



# 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.'**

School Website: <http://www.warwickfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

**Welcome back** to another busy and fun filled term. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break and had some opportunities to enjoy the beautiful winter days.

### Entry to school 9:00-9:15 am

The Warwick Farm team and I greet students at the entry gates every morning between 9:00-9:15 am. This has continued to be the highlight of our day and has been a wonderful thing that has come out of these difficult times. We love seeing the children's smiling faces every morning and welcoming them to school. This has not only been fantastic for us to welcome every child, it has been an opportunity to build independence for many of our students. Families have been working with us and we are so proud to see our children to walk into school independently with a smile on their face. This practice will continue as we feel that it is helping us build positive connections with all of our students. We have also noticed the number of students arriving late has significantly decreased. Late notes will be issued for all students arriving after 9:15 am. The morning sessions of every day are the prime times for instructional learning. This time is so valuable for your children. A HUGE THANK YOU to the families who make sure they arrive prior to 9:15 am. It certainly makes a difference.

### COVID-19

The latest wave of COVID-19 infections is obviously a lot closer to home for us. As always we are following the advice of NSW Health and the Department of Education to put protocols in place to ensure our school is as safe as possible. Please rest assured that any member of our school community who may have visited one of the many hot spots over the school holidays is following NSW Health and being tested and self isolating for the recommended 14 days. We are monitoring this carefully to ensure the safety of our whole school community. If your child is absent due to self-isolation and you have not yet contacted the school please could you contact the office. Another reminder for all children to stay at home if they are feeling sick.

We will continue our protocols that were put in place last term. Families will not be allowed on site when dropping off, and pick ups will continue as last term. All families who are waiting to collect their child from either gate are required to social distance and leave immediately after picking up their child. Mingling is discouraged at all times. Any student with flu like symptoms is not to attend school. As per the Premier's advice anyone with flu like symptoms should be tested for COVID-19. All public schools are open for on-site learning and students are expected to attend each day. We will not be providing alternate work for students unless they are self-isolating at the request of the Department of Health.

### Road Rules

Please follow the road rules on both Lawrence Hargrave Road and Williamson Crescent as the safety of your children and the children of others matters. The Council Rangers and police have advised that they will be having an active presence around the local schools. I also remind parents that children are to exit your car via the CURBSIDE DOOR. Please use the pedestrian crossing at all times to cross the road.

Welcome back and don't forget to ask your child what they are learning at school.

Quote of the fortnight:

**"Near, far, wherever you are..... make sure you are practicing social distancing!"**

– Celine Dion.

**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](http://www.warwickfar-p.schools.nsw.edu.au).

### POP (PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT)

Open

[www.warwickfar-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.warwickfar-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Click on **\$ Make a Payment**

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

Thank you.

### CLASSDOJO

ClassDojo is an online program we are using to give immediate feedback and where students, parents and teachers can all be connected. Parents can see how their child is doing in real time. Only people with the access code can connect to our school.

You can download the ClassDojo app to your smart phone or connect using a computer.

Your child's teacher will give you an access code to connect to their class.

### DOWNLOAD OUR APP!

Stay up to date on news and events, receive real time notifications, access live information and more! Steps:

- 1/ Head to the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#);
- 2/ Search for [Warwick Farm Public School](#) and download the app with our new emblem;
- 3/ Open the app and [Allow notifications](#);
- 4/ Go to [Menu](#) click [Preferences](#) and subscribe to the [Notifications](#) you would like to receive!

# This Week's PBL Focus....



## Respect

- \*What does respect mean to you?
- \*What are kind words?
- \*How do you feel when people use kind words?
- \*How do you make other people feel when you use kind words?



### KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2021

The school is now accepting applications for Kindergarten in 2021. Children who turn 5 years of age before 31st July 2021, are able to begin school. Please enquire at the School Office for an application package.



### SCHOOL BANKING IS BACK



School banking will recommence next Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Students Commonwealth bank books will be collected from their classrooms, and returned to students when transactions are complete.

If you would like to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank for your child please enquire at the office.



### 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.



# Community News

Term 3 has commenced and we welcome everyone back to Warwick Farm Public School.

