



# Mount Warren Park State School Newsletter No. 11 Thursday 14 July 2016

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## From the Principal

### Disco

The disco at the end of last term was a fantastic night. I'm so looking forward to next term.



### Positive Feedback From A Visitor To Our School

I received this letter via email just before the holidays and think it's important to share with your community.

"Hi Bec,

*I was at parade on Monday. I just wanted to give you some positive feedback about a few students who were helping to set the hall up for parade.*

*I arrived a little early, and the 'stage crew' was there. There was another parent there as well, with a young child. One of the students setting things up was being a little disruptive and was swearing, and being generally rude to the other students. One of the male students told this other student to settle down, and he stated to the other student "stop swearing and have some respect for the other people here" and "stop swearing in front of the young child!". The one carrying on didn't settle immediately, however proceeded to wander around not really doing anything at all. The other children were doing as they were required.*

*Shortly after, prior to the classrooms coming into the hall, the boy that was swearing approached the Mother with the young child and apologised for his behaviour, saying that it was out of line and that he should not have sworn.*

*I applaud him for recognising that he had done the wrong thing and for apologising to this lady. I also applaud the other students for keeping their cool and trying to settle this boy, without making a big fuss.*

*I just wanted to let you know this as I feel it is important to get some positive feedback.*

[Name withheld]"

### NAIDOC Week

From 3 to 10 July Australia recognises and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture through NAIDOC Week. The National NAIDOC theme for 2016 is *Songlines – The living narrative of our nation.*

### 2016 School Opinion Survey

The 2016 School Opinion Survey is being administered between 11 to 29 July. Please read the letter sent home last week (if you are part of the random sample), which will assist you in this process. Survey parcels are being despatched and will arrive in schools shortly.

### Important Cyber Safety Tips For Parents

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2. Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are. Only be friends with people online who you know in the real world.

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### Influenza (Flu) Season

Winter is coming, bringing cold and influenza (flu) season with it. Queensland Health's influenza page, [www.qld.gov.au/flu](http://www.qld.gov.au/flu), covers the symptoms, how to protect yourself and others from getting sick and treatment.



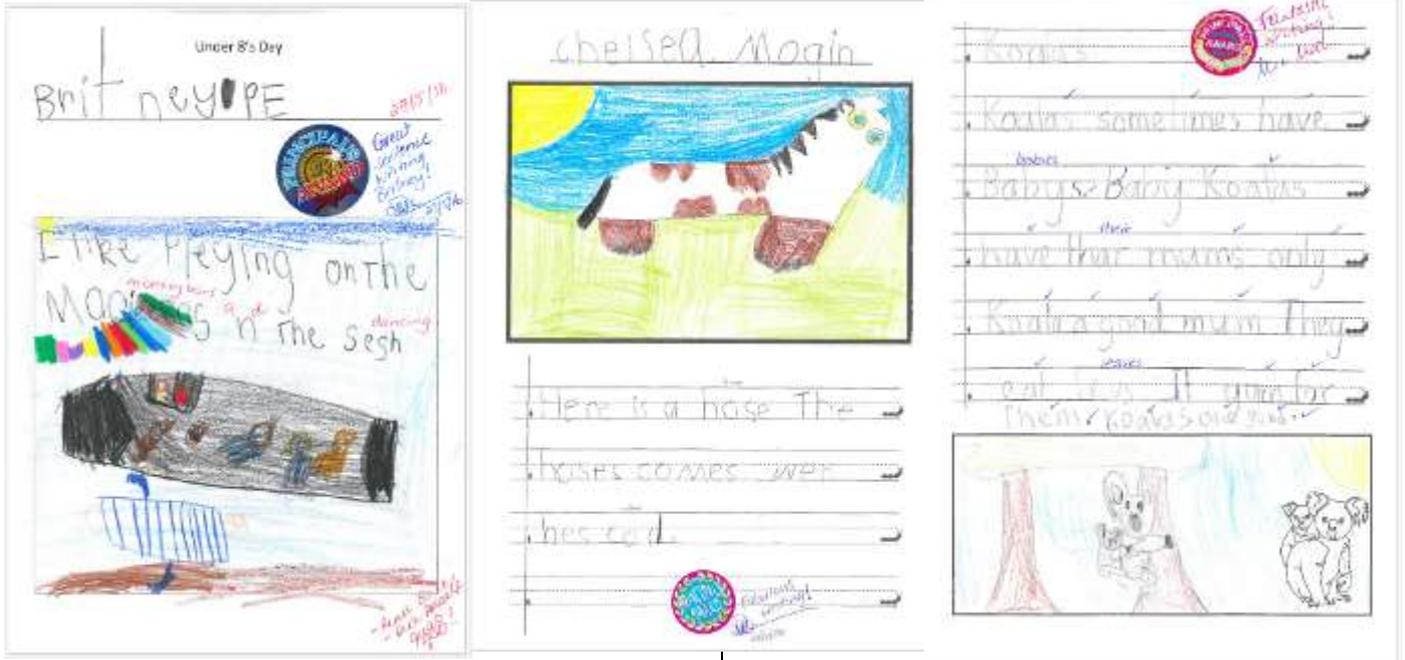
Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

**Samples Of Great Work**

From time to time, I am very fortunate to see wonderful samples of our students work. I love being able to share this fantastic work with our community!



