



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL NEWS



TERM 4 | 9TH OCTOBER | WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic start everyone has made to the new school term! We are so impressed by the students' eagerness to return and how quickly they've re-adjusted to school routines. It's truly heartening to begin each day with smiling faces, full of energy and enthusiasm. With so much planned for the coming weeks, there's no doubt this term will fly by!

We're also looking forward to a number of exciting events this term, including our celebration days, the much-anticipated night market, Year 12 Queensland camp and of course, the Grade 6 and Year 12 graduation ceremonies — special milestones in the school year for our students and families.

As we launch into our final term of the year, I'd like to remind families that we are a SunSmart school. Students are required to wear a hat and apply sunscreen when playing outside. It's also important that students attend school in the correct summer uniform. If you're unsure about the uniform requirements, please speak with your child's team leader or a member of our admin team. If you need any support purchasing uniforms, our friendly admin staff will be happy to assist you.

As we look ahead to later in the term, we will be finalising student groupings and staffing arrangements for 2027. In addition, parent information sessions and student transition activities have been planned for those moving between campuses. Further details will be shared directly with the relevant families to ensure a smooth and supportive transition process. I thank the parents who sought feedback on class placements for next year, draft lists will be out in coming weeks.

"Take Me Shopping" Selected as a 2026 Focus on Ability Finalist

We are thrilled to announce that "Take Me Shopping," a short film created by our Warringa Park School Media students, has been selected as a finalist in the School Short category of the 2026 Focus on Ability Short Film Festival!

Inspired by our school's Mini Woolies program, the student-created sitcom uses humour and storytelling to explore shopping experiences, customer interactions and the practical skills our students develop through authentic learning.

As a finalist, our film will be screened on the big screen at the Sydney Red Carpet Awards on Sunday, 18 October, alongside films created by filmmakers from around the world.

This is an incredible opportunity for our students to experience a professional film festival, walk the red carpet, see their work on the big screen and meet filmmakers, performers and special guests from across Australia and around the world.

We are incredibly proud of our Media students and everyone who contributed to "Take Me Shopping." We can't wait to see them shine in Sydney!



Principal's Newsletter

Lastly, I thank all of the 104 families who completed the recent Parent Opinion Survey, administered by the Department of Education. We're pleased to share that the results were overwhelmingly positive, with over 85% of families giving positive endorsements in the following areas:

School communication, Teacher communication, Physical environment, Students reports, Student Agency and Voice, Student Wellbeing and Support, Positive transitions, High expectations for success, Promotion of positive behaviour, Student motivation and support, Effective teaching, Confidence and resilience skills, Respect for diversity, School connectedness, General satisfaction, School improvement and School pride and confidence



Thanks also to all parents who registered their survey participation to go into the draw to win a \$50 Coles voucher, we had more people register this year than ever before! Congratulations to the following families who were drawn at random, Kirsty B, Shireesha Y, Xi Z, Hnem S, Karen F, Rajeev K, Michelle S, Bev E, Swetha P, Atika I & Therace V. You will all receive an email with your voucher.

Important dates in Term 4

As we move through this busy term, please take note of the following important dates:

- Monday 3rd November, Tuesday 4th November and Wednesday 5th November – Pupil-free days
- Tuesday 17th November – Cayleys Night Market
- Tuesday 24th November – Early finish at 1:00pm
- Thursday 26th November – Grade 6 Graduation
- Friday 4th December – Year 12 Graduation
- Thursday 17th December – Last day of term, finishing at 1:00pm

I look forward to working with you all throughout this exciting final term of the year.

Ashwini Sharma

Principal





Wellbeing and Innovation

Welcome to Term 4! It is always a busy and exciting time at Warringa Park School as we celebrate our students, prepare for the end of the year and start looking ahead to 2027.

This term, we have several special events happening across our school community. We will celebrate International Day of Persons with a Disability with a fun Colour Run (week 9). This is an important day for Warringa Park as we celebrate the strengths, achievements and contributions of people with disability. Our Colour Run will be a great opportunity for students and staff to have fun, be active and celebrate together.

We will also hold our end-of-year celebrations across our campuses. These events give us the chance to recognise the wonderful achievements of our students and celebrate another successful year of learning, growth and connection. Including the Christmas party for primary students and CRC night market for secondary, although all welcome to both events. Stay tuned for more event details.

For some of our students, Term 4 also means graduation. We look forward to celebrating these important milestones with our students and families and recognising how far each student has come.

