



Newsletter

Aim High to Achieve

Term 2 Week 8

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Principal - Mr T Jeff

16-30 Florabella St, Warrimoo 2774

Rel Infants Assistant Principal - **Ms S O'Connor**

Phone 4753 6182

Primary Assistant Principal - Mrs E Harris

P&C Meeting - Thursday 10th June 7:30pm - 8:30pm

School Administration Manager - Mrs J Mazenauer

School Banking - Tuesday

<http://www.warrimoo-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Play and Chat - Tuesday and Thursday
9:30am - 10:45am

Email: Warrimoo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

What's on at Warrimoo

TERM 2

JUNE

Week 8

Thursday 10th P&C Meeting - 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Week 9

Monday 14th Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

Thursday 17th School Assembly - K-1T Class Item

Week 10

Thursday 24th K-6 Parent Interviews - 3:15pm - 6:15pm

Friday 25th Last Day of Term 2

NOTES DISTRIBUTED

Notes can be accessed via this link below
<https://warrimoo-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes.html>

PAYMENTS DUE

| <u>Excursion</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Due</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Stage 3 | Balance up to \$367.50 | 16/7 |



2022 Kindergarten Enrolments are now open. Applications can be submitted online via the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/online-enrolment-for-nsw-public-schools>



Principal's Report

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Ride Safe to School Day

On Friday 28th May 2021 our school participated in the reboot of the National Ride Safe to School Day. Over 60 students participated in the ride with 11 volunteers from the Western Sydney Cycling Network in attendance to assist as ride leaders and to perform safety checks on bikes. I would like to sincerely thank the many students, parents, volunteers for the amazing support and success of the day. A very special thank you is in order for Ms O'Connor for her amazing organisation, implementation and drive that she brought to the important message of road/cycle safety.

Please see a further report from Ms O'Connor within the Newsletter.



Celebration of Success & Achievement

At Warrimoo Public School we recognise student success, positive behaviour and attitudes towards learning. Our awards system in 2021 and beyond is undergoing significant change to reflect a deeper and stronger recognition and celebration of learning. Please see below several of the changes that will be implemented as the year progresses.

Principal's Gold Assembly

In 2021 and beyond, the Principal's Gold Assembly will be conducted at a special assembly in Term 4 each year. Students who have earned their Gold Award throughout the year will be presented with this certificate at this assembly. On the week of the Principal's Gold Assembly all award recipients will be invited to a special BBQ lunch hosted by the Principal.

Please note, as this will be commencing in 2021 we will not be presenting Gold Awards at the conclusion of Term 2.

Celebration of Learning Assembly

At the conclusion of each year, from 2021, our school will be conducting a Celebration of Learning Assembly that will be held at the conclusion of Term 4. This assembly has been created to recognise the fine academic achievements, attitudes towards learning, citizenship contributions and sporting highlights from the students of Warrimoo Public School throughout the year.



Resilience Parent Workshop

On Wednesday 2nd June, we had a session booked in for parents on the topic of 'Building Resilience in your Kids' from 7pm to 8pm in our school hall. The presenter Tim Powell, from Values for Life, has unfortunately been forced to postpone the event in our school. Tim is a resident of Victoria and with the recent changes to COVID restrictions in the state he was unable to enter New South Wales. He has been forced to withdraw from many other engagements that were booked for in the immediate future.

I am currently in negotiations with Tim to secure an alternative date at some stage in Semester 2 for his presentation to be shared with our community. Once I have established a suitable calendar date I will send out updated information regarding registration. If you have already made payment for the event, please make contact with our administration office to discuss options regarding a reimbursement.

Week 8 - P&C Meeting

Please note that the P&C will meet for the second time in Term 2 this coming Thursday in the school Library at 7.30pm. All parents and community members are warmly invited and welcome to attend.

Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

As we move forward towards Week 9 please note that Monday 14th June is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Students will return on Tuesday 15th June.

2022 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2022 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 2022 as early as possible. 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.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal



News from LaST

Loyal Teacher Stops by Her Classroom to Feed the Fishes



Source: <https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/editorial-cartoons-for-sunday-april-19/>

As we all know, student learning was considerably disrupted last year! The time away from the classroom meant that many students across Australia did not achieve the progression in their learning that they would normally attain. The impact that the lockdown had upon students has been recognised and this year schools were offered a special funding opportunity to enable them to run targeted programs to help students 'make up' for this lost time.

