



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 August 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This week, to ensure the safety of our school communities, The Department of Education updated the Guidelines to our schools for Term 3. These new procedures are summarised below. The first two paragraphs on Student Attendance and Visitors is vital information for you.

Student Attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and expected timeframe.
- They are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. We will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. **Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and are completely symptom free before being permitted to return to school.** Usually the results come back as a text message to your mobile phone. Please screen shot the text message and send it to your child's class teacher or email it to the school email at warwickfar-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au This is now a mandatory process before the child (and staff member) is able to return to school.

Visitors

Only essential adults are permitted onsite. All visitors must complete a COVID-19 declaration form and indicate which areas of the school they are visiting. **This includes ALL parents** coming in to the office, even if they had planned to just stay for less than one minute. Where possible, buzz at the main gate and one of our friendly staff may be able to assist you without the need for you to enter the grounds and completing the form.

Hygiene

We will remain our extra vigilance with social distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. - Regularly washing hands - Avoiding sharing drinks or food - Coughing or sneezing into your elbow or a tissue which should be discarded immediately into a bin - Using water bottles and not using the bubblers at school. All students and staff who have visited Victoria must have a permission to enter NSW and are required to comply with health restrictions.

School Activities

We are limiting the mixing of student groups during learning. Students will remain with their grade or stage for all learning activities at all times. This was the reason for our new Eating Circle plans. We have resumed our morning Breakfast Club, but our Stage 3 students only can enter the C4K and come outside to deliver the toast to students on the playground. Singing, chanting and choir are no longer permitted at school but our Percussion Group can go ahead without chanting the beat of the music. We are continuing to hold virtual assemblies. PSSA is continuing but students must sit with students in their own year group on the bus and are unable to 'mingle' with students from the opposing school.

Kindergarten Transition Program for 2021 Enrolments

Our Kindergarten transition program is on hold until further notice. Please still continue to enrol if you have a child starting school next year as we are planning some virtual transition activities. If you have neighbours or know of children in the local area turning 5 or 6 next year, please encourage them to contact the school.

Physical Distancing

We remind all families of the need to physically distance when waiting outside the gates and at the park across the road. Thank you for supporting us with this for the safety of our whole community.

Cleaning

We continue to have an additional cleaner onsite during the day. All high touch surfaces are cleaned regularly throughout the day. Soap and hand sanitiser are available in all classrooms and toilets.

Preservice Teachers

On a different note, we are pleased to be able to host 7 preservice teachers at Warwick Farm PS over a period of 3 weeks. We have 3 students from Macquarie University and 4 from The University of Technology, learning with the supervising teachers of 5/6T, 5/6M, KM and KS. This is a great opportunity for our teachers to demonstrate their expertise and to help ensure future teachers maintain the high standards we provide at our school. We appreciate their help in the classrooms and on the playground and I am confident these future teachers will learn the best practices from our highly professional staff. In Term 4, we will host more students from Notre Dame University in other classrooms.

Early Action for Success

We have fabulous news! The Department of Education have extended the early Action for Success program and after consultation with Mrs D'Cruz's substantive Principal, we have been able to secure the extension of Mrs D'Cruz as our Instructional Leader (0.8) until the end of 2021! Our whole school is very excited by this announcement as Mrs D'Cruz's expertise in Literacy and Numeracy research is continuing to improve our students' growth.

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fever



sore throat



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shortness of breath.

If your child is sick, keep them at home
and get them tested for COVID-19.

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.

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....



Safe

- *I keep my hands and my feet to myself;
- *I move safely through the playground.



Community News

Hi families! I hope that you are all coping well in these challenging times. Already we are at Week 5 and students are doing so well with support from their school and families

Here at Warwick Farm Public School we follow all the up-to-date advice from Health NSW and the Department of Education, so all staff, students and their families are safe.

The Beirut explosion, together with Lebanon's political and economic situation, has caused great stress and anxiety for many of our families. Some of you have family there and others just have a strong connection with Lebanon for various reasons. If you are having trouble coping or just need someone to talk to, please give me a call.

STARTTS is the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors. They offer support to families who would benefit from counselling or even just a short discussion.

Now let's look at things which have been happening in our wonderful school.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS HELPING OUR FAMILIES

Watch Class Dojo and Facebook for updates about great resources for our families, including:

- COVID-19 testing locations (multilingual documents)
- School Link Magazine
- Services provided by community agencies which will benefit our families

ART AND CRAFT / CLASSROOM OF DREAMS

In the Classroom of Dreams on Thursday 13th August, students made crazy hair out of streamers, glue, staples and coloured cardboard (for CRAZY HAIR DAY) and birthday cards for Mrs Macmillan.

Everyone was very creative and students wrote some lovely words on their cards. All students did the right thing and helped Mr Cameron pack-up and then tidy the area. Some students also carried the art/craft utensils back to the C4K Room. STARS Leading the Way!!



YEAR 3 AND 4 PERCUSSION

In Week 5 students had their first go at a new performance we are developing. It's a tune called Multicultural World and involves the use of djembe drums, drum sticks, cowbells, chairs and buckets!!



We hope to perform our piece at **CONNECTING CULTURES DAY** next Term. It will be fun, colourful and full of energy!! Go percussion!



TABLE TENNIS | STAFF v STUDENTS



Art and Craft 20th August!!

CLASSROOM OF DREAMS



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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.

Thank you to all families for following COVID-safe rules and keeping our school community healthy and safe.

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

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cameron

Cameron Outterside | Community Liaison Officer (CLO)



Bye bye !!

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.



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 IS BACK

School banking takes place each Wednesday.

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.

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 6 28 th August	3 Yet
Week 8 11 th September	2/3 Celebrate
Week 10 25 th September	5/6 Mindful



Nutrition Snippet

ENJOY WINTER VEG.



Try these winter warmers:

- Red lentil soup
- Slow cooked chicken cacciatore

For more recipes visit healthy lunchbox.com.au

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Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

THIRSTY?



Water or plain milk is the best.

Try these ideas to zing up your drink:

- Water flavoured with slices of strawberries, orange or lemon makes a refreshing change
- For the lunch box, add some berries or cucumber slices to a bottle of water and pop it into the freezer
- Check out our [blog](#) for more healthy thirst-quenching ideas

healthy lunchbox.com.au



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