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From the Principal

Fabulous Attendance At Mt Warren Park State School

The Mt Warren Park attendance competition was a raging success. WE HAD ALMOST 200 STUDENTS WHO HAD 100% ATTENDANCE.



New Start Date For The 2016 Queensland School Year

A new start date for the 2016 Queensland school year will see students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 — the day after the national Australia Day public holiday. The previous Term 1 start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will now become an additional flexible staff professional development day.

Helping Yr 12 School Leavers Stay Safe During End Of School Celebrations

Resources are available for teachers delivering 'Schoolies information sessions' to help prepare graduating Year 12 students safely navigate the risks that may arise during end-of-school celebrations. More information, including resources, can be found on the 'Be safe and watch your mates' website at <https://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au/information-for-teachers>.

The Queensland Government does not promote participation in Schoolies but seeks to enhance the safety and responsible behaviour of school-leavers at Safer Schoolies locations and to minimise disruption to local communities. As part of the Safer Schoolies Initiative, a range of safety and support services will be provided at the key Schoolies destinations in Queensland. See the website at <https://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au/where-and-when>.

Each Safer Schoolies location has its own access requirements, but all require proof of student photo ID to take advantage of the free activities and support services available. Visit Access and Identification for more information at <https://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au/access-and-identification>.

Police, emergency services, security, volunteers and officials will maintain a highly visible presence, providing schoolies with medical assistance, general support and advice. Safety initiatives include wristbands or photo ID for identification, street patrols, walk-home services, schoolies-only areas, free water and medical assistance. The Red Frogs Australia Chaplaincy Network also provides support to schoolies in accommodation venues. Volunteers play a vital role in helping to keep school leavers safe. All volunteers have a Blue Card, agree to a code of conduct and receive training. Here are some tips and advice for preparing your children for Schoolies.

- Start the conversation about Schoolies early
- Set reasonable expectations for your teenager
- Talk to your children about alcohol and drugs
- Download the [Practical checklist for parents](https://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au/resources/schoolies/parents-checklist.pdf) for tips about help your teen prepare for Schoolies at <https://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au/resources/schoolies/parents-checklist.pdf>.
- Encourage your teen to download the [Schoolies checklist](https://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au/resources/schoolies/schoolies-checklist.pdf) at <https://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au/resources/schoolies/schoolies-checklist.pdf>.

Providing alcohol to underage children where there is no responsible supervision is not only dangerous, it is illegal. Penalties are high. If you get caught providing alcohol to your underage child for consumption in an unsupervised environment and you will face penalties of up to \$9424.

It's a good idea to talk with your teen about Schoolies early in the year before they book accommodation so they involve you in their plans from the start. You might also find it reassuring to get to know the friends, and their parents, your teen will be staying with at Schoolies. It's important to talk to your teen about travel and accommodation, keeping in touch while they're away and about alcohol and drugs before they leave.

Being Away From Home and Staying in Touch

For a lot of teens, being away from home for Schoolies is the first time they have travelled without adult supervision. Set some ground rules and offer them some travel tips before they leave. Here are some tips that will come in handy for you and your teen during Schoolies.

- Set a time for your teen to call you, or you to call them, each day they're away at Schoolies. Early afternoon is usually the best time.
- Get them to make sure their phone is charged, switched on and has plenty of credit – especially when it is your scheduled time to call.
- Let them know they can contact you any time and make sure you always have your mobile phone on you.
- Put together a list of key phone numbers including their hotel, close friends and their friends' parents.
- It's a smart idea to eat well at Schoolies. You might give your kids some ideas for easy healthy meals before they go or even give them a home-cooked meal to take with them and share with their friends.
- Make sure that your teen has a back-up plan when they go out. This may include a location to meet their friends if they get separated, and carrying enough money for a taxi so they can get back to their hotel easily.
- To ensure the back-up plan is always an option, make sure your teen knows the name and address of their accommodation in case they need a volunteer to walk them home or to catch a cab. Advise them to keep transport money separate from general spending money so they can always afford to pay for a trip back to their hotel.
- Talk to them about alcohol and drugs and the risk factors so they make informed decisions at Schoolies.

