Early Years have had a fantastic start to term 1 and students have settled in very well to their new classrooms and routines. It has been wonderful to visit each of the classrooms and meet all of our new students and staff and see all of the classrooms so engaged in their learning. In week 1 all classrooms have been working on the “Start Right” program and building their classroom rules with the students and learning about how to be “Sun Smart”. Classrooms have also begun working on their PBIS and reward systems for students.

In week 2 Students have begun exploring their inquiry topic of the “Power of Yet”. In PLT 1 students have been using pictures and words to understand the stories they have been reading. Students have read books such as “Back to school tortoise” and “Pet the Cat rocking in my school shoes”. In maths students have been learning about number and counting using a variety of different objects and activities.

In PLT 2 students have been using lots of exciting apps such as strip design and book creator to write about their learning and using ALDs and proloquo2go to write sentences about their activities with a focus on core words. In maths the students are also working on number and counting using items such as paddle sticks, play dough and unifix blocks.

In PLT 3 students have been exploring what they “can do” and what they “can’t do yet” and creating posters for their wonder walls. They have also using lots of exciting apps such as puppet pals and clicker sentences to enhance their writing tasks. In maths students have been focusing on number viewing lots of engaging number songs and using hands on items to count.

In PLT 4 students have been doing some great work around describing what they “like” and “don’t like” and reading the text “Mike I don’t like” students have been using apps such as shadow puppets and book creator to recreate the text. In maths students have also been focusing on number and using number apps and songs to support their learning.

Meet the teacher night is on the 16th of February. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Elaine Quinn, Early Years Team Leader
Great start for 2017. The students have settled well in their classrooms. Students have been working on their personal goals and have identified ways on how they can achieve these goals. Students were able to name things that they like doing. We will continue to work on things that they do not know "yet".

In Room 40

We are learning to count numbers.

What do I do at my desk?

Room 42 have been working on their goals.

Room 41 have been writing sentences and making numbers.

In Room 39 with Harry and Jayden

We have been putting a smiley face next to our work. We have been learning to count with our fingers. We have been learning about the color red. We are learning to write our name. We are learning about letter sounds.
Groups 22, 23, 24 & 25

Welcome back everyone! The Middle Years PLT-2 (Groups-22, 23, 24 and 25) have been very busy over the last two weeks. Students and teachers are settling in well in their new classrooms. It is a very exciting time for everybody. Students are making new friends and learning to follow the expectation of the school and class rules.

As part of group Reading Program, our students are focusing on improving their comprehension skills, learning about characters, setting and main ideas.

In Maths, students are working on their counting skills. Students are also learning to count Australian coins and notes and counting things in and outside the classrooms.

A request to all parents, please make some time to read with your child every night, you will enjoy it. If you get time you can also visit local library with your child. It is a beautiful place and they had books of interest for all.

Thanks, and enjoy the summer season.

Benita, Amy, Olivia, Sharon, PK, Mel, Kerryn and Ritu

Middle Years Team Leader
The students in the Multimedia Centre have had a fantastic start to the school year. They have done a great job of settling into their new classrooms and diving head first into their learning. We have begun our Inquiry topic/theme for the Term “I Can’t Do It Yet”, which aims to help students be introduced to a “Growth Mindset”, aimed at acknowledging their own strengths and building their resilience and persistence towards achieving goals. It was great to see students list things they can do, through their posters and movies. Over the remainder of the term we are excited to see the students continue to build in these and other learning areas.

Recently several notes and information has been sent home with students. One of these notes was a library membership form, giving students permission to sign up to the Werribee Plaza Library. We hope to get these notes back ASAP so we can begin accessing this great resource in the local community. Soon we will be having a Meet the Teacher Evening coming up next Thursday on February 16th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. We hope to have parents and guardians in attendance as it is a great chance to build important relationships between parents and teachers, as well as a great opportunity to see and learn about the learning environment and program for your child. We have recently sent home Seesaw permission forms and information about a Seesaw Parent and Carers Information Night about this fantastic digital learning journal. There will be two information sessions both on Thursday 23rd of February at 9:30am & 6pm. We thank all parents and guardians who have returned these notices and if you require more copies of these or any support please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Finally, can all parents and guardians please make sure that their child is coming to school each day in a school uniform and with an appropriate sun smart hat. If you require support to allow this, again please don’t hesitate to contact your teacher or the school. Congratulations to all of our students on a positive start to the school year and we hope to continue to build our relationships with parents and caregivers.

