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From the Principal

Information For Parents On Reporting In Queensland Schools



Reporting in Prep: The Prep year is recognised as the first year of schooling in Queensland. Prep is equivalent to the Foundation year (F) of the Australian Curriculum.

The following five-point scale is used to report student achievement in the Australian Curriculum English, Mathematics, Science and History:

- **Applying (AP)** The student applies a thorough understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student demonstrates a high level of skill that can be transferred to new situations.
- **Making Connections (MC)** The student makes connections using the curriculum content and demonstrates a clear understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a high level of skill in situations familiar to them and is beginning to transfer skills to new situations.
- **Working With (WW)** The student can work with the curriculum content and demonstrates understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student can apply skills in situations familiar to them.
- **Exploring (EX)** The student is exploring the curriculum content and demonstrates understanding of aspects of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a varying level of skill in situations familiar to them.
- **Becoming Aware (BA)** The student is becoming aware of the curriculum content and demonstrates a basic understanding of aspects of required concepts, facts and procedures. The student is beginning to apply skills in situations familiar to them.
- **N:** Insufficient evidence to make a judgment.
 Use of comments to report on student achievement in the early learning areas of: Social and personal learning; Health and physical learning; and Active learning processes (*Early Years Curriculum Guidelines*). Reporting on effort and behaviour using comments.

Reporting in Years 1 and 2: Continued use of the following five-point scale to report student achievement:



- **Very High** The student applies a thorough understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student demonstrates a high level of skill that can be transferred to new situations.
- **High** The student makes connections using the curriculum content and demonstrates a clear understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a high level of skill in situations familiar to them and is beginning to transfer skills to new situations.
- **Sound** The student can work with the curriculum content and demonstrates understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student can apply skills in situations familiar to them.
- **Developing** The student is exploring the curriculum content and demonstrates understanding of aspects of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a varying level of skills in situations familiar to them.
- **Support required** The student is becoming aware of the curriculum content and demonstrates a basic understanding of aspects of required concepts, facts and procedures. The student is beginning to apply skills in situations familiar to them.
- **N:** Insufficient evidence to make a judgment.
 Reporting on effort and behaviour using: Very high, High, Sound, Developing, Support required.

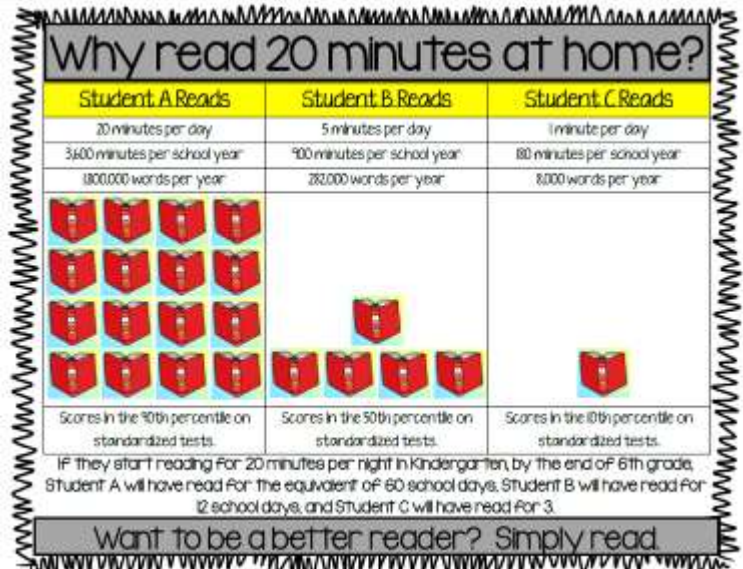
Reporting in Years 3–6: Using the following five-point scale to report student achievement:

- **A:** Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a very high level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts, and procedures), and application of skills
- **B:** Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a high level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts, and procedures), and application of skills.
- **C:** Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a sound level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts, and procedures), and application of skills.
- **D:** Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a limited level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts and procedures), and application of skills.
- **E:** Evidence in a student's work typically demonstrates a very limited level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts and procedures), and application of skills.
- **N:** Insufficient evidence to make a judgment.
 Report on effort and behaviour using: Excellent, Very good, Satisfactory, Needs attention, Unacceptable.

