

Our School Community Newsletter

WARBY NEWS

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Week 10 Term 3

Deputy Principal's Report

Mr Boyd Retires

After 30 years at John Warby Public School Mr Boyd will be retiring from the Department of Education on Friday. I know that many people in our school community will have fond memories of being taught by Mr Boyd and I have heard many stories about the wonderful educator he has been at our school. A paragraph in a newsletter can in no way acknowledge the tremendous impact that Mr Boyd has had on not only the students that he has taught, the staff that he has mentored but also the many community members that he has supported over the years. As I have spoken to students, parents and teachers they all had the same message – 'Mr Boyd always put the kids first'. He has gone above and beyond in his role as a teacher and will be fondly remembered for the many fun times that he had with his classes over the years.

On behalf of our school community I would like to wish Mr Boyd and his family all the best. We know you will be missed but we look forward to seeing you next year – as a casual teacher!

Staffing Update

With Mr Boyd retiring Miss Jenny Toovey will be the teacher of Metropolis for the remainder of the year. I am sure you will join with me in making her feel welcome to our school. Our teacher librarian Mrs Smith will also be leaving us for Term 4, as she has accepted a full-time position at Mount Brown PS but will return to us in 2019. Mrs Williamson will replace Mr Boyd in the Relieving Assistant Principal role for Term 4.

What Superstars!

Last Wednesday five of our students represented our school at the Regional Athletics carnival. They all had outstanding performances, showing a true 'Warby Spirit' in their efforts. Well done to Tafa B, Jone R, Shekinah B, Jake M, JJ B, Torri D and Coby M. Three of our students are now going on to represent our school at the State Athletics carnival which is being held on 31st October and 1st November at Homebush. We wish Shekinah, Tafa and Jone the best of luck!

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019

It is time to enrol for Kindergarten 2019. Please encourage anyone considering an enrolment for next year, to call into the office and collect an enrolment form. Keep spreading the good word and let other parents of school age children know that we are accepting enrolments now. To our existing families, please let us know if you are moving or changing schools next year as this affects the number of students enrolled and staffing for 2019.

Calendar

Friday 28th Sep

- Mr Boyd's Farewell
- Last Day of Term

Monday 15th Oct

- First Day Term 4

Wednesday 17th Oct

- Assembly – Sports Awards

Applying for a Selective High School in 2020

Students in Year 5 are being given information this week about applying for a Selective High School placement in 2020. If you have any questions about the process please contact the office. An information booklet is available for parents to read or alternatively you can access the link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications must be made online between 9 October 2018 and 12 November 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

NAPLAN 2018

Student results for NAPLAN 2018 were sent home last week. If any parents or carers have questions about their child's results please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher. Just a reminder that NAPLAN is a snapshot in time and your child may have improved since the testing was completed in May of this year.

Whole School Assembly

Our first whole school assembly for Term 4 will be held on Wednesday 17th October, beginning at 2.10pm. This will be a Sports Awards assembly and we warmly invite parents and carers to come along for this special occasion.

End of Term

Our last day of term is Friday 28th September. Term 4 starts on Monday 15th October as there is no pupil free day to start next term. I would like to thank all of our students, parents, staff and wider community for a great Term 3 and hope you have a lovely and relaxing 2 week break.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Kitchin and her family, with the passing of a close family member. Whilst Mrs Kitchin is on leave Ms Murray and I will be sharing the leading of the school during Week 10. We thank you for your understanding.

On a final note...

'When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts' Dali Lama

Thank you for your support of our school.

Mellissa Page

Deputy Principal

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.

School Uniform

It has been wonderful to witness the high standards of school uniform at our school. Many thanks to our parents/carers for their support in ensuring our students come to school each day in the correct school uniform - it not only looks wonderful but promotes pride in appearance and in being part of our school. If parents need financial assistance with purchasing a school uniform for their child/children, please contact the school office.

Communication with our School

There are a number of ways that our school keeps you up to date about events and learning opportunities for our students.

- 1) Skoolbag App. Download this App to be kept up to date with everything that is happening at JWPS. It features Events, Newsletters, Notes sent home and Push notification alerts direct from the school. How to download is included in this newsletter.
- 2) Facebook – our facebook page is regularly updated and is a great way to see our students learning in action. Our facebook page can be found at **John Warby Public School “Official”**.
- 3) Newsletter – fortnightly newsletters will be available on our school website and the Skoolbag app. Copies of the newsletter are also available in the office.
- 4) School Website – we are currently updating our website. Take a look at <http://www.johnwarby-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Student of the Week

Wk 9 – Harmonie B

Wk 10 – Abiha R

Class of the Week

Wk 9 – Hundred Acre Wood

Wk 10 - Wonderland

From the Pastoral Carers Desk

Term 3 is almost over and we have seen many encouraging achievements and positive outcomes through extra programs, events and activities at John Warby Public School this term. “Education Week” was recognised earlier in the term. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the success of school communities, and acknowledge the important contribution schools make to our society. At Warby the dedicated staff continue to support our students all year with genuine commitment and energy. They are providing wonderful opportunities in education and personal development for all our boys and girls.

