

WARBY NEWS

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Week 5 Term 1

Acting Principal's Report

What a great start!

Our students continue to impress us with their enthusiasm for learning and eagerness to get involved in school activities. I have had a number of students come and see me over the last few weeks showing me fantastic work and talking about how they have been improving.

Our leadership team of Dakota, Henry and Maryam have been working hard at running our Monday morning assemblies and making sure everything is ready for the teachers and students – great job guys!

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) elections are currently being held and the students who are selected will be presented with their badges in the coming weeks.

Our Sports Leaders have also been elected and will be responsible for looking after the sports equipment in our school. Their first job will be leading the war cries at our Swimming Carnival today – hopefully they have been practising hard!

Our kindergarten students are now with us until 3pm each day and have settled in extremely well to big school. I know that Miss Bova, Mrs Grenfell and Miss Dixon are very impressed with how hard our youngest students have been working.

To all of our new students this year – welcome to our school! We are very pleased to have you with us this year.

We have now finalised our classes and there should be no more changes that need to be made. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this process.

Attendance is important every day

This year our school is fortunate to be included in an Attendance Pilot Program as part of the Campbelltown schools network. Mrs Liddle is the teacher who is organising this initiative at our school and I have included some information from her in this newsletter.

We want all of our students to get the best start possible and having them at school every day is important to ensure there is consistency with learning. Of course, if your child is unwell they need to stay home and we support you with this decision. If you have any questions about attendance please contact Mrs Liddle.

Up to Date Contact Details

A number of families have moved or had phone numbers change over the holiday period. 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.

Calendar

2021

Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th Feb

- Personalised Learning Pathways meetings all this week

Friday 26th Feb

- Mufti-Day P&C Fundraiser gold coin donation

Friday 5th March

- Clean Up Australia Day

Working together

As the new school year has started it is always a good time to remind everyone about the ways we communicate information and how parents are able to contact our school. With the Covid restrictions this is a little more difficult than in previous years, however we hope this gives parents and carers a range of options.

Classroom Teacher Contact

If you have a question about your child's learning, the classroom teacher is always the first step. Parents are able to contact the office to arrange a time to speak with their child's teacher. This will generally be in the afternoon or the next day as in the morning teachers are organising lessons for their classes and may not be available. If you need to speak with the Assistant Principal who supervises the stage your child is in, they are also able to arrange a meeting time with you.

Morning and Afternoon Gates

In the morning our gates open at 8.30am and students are able to play from 8.45am. To minimise disruption to learning I am asking parents to ensure that their child is at school by 8.55am. If your child comes to school after 9am, they will need to go to the office to complete a Late Note as we need a reason for their absence. Parents who come into our school for a meeting, to purchase uniforms or drop off items will still need to complete the QR Check-In and school sign in sheet.

In the afternoon our gates (including preschool) are opened at 2.55pm. Our staff are happy to speak with parents and carers at the school gate, however if you would prefer a meeting please contact the office to arrange a time.

Communication

There are a number of ways that our school keeps you up to date about events and learning opportunities for our students:

- **Skoolbag App.** Download this App to be kept up to date with everything that is happening at JWPS. It features Events, Newsletters, Notes sent home and Push notification alerts direct from the school. How to download is included in this newsletter.
- **Facebook** – our facebook page is regularly updated and is a great way to see our students learning in action. Our facebook page can be found at **John Warby Public School "Official"**.
- **Newsletter** – fortnightly newsletters will be available on our school website, Facebook page and the Skoolbag app. The youngest child in your family will also receive a paper copy.
- **School Website** – our website is always being updated. Take a look at <https://johnwarby-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

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.

On a final note...

“A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers.” – Helen Keller

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

Congratulations!

Student of the Week

Wk 4 – Jonathan C

Wk 5 – Doris L

Class of the Week

Wk 4 – Waratah

Wk 5 – Banksia

Star Spellers



The following students have achieved 100% in their spelling test this week.

- Eucalyptus- Maryam, Aariana, Maliha, Paytan, Keira and Aliza
- Wattle - Cooper
- Bottlebrush - Malaika

Well Done!

Just a few snapshots of wonderful learners!



School Uniform

It has been wonderful to witness the high standards of school uniform at our school. Many thanks to our parents/carers for their support in ensuring our students come to school each day in the correct school uniform - it not only looks wonderful but promotes pride in appearance and in being part of our school. If parents need financial assistance with purchasing a school uniform for their child/children, please contact the school office.

Just a reminder that all students must have a JWPS school hat – these are available to purchase at the office.

