Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to see our BRC students featured in the Star Weekly last Wednesday. The article highlighted our successful Travel and Career Education programs that use Advance Program funding to assist with delivery. Travelling independently in the community opens so many doors for our students in regards to post school options so it is a real focus for us in the later years.

School Council Elections

There were five parent nominations for the two Parent/ Carer school council vacancies. A ballot will now be held to determine the two vacant positions. The nominations for these positions have been posted at the front entrance of the foyer. The ballot will be conducted from 25th February to Friday March 4th with the vote count on the 7th of March. I would like to thank the parents who have nominated for the school council. It is great opportunity to support the school and it is appreciated by the wider school community. Please keep an eye out for the ballot papers in your student’s bag. They were distributed yesterday and I encourage you to participate in this election process. There were three nominations for the DET positions so no election is required for those positions. The first meeting of the new School Council will be on Monday 21st March. The Annual General Meeting will occur prior to this meeting.

Student Representative Council Elections

Over the past week we have had elections for SRC members across the campuses and I’ve been delighted to read the profiles students have posted about themselves and how they will contribute to the school. Student Voice is highly valued at Warringa Park School. I look forward to meeting our new student leaders and presenting them with their badges.

Swimming Program

It’s been great to see so many students involved in the middle years swimming program and making such good progress at becoming water safe. I really encourage students to participate in this program in order to prevent drowning. The Australian Government believes that ‘Every Australian child must have basic swimming and water safety skills and knowledge of how to be safe when they are in, on, or around water.’ The staff and all our volunteers are doing an amazing job supporting students with this program and I thank them for this.

Student Support Group Meetings

Draft Individual Learning Plans will be sent home on Friday March 4th and over the next 2 weeks Student Support Group meeting will occur. Please take the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and provide input into your child’s priority learning goals for 2016. We were pleased to see so many parents come along to the Later Years Transition Information evening. Have a great weekend and thank you for supporting your child’s learning so well.

Marie Hayes
Acting Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Teachers have been working hard over the past few weeks in assessing and setting personal goals for their students. The Individual Learning Plans (ILP’s) will be sent out on Friday the 4th of March for all parents and carers to review. Please make a suitable time during the SSG meeting weeks of 7th to 18th of March with the classroom teacher to discuss your child’s ILP.

At Warringa Park School students are able to access a wide range of specialist programs. Our school is very supportive of students being physically active and have made Physical Education part of our students everyday education at Warringa Park School. Physical activity for children has been linked to positive self-esteem, skill development, skeletal and cardiovascular health, and general healthy development. Students have the opportunity to participate in weekly classes, perceptual motor programs, dance, swimming, bike riding and sport.

Each student belongs to a house (Freeman, Gaze, Sauvage and Thorpe) and there are many whole school sporting events held during the year. Many of our physical activities are supported with additional staff through our partnership with Victoria University. Congratulations to our SRC students who will be representing each of the Houses.
Every student is able to participate in Visual Art – drawing, painting, modelling, construction, sculpture, photography and textiles and art is displayed on every available space throughout the school. Digital displays of art can be viewed on many of the screens found in learning centres. The Performing Arts (drama and music) provide excellent learning experiences that build confidence and self-esteem and provide for an alternative means of self-expression. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) and eLearning offer hands on learning to many students and build a repertoire of inquiry and presentation skills which are used across all key learning areas.

Staff and students in the Early and Middle Years took part in the adaptive swimming program this week. Thank you to all the staff and especially Emilia and Kasey for organising the swimming program for our students.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dehia Dawson
Acting AP

Student & Family Support Team

The Wellbeing Team focuses on providing opportunities for students to be involved in a range of intervention programs. This week the SEA Program commenced at the Wyndham Youth Resource Centre. The Self Awareness Program provides a group setting for young women to engage in personal development and to discuss issues relevant to them. Year 10 girls from Bethany Road will participate in the five week program. Joan Kurtis, Wellbeing Worker will attend the program with students. The program has the following aims:

- To create an environment that is positive, supportive, fun, and that promotes personal development.
- To encourage participants to develop to feel more comfortable within themselves and with other people in a variety of situations.
- To assist participants to develop skills to increase self esteem.
- To encourage participants to take greater self-responsibility.
- To assist participants to understand the role of emotions and learn different ways to manage their feelings.
- To enable participants to be more aware of their own worth and more accepting of the worth of others.

On Monday night three students attended the Lara Lions Club to make a presentation on their time at Licola Camp in 2015. The Lions Club funded the girls and two staff members to attend the camp which provided opportunities for the girls to enjoy a range of social and recreational activities. We would like to thank Joan Kurtis and Kayla Micallef on attending the camp, presentation and their amazing support of the girls. The outcome from this opportunity means an ongoing relationship has been formed with the Lara Lions Club. Brian Walker advised us on the night that they will provide funding gain in 2016 for another group of students to attend the camp later in the year.

