Our School Community Newsletter

WARBY NEWS

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Attendance All parents want their children to be happy and successful in life. How do we help achieve that?

Regular attendance at school

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015

"Albus Dumbledore had got to his feet. He was beaming at the students, his arms opened wide, as if nothing could have pleased him more than to see them all there.

'Welcome!' He said 'Welcome to a new year at Hogwarts. Before we begin our banquet, I would like to say a few words. And here they are: Nitwk, Bludder, Oddment, Tweak!

'Thank you'

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K.Rowling Each school term I like to welcome everyone back with this famous quote from Harry Potter. The reason is because the start of each term is truly a welcome to all experiences and we should have our arms open to receive and look forward to future experiences across the school community. Our students at John Warby School all have potential to be

successful individuals in their own way. However, it is up to them to make the right choices. By working as part of a team our students can become respectful, responsible and safe learners.

#### Professional Development for Staff

Staff at the school had the opportunity to complete a number of professional development workshops to support the School Plan for 2015- 2017. These days are highly important in improving outcomes for all members of our school community.

Jennifer Jones Program Development Coordinator for the "Changing Minds" Every Student, Every School Project presented a number of academic and pro-social skills programs on bullying, anger management, personalised learning and anxiety. Staff will hopefully implement a number of these programs to students of the next few months to support students in improving both their academic and social skills.

Staff also had the opportunity to visit the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation on the day. This is an outstanding organisation that provides support to all members of the community. It runs a number of exciting programs such as Good Tucker All Round, Koori Community Kitchen and Lyrebird





- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:
- -Wakakirri Fundraising BBQ

Friday 24th July:

3-6 Athletics Carnival



exercise classes. The school consolidated the relationship it already has with Tharawal to support all students.

## School Uniform

As the school enters the winter months, the John Warby School uniform provides a student with the added safety that if an incident was to occur to or from school, the student could be clearly identified and contact made with the school. It also establishes a sense of belonging to a school community.

It is the role of parents or guardians to monitor their child's school uniform prior to their child leaving the house. This is especially the case in terms of school pants and shoes, as students may be involved in sporting activities or food technology classes during the day. Thus, uniform reduces the risk of injury. Parents will be contacted by the staff, if students are not in appropriate uniform and a clean uniform may be supplied to them for the day.

## **NAIDOC Celebrations**

The school would like to thank the Aboriginal Education team for organising NAIDOC celebrations at the school. The day was a great opportunity for all members of the school community to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievement. The day was a chance to recognise the outstanding contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our county, society and communities.

Students took part in a variety of activities during the day such as traditional games, Aboriginal art and Dreamtime stories. Students were also will be encouraged to wear red, black and yellow to celebrate the day. Once again, thank you to the Aboriginal Education committee for organising the day.

## John Warby Public School

Unfortunately, as the lights go out on my time at John Warby Public School, I can only start to reflect on the many great highlights that have supported students in achieving both learning and social outcomes. John Warby School endeavours to provide a proactive learning and social environments that allows students every opportunity for success. These highlights and achievements over the past few weeks have included:

- Guest Speakers
- University Visit
- School Camp
- Dance Program
- Athletics Carnival
- Staff Professional Development
- Sister Speak Program
- NAIDOC Day Celebrations
- TENS Mathematical Lessons
- Fundraising Events for Charity organisations.
- Wacky Hair Day
- T2T Presentation
- PBL Rewards Day

# Thank you

I would like to give a huge thank to the staff, students and the entire school community for your efforts during my short period at the school. John Warby is a great school with a staff focussed on improving learning and social outcomes for students. It was very busy few weeks with the school achieving some outstanding educational results due to the commitment of all staff. So, have an enjoyable semester two and remain safe.

#### Welcome Back Mrs Kitchin

The John Warby community would like to welcome back Mrs Kitchin from her overseas holiday. We hope she had a relaxing break and I know students are excited about hearing of her many adventures to different countries.

Mr R Patruno Acting Principal

# Buddy Reading

This week 6M have started buddy reading with KJ. We are helping KJ with their reading on Monday's and Wednesdays from 10.20am until first break. We are helping them with words that they can't sound out and can't say themselves. We also bring our own library books down to read to them. This week we introduced ourselves and we got to know our buddies a little better and listened to them read for the first time. We think that KJ did a good job and we really enjoyed helping with their reading.

By Caitlyn & Maddison















