Dear Parents and Carers,

We were all very saddened to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of Oshay Upoko on March 1st – a well-loved student and a cherished friend. Oshay had been at our school since October 2008 and during that time he had touched the lives of many staff members and students. He will be sadly missed.

School Council Elections: Ballot 2016

Thank you to the parents who stood for election to the School Council. I would like to congratulate the following parents – Tracey Brodie and Beverley Emmett-Walker who were elected for a two year term. Omar Osman will fill the casual vacancy created with the resignation of Lynda Stevenson. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lynda for her dedicated work on the Council. Kim Thompson, Danielle Barclay and Ritu Sharma will fill the staff vacancies. We look forward to your contribution on School Council to make a difference to the lives of the students, staff and parents. To those parents who were unsuccessful we hope that they consider renominating for School Council in 2017.

The Annual General Meeting of Warringa Park School will be held before the first school council meeting of the new council in the staffroom on Monday March 21st at 6:30pm. Reports from the President, Principal and Treasurer will be presented and there will be an election of office bearers prior to the meeting of the new school. The Annual Report will be posted on the school’s website and there will be a number of hard copies available at the office for those parents who like to have access to a hard copy. The Annual report will also be available via the school’s app.

Student Support Groups

These meetings have been taking place this week following draft Individual Learning Plans being sent home. If you have not yet made a time to attend one of these meetings I would strongly encourage you to do so. It is important for parents to gain an understanding of the learning goals being made for their child for the year and for teachers to gain understanding of the expectations of parents.

Student Representative Council

These elections have been held and we have 28 student leaders across the four campuses. They will receive their badges at the Whole School Assembly on the last day of Term at 9:30am. The school highly values the student voice and Therese Bourke and Joan Kurtis do an excellent job of providing leadership opportunities. I met with them all this week and I’m proud of the work they do for the school.

iPads

If you have not yet signed your iPad agreement I would encourage you to do so. Please make sure that if your child brings his or her iPad home the cover remains on at all times.

End of Term

The end of the Term is approaching quickly. School will break up on Thursday March 24th at 2:30pm and resume on Monday April 11th. You are also invited to the end of term assembly on Thursday 24th March at 9:30am where there will be performances and awards presented. I’m looking forward to the Harmony Day celebrations during the last week as well. We all enjoy celebrating the cultural diversity of Warringa Park.

Swimming

The swimming program has been successful. We are pleased with the huge number of parent helpers and the support of the students from Victoria University has made a huge difference. Thank you to the staff and all those involved for making it such a success.

Marie Hayes
Acting Principal

From the Assistant Principal

At Warringa Park School we aim to build strong partnerships with parents to achieve excellent learning outcomes for the students in our care. During the past week, parents have been attending and participating in Student Support Group (SSG) meetings. We have seen a huge amount of parents being actively involved in working with our teachers in discussing the goals for their child. Prior to these meetings a draft Individual Learning Plan (Early and Middle Years) or Career Action Plan (Later Years) which sets the priority goals for your child for the year have been sent home.

14th March Labour Day public holiday
The teachers have written these draft goals after having consulted with previous teachers and the Allied Health staff.

At the Student Support Group meeting parents have an opportunity to have input into the Educational program that is being planned for your child during 2016. It is extremely important that you attend these meetings as they are an opportunity for those who know the student best to share their knowledge, identify student needs and establish shared educational goals. I would ask you to take a few minutes prior to the meeting to read through the Individual Learning Plan or Career Action Plan so that you are familiar with its content and feel comfortable to raise any issues or concerns you may have. Parents are welcome to bring along an advocate to these meetings if they wish.

Allied Health staff will also be attending some of the meetings and parents are free to request any of the Allied Health or Leadership Team to attend the SSG meeting. The SSG meetings will conclude on Friday the 18th of March. We had an increase of 11% more parents attending the SSG meetings over the past two years.

Individual Learning Plans for prep students will not be completed until the end of Term 1 but prep Student Support Group meetings will take place in these two weeks. A Student Support Group meeting can be convened at any time at the request of the parent or the school. Marie Hayes, Joanne Sadler, and Dehlia Dawson are always available to attend meetings if required.

We look forward to your input into the Student Support Group process.