Anthony Heffernan, Multimedia Team Leader
WOW! What a fantastic start to the school year at the BRC campus. It has been wonderful to see all our very smart looking year 8, 9 and 10 students in their new school uniform. All students have settled into their new classrooms well and all have participated in exciting learning.

The year 10’s have had Urban Camp this week. It has been great to see them so excited, prepared and mature for their time away. I look forward to hearing how their adventures at the Lego Education Centre, the Old Melbourne Gaol and the Melbourne Aquarium went.

VCAL has joined the BRC campus and it has been wonderful to share in the great learning that is happening at both campuses. Our teachers are really looking forward to ensuring we have smoother transitions between the campuses.

Gardner Mel will be at our campus on Wednesdays to work with students on establishing our overgrown planter boxes, edible gardens and ensuring the BRC is a sustainable campus. She will be working with students, teaching them what they need to do in order to grow and care for plants.

Passion Projects and Electives Expos took place this week and all students have selected which projects and electives they wish to participate in throughout semester 1. Projects and Electives will both start in week 3.

Passion Projects include: In the mix, Athlete development, Outdoor Ed, Textiles, Hair and Beauty, Production, Cooking, Stencil Art and Sports Leadership.

Electives include: Sport, Coding, Art, Robotics, Publishing & Illustration, P.E., sustainability, Art, Sport science, textiles and student leadership.

Teachers will start sending information home regarding the Meet the Teacher Evening that will take place on Thursday Feb 16.

If your child attends BRC and you wish to discuss anything further or hear more about our fun time at the campus please feel free to contact me on 0477 772 626.

Danielle Barclay, Assistant Principal Bethany Road Campus

It has been a wonderful start to the year at the Bethany Road Campus. It is great to see nearly all students wearing their school uniform and coming to school prepared and ready for learning. Throughout week 1, students were made aware of our expectations, values and class routine. During week 2, students had the opportunity to select their Passion Project. Options included Textiles, Hair and Beauty, DJing, Outdoor Ed and Sport. These will begin on Monday and be conducted over 2 terms (1 semester). Similarly, they also selected their electives Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, which will also commence on those days starting next week and will again be over 2 terms.

In Mathematics classes student have been solving number problems that involve counting collections, skip counting and identifying counting strategies. This will help students when it comes time to apply their knowledge when using money. In English students have been exploring the term inspiration and what it means to them. They have also explored character and what it means to have a growth mindset. Throughout the year students will be encouraged to use a growth mindset when encountering a problem and develop interpersonal skills during challenges.

Mellonie Flint
Later Years Warringa Campus

It has been a great start to the year for all in Later Years. Everyone is settling in to their new class and our programs have already begun.

We have been delivering newspapers daily around school with each class taking responsibly for a different section. Pamphleting has also begun and students have been out in the garden seeing what has grown over the summer. In class students have been learning to read recipes that they will use during our cooking session.

It is an exciting term for Later Years. Electives begin next week and the canteen will be back up and running in no time. We also have many fun excursion coming up, such as sailing and a day out to Altona Beach.

Congratulations to students who have embraced their new learning for 2017

News from Cayleys Road

Welcome to all our new students and families. We appreciate your support through the settling in period where timetables can change as we respond to and support student learning. As the shared programs with VCAL start and all group work experiences start, timetables should become more settled. However it is the nature of our program to respond to new opportunities as they arise, or make changes for students to better support their goals.

Thank you to those families who so promptly returned student forms where required. It is a legal requirement for both Work Experience placements, SBAT and VET programs.

Please note:
We will not be having a Meet the Teacher Evening on Thursday 16th but rather parents, guardians and students are invited to meet with their core teacher, and start the preliminary goal discussions for the CAPs (Careers and Pathways Plan) process. This will be on THURSDAY 23rd from 3:00 pm. Teachers will be contacting you next week to make a time. This is an excellent way to share information.

Monica Cooper, Cayleys Road Team Leader
Post school options

Come and find your future

It's the best opportunity for students and school leavers to meet Service Providers who can help you choose future pathways.

