20 February 2015

Thank you to all our students, staff, parents and carers for a wonderful start to 2015.

Attendance
Regular attendance is a very important part of any student’s education. The Department of Education has made some changes to the Attendance Policy for 2015 and clarified some requirements.

Parents/carers should note the following requirements:
- Parents/carers must explain absences within 7 days from the start of the absence.
- The school must contact the parents/carers within 2 days if the absence has not been explained. Contact will initially be by phone. If the school is unable to reach you a letter will be sent home asking for an explanation of the absence.
- Travel or holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. The school can no longer grant an exemption for holidays.

Please make sure that you contact the school either by phone or by sending a note if your child is absent from school for any reason.

Volunteers
Our school would love to have parents, carers and community members assist within our school. Some areas where you may be able to contribute to our school community include the canteen, the library, the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden cooking and gardening support as well as being a helper within our classrooms.

All volunteers should see Mrs Harris in the office. She will coordinate with the staff in the areas you are offering to help us in. Please note that all volunteers are required to obtain a ‘Working With Children’ check. This is free for volunteers.

Staff Professional Learning
From time to time staff will be attending professional learning activities within school hours. Suitable teaching staff will be employed to cover for teachers on these occasions. Staff will prepare students for their absence and we would appreciate parents and carers reminding students that they are still required to attend to their learning and behave appropriately when a visiting teacher is on their class.

Week 4 Term 1

Calendar

Tuesday & Friday Mornings:
- Community Café

Friday 20 February:
- Meet the Teacher Community BBQ 4.30 to 6.30pm

Monday 23 February:
- Cyber Bullying Presentation Years 4-6
- Performance by Brainstorm

24 & 25 February:
- Professional Learning Activity - Mrs Saywell-Smith

26 & 27 February:
- Professional Learning Activity – Ms Poier, Ms Dunn & Ms Davies

Friday 27 February:
- Professional Learning Activity – Mrs Kitchin

Wednesday 4 March:
- Professional Learning Activity – Mrs Kitchin & Mr Boyd

Thursday March 5:
- Opportunity Hub Activity for Stage 3 Aboriginal Students

Friday March 6:
- GALA Day – selected students
- Professional Learning Activity – Mrs Saywell-Smith & Mrs Bonfield
In the last Warby News I listed all our classroom teachers and their supervisors. Below is the complete list of our staff that teach and support our students:

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**John Warby Community Café**

Do you drop your children off at school on Tuesdays and Fridays? Do you like tea or coffee? Why not come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with other parents outside the kindergarten rooms on Tuesday and Friday mornings. The coffee cart will be available from 8.45 until 9.15 on these mornings. Come and say hello!
Assembly Awards

6M
Paige N: A fantastic role model to her peers
Noah O: Excellent listening skills

4/5A
Unity T: Beautiful manners
Hayleigh S: A wonderful start to the year

3/4M
Ali A: Wonderful start to the year
Isabelle W: Impressive start to the year

3/4D
Tara S: Consistently trying her best
Mischa D: Great work in Maths

2A
Akeela L: For persisting to complete more challenging tasks
Bradley M: For justifying his opinion during persuasive writing

1/2S
Zaine S: Always participating
Ester: Trying her best in class

1D
Jordyn F: Being a great listener
Cody K: Being an excellent class role model

K-3R
Alannah G: For a great transition to K-3R

3-6S
Dominic B: A good start to 3/6S
Cody W: Learning to take responsibility

2-6P
Joshua T: Responsible start to the term
Amelia G: Responsible start to the term

From the Pastoral Carers Desk

Wow… it’s 2015 and good to be back! I hope by now everyone is settling into the new school year. It is always an exciting time when we return after the holidays; although it can be a little hard, as we all get back into our routines.

I would especially like to welcome our new students and families to John Warby Public School, our best wishes for your future learning and development. Warby is a caring and supportive school community, we encourage parents and friends to get involved and participate, and with a wonderful staff Warby provides great opportunities for our students. We want it to be an enjoyable experience for all.

A tip in making your life a little less stressful at this time is to establish routines. Having predictable patterns and routines in our day; or over a week, can be very calming and reassuring. It’s also important for everyone’s health and wellbeing. Routines can include:

- Regular bedtimes
- Regular waking
- Regular mealtimes
- Regular times for work, exercise and relaxation and
- Planning and preparing ahead to do routine jobs or activities

Establishing routines will also help to develop good organisation skills.

Wonderful news… Special congratulations to Mrs Wards and her husband Joel on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl; Hannah. We understand that all are doing well, and we wish your family much joy and happiness together.

This term I will be at Warby on Monday and Tuesday. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great year and until next time, cheers.

Rob Hodgson JP
Meet the Teacher Community BBQ
Friday 20th February
Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
For more information a separate note has gone home with students

For Sale by Tender
1987 Toyota Coaster 20 seater minibus
Contact Wooglemai EEC
Phone: 0246809483
Closing date for tenders is
2.00pm on 31st March
All tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope to
Wooglemai EEC
PO Box 78
2570

2015 Mount Annan Challenge Walk
March 8, 2015
Mount Annan Botanic Gardens
Gates open at 6.30am for 8am start
6km Fun walk or 11km Endurance Walk
$10 early entry fee or $19 on the day

Community Change Makers
Community Clean Up Day
Keep Australia Beautiful day is here again and we invite you to join us.
Tuesday 3rd March 10am – 2pm
Meet at AB Central
Free BBQ lunch