



Newsletter

Aim High to Achieve

Term 3 Week 4

Tuesday 11th August 2020

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What's on at Warrimoo

AUGUST

TERM 3

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| <u>Week 4</u> | 12th P&C Meeting via Zoom—7.30pm | |
| | 14th Modified Sports Fun Day (students only) | |
| <u>Week 5</u> | 19th Jeans for Genes Day |  |
| <u>Week 6</u> | 24th ICAS—English | |
| <u>Week 7</u> | 31st ICAS—Maths | |

NOTES DISTRIBUTED

Notes can be accessed via this link below

<https://warrimoo-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes.html>



2021 Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken

Please see expression of interest form in the newsletter.



If your child or an immediate family member is being tested for Covid-19 please notify the school immediately and if your child is unwell please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents Caregivers,

Education Week in 2020

This year the theme of Education Week was titled 'Learning Together.'

Warrimoo Public School students and staff worked very hard to compile a digital Education Week showcase for you to view from home. If you have not had the chance as of yet to view their work I encourage you to log onto your child's Seesaw or Google Classroom account. Teachers released the digital work on Wednesday 5th August.

On Tuesday 4th August we had a visit from Tim McCallum, Executive Director, School Performance and Helen Davis, Director of Educational Leadership Blue Mountains Network. This was a great honour for our school and our students took the opportunity to perform the Warrimoo Eagle Dance. I would like to thank our dedicated teaching staff for the incredible work they did behind the scenes in preparation for Education Week. As Principal I see so many strengths in our teachers and administration staff and am very proud of the way the school works together as a team.



Check-In-Assessments

This year as a response to all the challenges NSW schools faced during 2020, the Department of Education is releasing some online assessments which schools can use to assist in supporting teachers to plan and inform teaching in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Our school has an opportunity to utilise these free online resources.

The check-in-assessment is an online assessment for students in Year 3, 5 and 9 and will be available to schools during Term 3. Our Year 5 students are scheduled to participate in the online tests during Weeks 7 with Year 3 scheduled for Week 10. This is not a replacement test to NAPLAN and therefore there is no parent report. It is a tool for teachers to use when planning for differentiated teaching and learning programs. The check-in-assessments are designed to supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy, and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Zoom Parent Teacher interviews

I would like to thank our community for supporting our school throughout the Zoom Parent Teacher sessions. While this was a very different format for us all in 2020, a great deal of flexibility and adaptability was demonstrated in achieving the virtual meetings. If you were unable to attend a meeting with your child's classroom teacher and you would like to schedule a meeting please make contact with our school administration to arrange a telephone appointment.

Silver Assembly

On Thursday 6th August our students and staff met for a brief assembly to recognise the success of our students with Green, Silver and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Eagle Egg awards. Congratulations students who received an award and thank you to the entire school for such a settled, engaged and supportive assembly. Warrimoo Public School certainly is a place where all students and staff are respected and encouraged to achieve their very best.



African Drumming

African Drumming lessons have recommenced on Tuesday mornings before school. It was lovely to welcome Emily back to our school and to see the children enjoying the drumming once more.



Sports carnival

As I am certain you are fully aware, due to the ongoing restrictions placed on schools in relation to COVID-19, our school sports carnival has been delayed. In 2020 at Warrimoo Public School we will be conducting a modified sports fun day in replacement of our official Sport Carnival on Friday 14th August. The emphasis will be on enjoyment, participation and being active. Unfortunately, due to continued restrictions placed on visitors within the school we will have to strictly enforce no spectators during the event.

The sports day will take place inside the school grounds and will consist of a modified cross-county run and 10 tabloid rotational activities. Students are requested to wear their house colours on Friday.

ICAS University Testing

In 2020 some of our students will be participating in the English and Mathematics University testing. The test dates will be as follows;

ICAS English – Monday 24th August

ICAS Mathematics – Monday 31st August

Tell Them From Me Survey

This term, Warrimoo Public School is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey for students in Year 4 to Year 6. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes. Participation by students is not compulsory and an opt out permission slip for students in Year 4 – 6 is being sent home to parents today.