Is it okay to buy alcohol for my teenager to take to Schoolies?

NO! Providing alcohol to underage children where there is no responsible supervision is not only dangerous, it is illegal. Penalties are high. If you get caught providing alcohol to your underage child for consumption in an unsupervised environment, you will face penalties of up to \$9424.

Adults must provide responsible supervision to minors when supplying alcohol for consumption in private places such as parties or at Schoolies.

Police can seize alcohol that has been recklessly provided to or has the potential to cause harm to minors. Police can also confiscate alcohol in cars and public places, and dispose of alcohol they reasonably suspect is destined for unsupervised consumption by minors. Police and Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation inspectors will be on the lookout for underage drinkers and adults supplying alcohol to minors during Schoolies. For more information, visit the [No minor offence](https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/liquor-gaming/liquor/awareness-campaigns) webpage at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/liquor-gaming/liquor/awareness-campaigns>. You can also read more about irresponsible supply and underage drinking on the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation's website at <http://www.qld.gov.au/families/education/pages/drug.html>.

What alcohol and drug issues should we talk about?

- Talk to your teenager about knowing their limits. Tell them it is OK to say no, and that they don't need alcohol to have a good time. If they choose to drink alcohol, discuss how to drink responsibly. Simple tips for you to share include limiting drinks, knowing when to stop drinking, having water between alcoholic drinks, eating something, and that it takes approximately one hour for the body to process one standard drink. All the myths about ways to sober up are just that; only time can make someone sober.
- If your teen is driving at Schoolies, make sure they're aware of drink driving laws and that they may still have alcohol in their system the next day.
- Drink-spiking can happen. Remind your teenager to keep their drink with them at all times, keep it covered in a crowded place and to not accept drinks from people they don't know or trust.
- If they think they've had their drink spiked, or think a friend has had their drink spiked, make sure they know to call Triple Zero (000) immediately.
- Underage drinking or possession of liquor in a public place could result in a fine of up to \$2945.
- If your teenager is underage and found in licensed premises, they could be fined up to \$2945.
- If your teenager is 18 and buys alcohol for their underage mates they could be fined up to \$9424.
- Combining alcohol and drugs, including prescription medication, is dangerous.
- Illicit drugs users can never be sure what they are getting. These types of drugs are extremely dangerous.
- In Queensland, 17-year-olds convicted of drug offences are tried through the adult court system - drug convictions can affect employment options and the ability to travel overseas.

10 Ways to Encourage Your Kids to Talk About Drugs With You.

1. Be an active part of their lives - Set aside time to spend with your kids. Take an interest in their activities and establish a routine for doing things with them. Spending time as a family is important, like eating together every day. When they go out, ask where they're going or who they'll be with.

2. Listen to your kids - Showing that you're prepared and willing to listen will help your kids feel more comfortable when talking with you. Try not to interrupt them or react in a way that will stop whatever you're discussing. Encourage them to feel comfortable about telling you their problems, and ask for their input on family decisions to show that you value their opinions.

3. Be a role model - When it comes to drugs, the saying 'do as I say, not as I do', does not apply. You can't expect your kids to take your advice if you take drugs yourself. It's important not to underestimate the influence your behaviour has on them, particularly when it comes to alcohol, smoking, or the misuse of medications.

4. Be honest with them - It's natural that you won't necessarily know everything about drugs. So while it's important to be informed, you shouldn't pretend to have answers to every question. Be prepared to say "I don't know, but I'll find out for you". If you're honest and clear about where you stand, your kids will find it easier to be honest with you.

5. Pick your moment - Make sure you pick the right time to talk about drugs with your kids, by taking advantage of natural opportunities to discuss the issue. This might be when you're all watching TV, or when they're talking about their friends and/or someone at school.

6. Be calm - When it comes to talking about drugs, being calm and rational is important. Do not overreact, ridicule or lecture, as this could make future discussions about drugs more difficult and make your kids more resistant to talking about the issue at all.

