



THE WARWICK WHISPER

A publication of WARWICK FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL

**'At Warwick Farm we respect everyone, we work together,
we inspire greatness, and we grow as leaders.'**

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21st February 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Family Meet and Greet BBQ

We are looking forward to hosting our annual Family Meet and Greet BBQ on **WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY from 3:30 pm**, beginning in the hall. We will all meet together to give me an opportunity to introduce all of our staff, talk about our school, uniforms, attendance and reading. I will then explain the plans for the informal stalls under the COLA. By about 3:45 pm will move the COLA where we will be handing out free sausage sizzle to all families and the teachers and staff will have 'stalls' set up for you to talk with your child's teacher to find out some of the exciting learning that will occur during 2020. Each class will have a pamphlet for you sharing the wonderful things your child can look forward to during 2020. Further, there will be stalls with information on POP Payments, The Library, Class Dojo and our EAL/D programs. We look forward to sharing an engaging afternoon with you all.

School Photographs

Our 2020 school photos will also be on **WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY**. Please make sure every child is wearing full school uniform, including navy or white socks and black school shoes. Please avoid multi coloured hair accessories, sticking to our school colours of navy, white or teal for this very special day.

Warwick Farm PS at Department of Education's Head Office in Parramatta

On Tuesday, I presented some of the strategies and initiatives we are doing at our school, at a lunch time talk forum in NSW Department of Education's Head Office in Parramatta. There were about 120 people in the room and over 500 people skyped in to watch the presentation live from various locations across NSW. Although I was very nervous, I was incredibly proud to share some of the wonderful things we do here at our school, which have led to our great results in learning. I received lots and lots of positive feedback from colleagues. Other people were amazed at some of the opportunities we offer here at our school. I spoke on behalf of all of our staff who all work tirelessly to help every student realise their potential, and I can't be prouder. Congratulations to our whole school community for contributing to our school's growth and achievements.

I'm going on a holiday!

I will be away from our school, missing you all, from Thursday 27th February and will return on Friday 13th March. I will be travelling with my whole family; my husband, two daughters, my mum and dad, my father-in-law, my sister and brother-in-law and my 2 nephews! We are all hoping to spend some quality time together by the beach. During this time, Miss Mulder will be the relieving Principal and she will be more than able to help you in any way. I will be watching FaceBook and Class Dojo for updates and may post a few pics of my holiday for you all. You can be assured; Warwick Farm Public School will definitely be in my thoughts and I will miss your smiles and hugs.

Quote of the fortnight:

*"Students who are positively engaged in primary school can be over
6 months ahead in their learning by Year 7."*

- CESE: A Case Study of high expectations and student engagement
at Warwick Farm Public School.

Melanie Macmillan

Proud Principal

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WARWICK FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have a school website which is regularly updated with information about the school and class work. It can be viewed at www.warwickfar-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

POP (PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT)

Open

www.warwickfar-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on **\$ Make a Payment**

Please note minimum payment through this system is \$10.00.

Thank you.

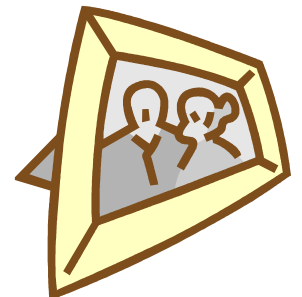
This Week's PBL Focus....



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 2020

Our School Photo Day will be held on Wednesday 26th February 2020. Children are to wear full summer uniform including black shoes. Please ensure they arrive at school before 9:00am.

Photo envelopes for ordering have been sent home with each student. These envelopes need to be returned to the office by Tuesday 25th February. Correct money is required in the envelope, as no change is available.



LIFE EDUCATION

The 'Life Education Mobile Learning Centre' will be visiting our school from Monday 16th March until Thursday 19th March. Their mission is to empower children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education. The mobile learning centres provide a unique learning environment and their trained educators use an innovative teaching and learning approach to engage students. Life Education provide the information, understanding, skills and strategies children require to make safe decisions about their own health and well-being. **A permission note has already gone home and children are asked to return their note and \$5:00 payment by Wednesday 11th March.**

Community News

The students are settled in and exciting things lay ahead for our community.

