



Mount Warren Park State School Newsletter No. 20 Friday 02 December 2016

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From the Principal

FABULOUS YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT AT MT WARREN PARK SS

This year has been a very successful year at Mt Warren Park SS. Our students have swept the pool for academic achievements, artistic awards and sporting achievements throughout the district. We are looking forward to a spectacular year ahead in 2017. Students will receive their classes' notifications on Moving Up Day on Monday 5 December. This will be our last newsletter for 2016. Student reports will be available at the office if you weren't able to make it to parent-teacher interviews. I hope everyone has an enjoyable last week of school!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Mt Warren Park school community (parents, Students and staff) who have been an absolute joy to work with in my time here.

A special thank you to my Leadership Team, my teachers, my teachers' aides and my office staff. My sincere thanks and gratitude.



I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Our Year 6 students graduate next Thursday. Some of our students have been at Mt Warren Park State School since Prep and others have joined us along the way. They have been a brilliant group of students and the staff have watched them develop into fine young people. We wish them all the best of luck for

the future and are sure many will keep in contact with their Primary school during the years ahead.

MOVING UP DAY AND FIRST DAY IN 2017

Next Monday, students will be notified of their classes and teachers for 2017. We have finalised our classes with our best estimates and teachers for next year but there are times when this changes even up to the first day next year, due to Education Queensland requirements. We believe it is important that children do know their classes as this allows them to prepare for the start of school.

At this stage, we will have 28 classroom teachers. School begins on **Monday 23 January** and names of all class groups will be displayed on the Administration Block walls and your child's classroom. Please check the lists on the first day next year in case there have been any changes. Sometimes teachers are transferred in and out of schools over the holidays as emergencies do happen.

Staff will be here on Thursday and Friday of the week before school for Professional Development activities and the office will be open for enquiries and enrolments.

FAREWELL TO CHAPPIE LEANNE [Mrs Mac]

Chappie Leanne has informed us that she is taking up a new role next year. Chappie Leanne will be sorely missed. She's been a huge and important part of our school and our school communities' lives. She has been involved in many, many programs such as Fun Friends, Friends for Life, and Seasons for Growth, Gritt for boys and Sparkle for girls. She has also worked alongside the P&C and school staff in sports days, swimming carnivals, camps, excursions, and of course school based community events. We wish Chappie Leanne all the very best in the future.

Scripture Union will work closely with the school in the last week of term to find a new Chaplain for Mt Warren Park SS.



CASUAL AND TEMPORARY TEACHER AIDES

BEHIND EVERY
GOOD TEACHER



IS A GREAT
TEACHER AIDE

We sometimes need to replace our teacher aides because they are on leave and this can occur at any time during the year, for varying lengths of time. We would like to review our pool of relieving staff by advertising for temporary or relief teacher aides. Having experience and qualifications will assist with your application.

Expressions of Interest are called for persons interested in submitting an application for Teacher Aide work at Mt Warren Park State School for casual relief or temporary, short-term appointments throughout 2017. A role description is available from the school office or on the DETE website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/role-descriptions/schools/teacher-aide/tao03-teacher-aide-generic.pdf>

Applicants should submit their resume and a short letter of application addressing their suitability for this type of employment to the Business Services Manager, Mt Warren Park State School by 3.00pm Friday 3 February 2017. A Certificate III in Education Support is preferable.

SUN SAFETY AT HOME OVER THE HOLIDAYS

You know what to do. Do it. SUNSMART



For further information visit SunSmart.com.au or call 13 11 20



Being sun safe every day is important for all Queenslanders – whether you're at school, at play, at work or at home.

Around the home we carry out many activities that can expose us to the sun, for example, gardening, doing the washing, carrying out

odd jobs, swimming in the pool, playing with the children or simply relaxing.

