

WARBY NEWS

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Week 4 Term 4

Relieving Principal's Report

Improvements to our School

What a great start to our term! I would sincerely like to thank Ms Murray who did a wonderful job as Relieving Principal while I was on leave. I have come back and so many things have been completed, are underway or are in the planning stage to improve the appearance of our school. The new roofs on our Preschool, F Block classrooms and library all look fantastic, with the tiles being replaced by metal.

You would also have noticed a lot of work being done outside the Cultural Room. This is being overseen by the Aboriginal Education Committee at school, with Aunty Fiona and Ms Murray working with the Dharawal Men's Aboriginal Corporation from Campbelltown and Liverpool. Staff and members of the Airds Community are working on the weekends to update this area and we can't wait for it to be completed.

Our new tables and chairs for our playground have also arrived and Mr Harris is busily getting them put together so the boys and girls can try them out. We also have our new sandpits ready to go, we are just deciding where to put them!

Our classrooms continue to be updated, with new carpet and vinyl being replaced in some rooms. The blinds have now been replaced in most of our rooms and we are eagerly awaiting news of when the Cooler Classrooms program will commence at JWPS in 2020.

Superstar Students!

Last Monday night Mrs Thompson and I had the privilege of attending the Aboriginal Student Achievement awards for 2019. This awards night acknowledges students from across South Western Sydney who have achieved success in a variety of different categories. Schools nominate students and a committee decide the award winners. It was so lovely to have Amaya C from kindergarten receive an award for Literacy – a huge achievement for her family and also our school.



Another student who is doing amazing things is Mariah A from Yr 4. She competes in triathlons on the weekends and recently attended Motiv8 Sports where she received a medallion. Well done Mariah!

Calendar 2019

Wednesday 6th Nov

- Kindergarten 2020 Transition Day
- S.T.E.A.M. Camp
- Assembly 2pm – Paradise Falls

Thursday 7th November

- S.T.E.A.M. Camp
- Gymnastics

Friday 8th November

- Kindergarten 2020 Transition Day
- S.T.E.A.M. Camp
- Gymnastics
- 2nd Gala Day

Monday 11th November

- Remembrance Day

Wednesday 13th November

- Brain Strain Challenge – Stage 3
- Lyrebird Festival



We Need Your Input!

Our school values our parent and community feedback sessions and it is time once again to start telling us what we do well and what we can improve upon.

Our Parent and Community Term 4 Feedback session is being held on **Wednesday 20th November** from 9am-11am. Our students, parents and teachers come together during this time to talk about what is working well in our school, as well as areas that we would like to make improvements on. More information will be sent home over the coming weeks and we hope you can come along.

Another way that parents can have their say about our school is through our annual School Satisfaction Survey. This will be sent home to each family, with every survey returned earning a raffle ticket to go into a prize draw. All of the information that we get from our families helps us with planning for the coming year.

Wonderful Events at Warby

Last week we held our Around the World Day with each class selecting a country and creating an activity from that country to share with others. It was an amazing afternoon, with so many parents and carers coming along to share in the fun with the students. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work in making days like this possible for our students, with an extra special thanks to Mrs Gewargis who organised everything and came in especially for the day.

Our P&C also organised a different kind of fundraising event, with the Colour Run last week. It was lots of fun and very messy, which meant everyone had a great time. Please remember to return your fundraising money to school so that the final amount raised can be counted. Thanks to the hardworking team of P&C members who put on such a great event!

Time for Big School!

Our kindergarten orientation was held last Friday, with very excited students and parents getting ready to come to primary school. It was lovely to have met with everyone and share some information about our school. Mrs Thompson and Ms Murray will continue to run transition for our students over the coming weeks, making sure that they have the best start possible for kindergarten next year.

Whole School Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will be held this Wednesday 6th November, beginning at 2.10pm. This will be an assembly led by Paradise Falls. We warmly invite parents and carers to come along for this special occasion.

On a final note...

'A good education is a foundation for a better future' – Elizabeth Warren

Thank you for your support of our school.
Mellissa Page Relieving Principal



Student of the Week

Week 3 – Isabel B

Week 4 – Brett S

Class of the Week

Week 3 - Narnia

Week 4 – Treasure Island

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020

It is time to enrol for Kindergarten 2020. 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 2020.

Kindergarten Transition Sessions

Below are the transition times and dates. Invitations were sent out to all families in the holidays that stated what days we would like them to attend.

