

Our School Community Newsletter

# WARBY NEWS

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**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

**Week 2 Term 4**

## Deputy Principal's Report

### **A New Term Begins!**

Welcome back to Term 4! Who can believe that the year is going so fast and we are already beginning to think about planning for our school for next year.

Over this term there will be many events occurring, so please keep your eye on the calendar in the newsletter, our Facebook and Skoolbag apps, as well as our newly updated school website homepage. The electronic sign out the front of our school will also have daily reminders about what is happening during this term.

### **A Wonderful Night!**

Last night Mrs Murray, Aunty Fiona and I had the pleasure of attending the Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards at Events Cinema. During this night the achievements of Aboriginal students were celebrated across schools, with a variety of awards presented. John Warby Public School is thrilled to have had two of our students receive an award: Lakoda D for Outstanding Attendance and Kymberlee H for Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service. Congratulations girls – we are very proud of you!

## **Calendar**

### **Friday 26 Oct**

- Gala Day

### **Monday 29 Oct**

- Kindy Transition

### **Wednesday 31 Oct**

- Grandparent's Day
- Assembly

### **Thursday 1 Nov**

- Yr 5 Transition

### **Monday 5 Nov**

- Kindy Transition

### **Friday 9 Nov**

- Gala Day



### **What a Privilege!**

John Warby Public School continues to be recognised for outstanding programs and initiatives. We have been asked to open the Fisher's Ghost Parade for 2018. A number of our students will be representing our school by singing the National Anthem in both Dharawal and English. A huge thank you to Aunty Fiona who has been organising this special event. The opening is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at approx. 6.30pm in Queen St Campbelltown. We would love to have as many community members there to support our students as possible. If you would like more details please contact the office.

## **Safety in the Mornings**

An increasing number of our students have been arriving at school prior to 8.30am. Whilst we love that our students are eager to come to school, it is a safety issue. Our staff have spoken about this as we are concerned that there is not a teacher on duty before 8.30am.

After much discussion we have decided to keep our gates locked until 8.30am to ensure that we do not have students on our school grounds that we are unaware of. The duty teacher will unlock the side and back gates when they go into the playground. We are asking that you support us in keeping your child safe by ensuring that they do not arrive at school before 8.30am. I am sure that we all agree that keeping our students safe is of the highest priority. Students should be arriving at school at approximately 8.45am unless they are joining the Warby Walkers in the morning.

In addition, students that ride bikes or scooters to school are also reminded that they **MUST** wear a helmet. The school will contact you if your child rides without one.

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

Well it has begun! Our new students for 2019 spent their very first morning in 'Big School' last Thursday. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came for our orientation session – it was lovely to see all of the students so excited to visit classrooms and try out being 'Kindergarten Kids'. Thanks also go to all of the staff and community members who put their time and effort into making sure that the move into school is as easy as possible. More information regarding Kindergarten transition sessions is included in this newsletter.

## **Enrolments for 2019**

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 2019.

## **Applying for a Selective High School in 2020**

Just a reminder - parents of students in Year 5 are able to apply 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 9 October 2018 and 12 November 2018. Late applications will not be accepted. The school is unable to complete the application; it must be done by parents.

## **Tell Them From Me Survey**

We need your help! The Tell Them From Me survey closes this Friday. By clicking on the link below you will have an opportunity to give us feedback on our school which helps with our planning. <https://nsw.telldthemfromme.com/jwps2>. The survey is a great opportunity for our parents, carers and staff to tell us about what works well at our school and areas that may be identified for improvements. We are asking all parents and carers to go to the website and have their say. Thank you to those community members who have already completed their survey – we really appreciate your time and effort!

## **Whole School Assembly**

Our next whole school assembly will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, beginning at 2.10pm. This will be a class assembly led by Camelot where we will also be celebrating Grandparent's Day. We warmly invite parents, carers and grandparents to come along for this special occasion.

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

**'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'** Nelson Mandela

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

## **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.

## **School Uniform – Our new caps have arrived**

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 being part of our school.

Our new school caps have arrived and they look fantastic. They are available each morning in the office and only cost \$11.

If parents need financial assistance with purchasing a school uniform for their child/children, please contact the school office.