Improvement Priority – Reading

Reading is our most important improvement priority this year. I just want to share with parents the difference reading makes in the lives of our children. The following graphic shows the difference between 3 students: Student A, Student B and Student C.

You can see that reading for 20 minutes per day makes a HUGE difference to the life opportunities for our kids. So grab a book from the library (school or council library) and read with your children or have them read to you. 20 minutes a day will make the world of difference!! Where do you want your child/ren to be?



Great Reading Tips For Parents

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=korfVEOQB14>

It is only 5 and a half minutes long and models these key tips for parents to understand when reading with your child:

1. Sit side-by-side with your child.
2. Don't 'tell' the words.
3. Move beyond 'sound it out'.
4. Have your child re-read some passages for fluency.
5. Allow some mistakes to go uncorrected.
6. Allow the same book multiple times.
7. Keep reading to your child.

Reminder To Be Safe When Travelling On Or Near Buses

With another school term underway, we'd like to remind all students and parents to please be safe when travelling on or near buses.

A significant number of school students in Queensland travel on buses to attend school. All students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey, and their safety is our number one priority. Ensuring students safe travel on or near buses is a shared responsibility which brings together the efforts of students, their parents/carers, schools, bus drivers and bus operators. When travelling on or near a bus, there are some safety tips you should follow to ensure a safe journey — <http://translink.com.au/sites/default/files/assets/resources/travel-information/school-travel/safety-tips-for-students.pdf>.

A Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses is also available to provide students and parents/carers with information about how to travel safely on buses. To view the code and more information, visit <http://translink.com.au/travel-with-us/school-travel/getting-to-and-from-school>.

2017 School Calendar Now Available

The 2017 school calendar can be downloaded at: http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/pdf/2017-school-calendar.pdf

Qschools App

Make sure you register for the 'push notifications' to get new flashes of important information via the QSchools App.

- Go to Settings
- Choose the school.
- Tick 'School Emergency Alerts' and 'School Announcements'

You will then get all our school announcements as a notification on your phone or iPad. You will also have access to all our newsletters and other important information.

QSchools dashboard

QSchools favourites	Notification subscriptions	
As of today	Critical	Information
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users have added your school to their QSchools favourites	users have subscribed to receive push notifications from your school	

From the Deputy Principals

Peer Support Sessions Week 4 & 5

Week 4 Focus - Respect

Through various activities the children will be identifying what it means to have respect and discuss ways they can demonstrate respect for others. By completing a maze comprising of scenarios, the children will need to select the correct way to respond to a situation, progressing through the maze and reaching the "Certificate of Respect".

Encourage your child to discuss with you different people the respect and why. It is important to remind them that although we may not always agree or get along with people, we still need to respect them.

Week 5 Focus - Rights

In this week's Peer Support Session the children will be looking at rights, how we as individuals have rights and so do other people. Activities will also remind the children that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

Discuss with your child a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

School Leadership 2017 Process



The first step in our 2017 School Leadership Accreditation is now well underway. Students wanting to apply for the position of a Senior Leader need to complete the Senior Card and then hand it into the office by Monday 31st October. Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded a Senior Badge and expected to

fulfil certain responsibilities in the school community from the time of receiving the badge. These students will then be eligible to nominate for School Leadership positions such as School Captain. The timeline for the School Captaincy Process will commence once students have received their Senior Badge. Students will be given a nomination form if they choose to go in the running for a School Captain position. These nomination forms are then due back to the office by Tuesday 1st November. Interviews will then be held on Thursday 3rd November with a selected panel comprising of the Deputy Principal, Staff member and P&C member. Once students hand in their nomination form, it is suggested that they start preparing for their interview as soon as possible, collecting academic and extra-curricular reports/awards and preparing possible answers etc. The announcement of

the School Captain candidates will be announced on Parade on Monday 7th November and then their week of campaigning in the school community will be begin (8th November – 17th November). Candidates will make speeches to the school community before a student and staff voting process on Thursday 17th November. The announcement of our chosen School Captains for 2017 will be held on parade on Monday 21st November.

