



# WARBY NEWS

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**10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Week 3 Term 1**

## Acting Principal's Report

## Calendar

### **Welcome Back**

I would like to warmly welcome our students, staff and community members to the start of another year. Last year we had many changes and I am pleased to say that we are beginning a new planning process and looking forward to a very productive year.

We have had some changes to staffing, with Ms Eaves our school counsellor having her baby boy over the holidays – we wish her family all the best. We warmly welcome Mrs Cifuentes-Post who has joined our team in the counsellor position. Please contact the office if you would like to speak with her. Mrs Thompson will be returning to us after her maternity leave and she is looking forward to seeing everyone. Mrs Willes has taken a position at Woodland Rd PS for a few weeks this term and we hope she is enjoying her time there.

The principal position will be filled this term with our Director Education Mr Clayton Reddie completing this process. He will meet with our school community in the coming weeks. Until this is completed I will be continuing in the Acting Principal position.

### **Classes for 2021**

We have created our classes for 2021 with 2 preschool classes, 3 support unit classes and 7 mainstream classes. I am hoping that there will be no changes to our organisation, however this may occur if our enrolments significantly increase. If you have any questions about the class your child is in please speak with the Assistant Principal attached to their class.

For students in:

- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 - Mrs Williamson
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 – Miss Crimlis
- Support Unit – Miss Pope
- Preschool – Mrs Robens
- Any students requiring Health Care Plans or access to external agencies – Mrs Davies

### **Starting Big School!**

Our new kindergarten students had a fantastic start to big school last week with Miss Bova, Mrs Grenfell and Miss Dixon very happy with how they have settled in. Mrs Webb is also supporting our new students. Just a reminder that for this week pick up time is 2.30pm, with next week changing to 3pm.

### **Homework Policy and Procedures**

Last year we updated our school Homework Policy and Procedures. A copy of this is available on our website as it gives families information about our expectations and when homework will commence. There is an option for parents and carers to not have homework given to their child – the form for this will need to be returned to your child's class teacher and is attached to this newsletter. All students who have not opted out will receive homework in the coming weeks.

### **2021**

#### ○ **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

- Kindergarten students finish at 2.30pm.

#### ○ **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb**

- P&C Annual General Meeting 3.30pm

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

- Swimming Carnival note and money due

#### ○ **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

- Swimming Carnival

### Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (week 5). All students in Year 3-6 are expected to attend, with students in Year 2 who turn 8 this year also able to go. Mrs Makai is organising the swimming carnival this year so please contact her through the office if you have any questions. The permission note and money is due back to school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Before and After School Care

We are asking all parents and carers to complete a survey for us about the need for Before and After School Care. There is an opportunity for us to have this service in combination with Briar Rd PS which would greatly reduce the cost to families.

A staff member will contact all families to discuss this service – hopefully we are able to have this up and running by mid-way through the year.

### Cooler Classrooms program

Our school has progressed to the next stage of the Cooler Classrooms program with work due to commence early this year. We are looking forward to having our classrooms cool in summer and warm in winter! School funds have been allocated to this project for any classroom spaces that are not completed under this initiative. Once I have a starting date I will let everyone know.

### P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for 2021 will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb starting at 3.30pm. Our Annual General Meeting will be held first, with the general meeting afterwards. All community members are invited to attend, just a reminder that you need to be a financial member in order to vote. A link to the P&C Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/403671493329072/?ref=share>

### On a final note...

**“You must do the things you think you cannot do.”** - Eleanor Roosevelt

Thank you for your support of our school.