It is with mixed emotions that we will say farewell to our dear Assistant Principal Mr **Kenneth Boyd** this week. After 30 years of exceptional service to John Warby Public School and its community, he will retire as a full-time teacher at our school. Mr Boyd has been an outstanding teacher, guiding so many young people over the years. He will be sorely missed by students, staff and community. Congratulations on a wonderful career sir! We really do appreciate all you have done at Warby... And our very best wishes to you and your family in your future retirement.

Recently, I've talked with an increased number of people about feeling stressed and worried, and it is true to say that there are times when we all feel this way! **Anxiety**, is considered a natural reaction, it seems many people can experience a heightened nervousness about various situations and life in general. But for some people anxious thoughts, feelings, or physical symptoms can become so severe and upsetting that they interfere with their ability to go about their daily lives. Sometimes simple changes to lifestyle can help lower stress and anxiety. Including regular exercise, lowering alcohol and caffeine, enjoying activities and interests, improving time management skills, meditation and relaxation time, and adequate sleep can all help to lower anxiety. However, if anxiety is affecting a person's work, school, home life or relationships then professional assistance from a doctor or psychologist should be considered...the School Counsellor could be helpful.

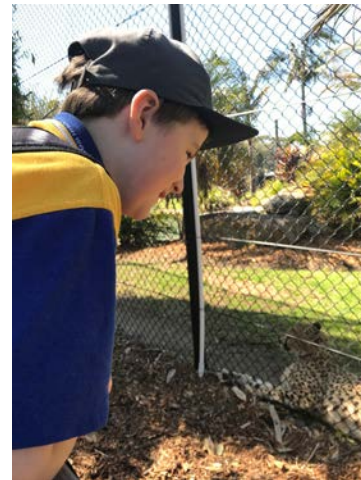
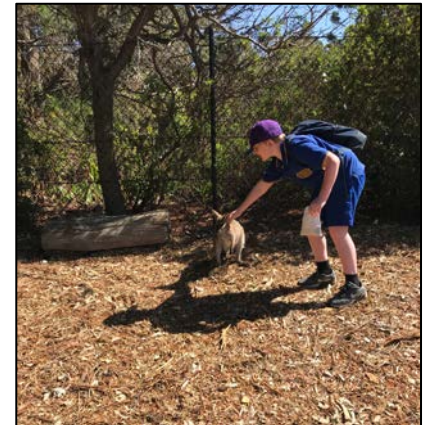
I hope everyone has a safe, happy and restful holiday, as we ready ourselves for a busy Term 4. Next term I will be at Warby on Monday and Tuesday. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until next time, cheers.

Rob Hodgson JP

Pridelands Excursion to Symbio Wildlife Park

This term Pridelands have been studying living things in science. As part of their studies we visited Symbio Wildlife Park to see firsthand the adaptations different animals have to help them to survive the harsh Australian Environment. They loved the crocodiles, the kangaroos, the echidna and the cheetah. We had a great day learning how different animals hunt their prey. There was some excellent behaviour displayed by the students from John Warby.



Don't forget we are still fundraising with Return and Earn. Please bring in any eligible containers (No Glass) and place them in our special Return and Earn tubs. All net profits will come directly back to the school.



AECG STEAM Camp

3-5 September 4 Aboriginal Students had the opportunity to attend the NSW State STEAM Camp. STEAM stands for Science Technology Engineering Arts and Maths, sounds like hard work right? No the kids had so much fun learning about how their culture links to STEAM. They studied magnets and played with a variety of magnets of different strengths and also an electro-magnet. They learnt about the links between the Boomerang and helicopters and played with Boomerangs and Drones. They went to Jibbon Beach and saw the carvings in the rocks of whales and kangaroos and stingray. They saw the shell middens and learnt why this would have been a good place to camp and feast and they got to measure the temperature, the wind strength and the intensity of the sunlight. They learnt stories told through dance and the maths behind these stories, songs and dance. Jayden, Kymberlee, Amber and Lakoda where extremely well behaved and eager to learn. It was a pleasure to go as their Teacher.

