

Our School Community Newsletter

# WARBY NEWS

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## Principal's Message

Last Tuesday our Stage 2 Aboriginal Students participated in the Aboriginal Numeracy Challenge at Airds High School accompanied by Ms Davies. Our students were wonderfully behaved and showed outstanding maths skills to win the Challenge, beating Briar Road PS by 1 point. Well done to all students involved!

Next week we will be celebrating both Book Week and Education Week. For Education Week we have Open Classrooms, a picnic lunch with family and a special Assembly planned for Tuesday. For Book Week we are running a Book Fair in the Library throughout the week and we will be holding our Book Parade, where students are encouraged to dress up, on Thursday. We encourage all Parents, Carers and members of our community to join us for these special activities.

Every week teachers and myself will be ringing home to congratulate a number of students who have been following our school rules and being Safe, Respectful Learners. I would like to congratulate Julius Muliaga who was chosen as our Student of the Week for Week 6. I would also like to congratulate 4/5A who were our Class of the Week in Week 5 and 3/4D who were our Class of the Week in Week 6.

Our school bus continues to collect students and bring them to school to promote improved attendance. Due to increased numbers of students using this service we have moved the bus starting time to 8:20am. Please have your children ready by this time if you use the school bus – we need all students to be at school by 9:00am.

From time to time issues may arise within the community or at the school that you are concerned about. If you do have any concerns please come and speak to me about them so that the school can attempt to address the issues.

Mrs Ann Kitchin

**Week 6 Term 3**

## Calendar

**24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August**  
Book Fair in Library

**24<sup>th</sup> August:**  
Excursion for Special Squad 2

**25<sup>th</sup> August:**  
Education Week Assembly &  
Open Classrooms

Sausage Sizzle lunch- pre  
ordered

**27<sup>th</sup> August:**  
Airds HS Year 6 Transition  
Book Parade - Dress Up

**31<sup>st</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
Enviro Week

**31<sup>st</sup> August:**  
Public Speaking Stage Finals

**1<sup>st</sup> September:**  
Measurement Fun Day

**3<sup>rd</sup> September:**  
Airds HS G&T Challenge for  
selected students  
6M Afternoon Tea with Parents  
& Carers

**4<sup>th</sup> September:**  
GALA Day  
K-2 Athletics Carnival

**7<sup>th</sup> September:**  
2A Afternoon Tea with Parents  
& Carers

**9<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Whole school Public Speaking  
Final

**15<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Sista Speak Cafe

## **Getting Ready for “Big School”**

Any student and their parents/carers, who are starting Kindergarten at John Warby PS next year, are invited to attend a free “Getting Ready for Big School” program that will take place next term. It aims to provide as much support to our students before they start Kindergarten. The program will have 2 parts.



### **PART 1:**

#### **Kindergarten Orientation Information Sessions**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Week 2 from 2-3pm and

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Week 3 from 2-3pm

During these 2 sessions the children will visit this year's Kindergarten classroom and parents/carers will remain in the hall for an information session.

### **PART 2:**

**The “Getting Ready for Big School” program will occur in Ms Murray's classroom:**

Session 1: Tuesday Week 4: 9-11am (Parents and Carers attend with the children)

Session 2: Tuesday Week 5: 9-11am (Parents and Carers attend with the children)

Session 3: Tuesday Week 6: 9-11am (only the children the attend)

Session 4: Tuesday Week 7: 9-11am (only the children the attend)

The children will be exposed to the expectations and structure of “Big School”. It will be a time to observe the children to ensure we are well prepared to meet their needs when they begin school in 2016.

*Watch this space for further information and please remember:*

**2016 Kindergarten Enrolment applications are now available at the front office and at the John Warby Preschool**

If you have any questions please feel free to speak to Ms Murray.

## **Urgent Update of Medical Information**

If your child has a medical condition requiring additional medical attention, asthma or an allergy, it is essential that we update all our health care plans as soon as possible.

It is a requirement that the forms are completed by your medical practitioner in order for the school to fully support the health needs of your child. No other forms, other than the ones provided can be accepted.

Please ensure these forms are completed by the end of Week 6, Term 3 (Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015). After this date, unfortunately, your child will be unable to attend any excursion or event outside of the school grounds. The school has a duty of care to your child and without formal medical advice from a doctor, would not be able to cater for their health needs.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Williamson, at school, on 4625 8140.

## **University of Western Sydney First Foot Forward Family Night**

The University of Western Sydney, First Foot Forward Primary program have been working with our Stage 3 students throughout the year, aiming to increase their educational and career aspirations.

The program is running a Family Open Night aimed at providing parents with the necessary skills to be able to support and mentor their children with their higher education goals. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's potential future in higher education with our guest speaker and University staff. The night will be just as fun as it will be worthwhile, boasting interactive workshops that explore different study options facilitated by current university students. At the end of the night dinner will be provided as well as a huge range of entertainment for the whole family!

All parents, carers and students are invited to attend the event on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October at the Campbelltown Campus. Registrations are essential. Please use the link to be involved in this great event. [www.uws.edu.au/primaryfamilynights](http://www.uws.edu.au/primaryfamilynights)

**And the best part, the whole night is 100% FREE!**

### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Yes we are collecting the Earn and Learn stickers for John Warby. Please help by getting friends and relatives to collect them for us!

There is a box in the office area where the stickers can be dropped off. We also have a box at Macarthur Square Woolworths where you can drop stickers in!

Thank you to all the people who have already started to drop stickers and completed sheets into the box in the office area.

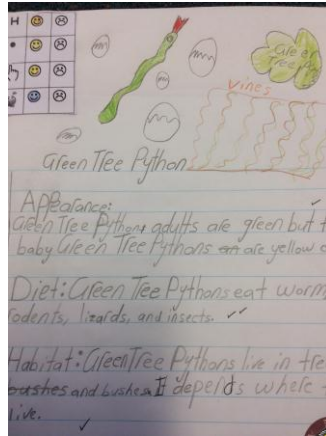
### **Pie Drive**

A separate note and order form has been sent home for our Pie Drive. Please ask family, friends and neighbours if they would like to buy some delicious Timbertown pies. More order forms are available from the front office or the school canteen.

**All orders and money must be returned to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

# *What have 2A been learning about?*

*We are learning to inform others through our writing. Are you a 5 star writer?*



*We are also very excited  
Week. We have painted*

*for Education Week and Book  
portraits of our heroes.*



My hero in the community is a nurse because she helped me when I had to go to hospital.

My hero is my teacher. When I grow up I want to be a teacher.

