

Our School Community Newsletter

WARBY NEWS

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Week 6 Term 4

Relieving Principal's Report

It is with much sadness that I begin our newsletter this week. As you are aware Mrs Kitchin has been on leave for this term – this was due to the ill health of her daughter, Elissa. I am sorry to say that after five weeks in hospital Elissa passed away on Thursday night with her family by her side.

Elissa was a teacher, like her parents, who taught Physical Education, first at Xavier College and more recently at Cerdon College. Over the weeks she was in hospital Elissa was constantly visited by family, friends, colleagues and students (past and present) who were fortunate to have been a part of her life.

As a school community our heartfelt prayers, thoughts and condolences are with Mrs Kitchin and her family. Our grief over Elissa's passing is shared with the staff and students of Xavier College and Cerdon College.

Mr Brad Mitchell (Relieving Director Campbelltown) has asked me to step into the principal role during this time and I have accepted this position. I would like to thank our surrounding schools who have offered their help and support to our staff during this difficult time.

Classes 2019

Yes it's that time already - we are commencing our organisation of classes for 2019. During the coming weeks our staff will be discussing the placement of students into new classes. At this stage our class structure will be very similar to this year however, this is always affected by the number of students that are enrolled at our school.

If you know of parents who are moving into the area please let them know that we are now accepting enrolments for next year. In addition, if you know that you will be moving on please advise the office so we can make sure that we pass on information to your child's new school.

Security and Safety

I would like to remind all community members, students and staff to keep their valuables close at hand. Unfortunately, during our preschool concert on Monday morning a member of our staff had a number of credit cards stolen from her personal belongings. As you can imagine this has been very upsetting for the staff member involved as well as our school as a whole. If you have any information about this incident please contact me in the school office. We have contacted the police and they are investigating.

On a pleasing note, students are wearing helmets on a regular basis if they are riding a scooter or bike to and from school. I would like to thank parents and carers for reinforcing our message of safety – we do this because we care!

Calendar

Wednesday 21 Nov

- Community Feedback and Planning Morning Tea

Friday 23 Nov

- Preschool Open Day

Friday 23 Nov

- Kindergarten Excursion

Monday 26 Nov

- Morning Assembly – First Foot Forward Presentation

Wednesday 28 Nov

- Assembly

High School Scholarship Recipients

On Wednesday night I was fortunate to be asked to attend the Airds High School Presentation Night. It was wonderful to see so many ex-Warby students receiving awards – however, I was there for a special reason.

Two of our Year 6 students applied for and were offered Year 7 scholarships for 2019.

Tatum and Julie were the successful students, Tatum receiving hers for Creative and Practical Arts and Julie for Values. Well done girls – we are very proud.



Come Along and Share

Tomorrow we are holding our annual Community Feedback and Planning Morning Tea. We began this last year and it was a great success, with parents, carers and students working and planning together.

This year we are hoping for more parents and carers to attend, allowing us to get a better picture about what works well at our school and areas that need further discussion. Ms Murray will be sharing what has been happening since we last planned and where we are headed.

Please let the office know if you will be attending so that we can organise catering. Just a reminder – students can come if their parents come – so be prepared to be nagged!

Preschool Celebrations

Yesterday our wonderful preschool students celebrated their final days of preschool with a concert and presentation assembly. I would like to thank all the teachers involved in the organisation and running of this day – without their dedication and commitment to our students and school, days like this would not be possible.

To our students – congratulations on a fantastic performance! We look forward to seeing some of your smiling faces next year in big school!

School Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will be held on Wednesday 28th November, beginning at 2.10pm. This will be an assembly led by our school leaders. We warmly invite parents and carers to come along for this special occasion.

On a final note...

'The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you' B.B. King

Thank you for your support of our school.