7. Avoid conflict - It's difficult to solve a problem when there's a conflict. Try to see your child's point of view while encouraging them to understand yours. If a confrontation does develop, stop the conversation and come back to it when everyone is calmer.

8. Keep talking - Once you've had a discussion about drugs it's important to talk about it again when the need arises. Start talking to your kids about drugs early, and be willing to talk to your kids about the issue at any time.

9. Set clear boundaries - Generally kids expect and appreciate some ground rules. By actively involving them in setting the rules you can encourage them to take more responsibility for sticking to them. Once you've decided on these rules, enforce them, and let your kids know the consequences of breaking them.

Discuss and agree to ways your kids will act if they find themselves in situations where drugs are present. For example, let them know that you'll always collect them from a party or friend's house if they need you to, whatever the hour. However, make it absolutely clear that you would rather they didn't put themselves in a situation where they are likely to be exposed to drugs in the first place.

10. Focus on positives - Recognise your kids' good behaviour and emphasise the things they do well. Encourage them to feel good about themselves and let them know that they deserve respect and should also respect themselves.

For more ideas on how you can comfortably talk to your kids about drugs, visit the [National Drugs Campaign](http://www.australia.gov.au/drugs) website at <http://www.australia.gov.au/drugs>.

Human Rights Month 2015

This month marks the beginning of Human Rights Month 2015, which runs from 10 November until International Human Rights Day on 10 December. This year's theme is 'fair and inclusive workplaces', and Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland has developed resources to promote awareness and discussion about a different theme for each week of the month. I encourage all staff to reflect on how they can prevent discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace, and how they can contribute to a workplace culture that is diverse and inclusive. Read more about Human Rights Month on the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland website at <http://www.adcq.qld.gov.au/resources/fair-and-inclusive-workplaces>.

Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans Competition Open To Year 9 And 10

I am pleased to support the Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans competition which acknowledges the service and sacrifice of over 60,000 Australian men and women in the Vietnam War, and which marks the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. This exciting research project encourages students to investigate the contribution of Australians in the Vietnam War by creating a reflective response on the importance of their service. The winners will have the opportunity to travel to Canberra to visit cultural institutions and attend a Vietnam Veterans Day commemorative service. Visit the website at <http://www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au/competitions/honouring-australian-vietnam-veterans> to find out how to apply.

Speak Out Against Violence Against Women On White Ribbon Day

Wednesday 25 November 2015 is White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon Day provides a key opportunity for all of us, and men in particular, to speak out against violence against women and to affirm it is never acceptable. I would encourage all our community members and local workplaces to raise awareness of this important issue on White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon has a range of information and merchandise available to assist workplaces in raising awareness of violence against women. Resources include ribbons, pins, and wrist bands for purchase as well as a number of other free downloadable fact sheets and event resources at the website <http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/?qclid=CMvTvYe5-MqCFUosvQodFDQAcw>.

Our local workplaces might consider raising awareness of White Ribbon Day by:

- hosting a lunch box session on domestic violence
- organising a morning tea in support of White Ribbon Day
- purchasing White Ribbon's resources
- any other events that increase awareness of the issue of violence against women.

As a department, we are committed to doing all that we can to increase awareness of this very serious issue. DET has recently developed a suite of resources for principals, managers, and staff that provide information on what domestic and family violence looks like, the forms it takes, the indicators of possible domestic and family violence, and the supports available for staff affected by this issue. An awareness raising PowerPoint presentation for principals to use with school-based staff and a similar PowerPoint for central and regional office staff have been developed to assist staff gain a better understanding of domestic and family violence. These would be a useful tool for all workplaces to use in the lead up to White Ribbon Day and can be found at

<https://oneportal.deta.qld.gov.au/about/PrioritiesandInitiatives/Pages/NotNowNotEver.aspx>

SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88

As we approach vacation time once again, parents and community are asked to remain vigilant regarding the unwelcomed presence of people in our school out of hours. Please ring School Watch any time and let them know and they will send a State Security vehicle to check out the situation.

From the Deputy Principals

Have a wonderful holiday and see you in the New Year!