Additionally, a parent and teacher survey will be released later in Term 3 and I will seek your support in gathering valuable feedback about our school.

2021 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2021 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2021. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Warrimoo Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details? Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is important also.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

My kindest regards,

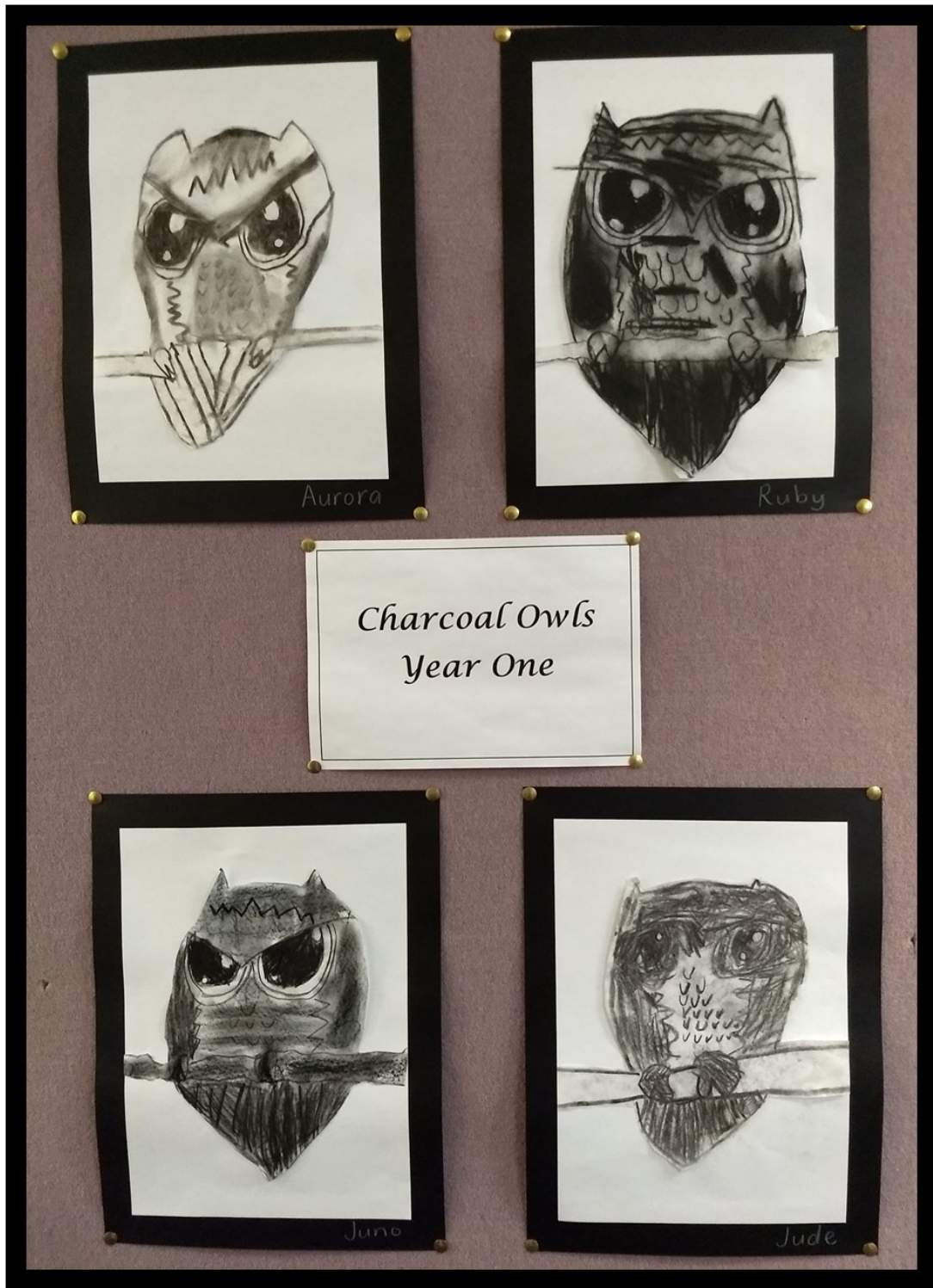
Mr Tony Jeff
Principal



1T Class NEWS

Hoot Hoot!