Senior Badge Presentations

The first group of students to be presented with their Senior Badges will be notified by their classroom teachers this week and the presentation will take place during assembly next Monday 24 October.

Year 4 Excursion to the Browns Plains Landfill Site / Recycle Tip

Last week our Year 4 students participated in an education session at the Logan City Recycle Tip. The children took a bus tour of the facility and visit the recycling markets based on site. It was a great opportunity for students to gain an insight into waste management and recycling procedures.



Year 5 & 6 Gala Sport Days

This Friday will be our third out of 5 gala sports days. The children are enjoying their sport and we, as a school, overall have been really quite successful. Below is a photo of the Boy's Basketball Team in action. Good luck to all teams for their upcoming games.



From the Curriculum Team

From the MWPSS Curriculum Team

The MWPSS Curriculum Team have been working closely with our teachers to ensure that reading is a priority in our school. Whilst there are a range of approaches teachers implement to engage students, there are also many ways the home environment can support reading improvement.



Curriculum Team: Julie, Amanda and Julia

Once upon a time.....reading in the early years

Tips for reading and storytelling

- Read to your children every day, even for a few minutes – bedtime is a good time;
- Take your children to the library for borrowing;
- Find picture books that don't have words and make them up;
- Be guided by your child's interests;
- Try out a range of different books and stories;
- When your child reads out words on signs or food packets, tell them you are proud of their reading.

What to read

Young children often enjoy books and stories that have good rhyme, rhythm and repetition. You can also vary the things you read.

- Stories with happy endings;
- Stories that explore the unhappy and angry feelings as well as good feelings is important;

- Children enjoy a bit of trickery, humour, jumbled words and people getting into trouble – as long as they can see through it;
- Children relate best to stories about things they know, such as character their own age;
- Magazines, instruction manuals and TV guided can all be interesting and engaging for young children.

(Excerpt taken from 'Once upon a time – why reading is important, DET, 2015)

As published in the last newsletter, all staff members – including Teacher Aides, Specialist teachers and Support staff are engaged in a back-to-basics professional learning approach directly related to **how to teach reading**. Amanda, Julia and Julie are leading this learning through coaching sessions, teacher workshops (weekly) and through Education Queensland's endorsed professional learning resources. We are also keen to engage our parents – please read the details below to find out how you can be involved. Julia will be present at the next P&C Meeting where she looks forward to meeting you!

Parent Feedback Request

We need your help! We have developed a simple survey to help us know what you **need from us**. Titled 'Reading at MWPSS – what do our parents think?', We invite you to take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey.

Your participation will assist us in capturing your perspectives so that we can ensure that our teaching and learning meets the needs of our MWPSS parent community as well as that of our students.

Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y9NZ9RG> - the survey is now open and ready for your input. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the office. Thank you in advance for your contribution towards improving the learning outcomes for all students at MWPSS!

If you have any feedback for us or would like to ask a question, we welcome your contact:

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Julia Bailey: jbail154@eg.edu.au

From the MWPSS Curriculum Team

General School News



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).



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 3 - Bravehearts will visit our school on Monday 14 November. Information notes / invoices have been sent earlier this week. Full payment of \$5 must be paid by Thursday 10 November. Late payments cannot be accepted as each paying child receives a Ditto Show Bag and these **MUST** be ordered prior to the show.

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 2 - Historical Village on Wednesday 16 (2B & 2D) and Thursday 17 (2A & 2C) November. Information / permission notes and invoices have been sent home earlier this week. Full payment of \$6 is due on Thursday 10 November.

Year 3 & 4 Learn To Swim Program - Monday 14 to Friday 25 November. Full payment of \$80 is due by Thursday 3 November.

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 & 6 Gala Day Sports - Invoices and information notes will be sent home soon for children participating in Softball, Basketball and Boys Touch Football (\$40) as well as Ten Pin Bowling (\$48). Full payment for all sports should have been paid by Thursday 6 October.