**From the Deputy Principals**

**Reading**

Mt Warren Park has a very narrow and focused approach towards reading improvement. With that in mind we encourage you to spend as much time as possible supporting your child to improve their reading skills.



Reading involves not only reading the words on the page but also being able to understand the author's intent and know why particular texts are important in the world around us. So to encourage the junior school students to keep reading, I have created a 'Reading Champions Wall' in my office. Currently, I have 4 champions who have been working so hard to develop their reading skills, congratulation to **Amber McCann, Lilly Edwards, Lucas Ring and Myra Morrison**. I can't wait to fill my wall with the faces of students showing great effort to improve their reading skills.

**Speaking Politely**

It has sadly come to our attention that a number of parents are speaking inappropriately whilst dropping off and picking up their children from school. We would like to remind all adults that visit our school in whatever capacity that **swearing within the school grounds is unacceptable** and will not be tolerated by staff or students. Teachers have been directed to report this behaviour and those parents will be asked to leave the school grounds if it persists. In education we work on the theory of modelling the kinds of behaviours we would want to see in our students. Swearing in a school context has no place. Please help us to model the right thing to our students. Your support is so valuable to ensure a positive learning community.

**Before school**

The expectation at our school, **before school** is for students to be supervised. If you are dropping your child off before school starts, then they must be properly supervised. Children not supervised by an adult most remain in the Tuckshop undercover area, where at 8.25am a school staff member will supervise them to the Hall. If you are staying with your child before school, please encourage them to remain with you and please ask them not to play on playground equipment or run around between buildings. If children are in your care you are responsible for their safety. We need your support to ensure a safe school space for everyone.

**The High 5!**

Our school uses the High Five process to help address negative social interactions between children and it is important for children to not only be aware of the five steps used in this program but also be capable in putting the steps into practice. Please take a few minutes to review this very effective process with your child by drawing an outline of your hand on a piece of paper and label each of the fingers in the following order:

**"High 5"**



1. Ignore
2. Walk Away
3. Talk Friendly
4. Talk Firmly
5. Report

It is best to role play these actions at home so that they become second nature to children and they can use the steps to help them in all forms of inappropriate social interaction. It can also be a good idea to express the need to stay calm and controlled when completing the steps and stress to children that in most situations these steps are what adults use and they are successful. What else you can do:

- Talk with your child about school and keep the lines of communication open so children are more likely to confide in you.
- Encourage your child to feel okay to ask others for help and to keep their own safety in mind.
- Ensure your child knows how to report bullying and to ask you for help when needed.
- Report the incident to a teacher. Don't try to sort out the situation yourself.
- Make sure you are modelling healthy behaviours to your child, especially in relation to conflict resolution and anger management.

Help protect your child from harassment and cyber-bullying by closely monitoring internet use and installing free internet filters

**Senior Cards**

The first step in our 2015 / 2016 School Leadership Program will begin shortly (1<sup>st</sup> of September) and will progress through until the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. Students in Year 5 will be invited to participate in our Senior Badge Program and complete a set criteria sheet that will allow them to be recognised as a Senior Badge holder this year. Children who successfully complete the program will be given a Senior Badge and expected to fulfil certain responsibilities during the year and then be eligible to nominate for School Leadership positions in their final year of primary school.

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Further information can be found on the [Online Awareness: Information for parents and caregivers](#) guide.

## General School News

### NEW PAYMENT OPTION - BPOINT

Parents will notice a change to the way they can pay school invoices. The new payment method of BPoint is now available as an online payment system.

B-Point can be accessed via **ANY** Computer or Smart Phone. Payments accepted via Mastercard or VISA and is a secured payment method. Parents can log into: [www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete](http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete). Once you have logged in you will need the information from the school invoice to complete the BPOINT payment page.



### Cash Collection Procedures – Cash Window

The Cash Window is located in the Admin Block. We offer several methods of payment being cash, cheque, EFTPOS, B-Point and Internet Banking. The cash window will be **OPEN every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8am to 10am.**

**Late Payments** - It is a solid requirement that all events be paid for by the due date which is stated on all permission / information notes sent home to parents.

Late payments cannot be accepted under any circumstances so please keep updated by checking our newsletter each fortnight.

**Refunds** - Refunds can only be given in part. This means if there is bus travel involved for the event this is **NOT** refundable. Whether your child attends or not the buses have been booked and need to be paid for. You must complete a "Refund Request" Form available from Administration.