The owl is often considered a symbol of wisdom, education and learning. So, 1T thought the owl would be a fun creature to decorate our classroom. Students worked with charcoal, which is a new material for them. They soon got used to drawing, shading and blending, creating these beautiful artworks:





SRC NEWS



Jeans
for Genes®

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On Wednesday 19th August Warrimoo Public School will be taking part in 'Jeans for Genes Day', run by the SRC. Children will be able to swap their uniform for jeans on the day, giving a gold coin donation.

Did you know that 1 in 20 children face a birth defect or genetic disease?

1 in 20 is more than one in every classroom on average! Maybe you know someone who has had cancer or struggles with cystic fibrosis, autism, or one of the other 6000 genetic disorders? You can help by raising money for research this Jeans for Genes Day.

All money raised through Jeans for Genes goes directly to Children's Medical Research Institute and the ground-breaking research being done right here in Australia.

When your children take part in Jeans for Genes Day, they are not just raising vital funds for our researchers. They are showing empathy for others, making kids with genetic diseases feel more accepted and included within their school community. It also gives the SRC a great opportunity to show their leadership skills when they help organise the event!

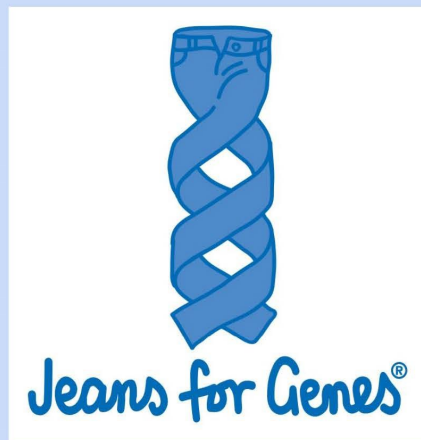
**JEANS FOR GENES DAY, WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST,
GOLD COIN DONATION.**

Thanking you for your support,
SRC, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Mac.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Jeans for Genes was established in 1994 by the Children's Medical Research Institute to fund revolutionary research that helps diagnose, understand, and find cures or treatments for conditions affecting kids, including genetic diseases, cancer, and epilepsy. 1 in 20 kids is born with a genetic disease or birth defect.

You are invited to wear jeans on this day.
Please remember to bring a gold coin donation.



Wednesday 19th August - Week 5

By SRC Natasha Thompson

Jeans For Genes Day

What's the cause?

We are fundraising for ongoing research to find treatment and cures for conditions affecting kids with genetic diseases, cancer and epilepsy.



Jeans for Genes®

What to do on the day?

On Wednesday, 19th August,
You are invited to wear jeans but if you don't have jeans wear denim or blue clothing.

Bring a gold coin donation and for the shirt wear mufti.

By SRC's
Gabby and Bernie



Kindergarten 2021 Expression of Interest Form

<i>New Student Details</i>	
Family name	
Given name/s	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of birth	
Parent details	Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Contact Phone Number:
Parent details	Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Contact Phone Number:
Address	
Student's citizenship details	Australian Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If No please specify _____
Sibling enrolled at another NSW Government School <small>(This helps us with our enrolment process)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If Yes name of school _____
Sibling name	_____
Sibling date of birth	_____
Sibling gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Office Use Only	
In school catchment area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If No out of area form to be given/completed
Date received	

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P & C NEWS

Facebook: Warrimoo Public School P&C Email: warrimoopandc@gmail.com

Next P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12 August 2020, 7.30 pm via Zoom

Please join this week's P&C meeting via Zoom! If you would like to attend, please email us so that you can be sent the link on the day – warrimoopandc@gmail.com

Your involvement would be highly valued and you'll have the opportunity learn more about the school community.