Year 6 - Dreamworld excursion on Thursday 24 November. Information / permission notes and invoices will be sent home early next week. Full payment of \$40 is due by Thursday 10 November 2016.

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!!!

WANTED

We are hoping to start a veggie patch at school. We're after any donations of items such as colourful gumboots (to be used as pots), spades, buckets, hose, hose attachments, vegetable seeds, mulch, potting mix. All donations can be dropped in to the office at anytime. Thanks.

Flora and Fauna at MWPSS

Some of the students have become very interested in the newly hatched Bush Stone Curlews that have made MWPSS their home. With the mum sitting on nest during Term 3, she used the school holidays to secretly hatch her egg...the baby has grown very quickly but still has its cute baby looks. We would love to raise the profile of the range of beautiful birds and native animals that call MWPSS their home, so we are running a competition to name the baby Bush Stone Curlew.

We are also very pleased to announce that the winning name will win a **FAMILY PASS to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary!! This is a great prize for learners who love nature, native animals and the idea of protecting our wonderful species.** All you need to do is come up with a name that would suit our baby Bush Stone Curlew. We are looking for the most creative and the most suitable given our beautiful natural surroundings here at MWPSS.

We already have some entries but we'd like them to keep coming. The lucky winner (and the chosen name) will be announced on Parade on Monday 31st October. **Entries close Friday 28th October.**



KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM

FROM BUMP TO BIG SCHOOL

Koala Joeys is a program that is run by Ms Julie Hughes at our school every Tuesday from 9:15am (for 45 minutes) followed by morning tea, at the school hall. It is a specifically created program for young children and their parents/carers. The program focuses on using nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories to engage young children. Koala Joeys is designed for young children up to the age they enter school. It is a free, fun and interactive program. Please bring a cushion to sit on and a snack for you and your child. If you are interested in coming along to Koala Joeys, please see the ladies in the office for a Registration Form. Looking forward to seeing you there. I can't wait!

PE News

Gala Day Term 4

The Mt Warren Gala Day Sporting teams have so far experienced success in the Beenleigh Zone Gala Day Competition, over the past two weeks all our teams have had many wins and great improvement with individual skills and team play. Each and every team has not only achieved success with wins, but the sportsmanship displayed has been outstanding. I have received feedback from our team coaches, as well as opposition schools praising the behaviour and sportsmanship of the Mt Warren teams. Our whole school community should be very proud of these students in the way they represent our school. Family and friends are most welcome to come and support our school teams in the next 3 weeks. Games will begin at 11.00am and conclude at approximately 2.15pm. Please ensure students wear full school uniform and suitable footwear for their sport. Students are reminded to bring a sun safe hat, water bottle, sunscreen and all safety equipment suitable for their sport. Students are also reminded to wear no jewellery or fingernail polish.

Venues for 21st, 28th October and 4th November

- Softball – Bill Norris Oval – Cnr Boundary Rd and Logan St Beenleigh.
- Touch Football – Hammel Park Rugby League Fields Hammel St, Beenleigh

- Girls Basketball – Cornubia Sports Centre – 146 Bryants Rd Cornubia
- Boys Basketball - Mt Warren Sports Centre – 2 Milne St, Mt Warren Park

Year 3 And 4 Swimming Program

The Year 3 and 4 swimming program will commence on Monday 14 November 2016 and conclude on Friday 25 November 2016. The program will run for one 45 minute lesson each day over a total of two weeks. The total cost of the program will be \$80.00. This cost covers bus travel and pool admission and a qualified instructor for forty-five minutes over 10 lessons.

Full payment is due 3rd November but you can start making payments now. Paying if off in instalments is recommended and encouraged.

Swimming Carnival

Mt Warren Park State School will again be holding the annual school swimming carnival during the last week of this school year at the Bethania Pool. The **Senior Carnival (Year 3 to 6)** will be held on Tuesday 6th December and the **Junior Carnival (Prep – Year 2)** will be on Wednesday 7th December. More information regarding the carnivals will be out in the week beginning 24th October. Please look out for these notes.