**Payment Due Dates** - Every fortnight payment reminders are printed in the "General News" and "Dates To Remember" sections of the school newsletter (this is also available on our website).



### Mt Warren Park State School C & K – ENROL NOW!!!

All children born between 1 June 2012 and 30 July 2013 you child is eligible to enrol in our C & K for 2017. Sessions are run from 8:20am - 2:30pm and children attend for a 5 day fortnight. Our website is [candk.asn.au](http://candk.asn.au). For more information regarding enrolment contact the centre on 3801 8331.

### Prep 2017 Enrolment Process

If your child is born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 – they are eligible to enrol for Prep 2017. Please call into the office to collect a Prep 2017 Enrolment Pack and leave your details so that we can arrange an appointment time. We invite both parent and child to attend, as the interview process helps the school to build an understanding of the child's developmental needs and interest before they commence school. As stated in the Education Act 2006, the school requires evidence of date of birth, therefore we ask that parents to bring the child's birth certificate to be sighted and copied by Administration. We also request for parents to give the school a copy of their child's Kindergarten/Day Care Centre's Transition Statement and any other relevant documentation i.e. Court Orders, Paediatrician/Specialist Reports. As we now have an Enrolment Management Plan, we also require two forms of proof of address (eg: License, Electricity Account, Telephone Account, Rental / Lease Agreement, Centrelink Concession Card, Rates).

### Student Banking – EVERY TUESDAY

Student Banking is processed every Tuesday. Please complete the deposit slip each week for your child and drop the banking into the office before school for processing. Deposit books are returned to the class teacher for distribution every Tuesday afternoon. If you wish to commence weekly Student Banking just open an account at the Commonwealth bank and you are ready to start.

## YEAR 4 INCURSION with CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Last Friday the year 4's were amazed and wowed by the Currumbin "Wildlife on Wheels" visit. They certainly did bring the "WOW" factor to all the children and teachers introducing them to a range of Australian fauna such as a barking owl, blue tongue lizard, carpet python, baby crocodile and a spiny stick insect. The children learnt their diet, habitat, conservation and adaptations they needed to survive. The officer also talked about some endangered species like the Tasmanian devil that can be seen at Currumbin Sanctuary. All year 4 students should be commended for the exceptional behaviour as the Currumbin educational officer mentioned how good all the classes were at each session. The enjoyment and amazement showed on all the students faces!

On behalf of the year 4 Teachers, Congratulations year 4,  
**Miss McKinnon, 4C Teacher**



### NAIDOC DAY

Naidoc Day was celebrated from the 3 July to 10 July. The theme for this year is "Songlines". Our school has made two nominations for the SE Region NAIDOC Awards 2016. Our elder for this area, Aunty Eileen Williams, and one of our very own students, Jaxon Denny, will be attending the awards ceremony in a few weeks time. We wish them all the best and are so very proud of them both.

## PE News

### South Coast Regional Softball Selection

Congratulations must go to Alicia Hale, Jessica Stewart and Katana Peaufa who has been selected in the South Coast Regional Softball Team to compete at the State Softball Championships from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> August. Good luck girls, do yourselves, your family and our school proud.

### Mt Warren Park State School Rugby League Success

We are extremely pleased to announce that Mt Warren Park State School senior Rugby League Team has earned the opportunity to compete in the National Rugby League Development Cup. The senior boys Rugby League team will be playing off for the Gold Coast South Champions on Wednesday 20th July at Helensvale Hornets RLFC Robert Dalley Park. This team has also earned the right to play in the Metropolitan Cup against schools based in and around Brisbane. This competition is a knock out competition and our first game will be played at Hammel Park Beenleigh on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Mt Warren wishes the team every success throughout both Tournaments.

### ZONE ATHLETICS – TUESDAY 26th JULY

Congratulations must go to the students listed below who have secured a place in the Mt Warren Park State School Athletic Team to compete at the divisional trials for schools of a similar size to be held at **Windaroo State Primary School on Tuesday 26th July**. Should these students be successful at the divisional carnival, they will be eligible to compete again at the Beenleigh Zone Primary School Athletics Championship day to also be held at Windaroo State Primary School on **Friday 29th July**. Lastly, everyone at Mt Warren Park SS wishes all members of the school athletics team all the best of luck and in this up-coming Athletics competition.