Canteen

Friday – My School Lunchbox orders <https://myschoollunchbox.com.au/>

Volunteers needed to help sort the orders for 45 minutes (12.30 – 1.15 pm) on Fridays this term. Please contact Emma on 0418 476 093 to volunteer on Fridays.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Order Form and details: <https://warrimoo-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer.html>

Contact: warrimoopsuniformshop@gmail.com

New Uniform Shop Coordinators needed – Shop can be held which ever day suits you

School Banking

Drop deposit books into the box at the Office on **Tuesday Mornings**

Play & Chat

Postponed until further notice

Supporting children & young people to cope

Free Wellbeing Webinar

Join Australian Red Cross for a free webinar on supporting children and young people in these tough times.

Are you a parent, carer or grandparent?

Whether because of drought, the Black Summer fires or COVID-19, supporting children and young people has been particularly challenging in recent times. This session will provide information, advice and tips on ways to support children and young people. Ask questions, understand common reactions and signs of stress, and get practical tips of parenting through uncertainty.

Expert Natalie Fraser, psychologist and mother of two, has worked with children, young people and families for 25 years. She has extensive experience working with families in crisis and recovery in both rural and metro areas.

The webinars are free but limited to 500 attendees so register by clicking on your preferred webinar time:

- **Wednesday 26th August 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IXxc-NeVTAmSRW8Gf_VDaw

- **Thursday 27th August 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k18mfmp8RT-kblOuCu3y4g

Can't join us? Recordings will be made available at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpyQzJlmaflDtuxMknMWiWdT1KCWvPU6F>

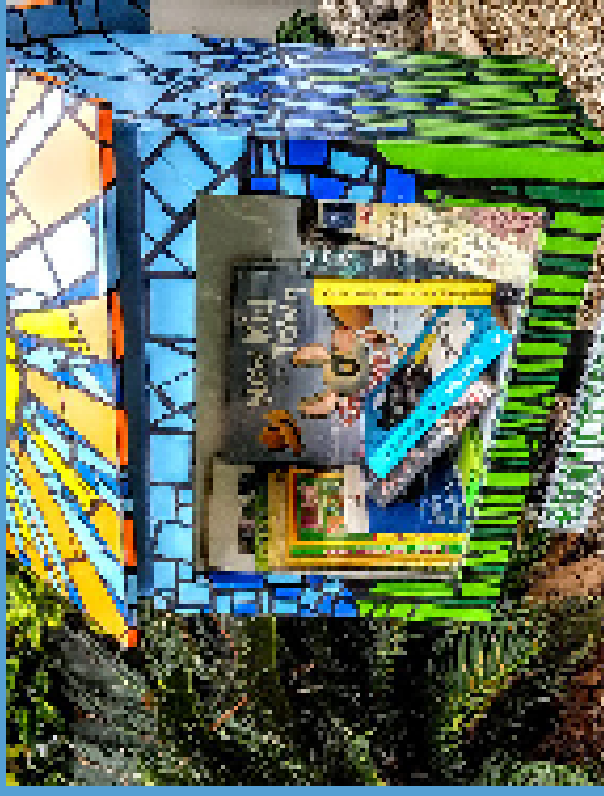
Any problems registering please contact recovery@redcross.org.au



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Kids Say Street Libraries



Kids Say is a dedicated space on Council's **Blue Mountains Have Your Say** website, where kids (5-12 years) can take part in surveys and give feedback on matters that concern them. Council will use this input to inform decision-making.

Street Libraries are homes for books that kids can borrow, read and return.

For more information and to get involved go to
[yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/kids-say](https://www.yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/kids-say)

COVID-19 pandemic restrictions may affect when these Street Libraries will be installed.



Gateway Family Services

Term 3, 2020



Parenting Programs Summary

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be offering the following ONLINE programs in Term 3.

To register please phone: 1300 316 746 or 4720 6500.

**** RESTRICTED NUMBERS****

<p>1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds.</i></p>	<p>Every Thursday 3rd - 24th Sept 10:00am - 11:30am</p>
<p>1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds.</i></p>	<p>Every Tuesday 25th Aug - 15th Sept 7:30pm - 9:00pm</p>

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway family services parent group program is funded by DSS and NSW FACS.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

