Welcome to Term 2 and John Warby PS.

I’d like to welcome Mr Mark Officer to our staff. He will be teaching 3-6P while Ms Pope is on leave. Ms Ryan and Mrs Liddle will be sharing the role of Relieving AP Support in Ms Pope’s absence. If you have any queries or concerns relating to our support units you should contact Mrs Liddle on Mondays and Ms Ryan on Tuesday to Friday.

The School Plan for 2015-17 has now been finalised. This can be viewed on the school website or you can obtain a copy from the school office. The Annual School Report for 2014 will also be available on the school website from Monday 4th May. Thank you to all members of staff and our community who contributed to these very important school documents.

Our Cross Country Carnival has been postponed until next Thursday 7th May. It will start at 11.30am. We would love to have parents, carers and members of our community join us at this carnival.

NAPLAN assessment will again be happening for students in both Years 3 and 5. This year the assessment process will go from Tuesday 12th May through to Friday 15th May. The Friday is put aside as a catch up day for any students who may have missed one or more of the assessments earlier in the week. NAPLAN starts promptly at 9.00am each day. Please make sure that your child is at school on time so they do not miss out on any of this assessment process.

Our Whole School Photo was not taken with the rest of the school photos due to poor weather. We have booked to now have this photo taken on Tuesday 14th May at 1.00pm. Please make sure that your children are in full school uniform on this day. The photos taken in Term 1 have now been sent home.

We are very proud of our students at John Warby PS. Unfortunately a small number of children consistently refuse to follow teacher instructions and feel it is appropriate to swear at other students, staff and parents. Can all parents please discuss appropriate school behaviour with their children to help us minimise inappropriate behaviours at school.

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**Calendar**

**Week 2 Term 2**

**Tuesday & Friday Mornings:**
- Community Café

**Monday 4 May:**
- Playgroup 9.15 – 10.45am

**Monday 4 May & Tuesday 5 May:**
- Professional Learning (PL) Activity
  - Mr Boyd, Ms Poier and Mr Lord
- Basket Weaving – selected students

**Wednesday 6 May:**
- PL Activity – Ms Robens & Ms Woods

**Thursday 7 May:**
- Primary Cross Country
- PL Activity – Mrs Juffermans, Ms Smits, Mrs Robles

**Friday 8 May:**
- Heartbeat Excursion – Aboriginal students in Years 5 & 6
- PL Activity – Ms Poier, Ms Ryan, Ms Dunn

**Tuesday 12 May:**
- NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Whole School Photo

**Wednesday 13 May:**
- NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

**Thursday 14 May:**
- NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Opportunity HUB – Stage 3 Aboriginal students

**Friday 15 May:**
- NAPLAN Catch up – Years 3 & 5
- GALA Day – selected students

**Monday 18 May:**
- Wooglemai Excursion – selected students
Easter Egg Raffle Prize Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Egg Raffle this year. The following people were the lucky winners this year!

1st Lorraine Newlin, 2nd Shannan Budd, 3rd Mark Towns, 4th Ester Ripley, 5th Neil Everson, 6th Amy Nguyen, 7th Jude Pitman, 8th Emily Tobin, 9th Chris Zuidwijk, 10th Tori Connolly, 11th Tracey Murray, 12th Lexie Sayers, 13th Nathan Eberhardt, 14th Joy Keevers, 15th Tracey Murray, 16th Tara Selfe, 17th Pauline Morrison, 18th Aniela Williams, 19th Tahleah Bishop, 20th Staysee Power, 21st Viliami Eteaki

Library News

Books in Homes Program 2015

‘Books in Homes Australia’ is an organisation which aims to develop and maintain a love for reading by delivering free quality books to children. We are very lucky that John Warby PS has been chosen to be a part of this program again in 2015. This means more free books for our students! In Terms 1, 2 and 4 students K-6 will be given the opportunity to select 3 books they would like to order to take home.

In Terms 1, 2 and 4 we will celebrate by hosting Book Giving Assemblies in the Library. At each of these assemblies the students will be entertained by a visiting author and receive their free books to take home. Parents are invited to attend.

On Tuesday 24th March we held our first Book Giving Assembly. Lillian Rodrigues-Pang was our visiting author. She is a professional bilingual storyteller famous for telling stories to children through theatrical performance and music. She entertained all the students, teachers and parents with her amazing re-enactment of the story ‘The Wide-Mothed Frog’.

