

# WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS



## TERM 2 | 15TH 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.

### **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 today 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.

### **Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS)**

As advised in a previous Compass post, from this week until 12th 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.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

**Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> May**  
Cayleys Road  
Campus -  
School Photos

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Report writing  
day - pupil free  
day

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
June**  
King's Birthday  
Public Holiday

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
June**  
Last day of  
Term Two

**PROTECT**



# Principal's Newsletter

## Education Week

Next week we will be celebrating Education week across Victoria. The theme for this year's Education Week is "Showcase your School".

You will have received an invitation to join your child's class for a lesson in scheduling. On the specified invitation day, you will;

- Arrive at your child's campus
- Go to the classroom
- Watch the teacher make the resource
- Help your child make their resource
- Sign out

I am also delighted to share a special upcoming resource to our Prep and Grade one students that was created by our talented students in 2023—a beautifully illustrated children's book that features Indigenous Aboriginal animals and names to teach children how to count. This unique book which was created as part of our Project 10 maths initiative using a tens frame, celebrates the rich biodiversity and cultural heritage of Indigenous Australia, making learning both fun and meaningful for our young learners.

The book will be distributed this week, and I encourage you to take this opportunity to read it with your child at home. A wonderful way to reinforce their learning is by practicing counting together as you enjoy the story. It's a fun and engaging activity that can help develop their numeracy skills while fostering an appreciation for Indigenous culture.

I hope this book becomes a cherished part of your family's reading time, and I look forward to seeing our students continue to grow in knowledge and respect for Australia's diverse heritage.

**Ashwini Sharma**

Principal



## EDUCATION SUPPORT DAY 2026



On this Education Support Day, we want to sincerely thank each of you for the incredible work you do every day. Your dedication, patience, and compassion make a profound difference in the lives of our students and the entire school community.

Your support creates a nurturing environment where students can thrive, and your commitment does not go unnoticed. We truly appreciate your hard work and the positive impact you have.

Thank you for everything you do!



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## Curriculum report

During week 3, we were extremely fortunate enough to have our literacy consultants Jane Farrall and Helen Tainsh working across our four campuses. They spent the week in classes working alongside our teachers and education support staff to continue to implement independent writing practices aligned with the Comprehensive Literacy Instruction for All framework. During independent writing, students are learning about the construction of messages through text. As the goal is for students to generate and communicate their ideas, they are supported to use alternative writing tools. These tools allow students to increase the volume of their message without the need to focus on handwriting, which may be challenging for many reasons.

Some examples of writing tools include:

### • Writing tools: Alternative pencils



Sensory pencil toolbox

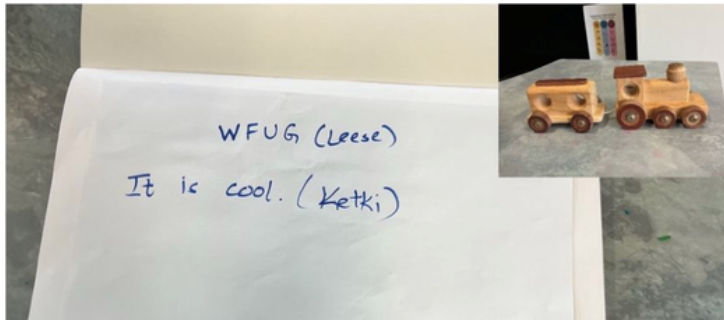


A flip chart



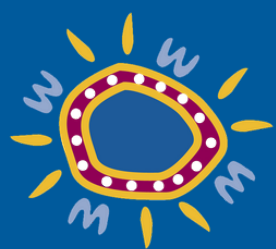
A QWERTY keyboard

We are so excited to continue to see our students share their ideas as they develop their writing skills.



**Amy Byrne**  
Assistant Principal





# Wellbeing & Innovation

## Every Day Counts

The importance of regular school attendance.

At Warringa Park School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings. Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or Wellbeing Coordinator about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via Compass or call the school on 9749 5774, so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see [Attendance and Missing School](#).

Remember, Every Day Counts.

**Danielle Heckmann**

Assistant Principal

## WELCOME TO EDUCATION WEEK!

Thank you for coming to school to take part in your child's activity. [Here is what to do when you arrive.](#)



### VISUAL TIMETABLE FOR PARENTS



1



#### ARRIVE AT THE TIME YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER HAS SET

Please arrive at the time  
your child's teacher  
has set.



2



#### TELL OUR STAFF YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS

Let the office staff know that  
you are here for Education Week  
activities, and your child's name  
and class.



3



#### WAIT TO BE COLLECTED

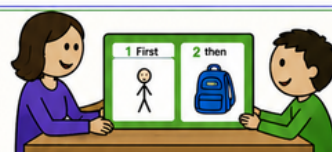
Please wait in the office area  
until someone from your child's  
class comes to get you.



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#### COMPLETE THE ACTIVITY

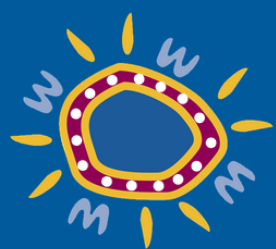
Complete the Visual timetable  
activity with your child in  
their classroom.



*We're so happy you're here!*

Thank you for being part of your child's learning journey.





# Dates for the diary

## Term Two 21<sup>st</sup> April - 26<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – DATE CHANGED  
Cayleys Road Campus – School Photos

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Report writing day – pupil free day

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

King's Birthday Public Holiday

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Last day of Term Two

## Term Three 13<sup>th</sup> July - 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

First day of Term Three

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Last day of Term Three

## Term Four 5<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

First day of Term Four

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Shenol.Ross@education.vic.gov.au) to apply.