When: Tuesday 28th of March
Time: 2:30 - 5:00pm
Where: Hall (Warringa Park School)
Welcome to VCAL 2017.

The students have started the year very productively and they have settled into our new base at Bethany Road. It has been very pleasing to see the students arriving on time, in full school uniform and full of enthusiasm. The first two weeks have been very busy with lots of Personal Development activities including Sailing, Swimming, Sport and Travel Education. Students have practised travelling to their TAFE venues and VET programs and programs are ready to begin in the next two weeks. All students have a Core Group Teacher and students are busily working on their Career Action Plan. Thank you to parents who attended the SBAT sign up nights.

A reminder that all VCAL students must remember to bring their phone, fully charged and with credit to school everyday.

We look forward to sharing the students’ VCAL work in the newsletter throughout the year.

Natalie Aleksejevs, VCAL team leader

Student Reports

Today I went to the sports centre to play some sports I played badminton and I was waiting for the equipment to arrive so we could play badminton I hit it so high that Rani missed the shuttlecock completely. Then we had a break and drink. After, we went to the different activity I went to play basketball with Scott I wore a sash around my shoulder and we shot some goals. I had a good time at the sports centre I felt really different being a year 12. Cathy Yr 12.

Last Tuesday was our first day of school we went to eagle stadium we played table tennis and badminton we also played basketball. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we went swimming. I learned how to swim on my back. I swam in the larger pool. I did backstroke and freestyle, I liked going in the large pool , I didn't like it at the start but now I'm used to it and I had fun. At the end of the week I was tired. Brittany Yr 12.

On Monday the 6th I went to a student leadership meeting at cafe 11 with 3 other VCAL students to talk about ideas to help students at WPS. My idea was to order graduation jackets for year 12s. I think this would be a good idea and everyone will want to wear the jacket. As part of the uniform the jacket would have a logo, a theme and all the grad names would be on the back. The jacket would be reversible, one side water proof and the other side your normal hoodie. I think this would be a good way to remember being in year 12. Thomas Yr12.
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Students from Warringa Park School and Bethany Road Campus are invited to place their interest in becoming a Student Representative Council member. All that is required is for the student to produce a **ONE** page profile with their FULL name, learning area, year level, House colour (Warringa Park School - only - refer to Compass) qualities and attributes and basically why they would like to become an SRC member. The Wellbeing team is available to assist students who require help with their profile, please contact the Wellbeing team or email: kurtis.joan.j@eduamil.vic.gov.au

Nominations close 13/2/17
Elections held 24/2/17

**SRC elected students** -
Warringa Park School - 12 students - 3 per 4 Houses Multimedia/Middle/Later Years.
BRC - School Captains Yr 10 2 Leaders, Yr 9 and Yr 8 -2 SRC leaders
VCAL - A student leadership group has been formed and students will be working on Student Leadership programs collectively.

**SRC Roles and Responsibilities:**

The Student Representative Council (SRC) meets fortnightly to raise issues of student/school concern. The SRC organises, works with our Specialist team and budgets for charity and school events throughout the year. They will play an active role within the school and wider community.
SRC students will be invited to attend VIC SRC forums, Lalor Forums and Wyndham Youth Committee meetings throughout the year consulting/working with other Wyndham SRC students.

**Breakfast Club** - Breakfast Club has commenced at Warringa Park School. It is held every morning between 9.00 to 9.30 except Thursday and run by the Later years staff/students, volunteers and SRC members.
Breakfast Club will run on Tuesday recess at the Bethany Road Campus, Foodbank Australia have provided breakfast items for the program such as Vitabix, UHT milk, baked beans. We also provide toasted vegemite sandwiches.

14/2/17 - **SWEET HEART DAY (GOLD COIN DONATION)**
Heartkids provides lifelong support to those with childhood heart disease and their families. Heartkids fund life-saving research, advocate for the needs of children with Childhood heart disease & support their families.

Warringa Park School - 14/2 recess - Casey Borg and Taylor Robertson Emmett (students from Warringa Park School) with their parents will be advocating the work and support of Heartkids Australia. Colouring activity will be provided during recess at Harmony Square or students can write a message about the importance of staying healthy.
All other campuses will provided with a donation box and promotion flyers. Thank you for supporting.
Single Parents  Active kids

Sausage Sizzle
Membership specials
Ball Games
Children's Entertainment
Fun Galore!