Jo Sadler  Assistant Principal Wellbeing
Therese Bourke  Wellbeing Team
Joan Kurtis  Wellbeing Team
Nicole Geehman  School Nurse
Eighty-eight special-needs students at Warringa Park School will continue learning the ins and outs of getting around their city after the State Government continued its backing of the Advance Education Program. Danielle Barclay, acting Team Leader of the school’s Bethany Road campus, says the program helps teach students with learning difficulties how to negotiate the world of travel, getting to and from jobs. Knowing how to use public transport helps students become independent, she said. The students assess themselves prior to, during and after travel, assessing how they went. They need to problem-solve when transport doesn’t arrive or is late. “It has worked really well,” Ms Barclay said. “Seventy per cent of our students are travelling independently.” Ms Barclay said the school’s careers program placed year 10 students in a range of workplaces, including early learning centres, supermarkets, automotive retailers and restaurants. “This has taught the students to build up skills in the community, while setting them up with post-school options, helping them successfully prepare for their future,” she said. Werribee MP Tim Pallas is a big fan. “Young students get involved, make connections in their community and gain valuable experience and skills that will help them get a job and strengthen our local economy,” he said.

See more at:
Swimming
Congratualtions to this year’s House Captains!

Gaze (Red) House
- Atlas E
- Amy S
- Chelsea R
- Bailey C

Thorpe (Yellow) House
- Rocky B
- Madison S
- Rhys J
- Nathan P
- Rooma M
- Tyiah S

Sausage (Green) House
- Oshawa M
- Natalie J
- Bailey G
- Adam H
- Liam W

Freeman (Blue) House
- Taylor R
- Tegan VS
- Shakira C
- Mitchell Jk
- Joshua SM

It feels amazing to be voted in as house captain for a second straight year. This year I want to be a better house captain by helping early students with work and sport.

It feels great to be Vice Captain of Gaze House. I look forward to helping younger students when they get hurt.
Congratulations to our House Captains
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.

Apple AC Wall Plug Adapters

Apple has determined that, in very rare cases, the two prong Apple AC wall plug adapters designed for use in Australia may break and create a risk of electrical shock if touched. These wall plug adapters shipped from 2003 to 2015 with Mac and iPads.

All adapters that have the round shape head are affected and will need to be replaced by Apple Australia. If you have any of these adapters around your house now is the time to replace them.

You have 2 options available:

If you prefer you can exchange your adapter(s) at your local Apple or an Authorized Apple Service Provider. (Please visit [http://www.apple.com/au/retail/storelist/](http://www.apple.com/au/retail/storelist/) to find your closest Apple Store) This is the best option if you are in a hurry or have more than 3 adapters to change over.

If you prefer I’ve managed to negotiate a limited number of exchanges with Apple Australia through Warringa Park Campus. If you would prefer to exchange the adapters at Warringa Park Campus, please fill out the form located at [http://helpdesk.warringapark.vic.edu.au/open.php](http://helpdesk.warringapark.vic.edu.au/open.php) selecting Apple Adapter Recall under help topic. Someone from the IT team will be in touch with instructions on how to return the chargers to the school to be replaced. Please be aware that there is a maximum of 3 wall plug exchanges per family. If you have any more then 3 please make an appointment at your local apple store to arrange the exchange.

Exchanges will only happen at Warringa Park School during the week of 29th of February through to the 4th of March between 8:30am and 4:00pm. We will not be able to assist with any exchanges outside of these days/hours.

Please note if you go to Apple or Warringa Park for the exchange, only Genuine Apple AC wall plug adapters as shown below will be replaced. After market plugs, cables or the charger will not be replaced.

If you have any questions feel free to visit [https://www.apple.com/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/](https://www.apple.com/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/) for information from Apple or contact the IT department through [http://helpdesk.warringapark.vic.edu.au](http://helpdesk.warringapark.vic.edu.au)
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
Warringa Park School has called for nominations for the two vacant Parent/carer positions and the three DET positions. There were three nominations for the DET positions, hence no election is required for those positions. There were five nominations for the Parent/carer positions and hence an election has been called. Ballots have been sent home to parents/carers on Thursday 25th February. You can vote for two candidates ONLY. The ballot closes on Friday 7th March at 4pm. Please return your ballot in an envelope to the office.

School Council Election Process and Timetable

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# MyTime @ Tweddle

## 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 Ct, 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

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## 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”

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*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 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 to the ICT team for repair.

Parents/carers may be held responsible for any breakage or loss of the iPads or iPod 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 /parent/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 they 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**
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
First Training Starting:
Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

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-
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 Cayley's 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, 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.