Here at Warrimoo Public School we were granted this additional one-off funding. We are using this funding to support Covid Intensive Learning Support programs throughout 2021. These programs, taught by Mrs Janine Taylor, are focussing on developing students' numeracy skills. In order to support as many students as possible each program will run for approximately one third of the year in duration, where the students are working in small groups with Mrs Taylor for half an hour, three times a week. Through these lessons the children experience a higher teacher-to-student ratio so they can receive more individualised support to enable them to progress to their next level of understanding.

This support is not just for those students struggling to meet age benchmarks, but for all students so that they can be supported to reach the potential that they would have achieved under usual circumstances.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students.
Michelle Santoro (Learning and Support Teacher)



PBL Winners



Last fortnight's PBL Expectation:

We use equipment appropriately.



Week 7



Week 8



National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is held on the **26th of March** each year to acknowledge and recognise the members of the **Stolen Generation**.



The **Native Hibiscus** was chosen to symbolise the scattering of the **Stolen Generations** and their **resilience** to the policies of Australia. This flower was adopted because it is found widely across Australia and it is a **survivor**. Its colour denotes **compassion** and **spiritual healing**.

(kimberleystolengeneration.com.au)



At Warrimoo Public School,
we say

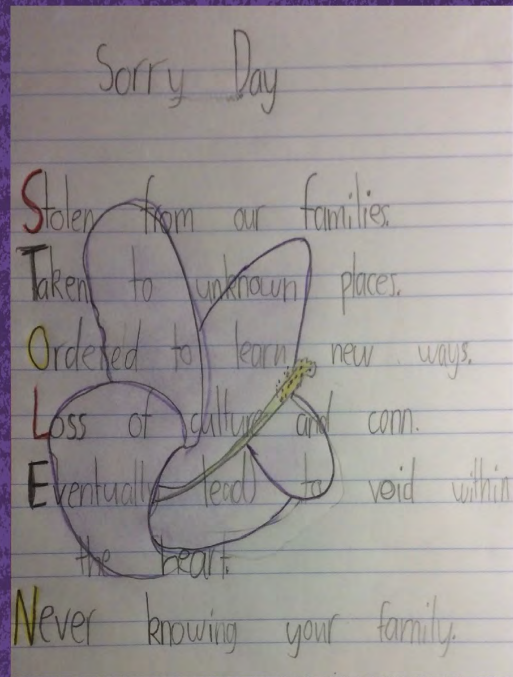
Sorry





Students respectfully placed a **fingerprint** on our Native Hibiscus flower as an **individual symbol of respecting, remembering and acknowledging** the members of the **Stolen Generation**.





2/3W students listened to and reflected on the words of 'Took the Children Away' by Archie Roach. The song and story, tells of the forced separation of children from their parents, as was done to thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children during the implementation of the government's assimilation policies.



Took The Children Away Archie Roach

This story's right, this story's true
I would not tell lies to you
Like the promises they did not keep
And how they fenced us in like sheep
Said to us come take our hand
Sent us off to mission land
Taught us to read, to write and pray
Then they took the children away,
Took the children away,
The children away.

Snatched from their mother's breast
Said this is for the best
Took them away.

The welfare and the policeman
Said you've got to understand
We'll give them what you can't give
Teach them how to really live
Teach them how to live they said
Humiliated them instead
Taught them that and taught them this
And others taught them prejudice
You took the children away

The children away
Breaking their mothers heart
Tearing us all apart
Took them away

One dark day on Fremingham
Came and didn't give a damn
My mother need go get their dad
He came running fighting mad
Mother's tears were falling down
Dad shaped up and stood his ground
He said 'You touch my kids and you fight me'
And they took us from our family.
Took us away
They took us away

Snatched from our mother's breast
Said this was for the best
Took us away.

Told us what to do and say
Told us all the white man's ways
Then they split us up again
And gave us gifts to ease the pain
Sent us off to foster homes
As we grew up we felt alone
Cause we were acting white
Yet feeling black

One sweet day all the children came back
The children come back
The children come back
Back where their hearts grow strong
Back where they all belong
The children come back
Said the children come back
The children come back
Back where they understand
Back to their mother's land
The children come back
Back to their mother
Back to their father
Back to their sister
Back to their brother
Back to their people
Back to their land

All the children come back
The children come back
The children come back
Yes I came back.