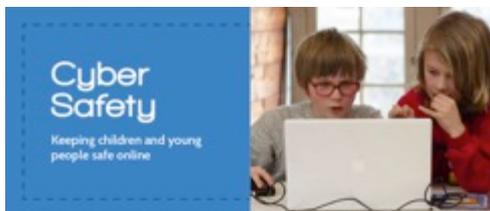
Here are some simple tips to make sure you can be sun safe around the home:

- Plan your activities to avoid the middle of the day - playing, working, doing jobs outside the house can all be rescheduled to be done early in the morning or later in the afternoon.
- Consider the activities of other countries that live by the 'siesta' rule and take time out in the middle of the day.
- Dress appropriately for the activity and consider clothes which will cover most of your skin. Clothes with a collar and long sleeve are best as are long pants or skirts. Consider clothes made from a close weave cotton to allow the skin to breathe.
- Choose a well-fitting broad brim hat which will protect the face and neck
- Don't forget to thickly apply SPF 30+ sunscreen to exposed skin, 20 minutes before going outside and re-apply every 2 hours.
- Slide on some sunglasses to protect your eyes. Choose well-fitting sunglasses which meet the Australian / New Zealand Standard AS1067 and preferably has an Eye Protection Factor (EPF) of 10.

FACEBOOK FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

It's the most popular social network in the world, and both kids and adults feel the pull towards signing up for their own profile. According to a 2011 Pew Internet Report, 80% of teenagers use social media—and within that group, 93% have a Facebook account. Technically, kids under 13 can't even use Facebook under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, but a 2011 Consumer Report study shows that nearly eight million children have accounts—and those are just the ones who have told their parents about it.





Parents who feel overwhelmed by the ever-changing role of social media aren't alone. Whether you want to ban it from your child or are ready to sign up

yourself, here are some points to consider.

Your young child may beg you for internet access and a Facebook account, but that might require you to compromise your ethics. Setting up an account for a child under 13 means that the child or adult must lie about age, "which is one of the cardinal rules we tell kids not to ever break when they're online."

The school would highly recommend that parents seriously consider whether Facebook is suitable for their child/ren. At Mt Warren Park SS we believe that students are still not well enough equipped to face the perils of social networking sites such as Facebook and chat rooms.

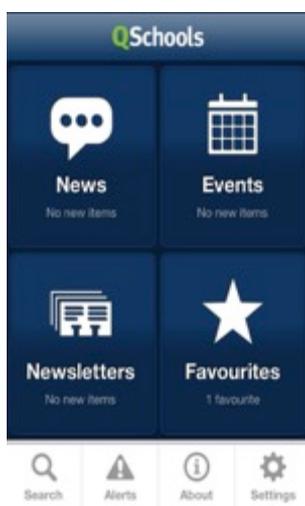
Q-SCHOOLS APP

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland state schools.

How do you download the Q-Schools app?

To download the app visit the application store for your device:

- [iPhone/iPad](#)
- [Android](#)
- [Windows phone](#)
- [Windows PC](#)



Features of the Q-Schools App

The app integrates with the department's preferred school website platform, allowing users to:

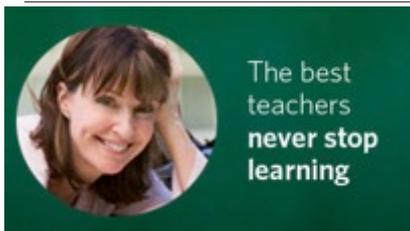
- find and favourite our school by searching for the school by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location
- receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from our school
- easily access our schools tuckshop and uniform shop information
- view information about our school including class times and contact details
- view social media feeds.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

Push notifications

QSchools push notifications are here! Push notifications will allow our school to push essential information directly to your device, including notifications of upcoming events and emergency alerts and important updates. To receive push notifications, download the QSchools mobile app or ensure the app is up to date if you already have it.

ANNUAL TEACHER PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR 2017



Next year the teachers will again develop their own Annual Teacher Performance Review process (ATPR) plans. Performance feedback is an essential element in any profession to drive professional engagement and ensure continuous

improvement. Performance reviews are designed to be collaborative and work to lift the standards of all teachers and school leaders. Under Action 1 of the Great teachers = Great results plan, we will develop a process to assist teachers, teacher aides, and our administration staff to enhance student learning through improved professional performance.

The performance review framework:

- aligns to the [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers \(http://www.teacherstandards.aitsl.edu.au/\)](http://www.teacherstandards.aitsl.edu.au/), clarifying what constitutes professional quality
- provides a common understanding of professional expectations
- helps teachers focus on continuous improvement, and,
- assists teachers with self-reflection and self-assessment.

From the Deputy Principals



Year 6 Farewell

The end of the year is zooming up on us! As you may be aware, we will hold a Year 6 Graduation to celebrate the transition of our students from primary school to high school. This year the ceremony will take place during school hours as it did last year.

