

Our School Community Newsletter

WARBY NEWS

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Week 10 Term 3

Relieving Principal's Report

Farewell Mr Rob

Yesterday our school held a farewell for Mr Rob Hodgson, who is retiring from the pastoral carer role at our school. Mr Rob, as he is known by the students, has been at our school for the past 11 years. Our students, staff and parents were able to thank Mr Rob for his support and dedication to our school community during this time, however, this is just a small token of our appreciation. Mr Rob has been a valued member of our school, always going above and beyond to provide assistance and support to our students, staff and parents. He has been a proactive member of our P&C and always been fully committed to any initiative that our school has run. I cannot count the number of times Mr Rob has cooked school barbecues, timed races at swimming and athletics carnivals, taken groups for activities, organised games for students and refereed soccer games – he was even able to give a tea or coffee when it was most needed!

Mr Rob will be sorely missed by our whole community but we wish him well on his new endeavours.

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.

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 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

NAPLAN 2019

Student results for NAPLAN 2019 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.

Calendar 2019

Wednesday 25th Sept

- Whole School Assembly 2.10pm

Thursday 26th Sept

- School Disco - \$3 entry

Friday 27th Sept

- Attendance Reward Day
- Last day of term for students

Monday 14th Oct

- Students return for Term 4

A Friendly Reminder – raising concerns or reporting incidents

From time to time there are incidents that happen at school that are not always able to be dealt with on the day. Please be assured that our staff make every effort to let parents and carers know if their child is affected.

Additionally, we are asking for your support in letting us know if your child tells you of something that has occurred at school. Using social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.) to discuss issues at school is not supportive and actually can have negative implications.

If you have any questions about this please feel free to come and speak with me. We all want to work together to best support our students.

Whole School Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will be held this Wednesday 25th September, beginning at 2.10pm. This will be an assembly led by Narnia. We warmly invite parents and carers to come along for this special occasion.

Taking a Break!

I will be taking a couple of weeks leave at the beginning of Term 4 and Mrs Murray will be stepping into the Relieving Principal role during this time - I know she will do a fantastic job. Mrs Kitchin is due to return to JWPS in Wk 4 Term 4.

End of Term

Our last day of term is Friday 27th September. Term 4 starts on Monday 14th 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.

On a final note...

'Education and learning are one of the most important ingredients to becoming all that you can be' — Michael Stutman

Thank you for your support of our school.

Mellissa Page

Relieving Principal



Student of the Week

Wk 9 – Emil D

Wk 10 – Ethan T

Class of the Week

Wk 9 – Wonderland

Wk 10 – Narnia



I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to 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. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 August and 25 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 13th September 2019. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

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

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Mr Coates



This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au> .

To do the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/jwttfm2019>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Mr Coates



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](https://www.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](https://www.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

Kindergarten 2020

We are very excited to announce our Kindergarten Orientation Session will be held on Friday 1st November in the school hall.

A few reminders:

- Return the enrolment form, immunisation and proof of address to the front office by Week 10, Term 3.
- Invitations to the Orientation and Transition Program will be sent in the mail. Please RSVP as soon as you receive this in the mail.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our 2020 families and students! 😊

Thank you,
Mrs Thompson & Ms Murray

♥ Kindergarten
Orientation

PRESCHOOL

Preschool Enrolment for 2020

Do you have a child turning 4 on or before 31st July 2020? If so, you are eligible to apply. Please see the ladies in the office for an enrolment form.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

As part of tidying our garden, we would like to plant some herbs and vegetables to later use in our kitchen.
If any families can collect and donate the seedlings that Woolworths are currently offering in their Discovery Garden Promotion, we would really appreciate it.
Please hand them in at the office.

Thank you.



Stage 3 Camp!

After our visit from the Great Aussie Bush camp we are even more excited than before about our adventures in Term 4!

There are so many activities students will get the opportunity to experience, rock climbing, canoeing, giant swing!

There are less than 10 spaces left to attend the camp so make sure you come into the office this week!

Please speak to staff if you have any questions.



TEA GARDENS

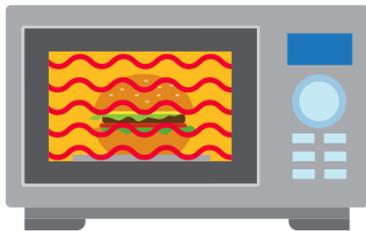


Return and Earn Donations

We are still accepting donations of recyclable plastic bottles and aluminium cans for our Return and Earn Program. If you could please make sure they are rinsed and clean and bring them to the front office! No glass please.