MORE THAN A WORD

**RECONCILIATION
TAKES ACTION
-2021-**

The 2021 National Reconciliation Week theme graphics are drawn from the artwork Action by Jessica Johnson.

The artwork reflects our connection and mutual obligation to one another, community and Country. Through commonality and difference, we have the ability to come together and achieve real change.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been listening to the heart beat of the land and sea for generations. With their rainbow shaped souls the spirits ask for us to join and make reconciliation more than a word, take action. We need to love one another and every aspect of the existing environment and community – we all have a role to play.

We are the change.

(reconciliation.org.au)

Throughout National Reconciliation Week (27th May - 3rd June), students at Warrimoo Public School participated in a range of meaningful activities, exploring how we can take action together.

Acknowledgment of Country

As our first step to honouring 'more than a word' and taking action, each class reflected on the importance of acknowledging country from the heart.

Each class created their own meaningful and personalised Acknowledgment of Country.



"Welcome to Country and Acknowledgment of Country are very important ways of giving Aboriginal people back their place in society... it's paying respect, in a formal sense, and following traditional custom in a symbolic way"

- Wurundjeri Elder, Joy Murphy Wandin



Today we learn and play upon the land of the Darug and Gundungurra nations.

We will respect the mountains, bush and the animals that live on this land.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future who have cared for this land that provides us with food, warmth from a special sun and clothing. We acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.

By K/1T



K/1T admired the beauty of Darug and Gundungurra Country, observing the fallen leaves from the changing seasons, the buzzing of the bees amongst the flowers and watching the ants work hard for their community. Students chose a fallen leaf, decorated it with colours and symbols of Country and placed each leaf together to form a meaningful centrepiece that allowed for reflection on the importance of looking after Country for all living things and acknowledging the land on which we gather each day.

2/3W's Acknowledgment of Country

We, the students of 2/3W gather today on this special place to continue our learning journey together.
We are honoured to be on the Ancestral lands of the Darug and Gundungurra peoples.


We acknowledge that they are the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of this sacred land.

We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

We promise to show gratitude by taking care of the natural environment and commit to building a brighter future together, as we continue to learn at Warrimoo Public School.



2/3W reflected on Warrimoo Public School's joint artwork created last year as part of National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. Our artwork was inspired by Lee Hampton's artwork 'Lest We Forget'. The artwork allows us to connect, allowing for peaceful, deep and meaningful discussions and inspiring us to learn, grow and make proactive and positive changes. We went on a nature walk, listening to country and reflecting on how we can continue to be proactive, learn, grow, do more than just words - take action!



5/6H's
Acknowledgment of Country

Today we gather at Warrimoo Public School and acknowledge the custodians of this land, the people of the Darug and Gundungurra nations. We would also like to pay our respects to the people past, present and emerging, from far and wide, for letting us use your land on which you have a continuing relationship with. We promise to care and pour our hearts and souls into protecting and sharing this land, the water and the skies. We stand together as a team. For our friendship and your knowledge holds the key to the success of our future generations.

Reconciliation Week allowed the students of 5/6H to take a journey through the perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We heard stories, had discussions about past atrocities and how much brighter our future can be with everyone working together with a common focus. We merged our ideas to form a collective 5/6H Acknowledgment to Country. 5/6H investigated our school totems, the red crowned toadlet (water), the small eagle (sky) and the swamp wallaby (land). We created our own dot paintings inspired by traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' artwork.

Finding Our Heart



K-O listened to the story 'Finding Our Heart' by Thomas Mayor.

This story is about understanding Australia's past, so we can have a shared future. We discussed where we can find the heart of our nation - in the truth and in the voices of the people.

K-O appreciated and discussed various Aboriginal artworks. We then created our own Aboriginal inspired artworks depicting animals of our nation.

Action



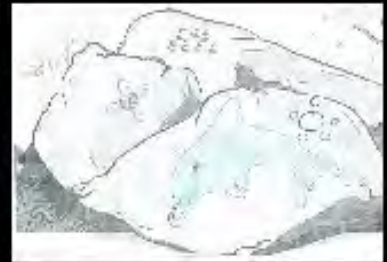
3/4 P Acknowledgement of country
3/4 P acknowledges that the Dharug and Gundungurra people are the traditional custodians of this land our school is on.

