Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been delighted with the calm start to the school year. The students are very settled, have ‘started right’ and are making the most of every learning opportunity. It is extremely pleasing to see almost every student wearing the school uniform of the school. Thank you for your support of the school uniform policy.

The Grange P-12 College has added a dress as an option for their summer uniform. After discussion with the Bethany Road Campus leadership we have decided to include this option as part of the BRC uniform. I reiterate that the dress is optional and not compulsory.

We are a Sunsmart School and it’s great to see that all students are observing the school’s Sunsmart policy. The wearing of appropriate hats and the application of sunscreen is vital during Terms 1 and 4 as well as ensuring that your child has plenty of fluids. All students are encouraged to wear a hat whilst on all school excursions and on recess breaks.

I was delighted to see so many parents come along to the ‘Meet the Teacher’ yesterday. It was a great opportunity for parents to chat to staff, visit the classroom and build the important partnership between home and school which we all know leads to better learning outcomes for children.

Warringa Park School looks for every opportunity to connect with our parent community so please make sure you contact the school if you have any concerns.

School Council Elections 2016

A call for nominations for election to the school council has been posted on the doors at the front of the school. There are 3 DET vacancies and two parent vacancies. The parent vacancies are for a two year term. Nominations for these positions close on Monday 16th February 2015 at 4:00pm. Please contact the office for a nomination form. If there are more nominations than vacancies there will be a ballot and election conducted for the vacant positions. Please give this your consideration as the School Council plays a key role in the school.

iPads

The school has expended a great deal of funds on iPads and has not sought a parent contribution towards the cost of these devices. The school reserves the right at all times to determine whether iPads are able to go home with the student or remain at school. All parents will be required to sign a new iPad Agreement for 2016 with some additional clauses.

Bus Meeting

Last week we met with the drivers and chaperones from the school’s contract bus companies – SITA, Bacchus Marsh and Westrans. The transition to school on the bus can be difficult for some students and school staff are available to assist the bus staff to deal with any issues. We ask that parents report any issues they are having with the buses to the school so we can solve these problems.

Last week Year 10 students from the Bethany Road Campus were on an Urban orientation camp in the city for 3 days. Danielle Barclay was very pleased with the responsible behaviour displayed by the students as they negotiated their way around. I thank the staff who supported them. We’re very proud of our students here at Warringa.

Marie Hayes
Acting Principal

From the Assistant Principal....

Dear all parents and carers,

Welcome to the end of week 3! It has been fantastic to see so many parents at ‘Meet the Teacher Evening’ last night. The classrooms were clear indications of the learning that has been happening over the past three weeks. Thank you to all parents who came to meet their child’s teacher which was a great opportunity to meet other student’s parents. We encourage parents and carers to have open communication between home and school.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. The building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each day. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses can affect their educational outcomes.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Fri 12th February & Fri 27th May no students at school
If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. Attendance patterns are established early. A child who regularly misses days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

The main reasons for absence are:
Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.
“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:
1. Speak with your child’s classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
2. Develop an absence-learning plan with your child’s teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your child’s classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to encourage student attendance.

Our teachers provide many exciting and purposeful learning opportunities for all of our students. Please encourage your child to attend school everyday.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Dehila Dawson
Acting AP

Student & Family Support Team

The Wellbeing Team has made a positive start to the year and a number of programs have commenced. Joan Kurtis is working with the Wellbeing Team at Warringa Park School on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Joan works 2 days under the Chaplaincy Funding and will have a focus on increasing parent participation in the school. If parents would like to make contact with Joan please email her on kurtis.joan.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Student Leadership programs have commenced with the SRC elections being held on the 29th February. Students are currently developing profiles for the elections.

The Middle Years Shared Leadership Program began with Student Leadership training being held at the Youth Resource Centre. Students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the training with Year 10 students from Werribee Secondary College. Co-care Health Service has commenced a Boys Puberty / Human Relations Education Program in the Middle Years School. The boys were very responsive to the program and will attend the program for 8 weeks.

The Breakfast Club has recommenced and a special thanks to the students who helped this week. The Breakfast Club Program will run on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

A special thank you to Nicole Geehman for the outstanding work she has done over the holidays to organise the requirements for ensuring the wellbeing and medical needs of students are addressed.

Jo Sadler
Assistant Principal Wellbeing

Therese Bourke
Wellbeing Team

Joan Kurtis
Wellbeing Team

Nicole Geehman
School Nurse
Transition (Beyond School) Information Evening

Dear parents and caregivers,

You are invited to attend this information evening to hear about the transition process. This would be a great opportunity to learn about this process and perhaps have some of your questions answered.