Sunday 26th of March

Family Fun Day

Join us!

From 1pm at Logan Reserve, Altona

We are a non-profit group run by Single Parents FOR Single Parents and their active kids. We offer coordinated activities all over Melbourne such as: Camps, Picnics, BBQ's, Zoo's, Parks, Movies, Sports, Beaches, Pools, Family Dinners, Parents only nights and so much more!

Melway Reference: 54 h11

RSVP for this event by the 24th of March

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info@singleparentsactivekids.org
www.singleparentsactivekids.org
MyTime @

MyTime

Werribee Gold

Time  9.30am—11.30 Thursdays

Where  Wyndham Park Community Centre 57 Kookaburra Ave Werribee, Vic 3030

Facilitator:  Kylee
Play helper:  Carla

The MyTime program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. MyTime is coordinated nationally by the Parenting Research Centre.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

9th Feb—Welcome to MyTime: How are you?
16th Feb – Planning for 2017 and survey chat
23rd Feb – Coffee and Chat
2nd March – Meet the staff at Warringa Park (TBC)
9th March - Discussion: Fussy eaters.
16th March – Guest Speaker—TBA
23rd March – Visit Café 101—Warringa Park
30th March – Last session for Term 1 – Bring a plate to share Chat about Holiday plans.

What is MyTime?

MyTime is a peer support group for parents and carers, supporting children under 16 years of age with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition.

Who is MyTime for?

Parents mums, dads, grandparents, foster parents, or a primary carer receiving or applying for Carers Allowance.

What will I get out of MyTime?

- Meet other parents and carers in similar circumstances
- Share experiences in an informal setting
- Information resources and services that may be available to you.
- A facilitator to support, co-ordinate and guide group discussion
- A play helper to provide activities for the children whilst in your care and supervision
- Parent discussion
- Coffee mornings

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2017 TERM 1 DATES

9th February to 30th March

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Message from Nurse Nicole

Welcome back!

Immunisations: The Wyndham City Council will be visiting our school and immunising students with 2004 birthdates. Please note: some 2004 birthdates were completed last year.

Round 1 (Thurs) 9th March 2017
Boostrix (Tetanus) & HPV 11.30am

Round 2 (Wed) 31st May 2017
Chicken Pox & HPV 11.30am

Round 3 (Fri) 20th Oct 2017
HPV 11.15am

If your student (with 2004 birthdate) does not come home with a white A4 envelope with the immunisation cards, please contact me. If you are a new student and have missed out on the immunisation program at other schools, please contact me to check that I have them on the list and have obtained their cards from their previous council.

Epilepsy Plans: Please ensure epilepsy plans are taken to your next Neurologist appointment and signed by the neurologist and yourselves. I like to keep these plans as current and relevant as possible. If any student has a recent seizure please contact me, so I can update their plans.

Asthma Plans: I handed out Asthma plans to all families who have students with Asthma at the end of last year. Please take to your GP and have them filled in and return to school as soon as possible. There are a number of plans that have not been returned. Toilet Training Workshop: The continence foundation will be conducting a parent workshop on Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 1pm-3pm. This workshop is an informal round table discussion about the steps required to toilet train children with special needs. It is a five step process which we as a school follow. Please register your attendance with reception, there is a maximum of 15 people per workshop.

Medication: As per school policy we ask parents to commence all new medication over the weekend or holidays. So this can be closely monitored for any possible allergic reactions or side effects. We appreciate your cooperation regarding this. If you have any questions regarding medication or need your child to take medication at school please contact me.

Please note:
• All medication needs to be in the original packaging with child’s name, dose and time on the box.
• If medication is being transported in students bags please contact the school as soon as possible, so we can remove the medication. Chaperones can secure school bags whilst on the bus but must not be used as a courier.
• If at all possible directly handing over the medication at reception or to myself would be appreciated.

Drink Bottles: In order to maximise students’ fluid intake especially during the hotter weather, I encourage all parents to ensure their child brings a drink bottle to school. This enables staff to identify how much each child is drinking.

Dehydration can contribute to: tiredness, fatigue, loss of concentration, abdominal pain (constipation), nausea & vomiting & dizziness. Many of our students visit sick bay for these complaints.

