

WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 2 | 24TH APRIL | WEEK 1
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have all had a relaxing and well-deserved Easter break and enjoyed the weather this week. Term 1 was a positive start to 2026, and we now look forward to another busy term of learning, activities and events ahead. We would like to showcase our school during education week next month and hope to see many of you visit your child's class to see how our students respond to class and individual schedules. Please keep an eye out for the invitation.

Swimming

The beautiful Melbourne weather has also been perfect for our students who commenced their swimming program this week. Swimming is an essential life skill in Australia, building not only water safety awareness but also confidence, coordination, and resilience.

It has been wonderful to see our students, including our youngest learners in Prep, approach their lessons with enthusiasm and courage. Learning to swim from an early age is so important, and we are proud of the positive attitudes our students are already demonstrating.

We look forward to watching their skills develop over the coming weeks.

Capital works

Over the school holidays, we have had major works happening at school. At BRC we have had new gate put in so that parents /carers can come into the school while dropping or picking up their child. We are hoping that this area will be ready in a fortnight's time. At Warringa Crescent, we are also upgrading the wait area for families with additional seats and again hoping for this work to be completed in the next fortnight. Café 11 has also undergone renovations which has created a larger and safer space for students in the kitchen.

Industrial action

You may have heard on the news that some staff are planning to take further industrial action this term. Please note that the AEU is continuing to meet with the Department for further negotiations and if agreement is not made before the time, some members of our staff may be taking half day stop work action on 13th May. We will not know how this would affect our school until Monday 11th May. If this affects our school in any way, we will communicate the plan to families by 4:00 pm on Monday 11th May.

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 8th May
Mother's Day
celebration - all
campuses @
2pm

**Tuesday 12th
May**

Warringa
Crescent -
School Photos

**Wednesday 13th
May**

Cayleys Road -
School Photos

**Thursday 14th
May**

Polly Parade -
School Photos

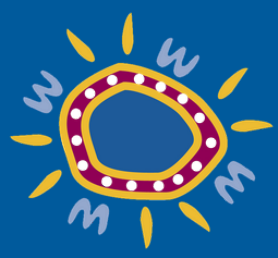
Friday 15th May
Bethany Road -
School Photos

Friday 5th June
Report writing
day - pupil free
day

**Monday 8th
June**
King's Birthday
Public Holiday

Friday 26th June
Last day of Term
Two

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Principal's Newsletter

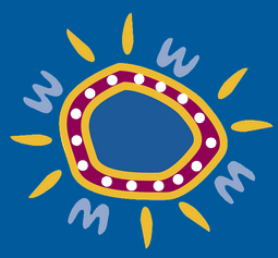
Anzac Day

Today our students took part in activities to remember all of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who had fallen in the First World War and subsequent wars and conflicts. Lest We Forget. We had a wonderful ANZAC ceremony arranged by the Specialist team. Livestreamed across all campuses, a service from Warringa Crescent Campus included the marching band, a flag raising ceremony, Acknowledgement of Country, an ANZAC poem and song performed by W30, a team drama performance, followed by a minute silence and the national anthem. To finish the ceremony, wreaths were lain at each campus as a sign of respect for those who have given their lives for our country. Thank you to all the staff and students who worked hard to make our ceremony so memorable.

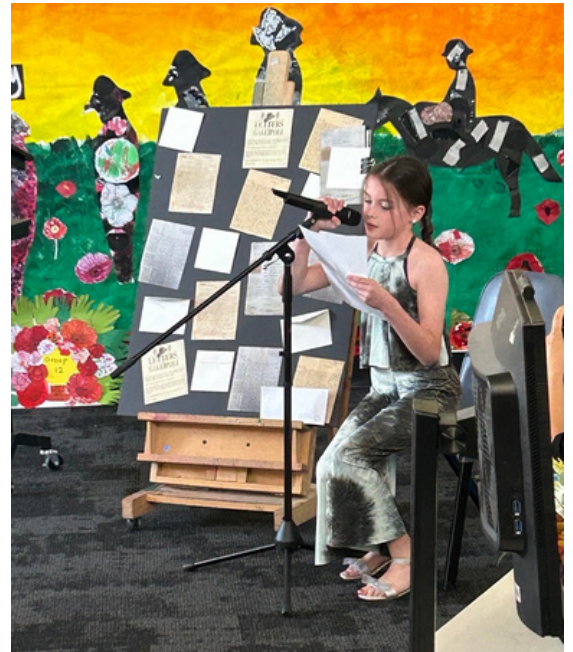
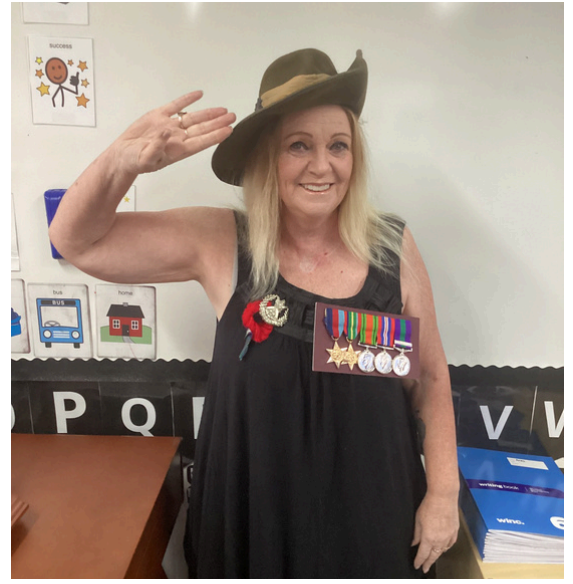
Have a great weekend.