Lilian Rodrigues-Pang and the University of Western Sydney sponsor representative, Jeremy gave the students their free books. Everyone was thrilled with their book choices!

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

We will be again offering the children to take part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Last year we congratulated 122 John Warby students from Years K-6 who completed the challenge. This year we hope to improve that number.

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 complete the reading challenge with their classroom teacher as part of their teaching and learning program. Students in Years 3 – 6 can start reading books from the PRC booklists now. The PRC books are labelled and available to be borrowed from the library.
Let’s get reading! If you start reading now then you will only need to read one book per week to succeed! Visit our school library to see all our great PRC books!

You can also visit the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website for more information.

Library Bag Award Winners

Congratulations to Saipeler (2A) and Tara (3/4D) for winning the Library Bag Prize Draw. Well done to all the students who remember to use their library bags each week!

Term 2 Library Timetable

Monday: 4/6S, K/3R
Tuesday: KJ, 1D, 1/2S & 2A
Thursday: 4/5A, 6M, 3/4D, 3/4M & 2-6P

- Please ensure that your child brings their library bag on their Library day.
- Reading for enjoyment and information is something that should be encouraged from an early age.
- Regular borrowing is an important part of your child’s reading development.
- Students visit the library for borrowing and a library lesson once a week.
- Students can also visit the library on Thursdays at second break, to change their books as well as to enjoy a range of activities including reading, drawing, chess and other games & movies.

Library Helpers

A big thank you to Mrs Williams and Miss McCudden for helping out in the library and processing the Term 1 Books in Homes Books. These lovely ladies packed all the student orders into the bags! It is a huge job and their help is much appreciated.

We are again calling for some assistance in the library. Please consider coming to help in the Library. There are always jobs to do!

- Covering books at home: Contact is provided. Books are sent home in bags of 6-8 books. Please collect a bag of books from the front office or ring and leave your name at the front office and a bag of books can be sent home with your child.
- Books in Homes Term 2: This involves sorting the ordered books into individual student bags.
- Monday duties: Any help with shelving and book covering would be much appreciated. Training provided.

From the Pastoral Carers Desk

ANZAC Day - 2015

As we think about ANZAC Day in this Centenary year of 2015, I ask…why do we still commemorate the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli? It’s been 100 years! The men who made that landing on the 25th April in 1915 are all gone. Well let me say this…It is very important to understand the reasons why we commemorate ANZAC Day and exactly what it means to us as a nation and as individuals.

We certainly hold the day in very high regard on our national calendar. But it is not to celebrate a great military victory, because the landing and battle at Gallipoli was not that. The ANZAC force was landed at the wrong place after setting out at about 3.30am from the fleet of ships anchored offshore, on a night so dark that not even the shoreline was visible. They initially encountered fairly light rifle fire from the Turkish defenders, but the Turkish positions were quickly reinforced and by midmorning the Australians and the New Zealanders were faced with heavy rifle and machine gun fire from above. At the end of that first day 2,000 men lay dead for the gain of about six square kilometres and they clung desperately to a small foothold. It was a military disaster from any viewpoint, except for the well-planned and successful evacuation that followed eight
months later. And the final count of the dead was over 113,000, of which 11,500 were ANZAC troops.

However, it is not just Gallipoli we remember on ANZAC Day, nor is it even the First and Second World Wars or all the other wars our nation has been involved. This is a day set aside for us to collectively give thanks to all the Defence Service men and women who have put their lives at risk and in many cases have sacrificed their lives. We also acknowledge the losses and sacrifices of their families. These men and women did not start the wars in which they were involved, that was the responsibility of the government of the day and our government is the agent of the people. They were fighting on behalf of all the people of Australia.

The ANZACs and Gallipoli are an important part of Australia's history. Some would say it is the foundation for our nation's values, to defend freedom and tolerance. In fact we respect these values here at our school – freedom and tolerance are precious qualities of decency. It’s important that we all learn, practise and live them, to have a fair and caring society for all. Now I’ll ask you these questions:

Will you respect differences and accept others?
Will you stand strong to support these values of freedom and tolerance?
I hope so!