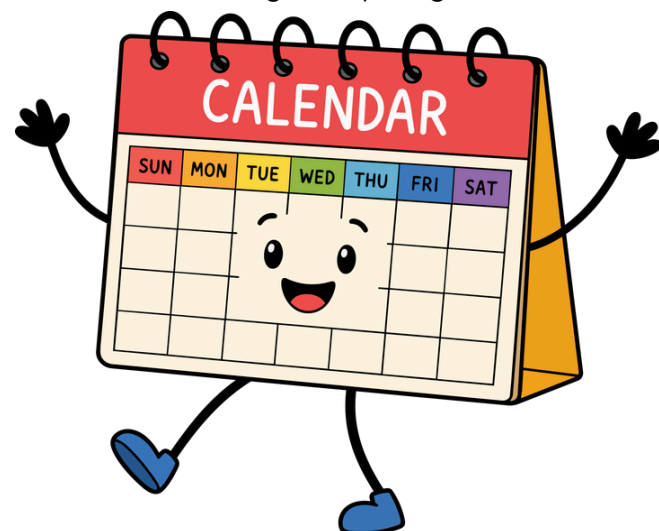
Another important focus this term is transitioning into 2027. Students will have opportunities to become familiar with new classrooms, staff, routines and learning environments.

Transitions can be exciting, but we know that change can also feel uncertain for some students. Our staff will work closely with students and families to make this process as positive and predictable as possible.

Our teaching and learning wellbeing focus continues to be the use of visual schedules. Visual schedules use pictures, symbols, words or photos to show students what is happening throughout their day. They help students understand what is happening now, what is coming next and when an activity is finished. Having this information clearly displayed can help reduce anxiety, increase predictability and support students to feel safe and ready to learn. Across Warringa Park, our staff are continuing to strengthen how we use visual schedules consistently in classrooms and learning spaces. This is one of the many ways we support student wellbeing, independence and engagement in learning.

We are looking forward to a positive and exciting final term and celebrating everything our students achieve along the way.

Danielle Heckmann
Assistant Principal





Teaching & Learning update

Welcome to term 4! How quickly the year has gone. Our students have participated in a huge amount of learning this year and term 4 is no different!

This term, our students inquiries spotlight around the Design Technologies curriculum. This week we will spotlight on how this will look across primary classrooms.

The Technologies Contexts strand focuses on the characteristics and properties of technologies contexts, and how they can be used to create innovative designed solutions.

Food specialisations explores the application of nutrition principles and the characteristics and properties of food, food selection and preparation, and contemporary food issues. Students come to understand the importance of a variety of foods, sound nutrition principles, food preparation skills and food safety.

Students will investigate types of food, right through to investigating some questions such as How do we prepare, cook and use it safely?

Students are working towards creating a "What's cooking at Warringa Park!" Cook Book which they will showcase at the end of the year.

We are excited to see this learning unfold across the term.

Amy Byrne
Assistant Principal

HOW DO WE CHOOSE, PREPARE AND ENJOY DIFFERENT FOODS?

Term 4 Inquiry

This term, students will explore a variety of foods and discover how we can choose, prepare and enjoy them in different ways. Through hands-on experiences, students will use their senses to notice and describe the colour, texture, taste and smell of different foods, while developing an understanding of different food groups. Students will also build practical skills by learning how to use a range of tools and equipment safely to prepare food. Through cooking, tasting and sharing, students will develop independence, communication and decision-making skills while discovering the joy of food and the important role it plays in our everyday lives.

School Values

This term we will be reflecting on how we model all 3 of our school values Learning, Respect and Working Together.

Explore with us!

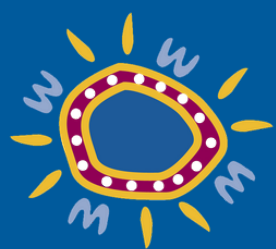
Join us in exploring the different food groups! Noticing their different colours, textures, smells, tastes, and discovering new ways to safely prepare and enjoy them!

Weeks 2-3: 🍓 Fruit
Weeks 4-5: 🥦 Vegetables
Weeks 6-7: 🥛 Dairy & Grains

End Project

What's Cooking at Warringa Park?

At the end of the term, each class will choose or create a favourite recipe to share. Students will work together to prepare their recipe and create a class contribution to our Warringa Park Cookbook. Classes will also create a cooking demonstration video to accompany their recipe.



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.