

Our School Community Newsletter

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Week 4 Term 1

Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers, and Community Members,

Welcome to the first school newsletter of 2025! As we embark on another exciting year at our school, we are eager to continue strengthening our partnership with each of you. Your support plays a vital role in fostering a nurturing environment for our students, and we are truly grateful for your involvement.

I am delighted to share that our school is experiencing positive growth in student numbers, allowing us to expand to 9 mainstream classes while maintaining our two preschool classes and four inclusive education classes. This growth is a testament to the vibrant community we have built together and one that we will include to enhance to ensure that our school provides an inclusive sense of belonging for all students.

A warm welcome to all of our new students and their families! We are thrilled to have you join our school community and look forward to a wonderful year ahead. I would also like to extend a special welcome to Jackie Stephenson, who has joined us as a permanent member of our teaching staff. Additionally, we are excited to welcome back Jordan Paul, who will be taking on an RFF role.



Jackie Stephenson



Jordan Paul

Class Structure

Here's a brief overview of our classes and their dedicated teachers:

Preschool Classes:

- Bilima: Sharon Robens (AP) and Donna Yu
- Bara: Katrina Woods

Inclusive Education Classes (Dharagang):

- Garri: Tracey Power (AP)/Courtney Hobman
- Burriburri: Rachael Cronshaw
- Biraban: Jo Hillsley/Linda Saywell-Smith
- Gulung: Caitlin Wilson/Linda Saywell-Smith

Mainstream K-6 Classes:

- Warrigal: Penny Draper
- Buru: Liz Kent
- Girawaa: Kym Meyer
- Gunaagaan: Lisa Grenfell
- Magadaang: Mandy Williamson (AP)/Emma Makai (AP)
- Gugara: Jackson Lewer
- Djungaa: Lochlan Tipper
- Yanaga: Pat De Vuono
- Gudhamaang: Jackie Stephenson

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting you all at our annual **Meet the Teacher** afternoon and community BBQ on Tuesday 25th February 2025. As per a recent email this event will start at 3:15pm with parents, carers and families having the opportunity to meet the teachers in your child's classroom before concluding with a BBQ. Halal sausages will be available.

Our school values and respects open and honest communication with our school community and I encourage all families to come along to this great event.

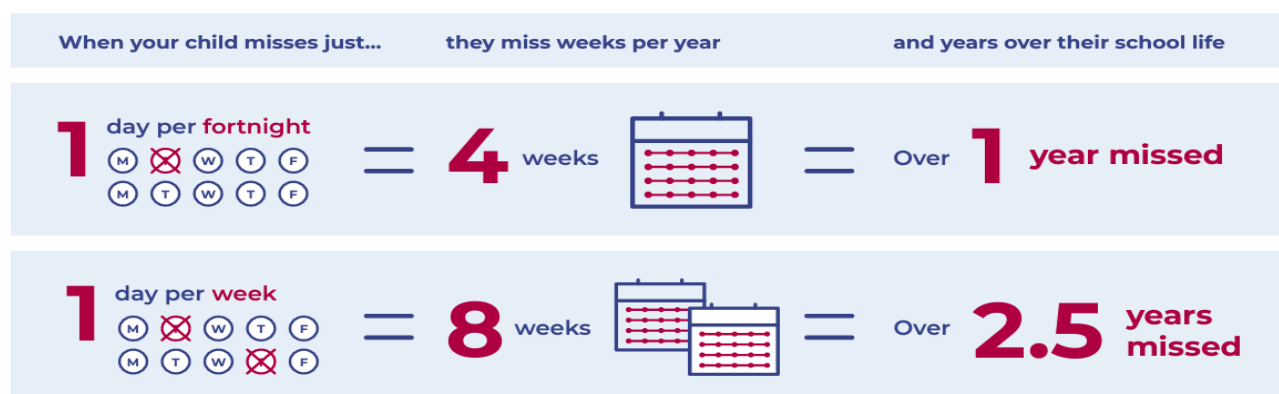
I do ask parents and carers to follow appropriate communication channels when contacting staff members. If you require contact with your child's teacher or the Assistant Principal I ask you to contact through our front office. This can be done in person, via a phonecall or an email. Your request for a meeting time (or return phonecall) will be given to the relevant staff member who will respond to your request in a timely manner. Please be aware that it is not often possible to see the staff member straight away as they are usually attending to their core business within the school and we thank you for your patience when waiting for return contact. Please do not contact our staff members via their personal mobile numbers

School Attendance – Every Day Matters.