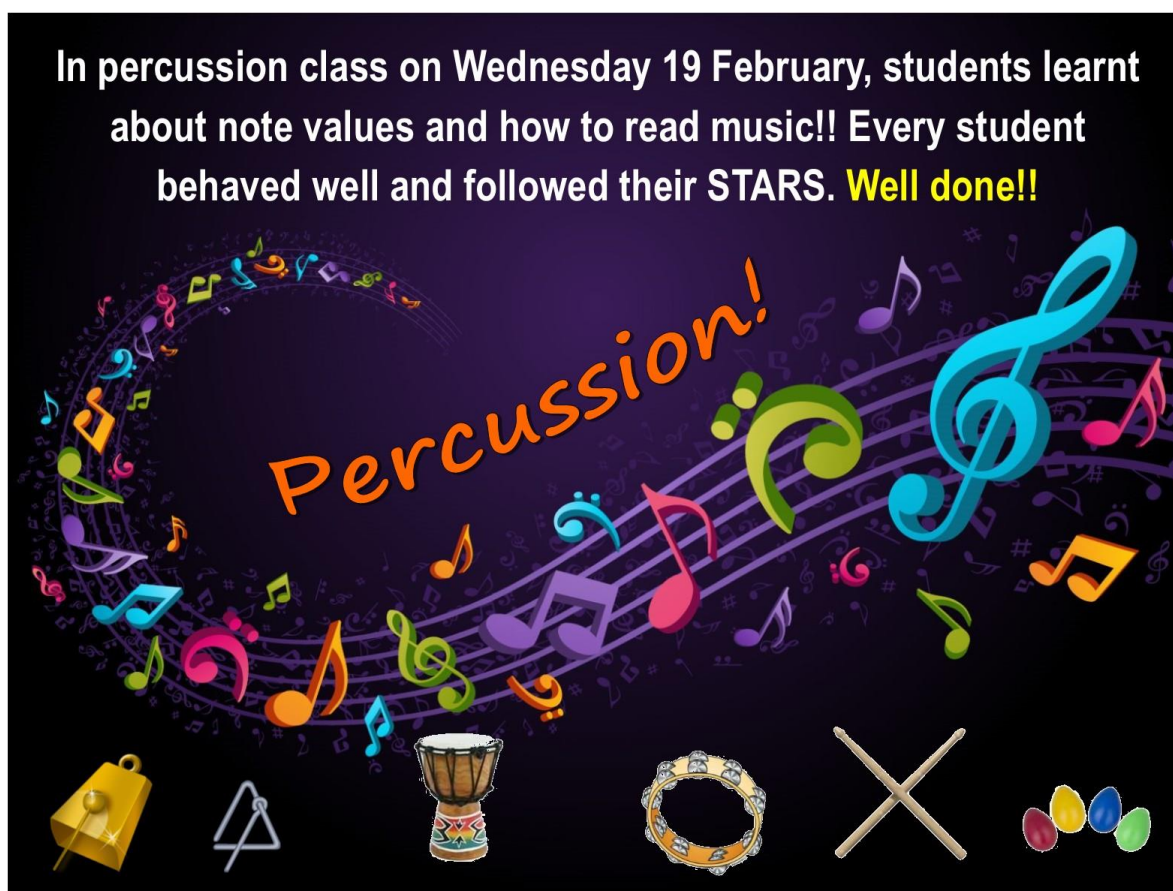
PARENTS & CITIZENS (P&C) ASSOCIATION

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the P&C will be held on **THURSDAY 5th March**. At this meeting the new Executive (President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer) will be elected for 2020. Other roles such as Fundraising Coordinator etc, will also be finalised.

Meetings for Term 1: 5th March and 2nd April | Term 1 ends on **Thursday 9th April**.

