



Our School Community Newsletter

WARBY NEWS

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Acting Principal's Report

Student Leadership Journey Begins!

This week our Year 5 students have begun the process of standing for election to our leadership team for 2021. We are very proud of the students who are trying out this year as it can be extremely daunting to speak in front of the whole school. Best of luck to all the students involved. If parents have any questions please speak with Mrs Davies who is the organiser this year.

Kindergarten Orientation & High School Transition

Kindergarten transition has commenced, with our new students for 2021 starting last Monday. It was lovely to meet new parents and carers and have such a great start to the process. If you know of any community members who have not yet put in an application for kindergarten 2021 please advise them to do this as soon as possible so they don't miss out – kinder transition will continue for the next 2 weeks.

Our oldest students are also beginning the process of transitioning, with Airds HS visits starting this week. Teachers will be taking the students over to the high school for the next 2 weeks, with the state-wide orientation day being held on Tuesday 1st Dec. Families should receive information directly from the high school that they are attending about this and parents/carers take students on this day. We hope our Year 6 students enjoy these visits.

Whole School Planning

Each family is receiving a survey this week about our school. We complete this every year and it is called the School Satisfaction Survey. Families that return the survey will receive a raffle ticket and go in the draw to win a Christmas Hamper. Surveys need to be returned by Monday 7th Dec.

We are also going to hold our annual Community Feedback session – it will just be a little bit different due to the restrictions. Families will receive an invitation and be able to support our process of improvement and planning for next year. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter – please come along and help us if you are able to. The Community Feedback sessions will be Thursday 26th & Friday 27th Nov (next week). If you have any questions about this or would like more information please contact me through the office. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

Enrolling for 2021

We are forming our classes for next year and these can be affected by new enrolments across the school, as well as students who may be leaving us. Please encourage anyone who has moved into our community to contact the school so we can organise a welcome pack for them. 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 2021.

Week 6 Term 4

Calendar

Monday 16th – Friday 20th Nov

- Ice-cream Week fundraiser

Tuesday 17th Nov

- Airds HS transition day – support unit students only

Wednesday 18th Nov

- Airds HS transition day – all students
- Opportunity class placement test

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Nov

- Celebration of Learning week

Celebration of Learning

Our Celebration of Learning will be happening in Week 7 (Monday 23rd-Fri 27th November). All students will have their own piece of artwork hanging in the hall and each class will create a display linked to a text they have been learning about in class. We will take photos and create a slideshow so parents can 'visit' the hall online and see the great work and learning for themselves.

Here is a run-down of events for the week:

Monday – Artwork Display in the hall

Tuesday – Curious Creatures, Wild Minds book safari – class rotations

Wednesday – Airds HS Transition Day

Thursday – Community Feedback Session 9.15am – 10.45am

Thursday – Book Week Parade

Friday – Community Feedback Session 9.15am – 10.45am

I would like to thank Mrs Saywell-Smith and Mrs Saleh for their work in organising this special celebration.

On a final note...

“If I work hard enough, there will be things I can do tomorrow that I can’t do today” – R. Pausch

Thank you for your support of our school.

Mellissa Page

Acting Principal



Student of the Week

Wk 5 – Maryam S

Class of the Week

Wk 5 – Treasure Island

Road Safety

As we now have many parents and carers driving to drop off and collect students we are asking all drivers to ensure they follow all safety rules outside our school. **Please DO NOT stop at the pedestrian crossing to drop off or pick up – this puts everyone’s safety at risk.**



**Transport
for NSW**

Also, our speed limit is 40km/hour during school drop off and pick up times – this must be adhered to. We do not have a crossing guard so we require all community members to respect the safety of everyone.

Please be aware of some traffic infringements and the penalties for NSW School Zones. These road safety rules are in place to keep our students and community safe whilst travelling to and from school.

Description	Fine	Demerit Points
Disobey no stopping sign (school zone)	\$344	2
Stop on/near children's/pedestrian crossing (school zone)	\$457	2
Double Park (school zone)	\$344	2
Drive using mobile phone when not permitted	\$457	5
Stop on/across driveway/other access to/from land (school zone)	\$344	2

2020 SCHOOL SURVEYS

Share your opinions...and you could win a hamper



Each year we survey our school community to help us with our planning for the next year. Due to the many disruptions we have had during 2020 we are starting fresh! We really appreciate the thoughts and ideas of our parents and are asking for your help again.

Every family has received a survey that will assist us in determining initiatives and programs that are working well and areas for improvement for the coming year.