I will be taking long service leave for the last three weeks of this term and want to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Mount Warren Park community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that 2015 is almost at a close already as the year seems to have flown by, but when we think of everything that went on in the school it certainly was a very busy year (and there is lots more to come) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to making this an exciting, educational and positive school year. Without your assistance our tuckshop, reading programs, support programs, excursions, camps, sport and classroom activities would not happen or would not be nearly as successful.

I would also like to pay special recognition to all of the teachers at Mount Warren Park State School who work so hard to provide the children of our school with the best possible learning experiences in a positive environment that is second to none. Our teachers play a major part in the lives of every student at this school and are always there to assist in the many extra-curricular activities our students engage in. Thank you to our supporting staff who also work tirelessly to ensure our school provides quality education for all students in a safe environment.

For those children who will be returning to Mount Warren Park in 2016 I know that these wonderful school experiences will continue throughout the coming years. These experiences will continue to develop a love of learning within the students of Mount Warren Park as well as give them all positive memories and confidence to be active members of our community.

For our graduating year six students and those who will be leaving our school next year, I would like to wish you all the very best for the years ahead. You have all helped make our school a wonderful place and we know our school will always hold a place in your hearts.

Transition Afternoon

Our Transition afternoon will take place on Monday the 7th of December. The majority of our current year 6 students will be out of the school having their high school orientation, so all other children in the school will be promoted to their 2016 classrooms in the afternoon session - any year six students still at school will be asked to assist the junior school children to move to their classrooms.

- At the conclusion of second break each child will return to their current classroom and be issued with a letter to take home explaining what class they will be going into in 2016.
- The children will be told what classrooms they will be going to in 2016 and then allowed to pack their bags for the day.
- At approximately 2:00 p.m. the children will be dismissed to their respective 2016 classrooms and teachers will move to their allocated class.
- All children will then stay with their 2016 teacher in their future classroom and be dismissed at the end of the day.

School Captains

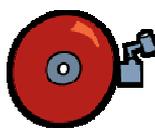
I am sure that those of you who were at parade on Monday to witness the speeches from our School Captain aspirants would agree that each candidate did a wonderful job and each would have made a worth school captain for 2016. However, the people have voted and we are pleased to announce that our school captains for 2016 are; Sarah Dobbyn and Harrison Russell and our school vice-captains are Naomi Jeudon and Rory Dominko.

Primary All Schools Touch



Congratulations to our girls touch teams who competed in the Primary All Schools Touch competition at Cleveland last weekend. The annual event comprised of schools from all over Queensland competing in pools on Saturday and in knock out finals on Sunday. Our senior girls team finished third in their pool and competed in the cup division on Sunday where they were unfortunately eliminated by

eventual winners, Algester State School. Our junior girls team competed in the Plate Draw on Sunday and had their best win of the weekend in this tough draw, winning 8 - 1 before being eliminated in the second round. Reports from the day heaped loads of praise on the attitude and effort of all of the girls involved and their coaches are very proud of their efforts.



Emergency Drill

Our school conducted an emergency Lockdown drill last week and we are glad to say that it was very successful. All processes were followed and although we hope that we will never have to really need one, it is pleasing to know that our children took the drill seriously and will be that little bit safer for the drill.

Year 6 Graduation and a Special Disco Invitation

This year seems to be flying by so quickly that it won't be long before we will be recognising our graduating Year 6 students on their journey to high school. We just want to remind parents that our Graduation Ceremony will be a daytime event this year. The ceremony will be held on Thursday 10 December beginning at 9:00am and concluding with coffee and cake with the children from 11 to 11:30am. Everybody is welcome.



As part of our graduation celebrations we will be holding a school disco this Friday with the year 6 students invited to a special "Year 6 Only" segment at the end of the night. We hope to see everyone there.

Reporting



Teachers are currently finalising assessment and completing the school reporting process for the end of the year. Report cards are scheduled to be sent home on Friday 4th of December. It is school policy that an interview should accompany the issuing of report cards so that a more accurate picture of your child's progress can be painted for you. The week of December 7 – 11 has been set aside for interviews – Please make these dates on your Calendar.

