

# WARBY NEWS

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**4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Week 4 Term 4**

## **Acting Principal's Report**

### **Good News!**

I am sure that our students and parents are excited that some of the events we always plan for during Term 4 are able to go ahead – even though they are going to be a little different.

### **Year 6 Farewell**

Our Year 6 Farewell organisation is underway, with the date booked and the decorating colours decided. This year the theme is 'Old Hollywood' with black and gold as the main colours. Students should have received a 'save the date' card with our Year 6 Farewell being held at school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### **Kindergarten Orientation & Transition**

Ms Murray has started the organisation for our students beginning 'Big School' next year, with our first day of transition beginning on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov (next week). We are looking forward to having our new students meet our teachers and get to know our school a little better before starting next year. Each Monday for the next 4 weeks we will run transition – please contact Ms Murray if you need any information.

### **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.

### **Fisher's Ghost Art Competition**

As part of the Airds community we participated in this year's Fisher's Ghost Art Competition. Airds HS organised the piece of art and we were asked to contribute as a school. Mrs Wards organised this for us, with students involved in the design. I am happy to say that the artwork was shortlisted and can now be seen in the Campbelltown Art Gallery until the end of November. It was a lovely to be included in the process and I hope many of our students will be able to visit and see it. I would like to especially thank Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Bain from Airds HS who organised this for our community. What a great result!

## **Calendar**

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- NAIDOC Week activities

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**

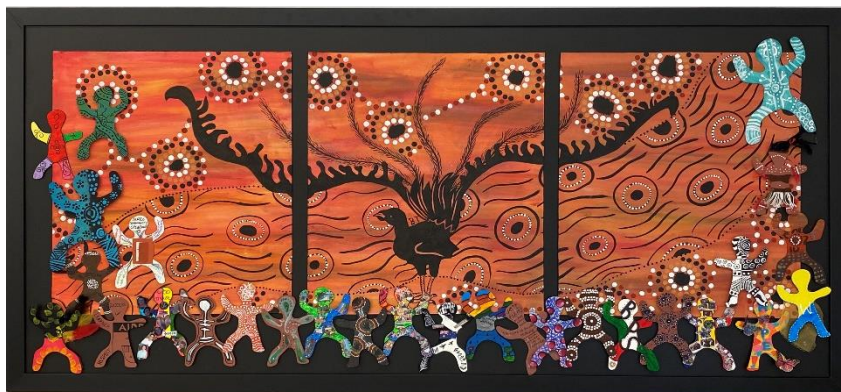
- Kindergarten Transition 9.20am

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- Selective High School Placement process closes

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- Ice-cream Week fundraiser



### **Celebration of Learning**

Our Celebration of Learning will be happening in Week 7 (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

During this celebration week we will also be holding our annual Book Week parade. Each year at JWPS the costumes become bigger and better than the previous year – I wonder who will have the best outfit this year? More information will be coming home very soon. I would like to thank Mrs Saywell-Smith and Mrs Saleh for their work in organising this special celebration.

### **Whole School Planning**

Yesterday I shared some of the work that our staff have completed in our Situational Analysis with the P&C. The Situational Analysis will help us in writing our Strategic Improvement Plan for the next 4 years. Parents and carers have also been asked to complete a number of surveys to help us with this process:

- 1) Tell Them from Me – thanks to everyone who completed this online
- 2) Attendance Survey – helps us with putting in strategies to improve attendance

You may also receive a phone call or be asked to give your opinions on focus areas – every bit of information helps. 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.

### **On a final note...**

**“What we learn becomes a part of who we are”** – Kathy R. Jeffords

Thank you for your support of our school.

Mellissa Page  
Acting Principal



### **Student of the Week**

**Wk 3 – Summer-Rose H**

### **Class of the Week**

**Wk 3 – Enchanted Forest**

### **Up to Date Contact Details**

A number of families have moved or had phone numbers change. If this applies to your family, please update any new or changed information (e.g. phone numbers, emergency contact names and addresses) at the office as a matter of urgency.



### **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.

## 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 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.



# John Warby Public School

## preschool update

**Enrolling now!**

If you have a child turning four (4) years  
of age by 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.**





# John Warby Public School

## 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.



## John Warby Public School

### 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](http://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