



# 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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13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

### Kindergarten 2021

Since our last newsletter, Mrs Smalley, Mrs Haeren and I have had the pleasure of meeting each of our new Kinder students and some of their family. We will expect to have two Kindergarten classes next year. The new students were gifted with some tools and strategies to assist their transition to school next year and the whole experience was thoroughly positive for staff and families alike and we are very excited for the beginning of the year.

### Special Jobs for a Day!

This week we celebrated student achievements with a few students doing some special jobs instead of being a school student! This is an annual program which we usually implement as a component of our Education Week celebrations, however with the craziness of COVID restrictions we decided to do the program during Term 4.

Congratulations to the following students who had a wonderful day!

- Principal = Florence Tudagbe
- School Administrative Officer = Sukhroop Bajwa
- General Assistants = Areesh Ahsan and Kevin Tran
- Teachers = Diamond Puia and Zahraa Yasser

### Situational Analysis

We are currently working on our Situational Analysis, a document to help us use educational research against a deep analysis of our school to inform our future planning, our Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021 - 2024. Mrs Collie helped us during the week by ringing two families from each class to seek feedback on what families love about our school and what you think we could be doing even better. The themes were clear with many families showing concern for the safety of our students outside our school with dangerous driving and illegal parking causing distress for the whole community. As a result, I will again seek support from Liverpool Council to seek a Lollypop worker to assist our students to cross the road safely at the pedestrian crossing. In 2017 the Council came out and analysed our traffic and explained we didn't have enough traffic to warrant this service. Now with the addition of the traffic from the workers from Mainsbridge School, I am hoping we may be entitled to this service.

Further, our families shared a need to move towards more electronic information. As a result we are currently investigating online newsletter services. We will keep you in the loop as we progress with these initiatives. Thank you to the families who participated in these phone calls as we truly appreciate your ideas and support.

### Library Upgrade

We are currently in the process of upgrading our Library. Yesterday we ordered new furniture for a modern future focussed and flexible approach to the room. We are so lucky that our Library is a very large space filled with outstanding reading resources and we want to capitalise on the space to further enhance the learning experiences for our students. We are hoping this project will be ready for the beginning of 2021.

Quote of the Fortnight:

***"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or a duty. It should always be offered as a gift."***

-Kate DiCamillio

**Melanie Macmillan**

Proud Principal

[melanie.macmillan@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melanie.macmillan@det.nsw.edu.au)



#### 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.

We are committed to excellent lines of communication with all of our families. Please understand our staff have families, friends and activities that need our attention out of school hours. As Principal, I encourage a strong work-life balance. As such, our staff will respond to messages and comments between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. If there is an urgent matter, families are encouraged to call the school on 9602 8260.

Thank you for understanding,  
Mrs Macmillan

## This Week's PBL Focus....



Show  
Pride



Take  
Responsibility



Active  
Learner



Respect



Safe

Active  
Learner

\*Be ready to listen and learn.



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**Dear parents**

**We want to offer families more flexibility with their work commitments and child care arrangements and to create more opportunities across the whole community. Having Out of School Hours Care available at local schools is a great way to achieve this.**

**As part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Before and After School Care (BASC) commitment, parents at all NSW schools were recently invited to complete a Have Your Say survey. The survey asked parents to tell us how they are using Out of School Hours Care, how much it costs them, whether they plan to keep using it, and what difficulties they experience in accessing it. The survey results have helped us to better understand the needs of families and what's important to them.**

**We are now asking all parents to complete a [quick follow-up survey](https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey) by Friday 27th November 2020. You can access the survey at <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>.**

**This information will help us to target the rollout of more before Out of School Hours Care services in the right areas.**

**If your child does not require Out of School Hours care, we ask that you please still complete the first section of this survey as it gives us important information about the level of demand at your school.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school on 9602 8260 or the BASC Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au)**

### COVID-19 symptoms can include:



fever



sore throat



cough



shortness of breath.

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

### **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!



### **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 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.



*Culture Superstars Leading the Way*

# Connecting Cultures Day



## Wednesday 25th November

On Connecting Cultures Day we celebrate the diversity of our school.

Students can **wear clothes** or colours that represent their culture and celebrate with dance, music and art in stage groups.

Students can bring their own cultural food from home *but it is not to be shared.*

***The Canteen will be open as normal.***

Families are invited to join us for the Cultural Performances online via Class Dojo, Facebook and our school website.

Remember to send us a photo.