Mellissa Page  
Acting Principal

### Just a few snapshots of wonderful learners!



### School Organisation 2021

| Class   | Class Name                                | Teacher           | Supervisor                     |
|---|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Preschool                                       | Lilly Pilly                               | Mrs Robens        | Mrs Robens                     |
|   |   | Ms Woods          |                                |
| Kindergarten                                    | Waratah                                   | Miss Bova         | Mrs Williamson                 |
| Kindergarten/Year 1                             | Bluebells                                 | Miss Dixon        |                                |
| Year 1/2  | Daisy                                     | Mrs Williamson    | Ms Murray                      |
| Year 3/4  | Bottlebrush                               | Miss Crimlis      |                                |
| Year 3/4  | Orchids                                   | Mrs Makai         | Miss Crimlis                   |
| Year 5/6  | Eucalyptus                                | Miss Dunn         |                                |
| Year 5/6  | Acacia                                    | Mrs Meyer         |                                |
| Year 3/6  | Grevillea                                 | Miss Pope         | Ms Murray                      |
| Year K/3  | Wattle                                    | Mrs Grenfell      | Miss Pope                      |
| Year 3/6  | Banksia                                   | Mrs Saywell-Smith |                                |
| Teacher Librarian & EAL/D                       | Mrs Saleh                                 |                   | Mrs Davies                     |
| RFF   | Mrs Wards, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Liddle, Mrs Yu |                   |                                |
| Learning Support                                | Mrs Davies, Mrs Liddle, Mrs Ross          |                   |                                |
| Technology                                      | Mrs MacMurray                             |                   |                                |
| Instructional Leader/Deputy Principal           | Ms Murray                                 |                   | Miss Page                      |
| Assistant Principal Learning & Support          | Mrs Brodie, Mrs Shepherd                  |                   |                                |
| School Counsellor                               | Mrs Cifuentes-Post                        |                   |                                |
| School Psychologist                             | Mr Giltrow                                |                   |                                |
| Aboriginal Education Officers                   | Mrs Ritchie, Mr Manns                     |                   |                                |
| School Admin Manager                            | Mrs Kennedy                               |                   |                                |
| General Assistant                               | Mr Harris                                 |                   | Mrs Kennedy                    |
| School Admin Officers                           | Mrs Clissold, Mrs McKay, Mrs Nobbs        |                   |                                |
| Community Liaison Officer                       | Mrs Nguyen                                |                   |                                |
| School Learning Support Officers (Preschool)    | Mrs Spinks, Mrs Yu, Miss Robinson         |                   | Mrs Robens                     |
| School Learning Support Officers (Support Unit) | Mrs Hanslow, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Morrison   |                   | Miss Pope                      |
| School Learning Support Officers (Mainstream)   | Mrs Webb, Mrs Tobin                       |                   | Mrs Williamson<br>Miss Crimlis |



Hi,

We are reaching out to Schools across NSW & ACT to let them know about our Variety Heart Scholarships that have officially launched today.

Variety Heart Scholarships support kids with a demonstrated talent who are living with a disability, chronic illness or financial hardship, to pursue their dreams and realise their true potential.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 are awarded in Sport or The Arts and can be used for a range of things including uniforms and equipment, coaching and lessons and other expenses.

We would appreciate your help spreading the word and encourage any families of a student who would benefit from a scholarship.

**Applications close Wednesday 31st March at 5pm and families will receive the outcome of their application in mid-May.**

If you have any questions we (the Kids Support Team) are here to help. You are welcome to contact us directly via email [kidssupport@varietyNSW.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@varietyNSW.org.au) or call 02 9819 1000.

Variety Heart Scholarships are proudly presented by the **Grahame Mapp Family Foundation** in honour of the late Gillian Mapp.

Thanks in advance for your support of Variety Heart Scholarships!

Cheers

Maddison Coker & Liz Gearing  
Kids Support Team, Variety - the Children's Charity NSW/ACT

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## John Warby Public School Homework Opt-Out

John Warby PS Homework Policy has been developed in consultation with the school community. This consultation indicated that families would like the flexibility to decide whether or not their child/children commit to class homework activities. Therefore, at John Warby parents and carers are able to look at their after-school commitments and priorities and decide whether or not to participate in homework activities.

Please complete the permission note below if you wish to 'Opt-Out' of homework for your child and return it to school. If you have any questions please speak with your child's teacher.

A full copy of the Homework Policy can be found on the school's webpage:  
[www.johnwarby-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.johnwarby-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

### HOMework OPT OUT

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have decided my child will NOT be required to complete homework this year.

(Please tick)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_