The details are as follows:

Date: Thursday 8th December

Time: 9am – Approximately 11am

Venue: Mount Warren Park State School Auditorium

Dress: Full School Uniform

This year the ceremony will be held during the day as per last year. Doors will open at 8:45am for seating. The ceremony will officially start at 9am and consist of a multi-media review of the year, speeches and presentations. The ceremony concludes with the cutting of a graduation cake at approximately 11am. Parents of Year 6 students are invited to stay for tea and coffee after the ceremony. Thanks to Mount Warren Park P&C's generosity there will be no cost to parents.

The Year 6 end of year Class Parties will take place in middle session followed by the passing out parade from 1:45pm onwards in the hall at which the rest of the school farewell our Year 6 students.

There will be a special Year 6 Farewell Dance after school starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8pm. This event will be FREE of charge and strictly only for Year 6 students. Parents must drop off and collect from the hall. There will be food on sale during the night (soft drinks, chips, lollies, mini pies, sausage rolls).

2017 School Captains

Our school would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students who have been selected by the school to be our 2017 School and Vice Captains.

Bodhi Corino-Jones and Destiny Feldesi – School Captains

James Baker and Chloe O'Brien – School Vice Captains

Their first official engagement will be supporting our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 8th December at 9am where they will also receive their badges from our 2016 Captains. Well done to all of our School Captain Nominees and Candidates. Our next step in the Leadership process is selecting our House Captains, PBL Captains, Technology and Music Captains.

General School News

B-POINT IS OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT

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. Once you have logged in you will need the information from the school invoice to complete the BPOINT payment page.

Prep to Year 2 - Junior Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 7 December. Full payment of \$10 is due by Thursday 24 November. Information / permission notes and invoices will be sent home soon.

Year 3 to Year 6 - Senior Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 6 December. Full payment of \$10 is due by Thursday 24 November. Information / permission notes and invoices will be sent home soon.

Year 5 and 6 Camp for 2017 (Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 February) Tyalgum Ridge Retreat (Northern NSW). Information / permission notes have been sent home with invoices. Full payment of \$242 is due by Thursday 2 February 2017.

Parents can start making payments of any amount NOW!!!
REMEMBER YOU CAN KEEP MAKING PAYMENTS THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS VIA B-POINT.

Book List Requirements for 2017

Booklists were sent home with every child this week. For convenience you can place an order with The Lucky Charm Newsagency at Holmview.

Koala Joeys Playgroup

Since May this year, we have held the Koala Joey's Playgroup in the hall every Tuesday morning.

Koala Joeys is a fun and interactive way for children to improve their language skills and confidence through song, dance and story telling. It is also a great way to make new friends.

May I take this opportunity to thank the ever loyal parents who turn up every week and to the delightful children- you have made my year!

Our school hopes to run this program again next year. All children from 'bump to big school' are welcome. If you have or know any pre schoolers, please let the school know that you are interested.

Thank you Harlie, Liam, Fletcher, Shiloh, Matthew, Kiah, Madie, Himani, Evelyn, Ben, Aubrey and Slater. May I also thank our wonderful year 6 helpers- Destiny, Maycie and Taleah?

*Dear Staff, Students and
Families of Mt Warren Park State School*

I wanted to take a moment to let you know that I am leaving my position as School Chaplain at Mt Warren Park SS. I will be starting at a new school at Morayfield SS next year as a result of moving over that way to help look after my beautiful mum and dad due to the poor health of my dad. This is a huge decision for our family but we believe it is the right one.

I have loved being a part of this school community and after 9 years it is hard to say goodbye. I appreciate having had the opportunity to work with you. Thank you for the support, guidance, and encouragement you have provided me during my time and making me feel like part of the family.

Even though I will miss you all, I am looking forward to this new challenge and to starting at a new school.

Thanks again for everything.

*Yours truly,
Leanne McManus (Mrs Mac, Chappie)*

iCentre News

Return of Student Loans

Just a reminder that all student loans must be returned to the iCentre this week.

Any loans that remain outstanding by the final week of the term will result in an invoice being mailed home seeking the replacement cost of the book. This invoice is payable at the Cash Collection window.

On behalf of Mrs Sylvester and myself, thank you very much for your support throughout the year. Best Wishes for a relaxing and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Kind regards, Robyn Bowser, **Teacher-Librarian/ICT Co-ordinator**



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 6th December 2016** and the Junior Carnival (Prep-Year 2) will be on **Wednesday 7th December 2016**. 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 24th November 2016**. Parents are welcome to attend and must pay an admission cost of \$4 upon entry to the pool.

