

Our School Community Newsletter



WARBY NEWS

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Term 2 Week 4

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. As we continue moving along in another busy term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some important happenings within our school community.

ANZAC Day March

It was truly wonderful to see our school represented at the Campbelltown ANZAC Day March. I am grateful to all the families who supported this significant event, honouring those who have served our country. Your participation not only highlights the importance of remembrance but also strengthens our community ties.



Preschool Assessment and Rating

I am excited to share that our preschool was recently rated by an external officer and has continued to be recognised as EXCEEDING ACECQA standards in all seven Quality Areas. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of not only our amazing preschool team but also all the staff who support our preschool. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to excellence in early childhood education.

Reconciliation Week

Next week, we will be observing Reconciliation Week, a significant time for all Australians to learn about and celebrate our shared history, culture, and achievements. This year's theme invites us to engage in deep reflection and foster understanding and unity within our community.

To mark this important occasion, and to complement the learning occurring in classrooms, our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in Cultural Art workshops on Wednesday, 28th May, facilitated by the talented team from Djaljala. These workshops will provide our students with a unique opportunity to explore Indigenous culture through art, promoting respect and appreciation for the diverse backgrounds that enrich our school community.

We encourage all families to engage in conversations at home about the significance of Reconciliation Week and the importance of understanding our history. Together, we can support our students in developing a greater awareness and connection to the rich cultural heritage of our nation.

Staffing News

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Kylie King has been permanently appointed to John Warby PS as our new Learning and Support Teacher following a comprehensive Merit Selection process. Her skills and experience will undoubtedly enhance our learning environment. Additionally, we bid farewell to Mr. Richard Phillips, who has retired after many years of dedicated service. Richard has made an incredible impact within our wider school community, and we will acknowledge his contributions during our school assembly on Friday, June 6th. We are also delighted to welcome Mr. Glenn Hall, who has been selected as a permanent member of staff in the GA role through the Merit Selection process.

Toilet Upgrade Part 1

I am thrilled to inform you that our school has undergone a mini makeover! The female toilets in the K-2 section have been upgraded and now look fantastic. I will continue to work with the Department of Education to ensure that all of our student toilet facilities receive much-needed upgrades.

School Bytes SMS Plan

Thank you to our families for supporting our latest initiative with the School Bytes SMS plan. Please remember to notify the school of your child's absence via the School Bytes Parent Portal or by calling our front office staff.

School Gates – Change of afternoon times

Starting next week, Monday 26th May, our school gates will open at 3:00 PM instead of the previous time of 2:55 PM. This change is necessary to ensure the safety of all children, and I appreciate your understanding and support with this slight modification.

Lastly, don't forget to visit the **School Bytes Calendar** function regularly to stay updated on upcoming school events.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we are making a positive impact on our students' learning and development.

Troy King

Proud Public School Principal

NSW Public Schools Student Survey



- In Week 7 Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.
- Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.
- Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home 26 May, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>

School Attendance – Every Day Matters.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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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 

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

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.

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.

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

Sing & Grow



Dancing, singing, playing percussion instruments, and relaxing to music is great for stimulating your child's development. And the benefits are even greater when you share these activities together!

You don't need to be musical to take part or benefit from attending this group!

Why is music beneficial?

- Music motivates children.
- Music is fun and non-threatening.
- Music can provide structure and predictability.
- Music can be used to alter mood.
- Music is great for child development.

If you are a parent or carer with child/ren 0-5 years old, we hope you can join us.

Morning Tea and resources provided.

Please use the QR code or call to express your interest. Contact: Romy 0408 418 102



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Communities
For Children

Participants MUST live in a CAMPBELLTOWN LGA suburb.

When:

Wednesdays for 8 weeks

30th April 2025

7th May 2025

14th May 2025

21st May 2025

28th May 2025

4th June 2025

11th June 2025

18th June 2025

Where:

Creative Parenting Spaces

8 Allman Street,

Campbelltown

Time: 10am -11.30am

Cost: **FREE**

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Bringing Up Great Kids



Overview

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective, mindful, respectful program that provides parents with an opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey.

Bringing Up Great Kids provides a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other as they continue their parenting journey.

Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids' program supports parents and carers to:

- learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- identify the important messages they want to convey to their children and how to achieve this;
- learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings and behaviour;
- understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs;
- explore new ways of communicating with children;
- discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.

Participants must live in the Campbelltown LGA

Where: 8 Allman St, Campbelltown

When: Thursdays for 6 weeks

8th May 2025

15th May 2025

22nd May 2025

29th May 2025

5th June 2025

12th June 2025

Time: 9.45am-11.45am

Contact: Please use the QR code or email cpsenquiries@uniting.org to express your interest.



Cost: FREE

Morning tea and free childcare is provided during the program

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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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When:

Tuesdays for 6 weeks

6th May 2025

13th May 2025

20th May 2025

27th May 2025

3rd June 2025

10th June 2025

Time: 9:45am -11.45am

Cost: FREE

Morning tea and free childcare is provided during the program.



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