Sun safe Hats - a must!

Along with your child's lunch, water bottle and homework folder, a sun safe hat is a necessity for a school day. A cap is not allowed due to our sun safe hat policy. Please ensure that your child is organised and brings a named sun safe hat to school every day.

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.

BPoint 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. 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 (see above) 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).



Current Cash Collections

Prep to Year 2 - Swimming Carnival Wednesday 9 September. Students must arrive at school on time for roll marking. Prep students only, will depart school at 10am. Prep children will arrive back at school by bus at approximately 12 midday. Year 1 children will arrive back at school by 11am. Year 2 students will depart the pool at 1.00pm. Parents are reminded that children must be signed out at the school office if you wish to take them home after the carnival. *Children are expected to travel to and from the pool by bus.* Permission notes, nomination form attached and invoices have been sent home already. Full payment of \$10 per child must be paid by Wednesday 2 December.

Year 3 and 4 Swimming Lessons - The Learn To Swim Program for our Year 3's and 4's will commence on Monday 16 to Friday 27 November. The children go everyday for 10 days (10 lessons in two weeks). Full payment of \$80 is due TODAY. Notes and invoices have been sent home already.

Year 3 to 6 - Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 8 December. Students must arrive at school by 8:30am and go straight to class for the roll to be marked, before boarding the buses. Children will arrive back at school by 2:50pm. *Children are expected to travel to and from the pool by bus.* Permission notes, nomination form attached and invoices have been sent home already. Full payment of \$10 per child must be paid by Wednesday 2 December.

Year 5 - Emu Gully Camp has been cancelled. Specific refund forms have been sent home with all children who have made any amount of payment. These forms must be returned asap so refunds can be processed.

Year 6 - Dreamworld excursion on Thursday 26 November. Students must arrive at school by 8:15am and meet at the Tuckshop Covered Area. All students must wear full school uniform (sunsafe hat), and sunscreen and bring lunch money. Parents must collect their child from school at 5pm.

Christmas Colouring Competition \$2 per Entry

The Parent Support Group is holding their annual Christmas Colouring Competition for students in **Prep – Year 2**. This is a fundraising event for our school community to support those special projects and events initiated throughout the year. Notes have been sent home with all children in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. Please return the permission slip with \$2 to collect your entry. Completed entries must be handed in to the office by Wednesday 25 November. Winners will be announced on assembly on Monday 30 November. Thanks for your support.

Student Banking

The last day to claim rewards for Student Banking will be Tuesday 24 November. The final Student Banking Day for 2015 will be Tuesday 1 December.

From the Guidance Officer:

Helping Kids with the Ups and Downs of Friendships

It is not always easy for children to know how to manage friendships. Problems with friends can affect how children feel about themselves and their enthusiasm for activities that involve others. Parents and carers can help children learn the kinds of friendship skills they will need as they grow and develop.

Learning how to make and keep friends involves a number of skills. Children learn more and more complex social skills from those around them as they develop.

Home life has an effect on the development of social skills. A child who has an adoring little sister is likely to have more skills of leadership. A child who is the little sister may be more used to fitting in with what others want to do. These children are likely to react differently when they go to school and meet other children with different life experiences and different social skills.

Friendship skills for children include:

- **Cooperation** - how to share, how to take turns, how to work together towards a common goal
- **Communication** - using words to explain what you want and listening to others respectfully; paying attention to body language, e.g. making eye contact, smiling and being able to read others' nonverbal reactions
- **Understanding and managing feelings** - being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you; recognising and responding to others' feelings
- **Tolerance - Accepting and including others** - recognising others' needs for respect and friendship.

How Parents and Carers can help:

Be aware of feelings

Children need to learn that having angry feelings is normal and okay, but that reacting aggressively towards others when you're angry is not. Adults can help children become aware of feeling annoyed, frustrated, angry or furious by naming feelings. Learning to say, "I'm feeling angry" or "I'm really frustrated" gives children a way to separate feeling angry from how they react.