Total payment of \$10.00 for the pool entry and the bus transport was due last Thursday 24th November 2016.

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

House Captains for 2017

Congratulations to the following students:

- AYTON = Captains: Chase Winter & Cody Shephard
VICE: Cooper Hill & Manaia Clark
- DAVY = Captains: Nikeesha Bester & Corey Brady
Vice: Tyrell Blake & Dayshia Edmonds
- HANLON = Captains: Kaelyn Lane & Jaylan Corino Jones
Vice: Hayley Bidois & Bailey Ross
- MARKS = Captains: Daniel Te Raki & Mitchell Lawrence
Vice: Cody Acai & Hayley Cory-Jones

The Arts

Matilda Musical QPAC Excursion

Don't forget that the Matilda QPAC excursion is on this Sunday 04.12.16 for all those students that were involved in the Arts Workshop earlier this year. We will be meeting outside the main entry of the school no later than 11:20am and returning by 4:45pm. Don't forget to wear your full school uniform and bring your lunch and afternoon tea. I hope you're as excited as we are!

Music News

Instrumental Music Showcase Concert

Last week's instrumental music concert was a huge success and a brilliant end to the year! Well done to all the Strings and Band students who played their instruments so beautifully and put on a fantastic concert for all of us to enjoy. A big thank you to Mrs Dorney and Mr Hogerheyde who worked hard to get our musicians playing as beautifully as they did at the concert. We look forward to making even more music with you all next year!



Instrumental Music

As the Instrumental Music Program has now drawn to a close for 2016, just a reminder that all loan instruments are to be returned to either Ms Trifa or the office, along with any notes regarding the program for 2017. Lastly, may we take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts this year and wish our departing year 6's all the best as they complete their primary school education and move on to secondary schooling. All continuing students will restart in week 3 of term 1 next year and beginner students from week 2. Instrumental days for 2017 will be Strings on Wednesdays and Band on Thursdays. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in music,
Rosemary Dorney
Strings Teacher

Steve Hogerheyde
Band Teacher

Dates To Remember

Monday 5 December	Transition Afternoon from 2:15pm
Tuesday 6 December	Senior Swimming Carnival \$10
Wednesday 7 December	Junior Swimming Carnival \$10
Thursday 8 December	Year 6 Graduation Morning from 9am
	Year 6 Farewell Parade from 1:45pm
	Year 6 Farewell Dance from 6:30pm
	Class Party Day – RED FOOD DAY TUCKSHOP CLOSED TODAY
Friday 9 December	Final School Day for 2016 TUCKSHOP CLOSED TODAY
	Monday 12 December – Friday 20 January = Summer Holidays (6 weeks)
Monday 23 January 2017	SCHOOL COMMENCES FOR 2017
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Weds 15 to Fri 17 February	Year 5 and 6 SCHOOL CAMP \$242



**SCHOOL COMMENCES
MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017**

P & C News

P & C Meeting

The first P & C Meeting of 2017 will be on Wednesday 8 February 2017 in the staffroom from 5pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Obstacle-A-Thon

Thank you again to all who participated in this fundraiser. Prizes have been delivered to classes earlier this week. The winners of the Pizza Parties were 2B who raised \$759.90 and Prep A who raised \$579.51. Well done. These parties will be held this Friday 2 December at 12:30pm. Notes were sent home on Tuesday this week.

Homestyle Bake Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who placed an order last week. Orders arrived back today.

Tuckshop News

The Tuckshop will be **CLOSED** on **THURSDAY 8** and **FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER**. Please make sure you make alternate arrangements for your child with regards to lunches on these days.

Uniform Shop News

New Uniform Update – New Uniforms will be in stock from Monday 16 January 2017.

Open Hours - 8:00am to 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.

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.

Uniform Shop Hours

Normal Open Hours =

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

2017 =

Monday 16 to Friday 20 January 9am – 12pm
(week before school starts)

Monday 23 to Friday 27 January 8am – 9:00am **and**
Monday 23 and Wednesday 25 January – 2:30pm – 4pm

CLOSED: THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017

Normal Hours apply after first week of school year.

TUCKSHOP CLOSED
Thursday 8
&
Friday 9 December