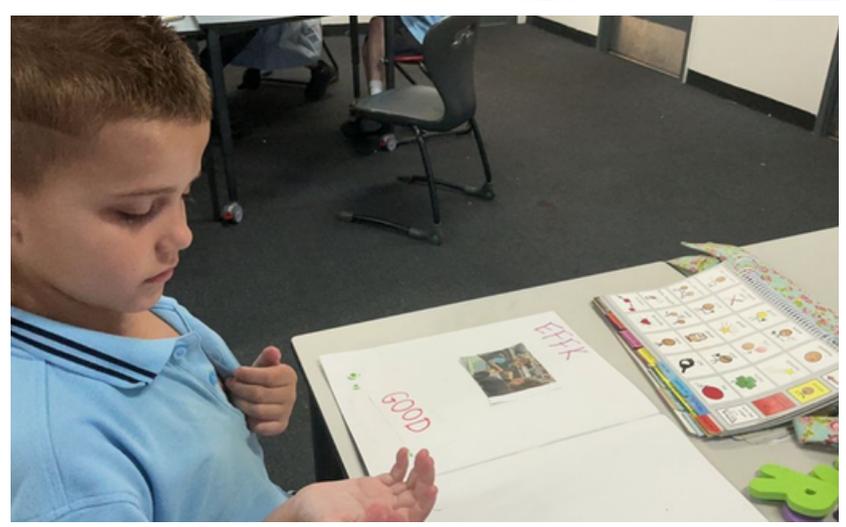
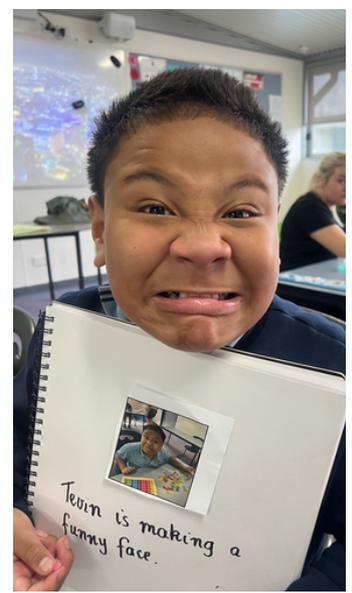
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Assistant Principal

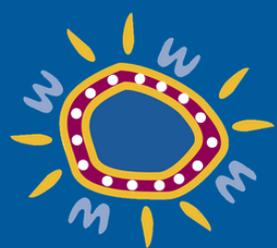
Curriculum update

In week 6 we had our learning consultants Helen Tainsh and Jane Farrell work with our whole school for 4 days. Each term they support our classrooms and leaders with the implementation of Comprehensive Literacy. This year, our focus is on the implementation of Writing practices. Jane and Helen spent time in classrooms modelling writing practices. All staff participated in an hour workshop presented by Jane and Helen around 'Differentiating Writing instruction'. This workshop focused on supporting teachers to respond to the individual writing needs of all of their students. The key message for Writing instruction is that our goal for writing is on the function of writing (what I am trying to communicate) and less about the form of writing (handwriting) which is addressed in other activities across the day. Tevin in group 40 wrote about his funny face after using a picture of him reflecting different emotions in a respectful relationship lesson.

Helen Tainsh facilitated a 3-hour PODD workshop for our new staff. This workshop was centred on building their understanding of early communication functions, why AAC is important for our learners. Staff practiced using PODD to model communication and began exploring pathways. The feedback was extremely positive from staff who appreciate the time to upskill themselves in AAC.

Amy Byrne
Assistant Principal





Dates for the diary

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Term Three 13th July - 18th September

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Term Four 5th October - 18th December

Monday 5th October

First day of Term Four

Tuesday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Thursday 17th December

Last day of Term Four

2026 School Bus information

To help our bus runs operate smoothly, please ensure a parent or carer is at the bus stop on time for pick-up and drop-off. If a student is not collected by the end of the route, they will be returned to the main campus in line with our Transport Policy.

If your child will not be catching the afternoon bus, please let your Campus Admin know as soon as possible.

Please be aware that a change of address may affect your child's eligibility for bus access if the new address is outside the Warringa Park School zone.

For new bus requests or if you are moving house, please complete the form here:
https://secure.aul.adobesign.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFCIBAA3AAABlqZhAZCcOTyrIHxhJwAY_TylAUdvt...

For other transport questions please contact 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.