PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Today the sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held. This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond.

It comes in a timely manner as this week we have experienced a couple of incidences where relatives have used intimidating behaviours towards others on school grounds. I absolutely don’t stand for this form of communication as our community deserves to be known for the positive atmosphere and achievements we create together. I have issued bans and involved the police in both matters to ensure the safe, happy and thriving environment we have at Warwick Farm Public School is upheld.

On a positive note yesterday I found out that “Name Withheld” has been chosen for the Liverpool Zone Under 11s Rugby League Team. 14 students were chosen and this year they had over 50 players try out, a record number.

Update on where we are at with the Canteen. As I have previously let you know, the Department does not allow a canteen to operate under a community lease agreement which ours currently is. The operation of the canteen will be done through a tendering process and from submitted tenders we will make a decision about what’s best for our students. Whilst this process is going on, the Salvation Army and their wonderful volunteers will continue to run the canteen. Any questions please feel free to come and talk to me as it is important that we are all communicating factual information.

We have signed our school up for a new method of payments for parents called Parent Online Payment or POP for short. The school understands how busy families are so we are trying to make it easier for you to be able to make payments on time so that your child doesn’t miss out on any learning experiences. Once we have gone through the training then we will send out more information – we anticipate that this system will be up and running early next term.

Last week and this week years 1 – 6 got to have a space adventure as they visited a Planetarium set up in the hall. The students loved the experience as they discovered the Solar System, planets, stars, lunar cycles, seasons and constellations. The feedback from the organizer was positive as he stated that our students were all so engaged and respectful.

On Thursday 24 March you may receive a call from our school asking you to participate in a quick feedback survey. We will be selecting a cross section of parents to participate in this survey with the hope that we can better understand what it is that parents believe we do well as a school and areas that we could further develop. I ask that you take the time to answer the questions as your opinion is important to us.

Kind regards
Ms Debra Robinson

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YEAR 5 AND 6 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA: PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 2016

Our School Photo Day will be held on Thursday, 7 April 2016. Children are to wear full summer uniform and are to ensure they arrive at school before 9:00am.

Order forms have been sent home with every student this week and need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 6 April. Correct money is required in the envelope, as no change is given. Please note that School Uniforms will not be sold on Photo Day morning, 7 April.
LITTLE STEPS
The Little Steps program is an early learning program that is open to parents and children between the ages of 3 1/2 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 run on Mondays from 9:15am until 10:15am in our school Hall.

If you would like to attend with your child next term, please pick up a small information pack from our office.

Miss Ferrari.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Tianna Ngo - Community Liaison Officer (Thursdays)

P&C NEWS- HARMONY DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
If you missed out on ordering your sausage sizzle this week, late orders are available until Tuesday morning 9:00am, outside the C4K room.

Also any parents/caregivers interested in helping on the day or joining the P&C, please feel free to come and see us in the C4K room.

SCHOOL BANKING
If you would like to open an account for your child, please meet with us in the C4K Room on a Tuesday morning or Tianna Ngo our CLO on a Thursday.

Mrs Mathew & Mrs Ajjamada
School Banking Co-ordinators

BREAKFAST CLUB
The breakfast club is running daily. We are still looking for more parents help. If you can spare 10 minutes each morning, please come into the C4K Room to enquire.

We presently have some Year 6 students assisting in Breakfast Club. This is a great way to teach them about safe food handling also.

A big thank you to all the helpers this week.

Also thank you to Mrs Brasier and "The Gardening Club", for their wonderful donation of watermelon from our very own school vegetable garden.

HOMEWORK HELP
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 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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### WHY IS BREAKFAST IMPORTANT?
- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

### LOOKING FOR SOME BREAKFAST IDEAS?

We all know breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Here are some delicious and nutritious ideas to try:

- wholemeal English muffin with sliced banana and peanut butter
- grilled cheese and tomato on toast
- tinned baked beans and toast
- porridge, sultanas with reduced-fat milk
- wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie (frozen berries, banana, milk and yoghurt)
- boiled eggs and toast
- slices of fruit with yoghurt and muesli
- raisin toast with sliced banana