SWEETHEARTS DAY

On Friday 13 February the school participated in Sweethearts Day by wearing red for a gold coin donation. The money raised went to Heart Kids to provide support for Aussie kids with heart diseases and to fund vital medical research. Heart disease is the number one killer of children under age 1.

In TA 4 we celebrated by doing some creative love heart activities and then by inviting TA 3 to join us for some love heart decorated cup cakes. It was a fun day.

Thank you to all who participated in making Sweethearts Day a success.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Verne Jones

Since our last newsletter Sergeant Verne Jones ADF has returned from Defence Force duties where he was involved as a piper at the recent Edinburgh Tattoo held in Melbourne. We welcome Mr Jones’ return to civilian life and to that of Associate Principal at our school.

Communication

We’re fast moving to a paperless communication system, with the new app and the new website both up and running. If you’re yet to load the app, the app’s name is TIQBIZ and support in loading it is available if you contact the office. This has become our most important communication tool and will continue to be used to keep you all informed.

Swimming Trials

The swimming trials went well on Tuesday 23 February 2016 and I thank and commend Mrs Williams for organising the event, Mitch Williams, Mrs Kemp, Bec Watts and Michelle Overtone for being in the pool in less than ideal swimming conditions and Melanie Frost, our lone spectator. The trials are an important lead in to the carnival and imperative from a safety perspective.

Swimming Lessons

The next 2 weeks will see us busy with PP to Year 4 swimming lessons. All details of this program have been loaded onto the school's app under the Whole School setting. The Year 4’s will have an especially busy Wednesday 2 March 2016 when they participate in both swimming lessons and the school’s swimming carnival.

Parent contact

A really enjoyable and important component of my role is my ongoing contact with parents/carers in regards to our partnership in the education of your children. I believe that this strong, honest and two way communication strategy is a vital aspect of our holistic approach to each child’s development – social, emotional and academic. In this, I’m always keen to remain accessible to parents/carers and the best way to contact me is via my email address at: David.Knox@education.wa.edu.au

Behaviour Management in Schools (BMIS)

The Department of Education’s overarching BMIS plan has undergone a change and we have made a minor change to ensure compliance with the new plan. A copy of the plan is available from the office in electronic form upon request. Parents/carers are an integral part of our plan and you can be assured that if your child is having behavioural issues, you’ll be notified as a matter of course.

Bring Your Own Device

Following 5 school visits, 2 community forums and a whole lot of communication with parents/carers, I believe that our approach to this program needs to be a Year 3-6 program, staggered over a 3 year period and fully operational by 2020. The school's BYOD working party and I have produced a working paper that will continue to change and develop to ensure that we get the program just right, not only for now but for the future. A copy of this paper is attached to the newsletter. Again, after reading the paper, please contact me directly via email on your thoughts on the issue. This is an issue whereby we’ll never get 100% consensus, but I think our current approach is a fair and reasonable position to take when all of the variables are taken into account.

David Knox
PRINCIPAL
**Student Update Forms**

Student information update forms have been sent home via students today. Please carefully check ALL the details and make any amendments on the form and return it to the front office signed on the back page regardless of whether any changes have been made or not.

**School and P&C Contributions**

Statements have gone home with your children today. School Voluntary Contributions are $40 per child and P&C Voluntary Contributions are $30 per family. Payments may be made at the front office by cash or cheque, sorry we do not have Eftpos available.

Alternatively payments can be made by Direct Deposit - South Padbury Primary School Bankwest BSB 306-104 Account 4187254. Please reference your child’s surname and state what you are paying for e.g vol contributions.

**PP—Year 4 Swimming Lessons**

Swimming Lessons commence Monday 29 February and will run for 9 days excluding the long weekend.

Please ensure your children have all their swimming needs with them, including a robe or towel to return to school on the bus. Pool change rooms will not be used, children will change on their return to school. Please also check that EVERY item is clearly labelled as younger children lose a lot of items during swimming lessons.

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**WARWICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**2014 SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR FINALIST**

**NOW AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**2016 SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

Parents are invited to attend an Open Day at Warwick Senior High School to learn about our outstanding educational programs and view our facilities.

Friday 18 March

355 Erindale Rd WARWICK WA 6024

Tours commence at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm

Our school conducts programs in the following:

- **ACADEMIC EXTENSION**
- **ENDORSED SPECIALIST NETBALL**
- **ENDORSED SPECIALIST FOOTBALL**
- **DANCE ELITE**
- **MUSIC**

Please call the school administration reception on 62404400 to book your tour.
A reminder to all Class Reps to please forward their contact details to the P&C (southpadburypc@gmail.com). This makes it easier for the P&C to relay information to be distributed to the class.

Our Monday and Friday ice cream and icy pole sales are going very well in this warm weather! Icy poles are 50c each. Ice creams (Fandangles/Paddle Pops) are $1 each.

The next P&C meeting is to be held on Wednesday 9 March at 7pm in the Staff room. Everyone welcome!

A reminder that parents are asked not to use the staff car park please for safety reasons. The school has a Kiss and Drive facility located on Farrell Way and a parent car park on Warburton Ave. If you are using the parent car park please ensure you drop children off at the pathway, rather than allowing children to walk through the car park to the pathway as this is too dangerous. There is also plenty of parking available at the nearby IGA, with a traffic warden to assist children and parents crossing Warburton Ave.

Chantelle Martin
P&C President

School App

The app is called tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices. If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC.

We kindly ask that you download tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find and tick the school. When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on “Whole School” and the specific grades/years that apply to your family.

You’ll receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date.

The app has some great features that will allow us to get information through easily and quickly, you’ll be reminded about important calendar dates 24 hours before, and everything we post can be translated into one of 91 languages!

You will also be able to submit student absence via the app now, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger! We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool.