

Our School Community Newsletter

WARBY NEWS

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Relieving Principal's Report

Thank you from our staff

On behalf of the staff of John Warby PS I would like to sincerely thank all of the community members who supported us during last week, especially on Friday, allowing our staff members to attend the funeral of Mrs Kitchin's daughter Elissa. It is heart-warming to know that during difficult times we can rely on each other. I would also like to thank Mrs Sivell and Mrs Nicol who came to lead our school on Friday. Without the generosity of everyone involved our attendance would not have been possible. I have passed on the condolences from our school community to Mrs Kitchin and she is grateful for your kind words.

We have been selected!

I received an email on Monday afternoon informing me that our application for the 'Cooler Classrooms' program has been successful and our school has been selected to receive air-conditioning under this program. This is fantastic news for our school!

The department will come and assess the whole of our site including our classrooms, preschool, office area and library and determine what the needs of our school are and when they anticipate work will begin. Once I have more information I will let everyone know. If parents and carers are interested in reading up on this program the following link provides information: schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au.

A Wonderful Gesture

Last week our school was extremely fortunate to receive a large number of electronic tablets that were donated by Thyssenkrupp Elevators Australia. These tablets will be used by our students in lessons that involve coding and digital technologies. We were going to purchase similar devices for our students so now the funds allocated towards this will be able to be used for other resources. I would like to sincerely thank the Lovric family for their wonderful gesture towards our school.



Week 8 Term 4

Calendar

Friday 7 Dec

- Student leadership voting

Monday 10 Dec

- Special morning assembly – Warby Pins, Principal's Awards, Attendance Awards
- PBL Rewards Day
- CoS Cup @Airds HS 3.30pm

Tuesday 11 Dec

- K-2 Christmas Luncheon
- Sista Speak Café

Wednesday 12 Dec

- Jnr AECG Fun Day
- Stage 3 Cricket Day @Tharawal

Thursday 13 Dec

- Presentation Day

Friday 14 Dec

- P&C Disco

Staff Development Days

Throughout this year our staff have attended after school meetings that allow us to plan for continual improvement across the curriculum, as well as up-skill teachers.

Our staff have also undertaken additional professional learning in what are called 'Twilight Sessions' (3pm-6pm) in a range of areas to best meet the needs of our students. This has included the following:

- Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Care
- Anaphylaxis Training
- Critical and Creative Thinking (Minds Wide Open)
- Stronger Smarter

This additional professional learning has allowed our staff to finish school with our students on Wednesday 19th December 2018. Students will return to school on Wednesday 30th January 2019.

A Great Success

Last Wednesday we held our annual Community Feedback and Planning Morning Tea. During this time parents, carers, teachers and students had the opportunity to talk about what works well at our school, as well as areas that we think need further investigation. I hope that the community members who attended found the time to be worthwhile, as we always enjoy hearing your thoughts and suggestions.



We were also able to have a bit of fun, with Miss Dixon showing us one of the emerging technologies that we are looking at using in the coming years – Virtual Reality. We were fortunate to have been allocated the use of a Virtual Reality kit during Term 4 by the Department of Education and the students were teaching the parents how it all works – they did a great job!

What a Great Help!

Last week the weather was not particularly nice, with gale force winds and torrential downpours. Fortunately at John Warby PS we have many students who help out around our school.

Thanks to Jake M, Andrew R and Isaac P for helping clean up the area outside the office – I wonder if they do this at home?



School Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will be held on Monday 10th December, beginning at 9.10am. This will be a special assembly led by our school leaders. We will be presenting students with Principal's Awards, Warby Pins and Attendance Awards. We warmly invite parents and carers to come along for this special occasion.

On a final note...

'Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn' Benjamin Franklin

Thank you for your support of our school.

Mellissa Page

Relieving Principal

Congratulations!

Student of the Week

Wk 7 – Selina O

Wk 8 – Montana C

Class of the Week

Wk 7 – Emerald City

Wk 8 – Metropolis

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.



Fantastic Learners

Our younger students always manage to amaze us – look at these superstars! Well done Kayleigh H, Desmond P, Heberjames N and Chontai P for learning your sight words. We are so proud of your perseverance.



Using the Virtual Reality Kit

Primary students had the opportunity to use the Virtual Reality Kit over the past few weeks. Students have enjoyed learning about a variety of places from around the world. They have learnt many new skills and we hope they can use these next year during our new Digital Technologies units of work.



2019 School Leadership Team Candidates

On Friday all school staff and all students in Years 2-6 will be voting to elect the School Leadership Team for next year. They will be voting for 2 School Captains, 2 Vice Captains and 2 Aboriginal Leaders.

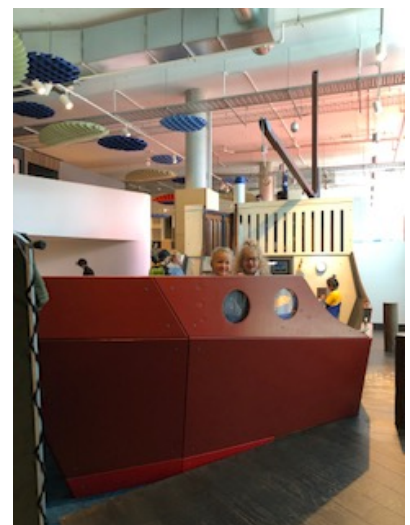
Who will be the successful candidates?

You will have to wait until presentation day to find out. Good luck and best wishes to all our candidates.



Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten had a lovely day at the Wollongong Discovery Centre last week. We were lucky enough to learn about healthy eating and even got to see our digestive system from the inside of a stomach.



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.

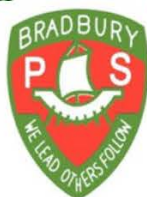


Did you know?

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.**

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**