Dates To Remember

Thursday 27 October	P & C Obstacle-A-Thon Fundraiser
Friday 28 October	Year 5/6 Gala Day 4
Monday 31 October	Senior Cards DUE TODAY
Thursday 3 November	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Payment Due \$80
	Prep – Year 3 Bravehearts \$5 due today
Friday 4 November	Year 5/6 Gala Day 5
Thursday 10 November	Year 6 Dreamworld payment due \$40
	Year 2 Historical Village \$6 due today
Monday 14 November	Arts Awards Assembly 1:45pm
	Prep to Year 3 Bravehearts \$5
	Year 3 / 4 Learn To Swim STARTS
Wednesday 16 November	Year 2 Historical Village Excursion \$6
Thursday 17 November	Year 2 Historical Village Excursion \$6
Monday 21 November	Dance Spectacular from 5pm
Wednesday 23 November	Instrumental Music Concert form 5pm
Thursday 24 November	Year 6 Dreamworld \$40
	Swimming Carnival \$10 due today
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
	Year 6 Farewell Parade from 1:45pm
	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

The Arts

Dance Spectacular – FREE CONCERT

This event is scheduled for Monday 21 November from 5pm in the hall. Notes will be sent home to all performers very soon. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Obstacle-A-Thon Thursday 27 October

Music News

Instrumental Music Concert

This event will be held on Wednesday 23 November in the hall from 5pm. Information notes will be sent home to all children involved very soon. Everyone is welcome to come along to this FREE concert.

Year 3 – Expression of Interest Forms

Students in Year 3 were given an Expression of Interest Form for their parents to complete if they would like to know more about learning a musical instrument next year. Please complete and return these forms asap so the next step in the process can commence.

P & C News

Meeting

The next P & C Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9 November at 5:30pm in the staffroom. **PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME**

Obstacle-A-Thon Time Table for Thursday 27 October 2016

TIME	CLASSES	Time Allocated To Complete The Course
9:00am	P1/D & 1D	
9:30am	PA/PB	Prep and Year 1 students = 12 minutes Year 2 and 3 students = 15 minutes Year 4, 5 and 6 students = 20 minutes
10:00am	PC/PE	
10:30am	1A/1B	
11:30am	Year 2's	
12:00pm	Year 3's	
12:30pm	Year 4's	
1:45pm	Year 5's & 6's	

Tuckshop News

- Check out our new items:
- Bacon & Egg Roll \$3.50
- Cruizer Pie \$3.50
- Bacon & Cheese Sausage Roll \$3.50
- Gluten Free Sausage Roll \$4.00
- Moo Milk 200ml (Choc & Strawberry) \$
- Waterford's Mineral Water 500ml \$
Lemon, Lime & Orange or Orange & Mango
- Glee (Blackcurrant, Berry or Bubble Grape) \$
- Monster Rice Sticks \$1.00

New Daily Specials ALL \$6

Magic Monday = Nachos & Small Juice
Tasty Tuesday = Homemade Macaroni Cheese, Apple Slinky & Small Water.
Wonderful Wednesday = Chirpy Chicken & Coleslaw Wrap & Large Juice.
Thrilling Thursday = Homemade Pasta Bolognese & Moo Flavoured Milk 200ml
Fabulous Friday = Hot Beef & Gravy Roll OR Bacon & Cheese Sausage Roll with a Small Juice.

New menus were sent home this week. Please make sure you have a current menu. The most current menu is dated Term 1 2017 and is available on our website as well as from the Tuckshop and Office.

Uniform Shop News

New Uniform Update - As soon as the new stock arrives we will send home new Price Lists.

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.

OBSTACLE-A-THON - Thursday 27 October 2016

The P & C will be holding an Obstacle-A-thon on Thursday 27 October. Sponsorship Forms were sent home with every child this week. There are some really great prizes. The individual child who raises the most money will win a 2gig MP3 player, the class that raises the most money will win a Class Party and everyone who raises \$10 or more will automatically go in the draw to win a Family (2 adults and 2 children) Holiday to Seaworld Resort for 5 nights with \$1000 spending money.

All sponsorship forms and money are due back at school by Monday 24 October.