PERCUSSION COURSE FOR YEAR 3 AND 4 STUDENTS

Students are already learning to read music and play a range of percussion instruments. It looks like an exciting term ahead. Year 4 students will join us on 4th March.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our program will offer a healthy breakfast each day, FIVE DAYS PER WEEK. Students will benefit through increased concentration, energy and engagement in their learning.



Our partners "Gift of Bread" at Marrickville and Foodbank will continue supplying our Breakfast Club food and students will have to opportunity to serve fellow students and earn Dojo points, whilst learning many life skills!!

ART, CRAFT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITH MR CAMERON



In 2020 I will again offer students art and craft activities and games in the CLASSROOM OF DREAMS on sunny Thursdays. Students will have the opportunity to be involved and have great fun. Participation in these activities will develop growing brains, provide great socialisation for children at lunch time and offer a creative outlet!!



Remember that C4K is a place where everyone is welcome, equal and safe. During 2020 our school will be offering parent/carer workshops, activities, P&C meetings, beautiful events such as Harmony Day, Connecting Cultures, Mother's Day, Father's Day and more.

English Courses and the PaTCH program will run each Term in 2020 and we hope to involve families in all aspects of their children's learning.

All members of our school community will have many opportunities to contribute to our school and develop useful personal/job skills in 2020.

Family survey

Thank you to all who participated in our Family Survey. There is still time to complete it and place it in the Survey Box at our front office. Soon I will collate the data and report back to you all.

PCIT SESSION WITH KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

In C4K on Thursday 20th February, parents were introduced to a great program which came into effect last year at our school. Parent Child Interaction Therapy. Dr Georgina Hold a psychologist from University of NSW, delivered the engaging presentation along with Mrs Haeren (organiser).

PCIT trained therapists – operating from Ingleburn Public School, provide direct live coaching to parents during parent-child play sessions, to teach new skills aimed at improving the quality of the parent-child relationship.

Parents and carers loved Mrs Haeren's information session and will have the opportunity to take advantage of the program in 2020.



Throughout 2020 we urge you to read our newsletter, view our website, read our fliers and electronic board messages, engage with Class Dojo and our Facebook page and attend our workshops/activities/programs. We also welcome your suggestions throughout the year, to help improve all aspects of our school.

I will be at school on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the C4K room in 2020 and I am here to answer your questions, hear your feedback and help your family. Please drop to say hello and have a chat.

Cameron

Cameron Outterside | Community Liaison Officer (CLO)



CRUNCH N SIP

The Crunch N Sip program is a highly successful initiative to encourage the children to improve their daily intake of fresh fruit and vegetables and to drink plenty of water. You can support this initiative by making sure that your child has their "Fruit Break" snack every day and an extra bottle of **water** to have available in the classroom.

NO HAT- PLAY IN THE SHADE

Does your child remember to bring their hat to school every day? Families are reminded that children need to have a hat to play in the playground with their friends. Children who do not have a hat are required to play quietly under the shelter.



SCHOOL BANKING 2020

School banking takes place each Wednesday.

Students Commonwealth bank books will be collected from their classrooms, and returned to their teachers for return to students.

If you would like to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank for your child please speak with School Banking Co-ordinators on any Wednesday morning in the C4K Room.

LIVERPOOL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTIONS- SCHOOL CANTEEN

A variety of freshly made healthy snacks are made daily and available at recess and lunch. Watch the blackboard for fresh homemade soups and meals that may vary daily depending on season. Canteen lunch orders need to be placed by 9:00am.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1	Event
Wednesday 26 th February	School Photo Day
Wednesday 26 th February	Family Meet & Greet BBQ 3:30-5:00pm
Friday 28 th February	PSSA begins
Thursday 5 th March	P&C Meeting ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING C4K Room @ 2:00- 3:00pm
Monday 16 th March to Friday 20 th March	Life Education Van
Wednesday 18 th March	Harmony Day
Thursday 2 nd April	P&C Meeting C4K Room @ 2:00-3:00pm
Wednesday 8 th April	End of Term Reward Day
Thursday 9 th April	Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 9 th April	Last Day Term 1



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