This is a compulsory evening for all year 12 students and their parents. It will also be extremely useful for all years 9, 10, 11 students and parents, please take the time to be informed.

When: Tuesday 16th of February

Time: 7pm

Where: Warringa Park School - 81 Warringa Cres. Hoppers Crossing

Agenda

Overview of process
Responsibilities of all stakeholders
Funding
Options for-

• Further education e.g. TAFE
• Employment and training
• Community based programs/ Day programs e.g. Mambourin

Question time/ Documentation handed out and signed for DHHS for Funding.

Please contact Nancy Ishak on 0457 507 246 or Monica Cooper on 0400 190 397 if you have any further questions.
School Council Elections 2016 Warringa Park School

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council? No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. Forms are available from the office.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact Marie for further information. Nomination forms are available from the general office.
Hot Weather... a message from DET

- Melbourne and greater Victoria will experience extremely high temperatures for the back to school period.
- Parents and/or guardians are reminded that on hot days it is important **never** to leave children alone in a car.
- Temperatures inside a parked car during summer can be around 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature.
- Leaving children in hot cars, even for a moment, can result in serious injury or death.
- Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

If a parent or guardian is travelling with a child to school, never leave them alone in a parked car, not even for one moment.

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**Warringa Park School Council**

**Election Process and Timetable**

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Five things you need to know about the NDIS in VIC

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disability, their families and carers. The NDIS is the insurance that gives us all peace of mind. Disability could affect anyone and having the right support makes a big difference.

The NDIS provides eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life.

1. What
The Commonwealth and Victorian governments have agreed on how the NDIS will be rolled out across Victoria. In Victoria, the NDIS will be operating state-wide by July 2019. The NDIS already has a trial site in the Barwon region.

2. When
The NDIS is a big change and will be progressively rolled out across Victoria over three years. People currently receiving support through the Commonwealth and Victorian Government will be moving to the NDIS at different times depending on the type of support they are receiving and where they live.

3. Where

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4. How
The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is working closely with relevant Commonwealth and Victorian government departments to ensure there is a smooth transition to the NDIS for new and existing clients, their families, carers and providers.

5. What can I do to prepare?
Before your area transitions, if you currently access services you will be contacted to discuss the process of entering the NDIS. If you are not currently receiving support, check the information and resources available at www.ndis.gov.au/vic.

Visit our website at www.ndis.gov.au/vic
Call us on 1800 800 110
MyTime @

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 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.

Tweedle child + family health service
53 Adelaide Street Footscray
Victoria 3011 Australia
Ph. +61 3 8387 0638
Fax +61 3 9689 1922
Web www.tweedle.org.au
Be sun smart!

A healthy balance of the sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure is important for health. Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Over exposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor in future skin cancer risk. Too little UV from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy bones and muscles, and for general health. Warringa Park School aims to achieve a healthy UV exposure balance for students and staff and as a SunSmart school takes measures from September to April (when UV levels reach 3 and above) to provide sun protection. Please encourage your child to remember to:

- **Slip!** on clothing that covers as much skin as possible (no singlet tops)
- **Slop** on SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen (remember to reapply it before going outside)
- **Slap** on a wide brimmed hat that shades the head, face, neck and ears
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on some wrap around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067) – if practical

All students are required to wide brimmed hat when outside in term 1. Teachers will be reminding students to wear their hats and to apply sunscreen before recess times. Parents are asked to make sure their child has a hat at school each day. Warringa Park School hats can be purchased for a cost of $11.50. The SunSmart UV Alert is available to assist with sun protection.

**NOTE:** The school provides some sunscreen which is the Coles brand SPF 50. Please let your student’s teacher know if you child CANNOT use this product.

Marie

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Student Attendance —It’s Vital!!

Research shows that students who attend school regularly learn better, feel more connected to school and peers and are generally more likely to succeed at School. In line with this research the Education Department has for many years emphasised the “ITS NOT OK TO BE AWAY” campaign.

At Warringa Park we encourage parents and carer givers to support their children by ensuring school attendance and by having a positive attitude towards coming to school. We realize however that there are occasions such as illness when students are unable to come to school. On these days please ensure that you NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER. Some parents tell bus drivers and chaperones but it is important that you NOTIFY THE SCHOOL AS WELL.

**Teacher parent regular Communication:**

Warringa School values highly parent input and encourages regular communication between school and home.

In 2016 daily communication will be via email or a communication diary. The School has an Application (App) for use on the iPad that is available from the App Store.

