WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 4 | 16TH OCTOBER | WEEK 2

CLASSROOM AND BEYOND NEWS

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received an SWPBS award this week.

Lower Primary - Azrael I-T
Middle Primary - Gak M
Upper Primary - Ava F
PPC - Aabhas K
BRC - Krish K & Steve P
CRC VPC - Samuel A
CRC ASDAN - Keira T
CRC Flexible Learning - Mandy Y








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PE update

PE has made a fantastic start to Term 4, jumping straight into our Catching, Throwing and Striking unit!

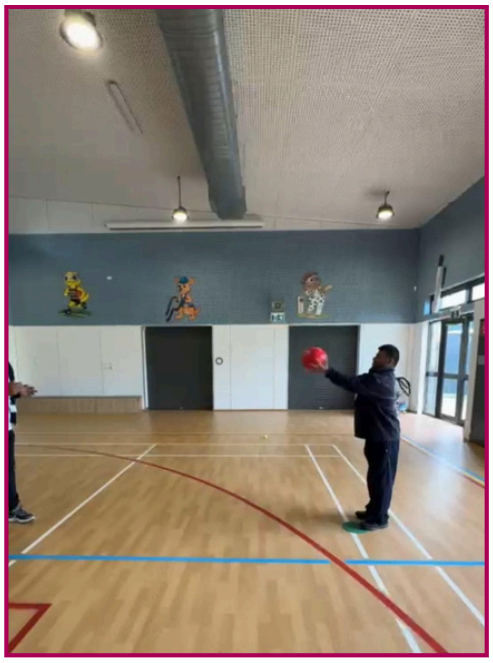
Over the first two weeks, students have been developing their catching and throwing skills through basketball and a range of fun lawn games, including cornhole, ten-pin bowling, ring toss and lawn bowls. It has been fantastic to see students actively engaging in these activities and working hard to improve their skills.

As the term progresses, students will move on to striking activities, exploring sports such as T-ball, baseball, cricket, hockey and tennis.

Great work, everyone! We look forward to another exciting term of learning and developing our PE skills!















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Allied health update

AAC AWARENESS MONTH

October is AAC Awareness Month, where we recognise and celebrate the importance of AAC for our students. This years theme is: "AAC in Everyday Life: Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond".

What is AAC?

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) is any tool, strategy or system that supports or replaces spoken words.

AAC includes gestures, facial expressions, written communication, body language, Key Word Signs, paper-based visuals (for example, books) and tech-based AAC (e.g. apps on iPads that generate speech).

The use of AAC has been proven to support the development of spoken communication.



Who uses AAC?

AAC is not just for non-speaking students.



It can used by everyone to support the use and understanding of communication at school and beyond.

In fact, we use AAC everyday! This might look like sending a text message, frowning, using text emojis or pointing.

ANYONE can benefit from AAC!

Types of AAC at Warringa

At Warringa Park School, students have access to two AAC systems, alongside a range of other communication supports.

Our two main AAC systems at school are PODD books (paper-based) and Proloquo2Go (an electronic-based AAC app). Some students bring their own AAC systems from home.

Most students access their systems directly, such as by pointing. Some students use indirect access methods, such as visual scanning or partner-assisted scanning.

Students also use a range of other AAC at school, including visual schedules, social stories, gestures, Key Word Sign and written communication.



How can we support AAC use?

- Make sure AAC is available to our students all the time, in all environments... after all, it is their voice!
- Model using AAC as much as possible. It doesn't matter if you don't get it right. We are also learning!
- Acknowledge all attempts at using AAC as purposeful, meaningful and important.
- Upskill - be open to learning and engaging with AAC.
- Share your experiences. It might give others the confidence they need to use AAC.



From the Warringa Park Speech Pathology team

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Key dates for the diary

Please see the calendar that was sent home for all details

Term Four
5th October - 18th December

Monday 2nd November
Pupil free day - No school

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - No school

Wednesday 4th November
Staff professional practice day - No school

Tuesday 17th November
CRC Night Market 4.30-6.30pm

Tuesday 24th November
Students finish at 1pm

Thursday 26th November
Grade 6 Graduation 5-6pm

Tuesday 1st December (time TBC)
End of year celebration at Warringa Crescent

Friday 4th December
Year 12 Graduation

Monday 7th December
BRC end of year celebration 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 8th December
Transition day for 2027 classes

Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th December
SSGs - by request

Thursday 17th December
Last day of Term Four - 1pm finish

2027 Dates for the calendar

Tuesday 11th May
Warringa Crescent - school photos

Wednesday 12th May
Cayleys Road - school photos

Thursday 13th May
Polly Parade - school photos

Friday 14th May
Bethany Road- school photos

2026 School Bus information

School Bus Safety Reminders
To help keep all students safe, please remember:

- If your child is not an independent traveller, a parent or authorised carer must be waiting at the bus door to collect them at their bus stop.
- Bus staff cannot leave the bus to walk a student across the road or to another location. Parents and carers must collect their child directly from the bus.
- Food and drinks are not allowed on school buses. This helps keep all students safe by reducing the risk of choking and allergic reactions.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe while travelling to and from school.

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 this form.
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.