As part of our commitment to ensuring that every student is ready to learn, we would like to emphasise the importance of **school attendance**. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, and we aim to improve the number of students arriving at school ready to learn by 9 am. It is important that your children attend school every day. It may not seem like much, but valuable learning time is lost when they are absent. This graphic highlights just how much time is lost. If your child is having 1 day away from school every fortnight it will equal 4 weeks absent in just one school year and 1 whole school year over the length of their school life.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



If your child(ren) are absent for any reason it is your responsibility to inform the school. If we don't receive an explanation your child's teacher or a member of staff will be in contact with you. We will be vigilant in our approach to improving student attendance at John Warby PS.

We kindly remind parents that if you need to collect your children from school, please avoid doing so during our break times, which are from 11:00 am to 11:45 am and from 1:45 pm to 2:15 pm. Collecting students during these times can be challenging as they are on the playground, and we want to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

The Resilience Project – Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness & Emotional Literacy

Our student learning in these areas will continue to grow during 2025 with a major focus on having Empathy and Kindness for each other. I have had many conversations with our students who are demonstrating knowledge and understanding of these crucial concepts. I love it when our students are able to explain to me examples of how they utilise these mindsets in their everyday life. I encourage all families to make these concepts regular discussion points at home. Please talk to your children and reinforce these positive mindsets with them. To assist your understanding of these crucial concepts and how you can play a part in developing these in your children I invite you to join me and members of our school staff to the after hours webinar/workshop “Building Resilience at Home” on Thursday 13th March 2025. This workshop is designed to empower parents and carers by equipping you with practical strategies that can be used at home to develop the GEM principles. You can register for the webinar via this link https://forms.theresilienceproject.com.au/single-event-confirmation/?event_id=418212 or alternatively you can join us in the school library from 6:15am.



Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!

Building Resilience at Home Webinar

WHO'S INVITED? Parents & Carers	DURATION 60 minutes	WHERE? Online Webinar
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ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

A whole school approach is key to supporting student wellbeing. This session is designed to **connect the classroom to home**, providing a consistency and common language for your child and family.

This presentation will promote positive wellbeing and will provide you with:

-  A knowledge of the TRP program and how it is run in your child's school.
-  Tips and strategies to support your child's wellbeing at home through the GEM principles.
-  Ideas on how to support your own personal wellbeing.

SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT RESILIENCE PROJECT.



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is a valuable service that we provide to our students everyday. Please be aware that we are slightly altering the times in which the Breakfast Club will be serving food, starting on

Monday 24th February. The new food service times are: Breakfast Club starting at 8:30am and finishing at 8:50am. Food service will not be available after 8:50am each morning. If your children would like to take advantage of Breakfast Club they will need to see Mrs Morrison and staff before it closes.

Farewell Nono

I received some sad news this week and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge one of our amazing school cleaners, Nono. She will be finishing her time with us on Friday, 21st February. Nono has dedicated 12 years of service to JWPS and has been an asset to our school staff and an integral part of our school community. We wish her and her family all the best in their future endeavours.



P & C

Our P&C is a dedicated and hard working team who are determined to increase its size and family involvement this year. To facilitate this, we will be trialling a combination of day and night meetings. Our first night meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19th March (time to be confirmed). At the Annual General Meeting held this week, the following people were elected as P&C Office Bearers for 2025: President - Georgie Dawes, Vice President - Megan Clarke, Treasurer - Melissa Chin, Secretary - Stacey Robinson. We look forward to working closely with our families this year.

I would like to take the opportunity to highlight the **School Community Charter** which was emailed to all families recently. It is essential that families are familiar with its contents as it outlines our values and expectations for a positive, collaborative and respectful school culture.