We will listen to the spirits and learn from the memories of the past and always show respect to this land.

We are sorry for the wrongs of the past and want to be mindful of the First Nations people.

We are grateful that we get to live, explore, learn, grow, be free and enjoy this country in which we live.

Always was Always will be.



'Action' by Jessica Johnson, is the story of the land and community sharing the united call for action on reconciliation. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples have been listening to the heartbeat of the land and sea for generations. With their rainbow shaped souls the spirits ask for us to join and make reconciliation more than a word, take action. We need to love one another and every aspect of the existing environment and community –

we all have a role to play. (bulletpara.com.au)

3/4P appreciated and reflected on Jessica Johnson's artwork and used this as inspiration to write our Acknowledgment of Country.



4/5M discussed the importance of Reconciliation Week and the hard work done by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in particular Eddie Koiki Mabo, a Torres Strait Islander man, who took action and campaigned for Indigenous land rights and won the High Court's decision to overturn the concept of "terra nullius" - land belonging to no one. The Mabo decision acknowledged the traditional rights of Indigenous people to their land and paved the way for Native Title in Australia.

Our handprints are symbolic of our promise to take action, and create change - more than a word.

More than a Word



The goal of Reconciliation is for all Australians to be treated equally, with respect and kindness. 2M reflected on how we can individually take action and created a joint artwork to express our ideas. There are many ways we can take action. Some are:

- Acknowledge Country: find out which area your home or work is on and acknowledge it.
- Call out Racism: Take a stand and say no to racism.
- Learn: Un-learn and re-learn about the true history of our country.

It's not only during Reconciliation Week that we can take action. We can take action every day. Each one of us has the power to create and inspire change.

Ride2School Day

Ride2School Day 28th May



Each year the Physical Activity Foundation run a National Ride2School Day to celebrate and promote active travel with our children and families. Unfortunately, this year the weather was not kind to us on National Ride2School Day and we had to postpone the event.

On Friday 28th May, Warrimoo Public School participated in their own Ride2School Day to promote healthy lifestyles and bike safety with our students and school community. We had a fantastic turn out on the day with over 60 students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, participating in this great morning ride. Our executive staff strapped on bike helmets and rode with the students from Warrimoo's General Store to school. We were supported by many parents on bikes and several parents walking along side us.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of the Western Sydney Cycling Network. The WSCN sent 11 volunteers along, including several qualified ride leaders, to support our students' safe travel to school. The WSCN spent additional time back at school performing some safety checks with our students and giving them some great bike safety tips. The WSCN have also generously donated brand new bike helmets to many of our students.

We would also like to thank the Deputy Mayor, Chris Van der Kley for supporting us in this event - greeting our students as they came into the school grounds and joining us for some great bike safety tips.

The smiles on the students' faces and the positive comments from our school community made this an incredibly worthwhile event. We are looking forward to our next Ride2School Day.

If you could like any further information about the WSCN rides or their recycling shed (refurbished second hand bikes for sale), please check out their website: <https://www.westernsydneycyclingnetwork.com.au/> or see Ms O'Connor.



School Photos



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| Name of Group | Name of Group |
|----------------------|------------------|
| House Captains | Library Monitors |
| Playground Committee | School Leaders |
| Shutterbugs Club | SRC |
| Technology Club | Year 6 (Indoors) |
| Year 6 (Out door s) | |



Recycling Programs



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Warrimoo Recycling Programs

A big thank you to everyone that has contributed to our recycling programs this year. We have managed to collect huge amounts of bread tags and bread bags for the **Wonder Recycling Program**. This program will allow us to earn points that will go toward new sports equipment for the students of Warrimoo Public School. The program has been extended to the first week of Term 3, so please keep the bread bags and bread tags coming in.



Lids for Kids – Please keep those lids coming in for our Lids for Kids Recycling program. Kindergarten are doing an amazing job sorting lids each Friday afternoon.



Please don't forget to wash them please. They just need a rinse out. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to use the dirty lids – they will go into the bin and become landfill. All lids need to be dry before you bring them in.



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