



# 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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4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

What a wonderful fortnight we have had at our beautiful school! Breakfast Club resumed this fortnight with toast provided as breakfast for any student. Because the Term 3 guidelines for schools from The Department of Education state we can't mix cohorts, grades or stages of kids together, we have had some wonderful Stage 3 students cooking the toast and delivering it from large trays to our kids on the playground. Thank you to Mr Cameron and Miss Mulder for sourcing the bread and ingredients for the toast, which has been overwhelmingly popular with our students.

### No Stopping Zones

I would like to remind parents about safe parking near the school. Every single day I see parents park opposite the front pedestrian gate in the No Parking Zone adjacent to the crossing. This area has been made a No Parking zone so that cars approaching the crossing can see if children are waiting at the crossing to safely cross the road. When cars park illegally in this place, drivers cannot see if children are waiting on the side of the road to cross until they are right at the pedestrian crossing. This is very dangerous and I am concerned that continuing to park in this No Stopping zone may cause an unsuspecting driver to hit a child who is on the pedestrian crossing. This is very serious. It is embarrassing when I ask parents to move their car from this area, but for the safety of all of our children, I will continue to insist on this area being kept clear of cars, with all drivers following the road rules. Further, drivers caught stopping here can have a fine of \$304 and 2 demerit points as a penalty. Please help me to ensure all of our children are safe.

### What do these signs mean?



**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....



# Active Learner

\*Being ready to learn with all equipment.

# *The Tell Them From Me* student survey (Term 3 & 4, 2020)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students.

Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in Years 4, 5 and 6. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages, please see Mrs Haeren if you would like assistance with the survey information.



### 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

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.

### 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.



### 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 8 11 <sup>th</sup> September	2/3 Celebrate
Week 10 25 <sup>th</sup> September	5/6 Mindful





# Community News

Hi families! We have now reached Week 7 in Term 3 and spring is in the air! What has been happening in our school community? Read on and find out!!

## BREAKFAST CLUB



Our fantastic Breakfast Club program has returned in its new COVI-safe form.

Stage 3 volunteers (pictured) are doing a great job producing delicious toast (with butter, honey, jam or vegemite) and distributing it to students safely in the playground on trays. STARS Leading the Way!!

Every student focuses better in class and performs well after a good breakfast. Our Stage 3 students love doing this job for the benefit of fellow students!



Our partnership with "Gift of Bread"- a registered not-for-profit and public benevolent institution based in St Brigid's church in Marrickville – makes Breakfast Club possible.

The Gift of Bread is fully volunteer run and relies on fundraising events and community grants to cover its operating costs, including production of their bread bags and running of the delivery van.

Each Wednesday our school is delivered 12 loaves of bread for free and our school community appreciates this important partnership. Thank you Gift of Bread!



Here are some of our keen Stage 3 volunteers on Idiom day 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**LIVERPOOL**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**CONNECTIONS**

At Warwick Farm Public School we are privileged to have a wonderful community partner in **Liverpool Neighbourhood Connections (LNC)** – 11 Gallop St, Warwick Farm.

LNC is a grassroots organisation which provides both direct relief from poverty and the tools to create bright futures. It provides a safe and inclusive space for our diverse community to visit, make new connections and engage in a diverse mix of programs.  
(see website)

Our school has particularly benefited from:

- The Shaazam program for our Year 6 girls/Youth group
- Parent workshops (in partnership with our Community Liaison Officer Cameron Outterside)
- Hospitality, Barista, Floristry and other courses
- Opportunities to work in our school canteen
- Socialisation opportunities at LNC events and activities/programs
- Exercise equipment in the park opposite our school (made possible through funding sourced by LNC)
- ...AND MUCH MORE!!

## OUR FABULOUS CANTEEN!!

One of LNC's many social enterprises is the Peppers Enterprise, comprising a group of hard-working women who run our canteen. Many of these ladies are parents of students at our school and LNC has provided great pathways to employment for them!

**We would like you to meet our canteen staff:**



**Left to Right: Ms Nicole and Ms Sadia**  
**Right: Recess menu for the week**



**Our canteen team | Say hello next time you are there!!**



**Ms Lisa**



**Ms Nicole**



**Ms Sadia**



**Ms Jennifer**



**Ms Tracey**

## 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

## YEAR 3 AND 4 PERCUSSION

In Week 7 students performed the parts they had been learning for our new performance called "Multicultural World".



Everyone played their parts so well and Mrs McCabe, Mrs Macmillan and I were very proud of their efforts.

As always we are COVID-safe and as **ACTIVE LEARNERS**, we are ready - with our equipment set-up - so we can learn and participate in percussion class.

**Percussion!!**



# ***Art and Craft / CLASSROOM OF DREAMS***

**27th August STARS**



**3rd September STARS**







## Art And Craft

### STAY SAFE AND KEEP INFORMED

#### COVID-19 symptoms can include:



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

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](mailto:cameron.outterside@det.nsw.edu.au)

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cameron

Cameron Outterside | Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

#### Nutrition Snippet

##### FOOD WASTE.

Aussies throw away over \$2 billion of fresh food every year!



Time to get food smart and start reducing your food waste.

Why not throw your mushy tomatoes into a pasta sauce, your floppy zucchini into a fritter and soft carrots into fried rice.

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

 **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

#### Nutrition Snippet

##### FAKEAWAYS.

Cooking at home is not only healthier, it will save you money.



Try these fakeaway recipes:

- Chicken burrito bowls
- Lentil burgers
- Easy pizza

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