Nicole
You are invited to attend a Seesaw Information Session

At Warringa Park School, teachers and students use the Seesaw learning journal to record and store their learning throughout the school year. The Seesaw learning journal provides parents and carers with regular updates including photos and videos of what their child is learning.

We will be holding a daytime and an evening session to support parents and carers to set up the Seesaw App on their smartphone or device. This will then enable you to view your child’s learning as it is happening in the classroom.

Session dates and times:

Week 4 - Thursday 23rd February at Warringa Park School
Session 1: 9:30 - 10:30am
Session 2: 6 - 7pm

Name: ............................................................... 
Please respond via circling which session you will attend: I / we will be attending the am / pm session.
NDIS Information Session
at
Warringa Park School

Monday 13th February at 9.15am (2HRS)
or
Monday 27th March at 6.30pm (2HRS)

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Are you caring for a person with a disability? Do you want to know more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)? This information session will cover:

➢ What is the NDIS?
➢ How will the NDIS differ from the current system?
➢ Who is eligible for support?
➢ What does it mean for carers?
➢ Feedback from the Victorian NDIS pilot site.
➢ Where to now…what can you do?
➢ Q&A.

To register your interest in attending a Carers Victoria NDIS Information Session contact: Therese Bourke (Wellbeing Team) at bourke.therese.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or 9749 5774
New store location from Monday 7 November
Shop1 / 13 BARNES PLACE WERRIBEE

We have moved just around the corner, opposite Comben Drive carpark.

RUSHFORDS SCHOOLWEAR TRADING HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5.30PM
SATURDAY 9AM-1PM
PH: 9741 3211
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
School Council Election Process and Timetable

Warringa Park School Council
Election Process and Timetable 2017

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Cayleys Road Campus is looking for any work experience opportunities for our Year 11 and 12 students. This can be on a voluntary basis or paid at the standard student rate of $5 per day. These could include things such as working with animals, hairdressing, aged care, working with children, farm work and retail. Anything will be considered!

All insurance is covered by the school’s insurance policy. Work hours are between 9am and 3pm.

We would really appreciate any offers and these can be forwarded to Jane Cross at cross.jane.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or contacted on 0498 985 235. Many thanks for your help with this very important process in transitioning our students.

Kind regards, Jane Cross
Warringa updates!

Dates for the diary:

Term 1 2017: 31st January to 31st March 2017
No Preps at school: February 15th, 22nd & 1st March 2017
16 Feb: Meet the Teacher Evening 6:30-7:30pm

17 Feb: Curriculum Day
—no students at school
20 Feb: School Council meets
13th March: Labour Day holiday
23rd March: Harmony Day

Term 2: 18th April to 30th June 2017
Term 3: 17th July to 22nd September 2017
Term 4: 9th October to 22nd December 2017

2017 Curriculum Days:
30th January
17th February
26th May
6th November

Newsletter and Basic Information on iPads
The “Warringa Park School” app can be downloaded for free onto your devices by going to the “App Store”. Once the app is downloaded you can access the newsletters under the “newsletters” tab. A list of newsletters will appear; just select the one you want to view. A Basic Information Package is also available under “Documents and Forms”

Going on Camp?
If your student is going on a school camp (how exciting!) please ensure the following:

1. Let your bus chaperone know the dates when your student will NOT be going on the bus so that the bus doesn’t wait for a student that is away on camp and
2. Check with the chaperone if your student’s camp baggage can go on the bus as many of our buses are NOT ABLE to accommodate the additional baggage that students need to take to camp. You will probably have to arrange to both drop off and pick up your student from school. This is an important safety issue for the buses.

PARENT GROUP
Session: Toilet Training for children with special needs.
Who: Victorian Continence Foundation
Date: Thursday 25th February 2016
Time: 11am-1pm
or
Date: Tuesday 21st March 2017
Time: 1pm to 3pm
Where: Warringa Park School, Café 11

You may have put off toilet training or believe that it is not possible to train your child with special needs. But given the right kind of help, children with special needs can learn to manage going to the toilet with assistance or independently.

Come along and listen to the 5 step process in moving your child from using nappies to using the toilet.

Please register you attendance with reception
Telephone: 9749 5774. Numbers are limited to 15.