School Banking

School Banking happens every Wednesday through the school term. If students or parents/caregivers could bring their Bank Book to the front office by 9:30am on Wednesday's for processing. Any student or parent/caregiver interested in starting School Banking, please see the ladies in the office for more information.



Message from the Canteen

Please be aware that we can't heat food that has come from home for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your understanding in keeping our students safe.

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/rens lunch boxes. We appreciate your support in the safety of our students.

Allergy Aware School



GO 4 FUN[®]

HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS

Go4Fun is a free 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids between 7-13 years of age who are above a healthy weight.

The program helps families by teaching them about healthy eating and physical activity through fun games and activities.



Term 4 Programs

Programs starting from 14 October 2019

Eagle Vale Central

Swim Program

Cnr Emerald Dr and Feldspar Rd, Eagle Vale Mondays

4:30–6:30pm

Campbelltown PCYC

95 Minto Rd, Minto Wednesdays

4:30pm–6:30pm

Mount Annan Leisure Centre YMCA

Swim Program

363 Welling Dr, Mount Annan Saturdays

1–3pm

For more information or to register, contact us on 1800 780 900 or visit go4fun.com.au



John Warby PS Home Reading Heroes?



HEROES READ!

It is wonderful to see so many
Home Reading Heroes.
Congratulations to the following students from
Madagascar.

Zuhaina, Alexis, Doris, Alistarr,
Menaal, Emilia, Mason and Rhian.

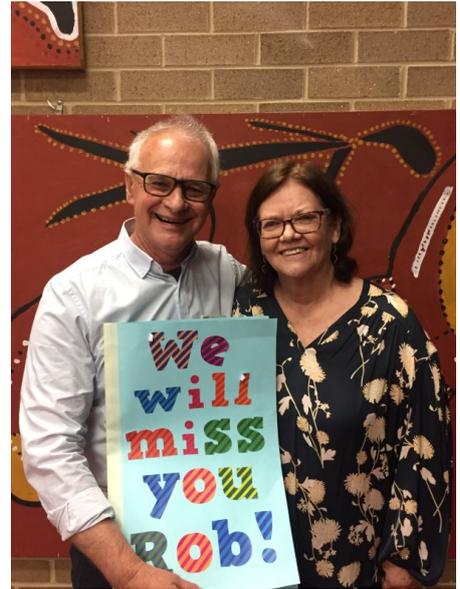
You should be very proud of yourselves.
Keep up the wonderful work!



From the Pastoral Carers Desk

God knows, John Warby Public School is blessed with a wonderful team of staff... They have chosen a life in education; a life with purpose, helping our young people to realise their potential. I ask, what could be more important than this?

It's the end of Term 3 and I know everyone is ready for the school holidays. It has been another busy term at Warby with so many great opportunities for our boys and girls. We have so much to be thankful for...a safe and happy holiday to all!



My retirement...most of you would know by now that I will retire as Pastoral Carer at John Warby at the end of this term. I just want to say, I am so thankful to have had this opportunity to be part of the Warby team. It has been an honour and privilege to serve this great school community for over 11 years.

Thank you all for the amazing farewell assembly and beautiful luncheon, it was very emotional and unexpected. And thank you all again for your kind wishes and gifts. Airs will always hold a special place in my heart.

My sincere best wishes and blessings for the future...I'll miss you all!

Rob Hodgson JP

(PS My darling wife Ros is retiring at the same time...we are celebrating our 44th wedding anniversary this year, and a cruise is first on our retirement list!)

24/09/2019





HAVE YOU

- Had 4 days or less away?
- Brought in a note for your absences?

If you answered

YES

you are invited to our

Attendance Reward Day



Happening Week 10 Term 3

Powerhouse Museum EXCURSION



Our students had a great day out last week learning how to use their Opal Cards to travel to the City by public transport. Once in the City we spent several hours exploring the Power House Museum.





It's Time for an

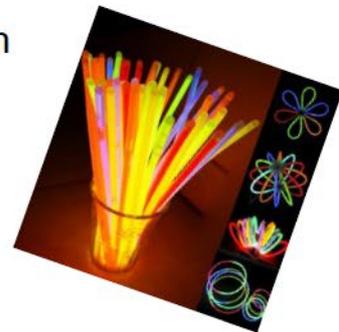
EPIC DISCO!!!

Only \$3.00 Entry

Date: Thursday, 26th September 2019

Time: 11.30am- 1.30pm

Please pay on the day



\$1.00 each- available for purchase on the day

Join us and enjoy the party!

LET'S DANCE