Ashwini Sharma
Principal





Principal's Newsletter





Wellbeing & Innovation

This week we started with a curriculum day to allow our teachers to engage in professional learning. This professional learning is key to ensuring our staff have the skills and knowledge they need to get the best outcomes for our students.

Our teachers participated in a day of workshops connected to understanding the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model. It is a framework that guides teachers in designing effective lessons by integrating evidence-based practices across planning, instruction, and assessment to improve student learning outcomes.

Our Education support team participate in workshops connected to Team Teach. This program trains educators to respond to challenging behaviour safely and respectfully through de-escalation, communication, and positive strategies.

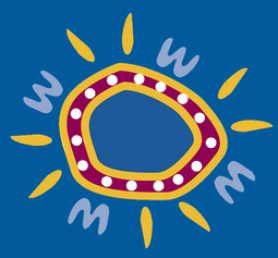
Across both sessions, the workshops were facilitated by our very own staff, who shared their expertise with their colleagues. We extend a huge thank you to these staff! We also extend a huge thank you to our learning consultant Andrea Hillbrick for her facilitation across the teacher PL session.

This term we have many projects occurring across the school this term that our students are participating in. Our Prep to 9 students are participating in inquiry projects connected to places at school and in their communities. Our two ASDAN Teams are working on some amazing projects to demonstrate their competencies. One teams project is "Working with Tuckers Sandwich Shop" to make a visual menu to support people who are unable to read to successfully order independently or with less support. The other team are going to make a 'community access guide' where they make a booklet to be kept in our buses which have a range of locations with information around toilets, facilities etc to support classes when they are out on community access. Our year 10 students are participating in a Cultural exchange box with schools in Korea and America. Finally our VPC students in Year 11 & 12 are creating a CRC handbook for parents attending the year 9 family information night. We are really excited to see this learning come to life across the term.

Amy Byrne

Assistant Principal





Wellbeing & Innovation

This term, our wellbeing focus at Warringa Park School is on supporting students through the use of visual schedules.

A visual schedule uses pictures, symbols, or words to show students what will happen during their day or to break down a task or instruction. These schedules help students understand routines, know what to expect, and feel more confident as they move through different activities.

Visual schedules are important for our students because they:

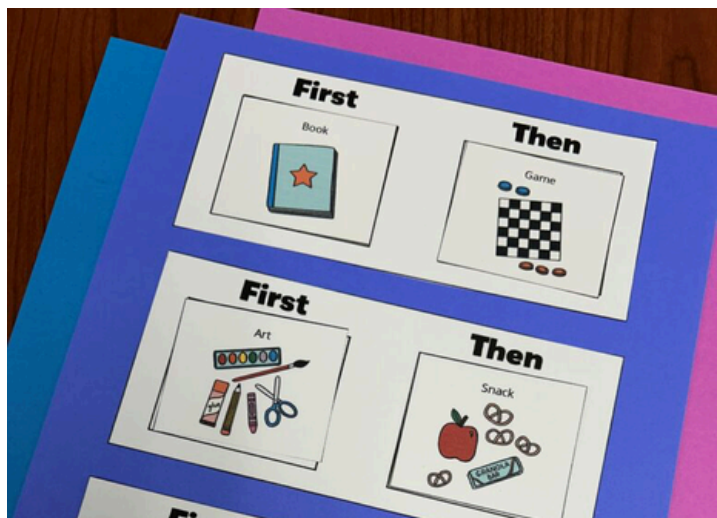
- Reduce anxiety by making the day/ task more predictable
- Support communication and understanding
- Help students transition more smoothly between activities
- Build independence and confidence

In Week 5, we warmly invite parents and carers to come into your child's classroom to work alongside staff to create a visual schedule that supports your child's morning routine. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to use visual supports at home and ensure consistency between school and home.

More information about times and arrangements will be shared soon. We look forward to working together to support your child's wellbeing and success.

Danielle Heckmann

Assistant Principal





Dates for the diary

Term Two 21st April - 26th June

Friday 8th May

Mother's Day celebration - all campuses @ 2pm

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Warringa Crescent Campus - School Photos

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Friday 26th June

Last day of Term Two

Term Three 13th July - 18th September

Monday 13th July

First day of Term Three

Friday 18th September

Last day of Term Three

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.