Wednesday's Group- Mrs Thompson's Room

Session 1: Wednesday 6th November 9:30-11am (Parents, Carers and students)

Session 2: Wednesday 13th November 9:30-11am (Parents, Carers and students)

Session 3: Wednesday 20th November 9:30 -11am (students only)

Session 4: Wednesday 27th November 9:30-11am (students only)

Friday's Group- Mrs Wilson's Room

Session 1: Friday 8th November 9:30-11am (Parents, Carers and students)

Session 2: Friday 15th November 9:30-11am (Parents, Carers and students)

Session 3: Friday 22nd November 9:30 -11am (students only)

Session 4: Friday 29th November 9:30-11am (students only)

This is such a special time for families and we are proud to help support you and the students through this big step of starting school. We are looking forward to meeting you all, see you then.

Preschool Information Session for Enrolments 2020



Monday 18th November, 9:30 to 11:00am is a Preschool Information Session for new enrolments 2020. Please speak to friends and family with children turning 4 on or before 31 July 2020 about adding this date to their calendar and attending our info session

Applying for a Selective High School in 2021

Just a reminder that Year 5 parents who are interested in their child applying for a Selective High school placement in 2021 **must** complete the application online by 11th November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. 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>.



Education

High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools

in **2021**

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2021?

You must apply online at:

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



Key Dates

Application website opens:
8 October 2019

Application website closes:
10 pm, 11 November 2019
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:
27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test:
12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent
overnight on:
4 July 2020

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Parents should check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal Address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Please Note:

* In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'

Stages of the placement process

1	Parents read the application information online	From late-September 2019
2	Parents register, receive a password, log in and then complete and submit the application online	From 8 October 2019 to 11 November 2019
3	Parents request any disability provisions	From 8 October 2019 to 11 November 2019
4	Principals provide school assessment scores	From 21 October 2019 to 7 December 2019
5	Parents are sent 'Test authority' letter	On 27 February 2020
6	Students sit the Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2021	On 12 March 2020
7	Any illness/misadventure requests are submitted	By 26 March 2020
8	Last day to change selective high school choices	26 April 2020
9	School selection committees meet	In May and June 2020
10	Placement outcome sent to parents	Overnight on 4 July 2020
11	Parents submit any appeals to principals	By 22 July 2020
12	Parents accept or decline offers	From July 2020 to at least the end of Term 1 2021
13	Students who have accepted offers are withdrawn from reserve lists	At 3pm on 16 December 2020
14	Parents of successful students receive 'Authority to attend' letters to take to the school on the first day of term in 2021	Mid-January 2021

Cut this out and keep as a reminder

What are selective high schools?

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Year 7 enrolments are available at:

- seventeen 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-school/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 at the end of this document. A map is also available at <http://www.maptive.com/ver3/Selective>

Find more information about catering for academically gifted students with high potential in NSW at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education>

For translated information about selective high school placement go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/opportunity-class-and-selective-high-school-fact-sheet>

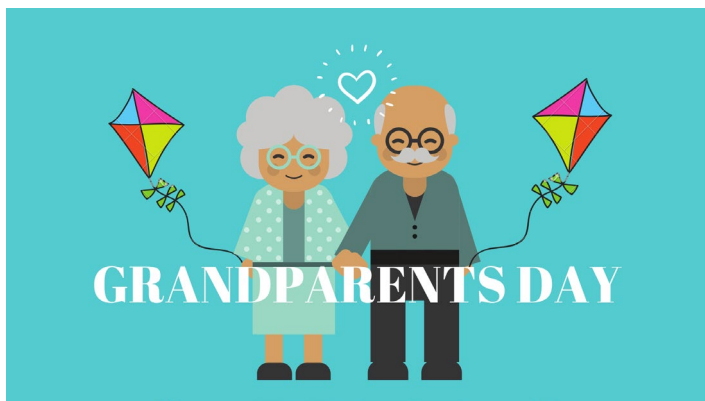
Who can apply?

Parents of students enrolled in NSW government and non-government primary schools, home schools, interstate and overseas schools can apply.

Parents of Aboriginal students are encouraged to apply for selective high school placement. Find out more at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information/student-experience>

For further information and support, parents can speak with their child's current principal, or contact their local Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor

Grandparents Day



On Monday 18th November we will be celebrating Grandparents Day. The day will start with a special assembly at 12pm followed by open classrooms where you can see the students in their classes. This will be followed by a picnic recess! More information will be sent home shortly.

School Banking

School Banking is on every Wednesday through the school term.

Could students or parents/caregivers please bring all Bank Books to the front office by 9:30am on Wednesday's for processing.