Dehlia Dawson
Acting AP

Student & Family Support Team

The Breakfast Club at the school has been running for a number of years and we continue to deliver the program jointly with the Later Years. This year we received news that our school has been selected to participate in the Statewide School Breakfast Clubs Program. In partnership with the Victorian State Government, Foodbank Victoria has established the School Breakfast Clubs Program. The program will deliver healthy breakfast foods to 500 schools across Victoria. We are pleased to be working with Foodbank Victoria who will provide access to free core breakfast foods and assist to ensure all students have an equal opportunity to regularly receive a wholesome and nutritious breakfast.

Chris who is currently completing a work placement with the Wellbeing Team provides a reflection of our Breakfast Club at Warringa Park School.

At Breakfast Club this Monday, we had nine students attend. Our newest member, Patrick (Pod 3) came for the first time and he told us “I came today because I ran out of time.” It’s great that we are able to provide for students who run out of time for breakfast, due to preparing for school in the morning.

Breakfast Club is currently undergoing a revamp, to make it look nicer and friendlier. One of our volunteers, Pam, has helped in the process by making menus and placemats for the students. Thanks Pam and thank you to the Later Year’s students/staff who organise the breakfast club during the week.

Joan Kurtis has been supporting students involved in the Young Women’s Sea Program, a project implemented by Wyndham City Youth Services. The Self-Esteem and Assertiveness program has been running every Tuesday at the Wyndham Youth Centre. The program provides an environment that is positive, supportive, fun and promotes personal development. It provides activities to enable participants to develop skills to increase self-esteem and confidence. It encourages students to make greater self-responsibility and awareness. The Year 10 girls from Bethany Road Campus have been active.

Jo Sadler  Assistant Principal Wellbeing
Therese Bourke  Wellbeing Team
Joan Kurtis  Wellbeing Team
Nicole Geehman  School Nurse
In Memory of Oshay

In Precious memories of King

Oshay Upoke

Sunrise: 18/04/2001

To

Sunset: 01/03/2016
Fun at the Pool
**School Holiday Program by NatureWest**

**Eco Action Fun**

**Discover the links between Food, Recycling and Nature**

Let's learn about nature and sustainability with fun! Learn Eco Actions you can do to help!

**Week 2 of School Holidays**

**Date and Time:** 10am to 12pm, 4th, 6th and 8th of April

**Where:** The Natural History Centre at the Homestead Building in Werribee Park

(Please enter from Gate 5 on K Road and follow the signs)

**Age:** Primary School Students from Grade 4 to Grade 6

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*Please note there will be food preparation and consumption – please notify us about any allergies

For Booking, please go to EventBrite, or contact Miwako on 0423 363 374/Miwako@naturewest.org.au

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**Little River Country FAIR**

Sunday 20th March 2016
10am – 3pm

- Monster Auction
- Open Air Market
- White Elephant
- Devonshire Tea
- Animal Farm
- Games & Competitions
- Jam & Produce
- Bagpipes
- Dancing

Little River Primary School
21 Flinders Street, Little River. Ph: 5283 1214

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**Accessible Music Program**

Siblings in Sync is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children with disabilities and their siblings who music and technology is a form of intervention.

- Foster cooperation and empathy between siblings.
- Promote positive shared experiences.
- Provide opportunities for self-expression.

The sessions are led by a qualified music therapist and will be tailored to suit the needs and goals of each family. A music therapist will work in small groups with your child and sibling in order to enhance the children’s social and emotional development and in order to develop effective communication and interaction skills. All sessions are conducted by an adult as the duration of the session.

**Venue:** The Channon, Arts Centre Melbourne

**Date:**
- Monday 13th to Thursday 16th January
- Monday 5th to Thursday 8th April

**Duration:**
- All days
- 11am

**Cost:**
- $20 per child

**Bookings:**
For more information or to book, phone (03) 9281 1790, or email @artscentre.org.au

Music Therapy is a recognized method of using music to treat and manage mental illness and disability. It is used with individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, developmental delay, emotional and mental illness, and many other conditions.

From you to the generous donors who support our program.
Compass Portal for Parents

Warringa Park now uses Compass as our Parent Portal / Communication system

Using Compass allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child’s progress.

Initially Compass will be used for:
- Monitor your child’s attendance, and enter approval for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child’s teachers, and update your family contact details
- View your child’s timetable and the school calendar
- Download and view your child’s progress and semester reports
- Update your Mobile Number and Email address to ensure that the school can contact you.
- SMS alerts for School Closures / Emergency Situations

If you received your username / password during the meet the teacher night or have received it via post, there is nothing more you need to do. Simply log in and you will be right to go.