ANZAC Day – should we continue to commemorate this historic event?
Yes, I think so. ANZAC Day, and what it really represents, should continue to be appreciated across all generations.
Lest We Forget.

Rob Hodgson JP

P&C News

Meeting Dates for 2015

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All meetings occur on a Tuesday and will commence at 9.15am in the school meeting room.

Thank you for the donations to our Easter Raffle. We raised $669.55. Well done everyone!

Clothing Pool

We will be recommencing our Clothing Pool to sell second hand uniforms next week. The stall will operate every Tuesday from 8.30 to 9.30am outside the Canteen. All donations of used school clothing will be gratefully accepted.

Mother’s Day Stall

The P & C will be running the annual Mother’s Day stall next week. Prices will range from $1.00 to $10.00. We have prepared plenty of gifts so students can purchase gifts for all the important Mums in their life. Stall dates are:

Preschool: Tuesday 5th May & Wednesday 6th May
K-6 Classes: Wednesday 6th May
Catch up day: Friday 8th May during break times only

2015 P& Committee

President: Nicole Williams
Secretary: Leslie Denford

Vice President: Georgina McCudden
Treasurer: Rodney Clissold

Congratulations to all our committee members on your election!
Temporary Aboriginal Education Officer – 1st June 2015 until the end of 2017

As our AEO will be working part-time from 1st June 2015 the school has a Temporary Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) position available 2 days per week. The successful applicant would be expected to work on Monday and Wednesday each week.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) in this position are invited from Aboriginal members of our community. EOI’s should be no longer than 2 A4 pages and should outline the applicant’s experience and ability to carry out the duties of the position as outlined below.

Expressions of interest need to be received by Mrs Ann Kitchin, Principal John Warby Public School by 4pm on Friday 15th May 2015. They may be handed in at the school office or emailed to:

ann.kitchin@det.nsw.edu.au

The AEO is responsible to the Principal for providing assistance to teachers, Aboriginal students and their families to support improved learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.

The Statement of Duties for this position is:

1. Working with teachers to:
   - Assist Aboriginal students in all school activities including excursions
   - Discuss with Aboriginal parents the educational progress of their children
   - Identify and develop resources to support the learning outcomes of Aboriginal students
   - Assist in the development and implementation of personalised learning plans for Aboriginal students
   - Support Aboriginal cultural awareness for all students with particular reference to Aboriginal students
   - Help maintain effective relationships between Aboriginal parents, the Aboriginal community and school staff.

2. Working as part of a school team to support students:
   - In relation to their school participation and programs
   - In relation to their school participation and programs
   - In relation to their attendance and retention

3. Liasing with the Principal and staff:
   - On protocols for interacting with the Aboriginal community in relation to staff and Aboriginal students in the school and Aboriginal education activities

4. Other Duties
   - Performing other related duties as required by the Principal.
Why is it so hard for some children to listen?

Is your child bothered by loud or sudden noises? Do they have trouble paying attention to and remembering information that is presented orally? Are they easily distracted in noisy environments? Are they struggling to follow long conversations? Are they struggling to complete higher level listening tasks, such as understanding riddles or comprehending verbal maths problems?

If you notice these symptoms in your students, we recommend referring the child for a Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) hearing assessment.

While CAPD affects many children, it’s often undiagnosed because some of the behavioural symptoms are identified in other learning disabilities. Concerned parents can book a test for their child at our Australian Hearing centres. If the child is diagnosed with CAPD, our clinicians will develop an appropriate management or remediation program.

Australian Hearing provides subsidised hearing care for eligible people, including pensioners, most veterans, children and young adults under 26, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 50 and adults with complex hearing. To find out more information on our CAPD programs, including the locations of participating centres visit www.hearing.com.au This fee-for-service is available for children 6 years old and above, and who do not have a hearing loss.

FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7-13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

The Go4Fun Program is a free healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

What happens in the Go4Fun program?
The program runs over one school term. There are 10 sessions (1 session/week, 2hrs/session). Sessions include: games, activities and swimming for kids; easy, effective ways to improve your child’s self-esteem and confidence; demonstrations, games and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes; and a fun supermarket tour!

South Western Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be 7-13 years old and above their ideal weight to attend. A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit www.go4fun.com.au where you can also register.