Sharon Watson



Don't forget School Banking is on Wednesdays!

Please see the office if your child is interested in Banking!

Tell Them From Me Survey

We need your help! Please click on the link below to participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student, staff and parent feedback survey.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/jwps2>

The survey is a great opportunity for our parents, carers and staff to tell us about what works well at our school and areas that may be identified for improvements. We are asking all parents and carers to go to the website and have their say.

The survey also lets our students provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** wish your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 31st August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you for your support.

Miss Page
Deputy Principal

Getting Ready for "Big School"



Any student, who is starting Kindergarten at John Warby PS next year, is 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 Session

Thursday 18th October 9-11am in the hall.

During this session the children will visit this year's Kindergarten classrooms and parents/carers will remain in the library for an information session presented by Mrs Thompson and various staff from our school.

PART 2: The "Getting Ready for Big School" Transition Program

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 2019. This will occur in Ms Murray's classroom.

Session 1: Monday 22nd October or Thursday 25th October

9:30-11am (Parents and Carers attend with the children)

Session 2: Monday 29th October or Thursday 1st November

9:30-11am (Parents and Carers attend with the children)

Session 3: Monday 5th November or Thursday 8th November

9:30-11am (Only the children to attend)

Session 4: Monday 12th November or Thursday 15th November

9:30-11am (Only the children to attend)



If you are interested, please place your name and phone number on the list in the office or at the preschool and one of our team will contact you

Please remember, 2019 Kindergarten Enrolment packages are now available at the front office and at the John Warby Preschool.

If you have any questions please come and see one of the team or call us on
02 46 25 8140.

Ms Murray, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Robens and Miss Woods

What are selective high schools?

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, using specialised teaching methods and materials at the appropriate level.

Year 7 enrolments are available in:

- eighteen fully selective high schools
- twenty-four partially selective high schools
- four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school for the school term. Find out more about boarding at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants/agricultural-high-schools>
- one virtual secondary school, Aurora College, for students in rural and remote areas. Find out more at <http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

See a list of selective high schools and their websites the end of this document. A map is at <http://www.maptive.com/ver3/Selective>

Important dates

You must apply online by **12 November 2018**. The application site will close at 10pm on 12 November 2018. The closing date will be strictly observed except where there is a shortage of suitable candidates or where extenuating circumstances are serious and well documented.

You can change your school choices by **26 April 2019** by sending the *Change of choice* form to the Unit. You cannot change choices after 26 April 2019 unless something unexpected and outside your control changes and you have documentary evidence. A request for a *Change of choice* after 26 April must be approved by the Unit. Use the change of choice form at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants/choosing-a-selective-school>

It is the parent's responsibility to liaise with the non-government school to ask the current school principal to complete the principal's page (for school marks) and ensure it is sent to the Unit by **7 December 2018**.

If you have not received your *Test authority* advice by **Friday 8 March 2019**, you must email the Unit urgently. If you do not have email you can phone the Unit.

If some problem such as sickness or an accident stops your child from taking the test or from doing his or her best either in the test or at the school, you can make an illness/misadventure request using the form on the Unit's website. The form must reach the Unit by **Thursday 28 March 2019**.

If you have not received the placement outcome by **12 July 2019**, email the Unit. If you do not have email you can phone the Unit.

If you accept an offer and are also on a reserve list, you can remain on that reserve list until **3pm on 18 December 2019**. At that time you must give up either the reserve place or the offer. After this time students who have accepted an offer will be removed automatically from all reserve lists.

Stages of the placement process

1	Parents read the application information online	From mid September 2018
2	Parents register, receive a password, log in, complete and submit the application online	From 9 October 2018 to 12 November 2018
3	Any special test provisions are requested	from 9 October to 12 November 2018
4	Principals provide school assessment scores	From 19 November to 7 December 2018
5	Parents sent <i>Test authority</i> letter	By 28 February 2019
6	Students sit the Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2020	On 14 March 2019
7	Any illness/misadventure requests are submitted	By 28 March 2019
8	Last day to change selective high school choices	26 April 2019
9	School selection committees meet	In May and June 2019
10	Placement outcome sent to parents	Overnight on 5 July 2019
11	Parents submit any appeals to principals	By 23 July 2019
12	Parents accept or decline offers	From July 2019 to at least Term 1 2020
13	Students who have accepted offers are withdrawn from reserve lists	At 3 pm on 18 December 2019
14	Parents of successful students receive <i>Authority to attend</i> letters to take to the school on the first day of term in 2020	Mid-January 2020

2 Cut this out and place on your fridge as a reminder.