If you have not received this information and would like to log in, please go to [http://helpdesk.warringapark.vic.edu.au/open.php](http://helpdesk.warringapark.vic.edu.au/open.php) and select Parent Compass Request Form. Due to privacy concerns we will only contact you via the email address / phone number you have on file. If you need to change this, please contact reception directly. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school and ask for IT.
You’re invited
Post School Options

CAREER EXPO

Tuesday 15th March
3:30 – 6:00pm

School Hall
Warringa Park School

Come along and talk to......

Service providers – Day Services, Employment & Training, TAFES and Further Education

STUDENTS and PARENTS are encouraged to come along from any area of the school – it is never too early to start thinking about the future.......

For any enquiries please call Nancy on 0457507246 or Monica on 0400190397.

Enjoy the Sausage sizzle
lyf skills

Come along for 8 Free amazing workshop sessions about:

Discovering how to get what you REALLY want out of life

Learn how to feed a family for $5

Stay fit and healthy both inside and out

Plus Art, Music, pizza and celebration dance party

Starting in
term 2
2016

Free meal and transport home

Contact Adam Williams for further information on 9742 0936 or Email adam.williams@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Youth Services
http://youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au
Facebook/youthwyndham
Working Out Dads Wyndham

A New Program Just For Dads Living in the City of Wyndham

Are you a dad with a child under 4 years of age living with you? Are you interested in meeting other dads and spending time talking about the things that matter to you? Would you like to learn more about your health and wellbeing? Could you do with a weekly workout?

Run by a male facilitator, The Working Out Dads group will work on:

- Developing parenting skills and confidence and building positive relationships with your child
- Juggling the needs of your family, work and your own needs
- The changing dynamics of relationships and how to maintain positive adult relationships
- Managing stress and pressure and practical ways to cope when things get tough
- Focussing on the future for you, your child and your family

For more information and a referral form phone Tweddle on (03) 9689 1577 or download a referral from www.tweddle.org.au Send your referral form to referral@tweddle.org.au

Participants will receive a welcome pack and a certificate of completion upon graduating from the 6 week program
MyTime @ Tweedle

MyTime Locations

Avondale Heights
Time 9.30 to 11.30am
Monday
Where Rhonda Davis Centre
54 Lakes Street
Avondale Heights

Sunshine
Time 9.30am to 11.30am
Tuesday
Where Sunshine Special Development School
Ivy Crt Sunshine
** Please enter carpark from Mounsey street.**

Wyndham Vale
Time 9am to 11am
Tuesday
Where Manor Lakes College
2 - 50 Minindee Road
Wyndham Vale, Vic 3024

Point Cook
Time 10am to 12pm
Wednesday
Where Featherbrook Community Centre
33-35 Windorah Drive
Point Cook, Vic 3030

Werribee Gold
Time 9.30am to 11.30am
Thursday
Where Wyndham Park Community Centre
53-57 Kookaburra Ave
Werribee, Vic 3030

Williamstown
Time 10am to 12pm
Friday
Where 83 Cecil Street
Williamstown

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 a Carers Allowance.

What will I get out of MyTime?
- Meet other parents and carers in similar circumstances
- Share experiences in an informal setting
- A choice of topics and activities relevant to your needs
- Information resources and services available to you, how and where to access information.
- A facilitator to support, co-ordinate activities and guide group discussion
- A play helper to provide activities for the children whilst in your care and supervision
- Parent discussion
- Coffee mornings
- Group outings
- 8 sessions every school term

What do members say?
"This has been a fantastic experience for me and my children. The group has been helpful and I don’t feel lost on my journey”

"I recommend MyTime to every family who has a newly diagnosed child and who is looking for community support”

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

It is a requirement of the school that all parents/carers sign a current iPad agreement in order that students can access a school supplied iPad for their education.

Teachers may have directly given you an agreement or sent it home via your student. If you have not yet signed this agreement please do so as soon as possible and return to the office. Below is a copy of this agreement for you to sign and return.

This agreement is signed yearly. If you need assistance in signing this form, please contact the office and some support will be arranged. Thank you. Alison Rooney, Resource Manager

Student iPad agreement

The students of Warringa Park School are provided with 24/7 access to an iPad, which are on lease to the school. The iPad is an important tool to help support student learning and must be used appropriately. Students and parents/carers are responsible for the care of the iPad outside of school premises and must ensure that the following points are adhered to at all times.