Mellissa Page

Relieving Principal



Student of the Week

Wk 5 – Jehath K

Wk 6 – Desmond P

Class of the Week

Wk 5 – El Dorado

Wk 6 – Neverland

We are a 'Nut Aware' School

We currently have students enrolled at our school who are allergic to peanuts and nut products (peanut butter, nutella, hazelnuts etc). Please help us to keep all our students safe by ensuring your child does not bring food containing any nuts to school. Your support with this helps to minimise the risk of a student having a potentially life threatening reaction. Please speak with your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

From the Pastoral Carers Desk

"Remembrance Day"- Commemoration Speech

Remembrance Day had a special significance this year. Sunday 11 November 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War.

One hundred years ago, on 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after 4 years of continuous warfare. With their armies retreating and close to collapse, German leaders signed an Armistice, bringing to an end the First World War.

Australians served in this war with distinction, and achieved a fighting reputation out of proportion to their numbers. But victory had come at a heavy cost. In the 4 years of the war (1914-1918) over 416,000 Australians had enlisted. More than 60,000 of them died, and 156,000 were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner. Now that's at a time when Australia's population was around 5 million...in total nearly 220,000 men were killed or wounded, the social effects of this war would take decades to overcome.

So the 11th November became known as Armistice Day, but it was later changed to Remembrance Day, which is commemorated with a minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month each year. We do this in memory of all those who have died or suffered in all wars and conflicts.

There have been many wars and conflicts since the First World War, where Australians have been willing to serve and sacrifice for their country with their mates. We should always remember them, acknowledge their service to us, and Honour their Spirit, their "Invictus" spirit...did you know the word invictus means "invincible".

The recent "Invictus Games" in Sydney brought world-wide attention. They were an inspiring example of human resilience. I would say everyone was moved by the individual stories and events. The "Invictus Games" showed us the power of the human spirit...the ex-service men and women who bravely competed were honoured for their spirit, and often called "Super Human", but as Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex said, "They are just ordinary people...doing extraordinary things" and that said, so simply, is something we can all take to heart.

We are all just ordinary people, but I ask "Will you do extraordinary things?" Now I know a lot of people here have had a lot going on in their lives, it hasn't been easy. But do we let our circumstances define us, even defeat us? Or do we find the strength and willingness to try to do extraordinary things. It's important to remember you're not alone...from where I stand I see the opportunity for a positive future, regardless of what has happened in the past. You have an "army" of good people around you here at John Warby. They want to encourage you and help you to achieve your dreams. Are you accepting their support? Because ordinary people can do extraordinary things!

So, at this time of Remembrance, one hundred years after the end of the First World War, Will you Honour their Spirit? And maybe follow the "Invictus Games" example, of being extraordinary?

This term I am at John Warby on Monday and Tuesday. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until next time, cheers.
Rob Hodgson JP



Kindergarten Transition



Well done to all the students who have attended our John Warby Transition. We can't wait to see you again in 2019!

We are learning to write our name.

Miezio Cup 2018

Atlantica represented John Warby Public School at the Miezio Cup last week. Not only were they outstanding representatives of our school, they also won several trophies on the day. Overall, we placed 3rd! Congratulations Atlantica!



John Warby Public School Infants Christmas Luncheon

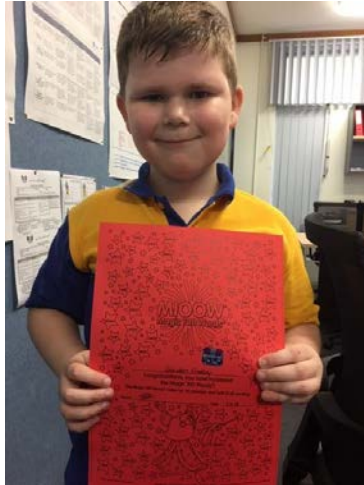


K-2 Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday of Week 9!
All K-2 students are invited to enjoy a hot lunch, fun drinks, dessert and a Christmas Sing-a-Long.

A surprise visitor will be coming to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.
Please look out for your child's official invite.