Lastly, please ensure that you have downloaded the **School Bytes app**, our primary communication tool. This allows us to send out notifications via SMS, push notifications to the parent app and emails. It is imperative that at least one parent from the main family has downloaded the app. It is important that it is set up to receive notifications from our school. The app features an easy-to-follow calendar of school events and is used for making payments, making it a vital resource for staying informed and engaged with school activities. Our student academic progress reports will also be available through the Parent Portal this year. If you need assistance with the setup, please pop into our office where our staff will be able to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a successful 2025 filled with learning, growth, a whole lot of empathy and kindness and a big helping of community spirit!



John Warby PS Bell Times

8:57am	Line up for class	
	9:00am	Class time
	11:00am	Lunch break
	11:40am	Line up for class
	1:40pm	Recess break
	2:15pm	Line up for class
	3:00pm	End of day

Please make sure your child/ren is at school on time and remains for the whole day.





TUNING IN TO KIDS (TIK)

EMOTIONALLY
INTELLIGENT PARENTING



FREE
6 SESSION
PARENTING
PROGRAM
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
of children between
3-10 years

Open to families residing in the Macarthur region, Tuning in to kids is a free parenting program that equips parents with practical strategies to help their children understand, communicate and manage their emotions effectively.

Parents and carers will gain skills in emotion coaching – supporting children and themselves to understand, regulate and work through their emotions.

Program outcomes:

- ✓ Improved parent-child communication and understanding
- ✓ Enhanced emotional management skills for children
- ✓ Prevention of behaviour issues in children
- ✓ Teaching children conflict resolution skills.

Join Us!

Join us and other local parents as we explore proven, positive tips to help their children understand, communicate and manage their emotions effectively.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

26 FEB 2025 – 26 MAR 2025



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Secure Your Spot!

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www.focusconnect.org.au



3 WEEK **NETSETGO** **CLINIC**

5 - 8 yrs

13th February

20th February

27th February

5.30pm - 6.30pm



It's Gotta be Netball!



REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR OUR 2025 SEASON

**Whether you're a seasoned player or a beginner
looking to give it a try, we have a competition for you!**

Registrations are accepted from Ages 5+



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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting



Tuning in to Kids is a program for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-12 years.

Exploring how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence* (understanding and regulating one's own emotions and understanding other people's emotions).

The goal of this program is to help parents and caregivers teach and support their children to understand and express emotions in appropriate ways and better manage when feeling upset, angry or overwhelmed.

Where: Creative Parenting Spaces

8 Allman St, Campbelltown.

Creative Parenting Spaces parenting programs aim to help parents learn new skills and behaviours to improve family functioning and support mental health, self-care, and wellbeing.

To express your interest please scan the QR code



Or call/SMS- Debbie 0439 404 023 or Peggy 0441 181 672



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Participants must live in Campbelltown LGA suburbs

When:

Thursdays for 6 weeks

20th February 2025

27th February 2025

6th March 2025

13th March 2025

20th March 2025

27th March 2025

Time: 9:45am -11.45am

Cost: FREE

Morning tea and free childcare is provided during the program.



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Circle of Security



For parents/carers with babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

When: Tuesdays for 7 weeks

Please use the QR code or call to express your interest.

Dates: From 11th February 2025 to 25th March 2025.



**Where: Creative Parenting Spaces
8 Allman St, Campbelltown.**

Time: 9:45am-11:45am

Facilitators:
Romy 0408 418 102
Peggy 0447 181 672

Cost: Free

Morning tea and childcare provided.

Participants must reside in Campbelltown LGA suburbs.

Would you like to better understand your child's behaviour and make sense of what your child really needs from you?

Learning Objectives of the Program:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Understand your child's need for exploration and security



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Books for Campbelltown



An Early Literacy program
for parents/carers and children
(3-5years)

Increase your knowledge and skills in how to support your child's early literacy development and increase their literacy skills and school readiness, by joining this exciting and engaging program with your child.

*Early literacy is learning about sounds, words and language and is the foundation for reading, writing, communicating and socialising.

When: Wednesdays for 8 weeks

Dates: 12th February 2025 to 2nd April 2025

Where: Creative Parenting Spaces
8 Allman St, Campbelltown

Time: 9:45am-11:45am

Cost: FREE

Please use the QR code or call Romy 0408 418 102 to register.



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