PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

The school is extremely sad to be saying farewell to our very much loved School Administrative Manager (SAM) Carol Howdin. Carol has been with the school for over 20 years and during this time she has been instrumental in ensuring that the school runs smoothly. Her passion, dedication and her knowledge will truly be missed but her positive influence will be with the school always.

Congratulations to “Name Withheld” who received a highly commended award for her anti-bullying poster that was entered into the Interrelate competition to raise awareness of the impacts of bullying. This year 5000 students entered across 174 schools entered with the theme of encouraging students to support others and not to become a bystander. We are extremely proud of “Name Withheld”, an amazing effort given the number of entries.

It was fantastic to see so many students dressed in orange on Wednesday to celebrate the school’s Harmony Day. The day is to recognise our cultural diversity and to teach our students how to be inclusive in order to create a sense of belonging for everyone.

During weeks 9 and 10 class teachers will be involved in stage planning days to ensure that teaching and learning programs are established for a productive term 2.

On Monday I met with a representative from Liverpool City Council to discuss pick up and drop off zones along Williamson Street in response to a few concerns have that have arisen. If any changes are to be put in place the school will consult with families and provide the relevant information as it is needed.

I hope you all have a safe, enjoyable holiday and come back refreshed for another fantastic term full of learning and fun.

Ms Robinson.

PAYMENT REMINDERS

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A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Orders are now being taken for our school Winter Polar Fleece Jackets. These jackets cost $45.00 and are on a prepaid basis only, with no School Assistance available.

 Should you be interested, please bring your child to the office for sizing and payment. Orders will be processed on the following dates this year:

- Wednesday 1 April 2015
- Wednesday 27 May 2015
- Wednesday 27 June 2015

Thank you.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests in Week 4, Term 2. This test will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students in all Australian schools.

The test will be conducted over three days (12, 13, 14 May 2015) and students are encouraged to avoid absences or late arrivals on these days.

Students will be provided with opportunities during class time to practice various questions so that they gain an understanding of what will be expected of them in the test.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Mrs Reardon (Stage 2) or Mrs Pearson (Stage 3).
SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
The annual Cross Country event will be held at the school on Friday 24 April. All students are invited to participate, with children in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 completing a modified course. Cross Country events will commence at approximately 9:15am and expect to run until 12:30pm.
Children need to wear shorts, t-shirt and suitable footwear for running and are encouraged to wear house colours. They are:
- Arunta – Red
- Kurrundi – Green
- Maranoa – Yellow
- Warrego – Blue
All family members are welcome to come and support the students on the day. The P&C will be selling juice, water and snacks during this event.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR SERVICE
Did You Know?
My name is Hendy Kurniawan and I am the School Counsellor. I work in the school on Wednesdays and every second Friday.
School Counsellors are placed in schools to help and support students and their families. Sometimes life at home or at school can be very difficult and students may need someone to listen to them. Students see the School Counsellor for many reasons. They may be:
- having problems with their friends or family
- feeling “down” or worried
- worried about their school work
- getting into “trouble” at school
- having problems settling in to school
- just having “problems”
School Counsellors can work with students and their parents and carers to support them during a difficult time.
If I can be of assistance to your family, please contact the school on 9602 8260 to make an appointment.

Hendy Kurniawan
School Counsellor

“The important thing about a problem is not its solution, but the strength we gain in finding the solution.” - Anonymous

SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SKOOLBAG
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.
We also use Skoolbag which is a mobile App to communicate information with families. Instructions how to download this App is available from the office.

P&C NEWS
Due to unforeseen circumstances, School Banking will now take place on each Wednesday morning commencing Term 2 in the C4K Room.
If you would like your child to participate to develop a positive saving habit, please request an application form from the P&C who conduct the weekly banking.

The next meeting of the P&C will be on Wednesday 6 May in the C4K Room at 9:15am. All parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend.

P&C EASTER DONATIONS NEEDED
The P&C are requesting donations for the P&C Easter Guessing Competition. Students are asked to donate Easter eggs, chocolate rabbits or soft toys. These may be given directly to the classroom teachers.

These donations go towards Easter Baskets, with winners to be drawn on 2 April 2015 at the Easter Hat Parade. Families, if you have any big baskets you no longer need, we would love to have them.

A small book of raffle tickets were sent home with each student last week. These tickets need to be returned to the P&C by Wednesday 1 April.
For further enquiries please see Mrs Sharon.

P&C MOTHERS DAY STALL
- Wednesday 6 May 2015
- 6 gifts to choose from
- All gifts $5.00
- Gifts for mothers and grandmothers
- All gifts pre-purchased
- No limit on number of gifts per student
- Order forms and money to be returned to P&C outside C4K room each day
- Orders to be placed by Tuesday 4 May.

Thank you for your support!
BREAKFAST CLUB
Open each morning from 8:30am in the C4K Room.

FOOD-A-LICIOUS CANTEEN NEWS
Warwick Farm is a Health Promoting School and our canteen menu meets the requirements of the Healthy Canteen Nutrition Policy. Through the generosity of the Salvation Army the canteen is currently open 5 days a week as an outreach of the Food4Life Market. Canteen orders need to be placed before 9:00am. Over the counter purchases can be made at recess and lunch times.

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.

HOMEWORK CLUB
There is an extremely valuable opportunity for all students at Warwick Farm to attend a weekly Homework Club at the Neighbourhood Centre. Families can attend every Monday afternoon from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. You must attend with your child to complete registration.

ASSEMBLY ROSTER
Whole School Assemblies are held every two weeks in the School Hall. They begin at 12:20pm. Classes take turns in leading the Assembly. All community members are invited to attend.

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ARE YOUR KIDS READY FOR SCHOOL?

BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL
FREE 1 Month Training
FREE Uniform

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Call Now: 9607 5960
globalmartialarts.com.au
ENCOURAGE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EVERYDAY
What you can say to your child to get them active:

- ‘It’s time to play outside now.’
- ‘Rex needs some practice fetching. It’d be great if you could go outside and throw the ball to him.’
- ‘Let’s walk to the shop to get the things we need for dinner.’
- ‘Wow, you’ve been jumping on the trampoline for ages.’
- ‘Keep going. Your sandcastle is getting so big.’
- ‘You did a fantastic job pulling the weeds out of the garden. It’s great when you help.’
- ‘You rode a really long way today on your bike – well done.’

More ideas at www.raisingchildren.net.au

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Did you know...

Tomatoes gain weight as they ripen!

Cherry or grape tomatoes make a tasty snack for children. Why not pack your child some for Crunch&SiP?

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5 reasons to pack a mandarin for Crunch&SiP*

1. They are sweet and juicy. Kids love them!
2. They are nutritious - full of vitamins and fibre
3. They come in their own biodegradable packaging
4. They don’t bruise easily
5. They are a perfect size for kids to eat during Crunch&SiP*

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5 facts about strawberries

1. Strawberries aren’t actually berries, they are known as ‘accessory fruits’
2. On average, strawberries have about 200 seeds
3. They’re the only fruit with their seeds on the outside
4. They are a good source of Vitamin C
5. Most children love them!

Why not pack strawberries for Crunch&SiP* this week?