Congratulations Gordon, Oliver and Ella.

These amazing students have made outstanding progress in reading.
They are now able to read more than 100 sight words.
We are so proud of them.



Congratulations!



Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 18th December, 2018
At 6:00pm

Campbelltown Catholic Club
Formal invitation to follow

Don't forget School Banking is on Wednesdays!

This is a great way to teach your child to save, as well as create an account that will support them later on in life.

Children who participate are rewarded with:

- A Youthsaver account;
- Dollarmites tokens that they can redeem for exciting rewards when they deposit regularly into their savings account;
- A Dollarmites deposit wallet to use when making School Banking deposits;
- A Platybank money box, along with a range of materials to help them learn and encourage them to save.



Did you know?

Every month that you make at least one deposit and don't take any money out of your Youthsaver account, you'll earn 'bonus interest'. Bonus interest is extra money the bank gives you as a reward for saving.

School banking occurs on Wednesday mornings.
Please contact the office if you would like your child to be involved.

Neverland

Neverland have been learning about information technologies and how we can communicate with others. We have learnt how to make and receive phone calls as well as send emails.



Community Feedback

Morning Tea

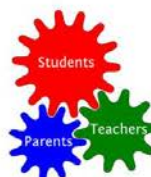
**Thank you to those
who have sent in
their RSVP...**

What: Morning tea, to give feedback about our school-
We value what you think.

Where: The Library

When: Tomorrow, 21st November 2018.

9:00am-11am



Looking forward to seeing you all there!



JOHN WARBY PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 Classroom Christmas Hamper Drive

"Bringing others a little Christmas joy!"

Dear Friends of Warby,

Christmas is fast approaching, which can mean added stress for many in our school community. Last year the response to our Christmas Hamper Drive was truly outstanding. It's an opportunity to show the wonderful "giving" qualities we have here at Warby. I know 2018 has been a busy year for all, we've had many fundraising activities at our school, and we are so thankful for your continued generosity and support. We would however, love you to join us once again, as we endeavour to bring some relief to some of our families this Christmas through our **2018 Christmas Hamper Drive**....here's how:

1. Check the class list attached
2. Each class has been given a list of requested items
3. Purchase only these items from the supermarket
4. Bring the items to the classroom collection basket
5. Please deliver by **Monday 3rd December**

Your donations will make a difference!

Thank you.

Mellissa Page

Relieving Principal

Rob Hodgson

Pastoral Care

05/11/2018



JOHN WARBY PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018 Classroom Christmas Hamper Shopping List
For Classes

Preschool : Christmas Lollies, Zooper Doopers.

Emerald City : Chips, Nibbles, Lollies. (no nuts)

Pridelands : Chips, Nibbles, Lollies. (no nuts)

Wonderland : Chips, Nibbles, Lollies. (no nuts)

Hundred Acre Wood & Camelot :

Tinned Corn/Beetroot, Bottle of Soft Drink, Zooper Doopers.

Asgard & Neverland :

Jelly Crystals, Tinned Fruit Salad, Pasta, Bon Bons.

Whoville & Metropolis:

Fruit Mince Pies, Biscuits: shortbread/savoury, Serviettes.

Eldorado & Atlantica :

Christmas Pudding, Long Life Custard, Long Life Milk

2018 Community of Schools “CoS Cup”



Join us in our quest to celebrate sporting talent and strong partnerships across our community of schools. Soccer and Oz-tag games will be played to see which school will take out the prestigious CoS Cup for 2018. Will it be our school ?

WHEN ?

Monday 10th December

3.30 – 4 pm Registration

Games and prizes from 4-5.30 pm

WHERE ?

Airds High School

Briar Road, Airds

Please see Ms Murray or Mrs Williamson if you have any questions.

**PARENTS, STAFF
AND
STUDENTS ALL
WELCOME**

BBQ AND DRINKS

1 FREE sausage sandwich
and drink per person

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

Chances to win a range
of amazing prizes