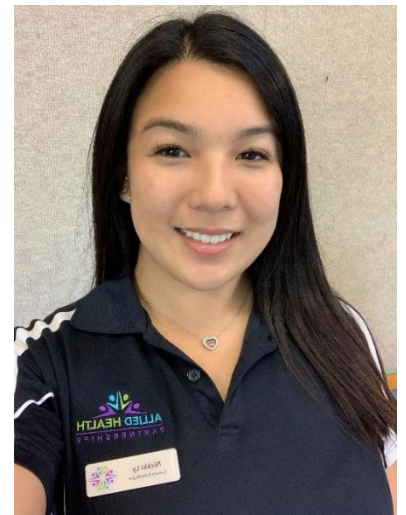
We are a 'Nut Aware' School

We currently have students enrolled at our school who are allergic to peanuts and nut products (peanut butter, nutella, hazelnuts etc). Please help us to keep all our students safe by ensuring your child does not bring food containing any nuts to school. Your support with this helps to minimise the risk of a student having a potentially life threatening reaction. Please speak with your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Speech Pathology at John Warby PS

Hi John Warby Public School and community. My name is Nickki and I am a Speech Pathologist. A Speech Pathologist is someone who helps with communication needs across all ages. I will be here every Wednesday and Thursday to support the students, their family and staff. I will be working mainly with Preschool to Year 2. You can find me in the speech room. I'm often helping students with:

- Receptive language (understanding words and instructions),
- Expressive language (writing and speaking better sentences),
- Phonological Awareness (awareness of sounds in speaking and reading),
- Articulation (speech clarity) and,
- Pragmatics (social communication, understanding jokes, tone of voice, negotiation)



I look forward to working with students, family and staff at John Warby Public School. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Technology Lessons in Megabytes

All students big and small are developing their problem solving and teamwork skills. Our students have shown they can design, build and modify robots. I have been so impressed with their determination and creativity.

Mrs MacMurray



Library News

Welcome back to the new school year. We are well into using our brand-new Library as a learning space. Last year we were fortunate enough to refurbish our Library. We now have brand new shelves and furniture for our students to use. Here are some pictures!



Students in K-2 require a Library bag to borrow books to take home. We have discussed how we can look after our books when we borrow them. Please check with your child's teacher to see what day their class attends the Library.

Home Reading will start shortly. Home readers are books that the students can read independently and can assist in building a child's confidence when learning to read. We encourage students to read every night to help with their early literacy skills.

Scholastic Book Club has started again for the year. Last year the school received over \$300 in resources as a result of students ordering books. We thank you and appreciate your continued support. The school can not accept cash payments for Book Club and parents are encouraged to order through the online system, LOOP.

Happy Reading - Mrs Saleh

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Yarns with our Gujagas

Welcome to the John Warby PS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Newsletter. Gujagas means "children" in Dharawal. This newsletter will be a place where we can share and celebrate our ATSI students and community.

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Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone!

A big welcome to our new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families. We have many great things planned for the year to share, celebrate and learn more about culture.

Personalised Learning Pathways (PLPs)

All Aboriginal students in our school require a PLP. It is an opportunity to plan and set some goals for the year. You will be receiving a confirmation slip or phone call for the PLP meeting times in the coming days. They are occurring next week and will be led by our AEO's Fiona and Bryce and the class teachers. They are all looking forward to meeting with you. If you have not returned your invitation or need a new one please phone the office.

Cultural Garden and Yarning Circle

Due to the Covid restrictions, we have been unable to have the Dharawal Men's Group in to give the garden and yarning circle a tidy up. This will be done with Bryce on Monday's and Friday's with the students. Due to all the rain, it has grown very quickly and needs a bit of weeding and pruning done so it looks its best ready for our students to access.

Junior AECG

Fiona will be overseeing the elections for the John Warby 2021 Junior AECG in the coming weeks. When these have been conducted, we will share the new committee members with everyone. Good luck to all those students who are interested in being a part of the elections.

"Our spirituality is a oneness and an interconnectedness with all that lives and breathes and with all that does not live or breathe." -Mudrooroo



John Warby P&C Mufti Day



18/02/2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

On Friday 26th February John Warby P&C will be hosting a mufti day for all students to raise money for our Easter raffle prizes.

The cost will be a gold coin donation per child, this will be collected at the beginning of the day.

There is no set theme for the day, however clothes must be school appropriate and enclosed shoes must be worn.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our school.

Adrian Simms

P&C Vice President

Attendance Matters at John Warby PS

It is great to see students returning to school, arriving on time ready for the new school year. Thank you for the efforts that you have put into making this happen. You are supporting your child to get the best possible outcomes from their time at school.