Any student or parent/caregiver interested in starting School Banking, please visit the ladies in the office for more information.

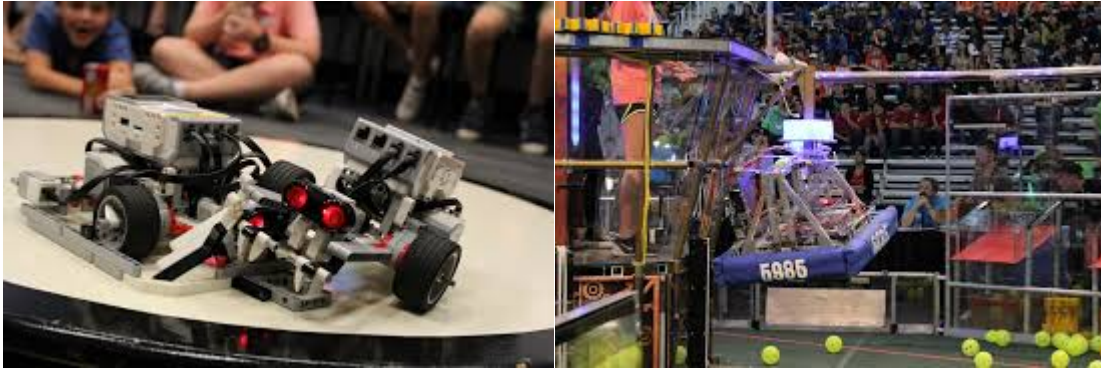


Nut Aware School



Please be aware that we have students with nut allergies at our school. We ask that you not send any nut products such as Nutella or Peanut Butter to school in your child/ren's lunch boxes. We appreciate your support in the safety of our students.

K-6 Robotics Demonstration Incursion



Throughout Term 4 John Warby students will be learning about digital technologies in Science.

Australia's leading Robotics team Project Bucephalus has offered to do a free demonstration day for our students on the 20 of November.

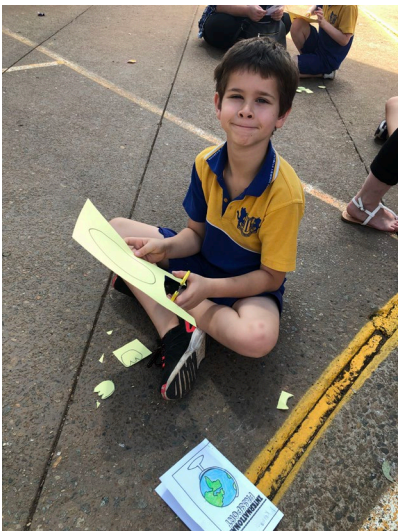
Students will be divided into four groups on the day and each student will be invited to have an hour of learning about Robotics and the exciting things that young people can do with technology.

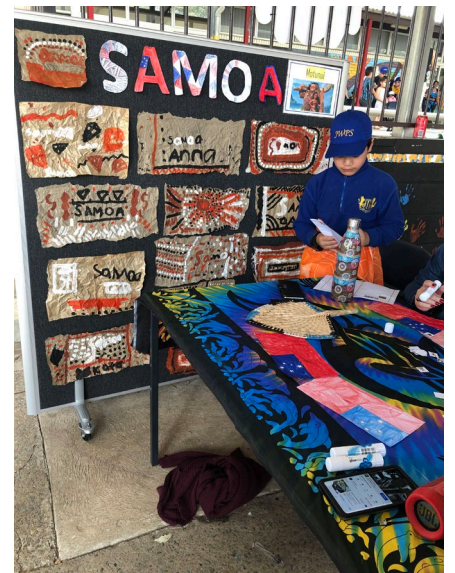
K-6 Robotics Club



Tuesday Recess - all students at John Warby have the opportunity to come along and explore the new technologies we have at school in our fantastic new Megabyte room. Robotics will be run by Ms Watson and Miss Dixon.

Around The World Day







**Macarthur Family and
Youth Services**

16 King Street Campbelltown

Phone: 4620 4667



Free Service



Drop in ask a question! See what we can help with!

We will be at:

John Warby Primary School

On Wednesday:

30/10/2019 and 13/11/2019 and 11/12/2019

from: 8:45am -10.30am

We can provide you with information & support your family with:

- Pre-natal and newborn support
- Parenting and behavioural support
- Childcare and schooling issues
 - Youth Support
- Family Law matters
 - Crisis support
- Mental Health /Disability Support
 - Housing Issues
 - Financial and Legal Issues
- Employment & Study options
 - Life skills