#### Zone Athletics Team:

Chloe McDonald  
Kate Resch  
Deyahna Ring  
Cooper Hill  
Cody Acai  
Mania Clark

Hayley Bidois  
Phoebe Spall  
Kaelyn Lane  
Jackson Lubach  
Mitchell Lawrence  
Jimmy Baker

Harmoni Johnson  
Bailey Downs  
Chloe O'Brien  
Kai McQuire  
Eva Gilmer  
Ella Wuiske  
Edward Dunsford  
Mitchell Porter  
Alicia Hale  
Katana Peaufa  
Aliyah Ball  
Jaxon Denny  
Hayden Lynch  
Brandan Haddin

Madison Sandiford  
Koopah Glancy  
Paige Meijboom  
Salote Senituli  
Madison Sandiford  
Michael Abraham  
Danyon Mulholland  
Naomi Pitkin  
Carissa Ashcroft  
Alex Buchanan  
Rory Dominko  
Jada TeKiri  
Donte Sharp-Hoyt  
Izak Yewsang-Gonthier  
Paige Wuiske

## iCentre News

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**Book Club Issue 5** has been issued to students today. **Orders close on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July.** This will be the only Book Club for Term 3 as we are holding a Scholastic Book Fair during week 8 and 9. The Book Fair runs from Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## The Arts

**Our Matilda workshop commences next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm in the School Auditorium. Students involved in this production will receive a note today with an update regarding payment.**

These rehearsals will be of one hour duration for the next six weeks concluding on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. There will be time for the students to have something to eat and drink before rehearsals begin, so please ensure that you have packed afternoon tea for them on these days. There may be a need for an extended rehearsal for the final workshop on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

## Dates To Remember

Monday 27 June to Friday 8 July Winter Vacation (2 weeks)	
Monday 11 July	Term 3 Commences
Tuesday 12 July	Life Ed Van Visit, P – Year 6 \$7
Monday 18 July	Life Ed Van Parent Session 1:45pm
Wednesday 20 July	NRL Development Cup (school team)
Tuesday 26 July	Zone Athletics at Windaroo SS
Friday 29 July	Zone Championships at Windaroo SS
Monday 8 August	<b>EKKA Public Holiday</b>
Thursday 25 August	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>
Thursday 15 September	QLD Health Beach Safe Presentations
Friday 16 September	Final day for Term 3
Monday 18 September to Friday 30 September Winter Vacation (2 weeks)	
Monday 3 October	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday 4 October	Term 4 Commences
Friday 9 December	Final School Day for 2016

## From The Guidance Officer

RAI Beenleigh is a program that offers free support to families in the local area. The program can support families with the following -

- Assistance for health or household expenses
- Parenting advice to overcome challenging behaviours in children and adolescents
- Improving school attendance
- Assistance with limited household resources
- Help for families experiencing domestic violence

- Access to child care services
- Improving mental health, general health and well-being in the family

Client of the program are also eligible to access a free childminding and playgroup called Peeweews. Free childminding services are offered on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am - 12pm.

Parents are given the opportunity for free time while the children take part in stimulating and fun activities with Peeweews staff.

Supported playgroup is held on Thursday from 9:30am – 12pm providing parents the opportunity to take part in fun activities with their children and meet other parents in the area. If you are interested in finding out more about the RAI program the support that is available please call 3442 5900 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

## P & C News

### Meeting

The next P & C Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20 July (NEXT WEDNESDAY) at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

### Cookie Fundraiser

Next Monday, students who are the **YOUNGEST IN THE FAMILY** will receive a letter attached to a Billy G's Gourmet Cookie & Biscuit Dough Fundraiser ORDER FORM. You purchase the cookie dough in a tub and bake yourself (approx. 40 cookies). There are various flavours **EVEN GLUTEN FREE!!!** You can refreeze the mixture. Orders and correct money must be handed in to the school office by Friday 5 August. Orders will be delivered to the school for collection from the hall on Wednesday 24 August. Funds will be put towards a new playground for Year 4 and oval terrace maintenance.

### Tuckshop News

**EFTPOS** - Payments can be made by Cash or EFTPOS - **A minimum purchase of \$10 must be made.** To guarantee your child gets exactly what they want we recommend that you order their lunch through the bag ordering system. Various items are available over the counter but we cannot guarantee hot food will be available unless it is ordered.



Hot Beef & Gravy Roll \$5



### Tuesday Special:

Homemade Winter Wonder Soup, Bread Roll and Popper Juice \$6.  
(Pumpkin & Veg Soup)

### Uniform Shop News

**Track Pants** - Brown, Size 4 – 14 are now available at LOWES for only \$16.99.

**Open Hours** - 8:00am – 9:00am Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and 2:15pm to 3:15pm every Wednesday afternoon. Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS only, we **CANNOT** accept cheques.

**Secondhand Uniforms** - If you have any uniforms at home that your children no longer wear or fit into and if they are good enough for someone else to use please drop them into either the office or the uniform shop as we are always in need of secondhand stock.

### NO CREDIT FACILITIES

It is policy that the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop **CANNOT** offer credit to parents, students or staff. So please avoid an awkward situation by not asking staff for credit. Thank you.



New High Vis Vests -  
to highlight the staff  
who are on duty in  
the playground.