At John Warby Public School, we value good attendance from all students. Regular attendance is important.

A Western Australian Study (Stephen R. Zubrick) assessed the attendance patterns of over 415 000 primary and secondary students across a five-year period.

The study strongly suggested that **every day of attendance** in school contributes towards a child's learning.

The research found that *"A 10-day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing."*

Your child's education is important. Please contact the school if your child is absent from school or if there are concerns you have about them at school.

A positive partnership between home and school is of great value to the school but most importantly to the success and quality of your child's education

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Attendance Pilot

The Campbelltown Educational Area is piloting an attendance program this year with the aim of increasing attendance rates to an acceptable level. Let's work together to raise our attendance. Let's see the growth our students/children make emotionally, socially and academically when they come to school every day.

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:



- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day  = **3** days 

30 mins per day  = **18** days 



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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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/

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: _____

Staying Home Leaving Violence Program

This program supports women, with or without children, to separate from a violent relationship and remain safely in their own home, with the violent partner excluded or removed from the family home.

The program offers

- intensive case management service to women and their children which is long-term, needs-based and integrated with key local service providers
- comprehensive risk assessment and safety planning with women and children
- safety audits to improve security of the home
- information and support with Apprehended Violence Orders (AVO) and family law matters, and education on how to use court orders effectively to enhance safety from future violence
- support strategies to enable women and their children to remain separated from violent relationships and achieve financial independence, housing stability, maintain support networks, access employment and training opportunities, and maintain schooling and childcare placements
- information on alternate accommodation options and support services for the excluded person.

Staying Home Leaving Violence



To find out more information about our services, go to benevolent.org.au

Or connect with us at:
1800 236 762



Centre for Women's, Children and Family Health

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The Benevolent Society
2E Wentworth Park Road
Glebe NSW 2037


The Benevolent Society acknowledges the Traditional owners of country throughout Australia and recognises Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

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When that moment comes, we're here

What is an Exclusion Condition?

An exclusion condition, as part of an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO), allows a person in need of protection, to remain in their home, and excludes, or removes, the violent offender from living in the home.

What is an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO)?

An AVO is an order made by the court restricting the behaviour of the person the order is taken out against.

The purpose of an AVO is to protect someone from violence, harassment and intimidation in the future.

An AVO usually states that a person cannot assault, harass, threaten, stalk or intimidate an identified person/s, or go within a certain distance of their home or workplace.

For more information, and to discuss whether Staying Home Leaving Violence can assist you to remain in your home safely, please contact us on **1800 077 760**.

For more information or to make a referral to the program, please call **1800 077 760** or visit us at Level 5, 138 Queen Street, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Funded by the NSW Department of Human Services, Community Services.

Domestic and family violence violates the right of women and their children to live safely and free from abuse in their own home.

Domestic and family violence

- involves repeated violent, threatening, coercive and controlling behaviours
- may extend beyond current domestic relationships to past family, domestic or intimate relationships
- is usually violence by men against women
- is the intentional and systematic use of a range of tactics to control, coerce and dominate through fear and intimidation
- is more than physical and sexual violence, and includes psychological, emotional and verbal abuse, financial and social abuse, stalking and harassment, and separation violence
- usually happens in private and is kept hidden
- has a profound effect on children and young people and is child abuse
- has serious, long term effects on the psychological, emotional and physical health of women and their children
- affects a woman's belief in herself, and her capacity to make decisions about her life
- usually gets worse over time

The program assists women

- aged 18 years and over, and their children, who have separated from a violent partner or family member, and choose to remain in their own home or home of their choice
- living in the Campbelltown Police Area Command
- willing to apply for an AVO with an exclusion condition, and pursue the matter in court
- willing to engage with a support plan to remain safely in their own home and free from domestic and family violence long term.

Is this something for me?

In considering whether this program is for you, ask yourself:

1. Would you prefer to stay at home and have the violent offender leave?
2. Do you want to feel safe in your own home?
3. Do you have children who would benefit from remaining in the home with you?
4. Do you need support to arrange safe housing?

This program can help you achieve all of these things.



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@varietynew.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

How to install the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents



SkoolBag



For Apple Users

- From your iPhone/iPad, go to the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag".
- Download the free SkoolBag app.
- Open the App and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!
- Choose your grade/grades and "allow notifications".

For Google Android Users

- From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store.
- Go to Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag".
- Download the free SkoolBag app.
- Open the app, add your school(s).
- Choose your grade/grades and "allow notifications".

For more info visit skoolbag.com.au