Parents and carer givers are encouraged to maintain regular communication with their child’s class either by email or other method during Term 1.
Warringa Park School is extremely proud of the ongoing commitment of our School Community to educational excellence and the creation of outstanding possibilities for our students.

In line with this commitment our stated values are

RESPECT, LEARNING and WORKING TOGETHER

Students, staff and our School Council believe these values best represent the ethos of our school committed to displaying behaviours that demonstrate this commitment.

Our goals, behaviours and language will reflect these values and we ask our parent community to embrace and support them.

And in line with the VALUES of RESPECT, LEARNING and WORKING TOGETHER.

Our student and staff over arching expectations for behaviour are

RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

BE A GOOD LEARNER

WORK WELL TOGETHER

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**BECOME A FOSTER CARER**

You can make a difference

All sorts of people make great Foster Carers. They are tradesmen, nurses, sales reps, shop assistants, teachers etc. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to live.

**Ph 9396 7400**
anglicarevic.org.au/foster-care
The Wynbay Bulldogs are a community football team competing within the Reclink Australia League. The team encourages participation regardless of ability or gender, and open to anyone 16 yrs and above.

The Bulldogs are supported by a number of community agencies. The focus is recognising that the team is for everyone and there is no cost to participate in the league.

Interested in becoming involved? See contact information.

Training Wednesdays
12:00pm till 2:00 pm

Training sessions and match days are on alternate Wednesdays. Home games are at Soldiers Reserve on Duncans Rd, Werribee.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
Peter Loe: 0411 452 439
OR
Scott ‘Coach’ Sutton: 0409 195 755

Find us on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wynbay-
Wyndham Youth Services Presents:

WHO STOLE THE SOLE?

Extremely relevant, brilliantly performed, ABSOLUTELY riveting!!
- Year 10 Parent

Free Performance
with food provided by Vibes

What:
An action packed live theatre performance with rapping, break dancing and loads of laughs.
For parents and ages 12+

When:
Thursday the 3rd of March
6:00-8:00pm

Where:
Youth Resource Centre
86 Derrimut Rd.
Hoppers Crossing

Sponsors:
Victoria Legal Aid
Headspace
Wyndham City Council
Youth Resource Centre
Victoria Police

Contact:
03 9654 3257
vince@phunktional.org.au

phunktional.org.au
Self-Harm: an information session for parents, teachers & carers
18 February 2016

The Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria, Inc presents an Information Session on Self-Harm for parents, teachers and carers with clinical psychologist, Jenny Furey.

Overview

Jenny’s presentation on deliberate self-harm is aimed at parents, teachers and carers. Deliberate self-harm is a complex and sometimes alarming issue for the parents, teachers and carers involved. It is often misunderstood and raises many questions such as:

- What is deliberate self-harm?
- How common is it?
- Types of deliberate self-harm?
- Why children and adolescents self-harm?
- Responding to deliberate self-harm
- Alternatives to deliberate self-harm

This presentation will de-mystify deliberate self-harm by providing comprehensive information and the chance to ask questions.

About the presenter

Jenny Furey has been a registered psychologist since 1996 and is a member of the Australian Psychological Society. She worked in secondary school settings for many years and counselled adolescents (and their families) who presented with issues of deliberate self-harm. Jenny currently works in private practice and has a particular interest in anxiety disorders in both adults and adolescents. She also works with victims of crime and survivors of child sexual abuse. Jenny uses the fundamental elements of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy and Schema Therapy in her practice.

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| Bookings   | Phone: ADAVIC (03) 9653 8089  Email: adavic@adavic.org.au  Website: www.adavic.org.au  BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!  Monies non-refundable (no credits available) |
Warringa updates!

Dates for the diary:

Term 1: 28th January-24th March 2016
No Preps at school: February 17th & 24th

**12 Feb: Curriculum Day—not students at school**
15 Feb: School Council meets
14th March: Labour Day holiday
15th March: Post School Expo: 3:30-6pm
23rd March: Harmony Day

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

Newsletter and Basic Information on iPads

The “Warringa Park School” app can be downloaded onto students iPads by going to the “App Store” on the iPad. 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”

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.

To keep our students safe, **please:**

- Do not drive into the school between 8:45-9:10am or 2:45-3:10pm. Our buses arrive and depart during this time and it is imperative that the driveway is kept clear.
- When walking, please enter and leave the school ONLY through the centre pedestrian pathway. It is very dangerous to walk on the driveway as it is difficult for cars to see pedestrians.

We appreciate your compliance with these safety measures as it ensures the safety of our students.