We are hoping that all surveys will be **returned by Monday 7th December**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our school on 46258140.

All survey responses are confidential and will be stored in a sealed box.

Hand your survey to your teacher and receive your raffle ticket for your chance to win a Christmas Hamper!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

John Warby PS Community Feedback Session

Come Along and Have Your Say

When: Thursday 26th Nov or Friday 27th Nov

Time: 9.15am

Place: School Hall



Parents and carers will need to RSVP to this event as there are limited places due to COVID restrictions.

If you have any questions please contact the school on 46258140. Invitations will be sent out this week.

We look forward to hearing from you.





2020 Kindergarten Orientation

Invitations for our Orientation and Transition Programs
have been delivered to homes for all students attending
John Warby PS for Kindergarten in 2021.



Please remember to submit any enrolment documents
we may still need before your child can start Kindergarten next year.

If you have any questions, concerns or did not receive the invitations
please do not hesitate to contact the school on 46 25 8140.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all there.

Ms Murray
Deputy Principal
Instructional Leader

2020 Transition Program

JWPS School Readiness Program



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We are enrolling now for Kindergarten 2021

If you have a child, or know someone who has a child that is ready to start Kindergarten next year, please call our friendly office staff on 02 46 25 8140 to arrange an enrolment package. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



At John Warby Public School we are committed to creating a dynamic, engaging and nurturing environment that promotes a passion for lifelong learning. We foster positive relationships, embrace cultural diversity and develop outstanding leaders.

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preschool update

Enrolling now!

If you have a child turning four (4) years
of age by 31st July in the year of 2021
then you can contact the school for an
enrolment form and preschool
information booklet.

02 4628 1637



What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

**School starts at 9am
and finishes at 3pm**

Road safety

Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.



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preschool update

John Warby Preschool is nut aware!

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children. It occurs in 1 in 50 children.

At preschool we have several children who have nut allergies.

Please **DO NOT** put the following foods in your child's lunchbox:

Any nuts	Nutella	Chocolates
Peanut butter	Muesli bars	Baklava
Nougat	Biscuits	Cakes

If your child has a nut allergy could you please inform the preschool and their teacher as soon as possible.



Please help us in providing a nut aware preschool.



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preschool update

Hygiene procedures

We are committed to minimising risks to children and educators. Here are a few procedures we are adopting during this time:

- Checking temperatures of children using a non-contact forehead thermometer as they enter the preschool.
- If a child presents with symptoms we will contact you to collect them as soon as possible.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands regularly with soap and water.
- We will continue explicitly teaching children what good handwashing looks like.
- We are teaching children to cover their noses and mouths when they cough or sneeze by coughing into their elbow.
- If your child has been unwell please be sure to get a clearance certificate form your doctor before returning to preschool.

For more information please visit the NSW
education website

www.education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

The Benefits of Art



Here are some of the best ways that picking up your paint brush can benefit your brain and mental health.

Art stimulates the imagination

Art opens the heart and mind to possibilities and fuels the imagination. Art is a process of learning to create ourselves and experience the world in new ways. It supports the bigger view of life: beauty, symbols, spirituality, storytelling, and allows us to be present in the moment. Art keeps the magic alive.

Art makes you more observant

Leonardo da Vinci said, "Painting embraces all the ten functions of the eye; that is to say, darkness, light, body and color, shape and location, distance and closeness, motion and rest."

Creating art helps you learn to "see" by concentrating on detail and paying more attention to your environment.

Art enhances problem-solving skills

Making art teaches that there is more than one solution to the same problem. Art challenges our beliefs and encourages open-ended thinking that creates an environment of creative thinking in problem solving.

Art boosts self-esteem and provides a sense of accomplishment

We stick our kids' artwork on the fridge to boost their self-esteem. Hanging your latest work of art on the wall can instill the same feelings within you.

Art reduces stress

Painting, sculpting, drawing, and photography are relaxing and rewarding hobbies that can lower your stress levels and lead to an overall improvement in well-being. Creating art can take your mind off life's many stresses, at least momentarily. It clears some head space and allows one to focus on the good in life.

Creating art isn't just for artists, art is for everyone! Within each of us lies a spark of creativity.

Maybe you've always wanted to try drawing, painting, sculpting, or fine art photography, but never had the time or opportunity to do so. With the knowledge of all the benefits artistic pursuits can provide, I hope you won't put off exploring your artistic side any longer!

Source: ArtLoft May 19, 2015