## **Communication with our School**

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

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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"**.
- 3) Newsletter – fortnightly newsletters will be available on our school website and the Skoolbag app. Copies of the newsletter are also available in the office.
- 4) School Website – we are currently updating our website. Take a look at <http://www.johnwarby-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

## **Don't forget School Banking is on Wednesdays!**

This is a great way to teach your child to save, as well as create an account that will support them later on in life.

Children who participate are rewarded with:

- A Youthsaver account;
- Dollarmites tokens that they can redeem for exciting rewards when they deposit regularly into their savings account;
- A Dollarmites deposit wallet to use when making School Banking deposits;
- A Platybank money box, along with a range of materials to help them learn and encourage them to save.



### **Did you know?**

Every month that you make at least one deposit and don't take any money out of your Youthsaver account, you'll earn 'bonus interest'. Bonus interest is extra money the bank gives you as a reward for saving.

**School banking occurs on Wednesday mornings.  
Please contact the office if you would like your child to be involved.**



## 2018 Kindergarten Transition Program

### **'Getting Ready for Big School!'**

Thank you to all the families who attended the Kindergarten Orientation last Thursday. It was a great pleasure to meet you all. We hope you found it helpful.

The next step we will take together to ensure your child is ready for school is the Transition Program. The children will be exposed to the expectations and structure of "Big School" and will ensure that we have everything in place ready to meet their needs next year. This will occur in Ms Murray's classroom, Room 18.

Please refer to your invitation for the days you will be attending.

**Session 1:** *Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October*  
9:30-11am (Parents and Carers attend with the children)

**Session 2:** *Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October or Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November*  
9:30-11am (Parents and Carers attend with the children)

**Session 3:** *Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November or Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November*  
9:30-11am (Only the children attend)

**Session 4:** *Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November or Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November*  
9:30-11am (Only the children attend)



We feel very privileged to provide this program for you and your child. It is important to us at John Warby PS that we know as much about your child as possible so we set them up for a very successful beginning to their school life.

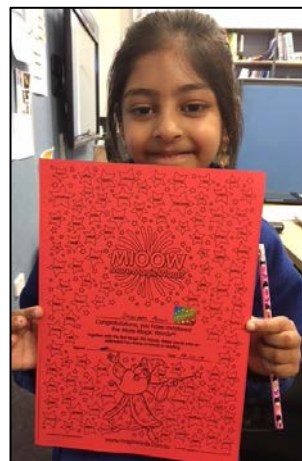


We are looking forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks.  
Ms Murray, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Robens and Miss Woods.

### **Congratulations Eli and Shareen.**

These two amazing Kindergarten students, Eli from Wonderland and Shareen from 100 Acre Wood, have made outstanding progress in reading. They are now able to read more than 100 sight words. We are so proud of them.

Congratulations!





# *Grandparents* ***YOU'RE INVITED...***

*to celebrate Grandparent's Day at John Warby Public School*

*Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018*  
*1.00pm- 2.45pm*

1.00pm

- Visit classrooms and participate in activities.

1.30pm

- Picnic lunch (canteen lunch orders can be placed prior to the day).

2.00pm

- Whole school assembly in the hall.

**We look forward to see you there.**

*From the Students and Staff at  
John Warby Public School*

## **Canteen News**

### Skeleton Day

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October the canteen will be holding a Skeleton Day for all students to promote healthy bones as well as encouraging a higher Calcium intake for our students.

#### **Skeleton Day**

**\$7.00**

Cheese sandwich or toasted sandwich, flavoured milk and a moosies ice cream.

### Grandparent's Day

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October the canteen will be offering the following special deals for Grandparent's Day.

#### **Hot Dog**

**\$7.00**

Hot dog (Tomato/ BBQ Sauce), Juice and Popcorn

#### **Meat Pie**

**\$7.00**

Meat pie (Tomato/ BBQ Sauce), Water and Packet of chips

#### **Chicken Nuggets**

**\$7.00**

6 Chicken nuggets (Tomato/ BBQ Sauce), Juice and Ice Block

Regular menu items are also still available to order/ purchase on the day.

If you would like to order any of these special meal deals please see the canteen before the day.