Time to talk

Talking to Dylan about what has put him in an angry mood will help him see that feelings have causes and that solutions can be found. Once you find out what he was angry about you can help him think up better ways to handle the problem. This kind of conversation doesn't work while he is really angry. Sometimes it must wait until later.

Children often find it easier to talk in informal situations where they feel less pressure. Find a relaxed time to talk to children about feelings. Asking, "What makes you angry?" can be a good way of starting a conversation about anger.

Find alternatives

Getting children to think through a difficult situation helps them develop problem solving skills. Asking, "Is that what you wanted to happen?" or "What else could you have tried?" encourages children's helpful thinking. Thinking of alternative solutions helps children plan different ways of reacting next time. Be sure to praise their efforts.

Have ways to calm down

When emotions are strong, it is easy to act without thinking. Encourage your child to take control and allow time for the emotions to subside by trying one of the following: practising breathing, walking away, using a quiet spot to think, riding a bike or listening to music, talking to the family pet.

Try a Problem Solving Approach

When problems arise in friendships it is important not to blame children but to show them how to find a solution. A problem solving approach is often helpful.

1. Encourage the child to describe what has happened
2. Ask about how they felt
3. Ask them how they think the other person might see it and how they might be feeling
4. Get them to think of ways they could do things differently next time (use the High 5)
5. Encourage them to try the new approach – get them to practice with you so they feel more confident
6. Check back with your child to see how things turned out

As parents our job is to help our children to develop skills that will, not only serve them well, but also skills that they can pass on to their children. **Adapted from:** www.kidsmatter.edu.au

PE News

SWIMMING CARNIVALS

Reminder to all that Mt Warren Park State School will be holding our annual Swimming Carnivals during the last week of this school year at the Bethania Pool. The Senior Carnival (Yr 3 to 6) will be on **Tuesday 8th December 2015** and the Junior Carnival (Prep-2) will be on **Wednesday 9th December 2015**. To assist with the preparation and organisation of the program we ask that all Permission / Event Nomination Forms are returned to your child's teacher by **Thursday 26th November 2015**.

Total payment of \$10.00 for the pool entry and the bus transport is due by Wednesday 2 December.

ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CARNIVAL MUST TRAVEL TO THE POOL BY THE BUSES PROVIDED.

Sports Awards To Be Presented On Parade

Now that our Major Sports Awards is part of our Graduation Ceremony at the end of the year, our interschool sports awards will now be presented in front of the whole school on parade. The Term 4 Gala Day Team Awards of Best and Fairest and Most Improved will be presented on parade on Monday 23 November. This will be for Softball, Basketball and Boys Touch football along with the Zone, District, South Coast and Queensland selection.

The Arts

Dance Groups Parade Performances

Mini Dance (Prep) – will perform on Monday 30 November.
Junior Dance Comets (Year 2 and 1/2A) – will perform on Thursday 10 December at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. Information notes have been sent home.

Arts Awards

The Arts Committee are pleased to announce a special Arts awards ceremony that will take place on Monday 30th November at Assembly. Students that have excelled in the Arts will be awarded and recognised for their outstanding achievements and efforts. We hope to see you there.

The iCentre

Book Returns

All student loans are due back to the iCentre **next Friday 27th November**. In their class lesson this week, students have been reminded about what they currently have on loan. It would be greatly appreciated if you could check with your child/ren and remind them to return their books. If the book is not returned, an invoice with the replacement cost of the book will be sent home to you. This is payable at the Cash Collection window. These invoices will be issued after we have completed our Library Stocktake. In cases where the book has been overdue for three months or more, an invoice will be sent home sooner.

Book Club

The final Book Club for 2015 (Issue 8) closes **next Friday 27 November**. Unfortunately, no orders will be accepted after this date as the items may not be able to be delivered before school closes if we extend it after this date. Thank you very much to all the families who have supported Book Club throughout the year. We have been able to purchase \$2660 worth of books for the iCentre because of your generous support and I have loved selecting books that I know the students will enjoy.