***It will be a great day of celebration!***



# Community News

Hello everyone. I trust that everyone is safe and well across our wonderful school community. It's Week 3 already and everyone is busy learning, creating and doing their very best.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES



*Our fabulous partners Mission Australia are once again offering assistance to our families. The Emergency Relief assistance program aims to assist people with their immediate crisis situation by providing financial aid.*

### Emergency Relief aims to:

1. Assist people to deal with their immediate crisis situation; including vouchers for household goods, groceries and transport;
2. Deliver services in a way that maintains the dignity of the individual and families;
3. Refer people to relevant services, help them pay bills or reduce the risk of being unable to pay their bills;
4. Encourage greater self-reliance.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty at the moment and would like some vouchers, a referral to other services or other assistance, please contact Mission Australia on 8784 5400.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club program runs 8:30 – 8:55am each day of the week and our community partners "Gift of Bread" (St Brigid's Church Marrickville) supply the bread for this program. Thank you for our bread supplies and thank you to our student volunteers!! **Here are some of our helpers on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**



## YEAR 3 AND 4 PERCUSSION

The students have worked so hard on their performance for Connecting Cultures Day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020. All of them have learnt so much about music and percussion this year.

All families should be proud of these dedicated students, who sacrifice every lunchtime on Wednesday to come to Percussion class. STARS Leading the Way.







# CONNECTING CULTURES DAY!!

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

Our multicultural event "CONNECTING CULTURES" will be occurring on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November (Week 7).

As COVID-19 protocols prevent families from attending this important event, we have created a way for you to participate.

On or before the 25<sup>th</sup> November, please take a photo of your family dressed in traditional or modern clothing from your culture.

Simply follow the directions in the photo below and **email** me your photo or post/upload it on CLASS DOJO as indicated.

Beautiful pictures of our families will allow everyone to celebrate the rich diversity of cultural backgrounds in our school community. Please be a part of our Connecting Cultures Day and we look forward to receiving your photos very soon!

**Cameron Outterside | Community Liaison Officer**  
e: [cameron.outterside@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cameron.outterside@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Connecting Cultures Day | Wed 25/11/20

On this special **multicultural** day, we encourage you to dress your children in cultural clothing! Due to COVID-19 protocols families cannot attend our school for the celebrations. **However you may participate!!**

**Please take a photo of your family dressed in cultural clothing on or before 25/11/20 and:**

- ★ **Email** the photo to Mr Cameron: [cameron.outterside@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cameron.outterside@det.nsw.edu.au) **OR**
- ★ Send a **direct message** to your child's teacher on CLASS DOJO, attaching the photo **OR**
- ★ **Upload** the photo via your child's Student Profile on CLASS DOJO

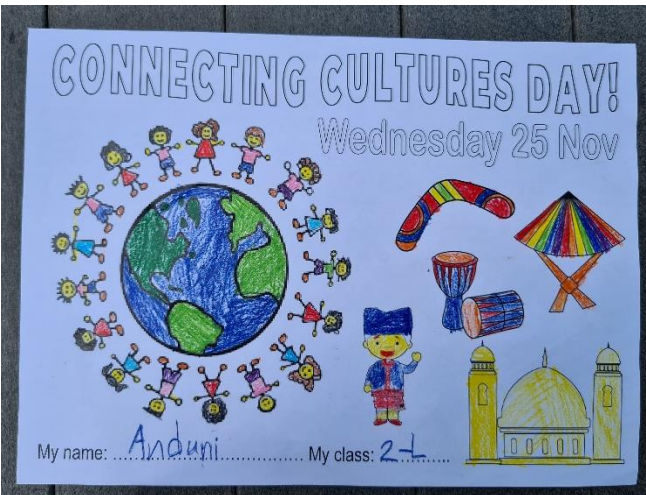




# ART AND CRAFT



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November



**CLASSROOM OF DREAMS**



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!

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 4	Class
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	4 Warriors
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	K Magic & K Success

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4	Event
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Connecting Cultures Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Campbelltown Bicycle Education Centre 9:00am to 2:00pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Campbelltown Bicycle Education Centre 9:00am to 2:00pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Campbelltown Bicycle Education Centre 9:00am to 2:00pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Campbelltown Bicycle Education Centre 9:00am to 2:00pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell





## Sunsmart Snippet

### Slop on sunscreen




**Apply SPF 30 or higher sunscreen generously, re-apply every two hours.**

**Apply 20 minutes before going outside.**

**Adults use about a teaspoon for the face, neck and ears; a teaspoon for each arm and leg; and a teaspoon each for the front and back of the body.**


[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)





## Nutrition Snippet

### KIDS AND CALCIUM.



**Calcium is important for growing healthy bones and teeth.**

**Our calcium-rich custard pudding makes a delicious lunch box treat, snack or dessert.**

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



# School Travel for 2021



## 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.