Although COVID-19 still affects our lives, our school will keep the students safe, our families informed and provide a great education and wellbeing for our STARS Leading The Way!

I will continue to provide links to programs, information and services which will assist our families at this challenging time.

### NEWS UPDATE

The supported community playgroup has reopened in our school Hall – Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30am. At this time the playgroup cannot take any new enrolments, however as COVID guidelines are updated, it may be possible for your toddler to join.

Feel free to contact the facilitator Debbie on 9725 0116 or 0407 064730 with any queries you may have. Fliers are also available at our front office from Mrs Gauci and Mrs Collie – students can collect these for parents.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS HELPING OUR FAMILIES



Emergency Relief Assistance is provided by Mission Australia. This service includes vouchers for household goods, groceries and transport.

If you need assistance please contact Mission Australia on (02) 8784 5400 for more information.

If you would like to be included in any of their programs, please contact Cameron Outterside (Community Liaison Officer Warwick Farm Public School) on 9602 8260. I will update you on programs available in Term 3, via Class Dojo and our newsletter.



## ART AND CRAFT | CLASSROOM OF DREAMS

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July students coloured in "RESPECT" templates and wrote down some kind words to use in class, in the playground and at home. Every Thursday students are welcome to join Mr Cameron for Art and Craft in the Classroom of Dreams! Please encourage your children to explore their creative talents.



**FAMILIES!!** Artistic expression and creative therapies positively impact on verbal and creative thinking, reading and comprehension, a sense of mastery (comprehensive knowledge or skill and motivation).  
(Piromalli, Cooley and Zuzic "Body, Brain, Belonging", NSW School-Link at p35)

Two champion helpers Lily and Taliyah, who carried all of the art and craft supplies back to the C4K room for Mr Cameron

## ART AND CRAFT | CLASSROOM OF DREAMS *with Mr Cameron*



**ART &  
CRAFT**

## YEAR 3 AND 4 PERCUSSION



**We had a fantastic percussion class today in C4K on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.**



Firstly Mr Cameron and Mrs McCabe explained the new way the class would be running in Term 3:

1. no instrument sharing
2. special rules about cleaning instruments and hygiene generally

Students listened and participated respectfully as instrument cleaning and hygiene posters were explained to them. These posters are now displayed in C4K and by following the steps on these posters, we will all stay safe and healthy.

The posters adopt the Department of Education Infection Control Guidelines for Creative Arts and include the equipment (instruments) cleaning and hygiene guidelines.

Next we did our hand warm-ups, followed by challenging drum stick patterns which facilitate hand-eye coordination and concentration. All of our students participated like STARS and showed great respect for the instruments and each other!



**Lastly we cleaned our drum sticks, following the cleaning steps on our posters. Our school keeps all of us COVID-safe and our percussion students are leading the way!!**

## STAY SAFE AND KEEP INFORMED

Stay in touch with things happening in our school and community at large, by viewing our Newsletter, social media, School app, Class Dojo, electric signboard and notes sent home. We also love to hear your feedback.

If you have any concerns or queries or just want to talk, contact me on the email below (Mon – Fri) or the school phone number 9602 8260 (Wednesdays and Thursdays).  
Email [cameron.outterside@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cameron.outterside@det.nsw.edu.au)

Have a great weekend everyone!

*Cameron*

Cameron Outterside | Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

## 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.





## ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Term 3	Class
Week 2 31 <sup>st</sup> July	5/6 Triumph
Week 4 14 <sup>th</sup> August	K Success
Week 6 28 <sup>th</sup> August	3 Yet
Week 8 11 <sup>th</sup> September	2/3 Celebrate
Week 10 25 <sup>th</sup> September	5/6 Mindful

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3	Event
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Special Religious Education recommences
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Stage 2 Incursion Georges River Environmental Education Centre
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Education Week (more details to follow)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Athletics Carnival @ Dwyer Oval
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Zone Athletics Carnival@ The Crest Bankstown



## Nutrition Snippet

ENJOY WINTER VEG.



Try these winter warmers:

- Red lentil soup
- Slow cooked chicken cacciatore

For more recipes visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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 **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box