Dates To Remember

Friday 4 December	Report Cards sent home TODAY
Monday 7 December	Whole School Transition Afternoon High School Orientation Day (Year 7 2016)
Tuesday 8 December	Senior Swimming Carnival Year 3 – 6
Wednesday 9 Dec.	Junior Swimming Carnival Prep – Year 2
Thursday 10 December	Year 6 Graduation from 9am in Hall Passing Out / Final Parade from 1:45pm
Friday 11 December	Final School Day for 2015
Monday 14 December 2014 to Friday 22 January 2016 Christmas Vacation	
2016 Dates	
Monday 25 January 2016	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 26 January 2016	Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 January	School Commences for 2016
Thursday 24 March	Final Day of Term 1
Friday 25 March to Friday 8 April Easter Vacation (2 weeks)	
Monday 11 April 2016	Term 2 Commences
Friday 24 June 2016	Final Day of Term 2
Monday 27 June to Friday 8 July Winter Vacation (2 weeks)	

Next Meeting

The next P & C Meeting is our 2016 AGM and will be held on Wednesday 17 February from 6:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

School Disco

Our final school disco for 2015 will be held on Friday 20 November.
Prep to year 2 = 4:45pm to 6pm
Year 3 to Year 6 = 6:15pm to 7:45pm

P & C News

Year 6 students ONLY are permitted to stay until 9pm. All Year 3, 4 and 5 students must be collected from the hall at 7:45pm. Information notes with more details will be sent home soon.

Tuckshop News

Red Food Day - This day was very busy but overall a huge success. Thank you to Margie Green, Esther Latz, Stacey Exposito, Mrs Shearman and Jody for helping out on the day. Thanks also to Kiah for making cupcakes and to Jeanette and Casey for making all of the lolly bags.

Open Hours in Final School Week = The tuckshop will be open on Monday 7, Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 December **FOR OVER THE COUNTER PURCHASES ONLY.**

CLOSED ON THURSDAY 10 AND FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER.

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.

Breakfast Menu – NOT AVAILABLE AFTER 8:30am

Even though it is not printed on the 2015 Menu we do offer a small breakfast menu that can be purchased before school up until 8:30am. Please do not ask for Breakfast Menu items from 8:30am onwards as refusal often occurs.

Uniform Shop News

Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS only, we CANNOT accept cheques.

Normal Hours =

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8am – 9:00am.
Wednesday afternoons – 2:15pm – 3:15pm.

2016 EXTRA / HOLIDAY HOURS =

Monday 18 to Friday 22 January 9am – 12pm
(week before school starts)
Monday 25, Thursday 28 to Friday 29 January: 8am – 9:00am
and
Wednesday 27 January: 2:30pm - 4pm
Thursday 28 January: 2:30pm - 4pm
CLOSED: TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016
CLOSED: WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 8am – 9am
Normal hours apply from start of School Week 2, 2016.

Parade Performances

Our whole school parades on Monday are always an entertaining and informative occasion and everyone is welcome to attend. Below is the roster for class performances for this term:

WEEK	DATE	CLASS
8	23 November	1C
9	30 November	Mini Dance
10	7 December	No Parade

Student Council News

Xmas Fun

Candy Cane = Buy a Candy Cane for a friend or teacher for ONLY 50 CENTS. Candy Canes will be delivered on Friday 27 November.

Guess How Many Lollies = Guess how many lollies are in the jar for 50 cents. The winner will be announced on Friday 27 November.

You can participate in both or either of the above activities between Monday 16 to Thursday 26 November at **FIRST BREAK** at the **TUCKSHOP COVERED AREA.**

Thank you for participating in our events throughout the year. We have raised funds for various charities and school projects. Thanks again for your support.

Music News

We would like to congratulate all of the Strings and Band students that participated in the Music Showcase Concert on Wednesday night for a wonderful performance! Well done! Students in Year Two that have received an Expression of Interest Form for participation in the Strings program for 2016 are reminded to return these forms to the office or Music room as soon as possible. Students in Year Three that are interested in participating in the Band Program in 2016 are reminded to return their expression of interest forms to the office or Music room as soon as possible.