Welcome back to another exciting year at Warwick Farm Public School and we extend a special welcome to all our new parents. We are off to a great start and I wanted to thank all of our community, teachers, parents and students for working so well together already. We take great pride in establishing positive relationships with our school community and hope this continues throughout the whole year.

The start of a year is always hectic so I have a lot of information to share with you. Firstly I have been fortunate enough to have been offered the relieving principal role until the end of May and this could be extended depending on the work that Lyn Flegg is doing. I am honoured and excited to be continuing as principal and know that our strong start means we’ll have a fantastic year.

At the moment we have around 225 students enrolled which is slightly down from this time last year. The positive side of this is that we have at least 40 Kindergarten students which is a huge jump from last year. For now the classes are settled, however we may need to look at a reshuffle of classes in the younger years. We will of course consult with you if this were to happen.

We have made a change to how we are operating our early education program. This year we will be running a program targeted at children aged 3½ - 5 years of age who are expecting to go to school in 2017 each Monday morning 9:00am-10:00am. We are calling this ‘Little Steps’ and it will be run by Miss Ferrari who is currently studying Early Childhood. More information will be distributed shortly.

Yesterday I had a visit from Liverpool City Council to explain that the conversion of Hargrave Park to a full sized basketball court will start this month. Please note that there may be temporary fencing going up during the duration of this work, however I was assured that access to the crossing will not be blocked off and that the work will not be too noisy.

The Department of Education has advised the school that the school needs to implement a Canteen Lease Agreement which means that we will have to put the lease out for tender.

For the interim we appreciate the work of the Salvation Army who continue to run the canteen. Please know that this process involves consultation with the community and we haven’t started this yet, hence there has been no decision made about who will be running the canteen in the future. We will provide you with more information in the near future.

We are hoping to have our Parents and Citizens (P&C) committee fully functioning this year, we appreciated the input from our team last year however due to other commitments our members were not able to sustain the work to have it operating at its full capacity. We are asking you to consider becoming a P&C member and will be holding a meeting in this month to provide you with further information. Again we appreciate any contributions that you can make.

School Banking will be going ahead again this year, the day has yet to be determined as again we rely on our parents to donate their time in organising this. Once we know what day it will be on then we will let you know. Having your child involved in banking provides them with a sound understanding of the importance of saving, managing money and it also contributes the school as we receive a commission from the Commonwealth Bank. Last year school banking raised $109546.

This year we are holding our assemblies every second Friday afternoon 2:00 – 3:00pm and we hope this time slot allows more parents and family members to attend. During the alternate weeks the whole school will be involved in a social skills program called Peer Support. This encourages positive relationships across all year groups and as these sessions are run by our Stage 3 students (with teacher guidance) their leadership skills are also being developed.

Breakfast Club will be running every morning, however for this to happen we are asking for parents to volunteer their time from 8:30am. Our SLSOs will be there to open up if needed however we would love it if our parents can support this valuable program.

The Liverpool neighbourhood connections are having a Tafe information session for the access to work and training course on Tuesday the 9 February at 9:30 am at 11 Gallop street Warwick farm.

Kind regards
Ms Deb Robinson
LITTLE STEPS
The Little Steps program is an early learning program that it’s opened to parents and children between the ages of 3½ and 5 years. Children take their ‘first learning steps’ by joining in fun and exciting activities which contribute to a positive and successful learning start before they enter school. The activities include singing, dancing, reading, counting, craft and social and language games. Little Steps sessions will run Mondays from 9:15am till 10:15am in our school Hall. This term, it will start on Monday the 22 February. If you would like to attend with your child, pick up a small information pack from our office. We look forward seeing you there! Miss Ferrari.

MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOON
You are invited to attend our ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions on Thursday 18 February 2015. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher and hear about the learning programs, plans and routines that involve your child.

Just a reminder that all students need to be picked up from school at the normal time of 3:00pm and their supervision during the afternoon is the responsibility of parents/caregivers.

All school families are welcome to stay for a free BBQ provided by the school after the sessions. The BBQ will be serving from 4:00pm and conclude 5:15pm.

We look forward to seeing you at the sessions and thank you for your support of your child’s education at Warwick Farm Public School.

COMMUNITY LIAISON NEWS
Parents are welcome to drop in and have a friendly chat with me in the C4K room any time or talk to me in the playground. I would love to hear from you about how my role can help you in the school. Tianna Ngo- Community Liaison Officer (Thursdays)

P&C NEWS
A representative from the P&C Federation will be visiting our school on Thursday 18 February at 9:15am in the C4K Room. They will be discussing roles and responsibilities of the P&C and how important it is for our school to have support from the P&C. The school is looking for volunteers who would be interested in taking up a position in our P&C.

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend.

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 Hats are for sale in the office for $10.00.

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB
The breakfast club is now open. We are looking for parents to volunteer from 8:30am to 8:55am. Please enquire in the C4K Room or speak to Tianna Ngo on Thursdays for more information.

Thank you to parents who have already offered to help in Breakfast Club: Mrs Alfeche, Mrs Hoang, Mrs Adeel, Mrs Levi and Mrs Laloulu.

ASSEMBLY ROSTER
Whole School Assemblies are held every two weeks on Fridays, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm, in the School Hall. Classes take turns in leading the Assembly. All community members are invited to attend.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

| Thursday 18 February | Meet The Teacher Afternoon |
| Thursday 18 February | P&C Federation Representative Meeting |
| Monday 21 March      | Harmony Day                |
| Friday 25 March      | Good Friday                |
| Monday 28 March      | Easter Monday              |
| Tuesday 29 March     | Students return to school  |
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