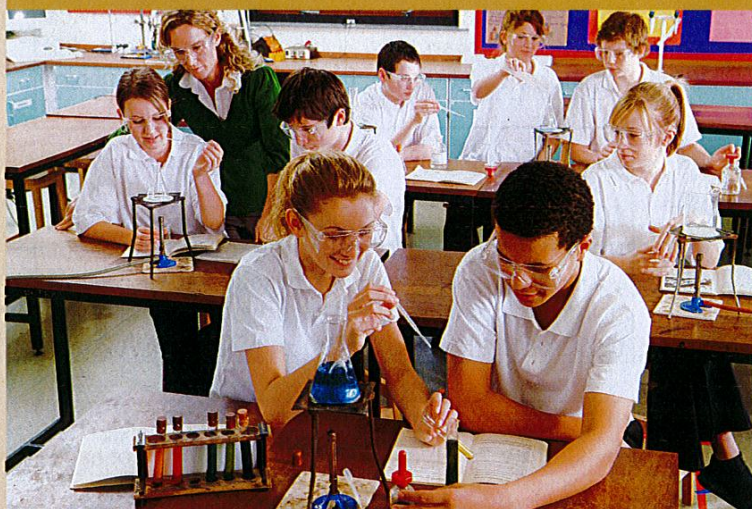
High Performing Students Unit

## Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in

# 2020

Thinking of applying for a  
**government selective high  
school for Year 7 entry in  
2020?**

You must apply online at  
[https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/  
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-  
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



### Key dates

**Tuesday 9 October 2018**

Application website opens

**Monday 12 November 2018**

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.

**Thursday 28 February 2019**

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

**Thursday 14 March 2019**

Selective High School Placement Test

**Friday 5 July 2019**

Placement outcome information is sent

**Please read this booklet carefully before applying.**

There is more information at  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

**Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.**

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit<sup>^</sup>.

### Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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/>

<sup>^</sup> In this document, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.



## What are selective high schools?

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, using specialised teaching methods and materials at the appropriate level.

Year 7 enrolments are available in:

- eighteen 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-schools/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 the end of this document. A map is at <http://www.maptive.com/ver3/Selective>

### Stages of the placement process

1	Parents read the application information online	From mid September 2018
2	Parents register, receive a password, log in, complete and submit the application online	From 9 October 2018 to 12 November 2018
3	Any special test provisions are requested	from 9 October to 12 November 2018
4	Principals provide school assessment scores	From 19 November to 7 December 2018
5	Parents sent <i>Test authority</i> letter	By 28 February 2019
6	Students sit the Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2020	On 14 March 2019
7	Any illness/misadventure requests are submitted	By 28 March 2019
8	Last day to change selective high school choices	26 April 2019
9	School selection committees meet	In May and June 2019
10	Placement outcome sent to parents	Overnight on 5 July 2019
11	Parents submit any appeals to principals	By 23 July 2019
12	Parents accept or decline offers	From July 2019 to at least Term 1 2020
13	Students who have accepted offers are withdrawn from reserve lists	At 3 pm on 18 December 2019
14	Parents of successful students receive <i>Authority to attend</i> letters to take to the school on the first day of term in 2020	Mid-January 2020

2 Cut this out and place on your fridge as a reminder.

## Important dates

You must apply online by **12 November 2018**. The application site will close at 10pm on 12 November 2018. The closing date will be strictly observed except where there is a shortage of suitable candidates or where extenuating circumstances are serious and well documented.

You can change your school choices by **26 April 2019** by sending the *Change of choice* form to the Unit. You cannot change choices after 26 April 2019 unless something unexpected and outside your control changes and you have documentary evidence. A request for a *Change of choice* after 26 April must be approved by the Unit. Use the change of choice form at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants/choosing-a-selective-school>

It is the parent's responsibility to liaise with the non-government school to ask the current school principal to complete the principal's page (for school marks) and ensure it is sent to the Unit by **7 December 2018**.

If you have not received your *Test authority* advice by **Friday 8 March 2019**, you must email the Unit urgently. If you do not have email you can phone the Unit.

If some problem such as sickness or an accident stops your child from taking the test or from doing his or her best either in the test or at the school, you can make an illness/misadventure request using the form on the Unit's website. The form must reach the Unit by **Thursday 28 March 2019**.

If you have not received the placement outcome by **12 July 2019**, email the Unit. If you do not have email you can phone the Unit.

If you accept an offer and are also on a reserve list, you can remain on that reserve list until **3pm on 18 December 2019**. At that time you must give up either the reserve place or the offer. After this time students who have accepted an offer will be removed automatically from all reserve lists.