The iPad is for the sole use of the student of Warringa Park School. Siblings, friends and other family members are NOT permitted to use the iPad for any purpose.

All iPads must come to school fully charged every day. If the iPad does not come to school fully charged, it will be kept at school for a specified period of time, or indefinitely if this is a recurring issue.

The iPad must remain in the school-issued protective cover at all times. Cleaning of the screen will be attended to by staff at any time at your request. NOT by parent/carer or student.

Students/parent/carers must not access or alter the iPad settings. In particular, passcode locks must not be put on the iPad without prior consent of the school ICT team. Find my iPad must ALWAYS be turned on.

Any problem with the student’s iPad must be reported immediately to the classroom teacher so they can forward it to the ICT team for repair.

Parents/carers may be held responsible for any breakage or loss of the iPad or iPad cover which occurs as a result of negligence. Should damage occur, the student’s classroom teacher must be notified immediately. A parent notification form, Statutory Declaration or Police report will also be required as you may incur a fee for repair/replacement as deemed necessary.

The school reserves the right to utilise GPS and location tracking to identify the whereabouts of the student’s iPad.

In most cases, classroom teachers and ICT staff will retain control of student’s iTunes accounts. Any credit on student’s iTunes accounts is only to be spent by students/parents/carers if and as requested by classroom teachers or the ICT team. Parents/carers may be required to reimburse any misspent iTunes credit.

Students, parents/carers are NOT permitted to purchase or load content from their personal iTunes accounts (music, apps, etc.) onto school iPads.

The iPad must not be used to access or store any illegal or inappropriate material, or to communicate inappropriately with others, either at school or outside of school. Parents/carers are responsible for monitoring the student’s iPad use outside the school. Staff members have the right to inspect the student’s Internet history, applications, emails and messages at any time.

Students and parents/carers are required to report any inappropriate communication, images, videos or other content to the classroom teacher or member of the Leadership team, who will investigate and deal with the matter. Students/parents/carers should NOT seek to address any such matters directly with other students or their parents/carers.

Students may be restricted from accessing the Internet, iTunes, App store, email, camera and/or FaceTime for a specified period of time if a staff member considers that these have been used inappropriately, either at school or outside of school.

The school takes no responsibility for loss of personal photos or documents if the iPad needs resetting.

Failure to comply with this agreement will result in the student’s iPad being kept at school for a specified period of time. Persistent or repeated failure to comply with the agreement may result in the student’s iPad being kept at school indefinitely.
Students will **NOT** be provided with a charger or cord for home use due to cost of replacing broken chargers.

- [ ] I would like the iPad to continue being sent home with my child.

- [ ] I would like the iPad to be kept at school.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT (OR SOMEONE HAS READ THE AGREEMENT TO ME) AND I UNDERSTAND MY OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THIS AGREEMENT.

Finally, I consent to the school creating and managing an iTunes and email account on behalf of my child.

Student’s Name

Parent/Carer Name

Signature Parent/Carer

Date signed

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP**
Warringa updates!

Dates for the diary:
Term 1: 28th January-24th March 2016
14th March: Labour Day holiday
15th March: Post School Expo: 3:30-6pm
23rd March: Harmony Day & Easter Raffle drawn

Term 2: 11th April—24th June 2016
9th May: School Photos Bethany Road Campus
9th May: School Photos Cayleys Road Campus
11th May: School Photos Warringa Park School

School Tour Dates:
Prep/Early Years
10th March, 21st April, 26th May, 21st July,
25th August, 15th September, 20th October,
17th November

Middle Years
19th May, 2nd June, 28th July, 1st September,
27th October, 24th November

Uniform Shop Opening times
The uniform shop is open at the main campus every Thursday 9-11am. At Warringa Park uniform is compulsory for our students. Please ensure your student is in the correct uniform including a blue polo top with a logo. Students must wear either a navy bucket or wide brimmed school hat in Terms 1 and 4.

Easter Egg Raffle 2016

Parents and Carers Group

When: Fridays
Time: 2-3pm
Where: WPS Main Campus

Come along and join our parents and carers group to assist us to make the much needed resources used in classrooms, specialists and Allied Health for student learning. All it takes is some cutting, pasting and laminating, all done sitting alongside the therapy team. It’s a great time to meet other parents and carers and enjoy some delicious cookies from Cafe 11.