



Mount Warren Park State School

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From the Principal

Responsible Behaviour Plan Review

The staff have spent the last few weeks reviewing the Responsible Behaviour Plan and it's now time to discuss it with parents. At the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 13 April (first week back), I will be discussing the plan review and seeking feedback.

In the past week or so, I've had many discussions with interested and supportive parents who have given feedback on the current behaviour system. For example, parents in year 1 have told me that the token system and the Social-Emotional Report Card is confusing and does not match the Level of Behaviour with the amount of tokens a child has received.

The table below outlines the proposals that came out of the review to make a firmer, fairer and more educationally supportive schoolwide response to behaviour issues in our school. I'd like to thank the staff who volunteered their time to take part in this review, and I encourage any parent wanting to give us feedback on the new plan to come along to the P&C meeting in Wednesday of week 1 at 6.30pm in the staff room.

Current Situation & Proposal	Description	Staff Votes
Current Situation	Class Teachers teach the rule of the week to their class.	15%
Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Support Program - Years 1-6 participate in the Peer Support Program which is designed for Peer Leaders to reciprocally teach small groups of younger students about positive social and emotional behaviours. Topics are delivered on a term basis, and include issues such as: Bullying, Resilience, Relationships, Optimism, Taking Opportunities and Harmony and Values. Peer Support Groups are composed of vertically arranged groups of students, to increase interaction and communication between year levels and allow Student Leaders to lead by example. The TALKABOUT Program will be used in Prep. It was developed by Alex Kelly, a speech and language therapist, with 30 years' experience of working with people who have difficulties with their social skills, self-esteem and their relationships. The TALKABOUT program is a practical resource to develop social skills for children. The program helps schools develop students' social skills in an effective and measurable way. TALKABOUT helps us to set social skills targets and measure and report on progress in a positive way to parents. 	85%
Current Situation	A PBL Token system is in place throughout the school. Children are given a token both in class and in the playground for appropriate behaviour. The tokens are added up and converted to 'Hero Dollars'. These can be spent at the Reward Shop at breaks.	23%

Proposal	PBL Tickets slips are given to students. They write their name and class on it. One half of the Ticket is placed in the box in Administration, and the child takes the second half home to parents to inform them of their child's positive behaviour/s that day. The Tickets go into boxes for Prep to Year 2, and Year 3 to Year 6 in the office. Two Tickets are drawn out of each box on Parade every week. Those children receive a prize and recognition from the rest of the school. Specialist Teachers also have a box that the Tickets are placed into and 2 are drawn out each week on Parade as well.	77%
Current Situation	Certificates are awarded for the number of tokens given out, not specific behaviours.	0%
Proposal	Class Based Parade Awards - Each week, class teachers select two students from their class for an award at Parade. Awards are presented for positive LEARNING behaviours, and for positive SOCIAL behaviours. These awards are recorded as a positive behaviour for the student in OneSchool by the class teacher. These behaviours are aligned to the schools improvement agenda.	100%
Current Situation	No school pledge.	4%
Proposal	Class rules and expectations are aligned to the Mt Warren Park State School Pledge that is said on parade each week: "We are striving to succeed: We are Learners, We are Safe, and We are Respectful."	96%
Current Situation	Teachers manage their students time out and play break consequences themselves, meaning that often times teachers have no break at all during the day to contact parents, do marking or planning.	0%
Proposal	Responsible Thinking Room - The RTR is a classroom staffed during the play breaks to supervise students who have lost their play break time as a consequence of behaviour. Students are placed in the RTR by the Principal, the DPs or their delegate. Students are given the allocated eating time and attend the RTR during their play break. Parents may be notified, either by letter or phone call as appropriate to the situation and this contact is recorded in OneSchool. The 'Have a Go' Club will also use the TALKABOUT Program so that students are learning behaviour and social skills in a fun, interactive and engaging way. 'Have a Go' will now be called TALKABOUT.	100%



Inappropriate Behaviour of Community Members At School

Unfortunately, in the past couple of weeks we have had incidents of parents being verbally and physically abusive towards others within our school.

As the Principal of Mt Warren Park (under the Education Act 2006), I can report these incidents to the Police and restrict a person's access to the school for 24 hours, 30 days, or 60 days, more than 60 days and up to 12 months in some circumstances. I can also issue a 30 day 'good behaviour' direction. This means that a hostile person must report to the administration and be escorted anywhere else in the school grounds. All of these procedures are to make sure that our children, our parents and our staff are safe from being verbally or physically abused. Dealing with wilful disturbance is when a person:

- wilfully disturbs the good order or management of a state educational institution, or
- insults an officer of a state educational institution in the presence or hearing of a student of the institution who is in or about the school premises, or assembled with others for educational purposes at, or in, any place.

On Parade this week I also spoke with the students about swearing at adults or staff at school. This is not appropriate and parents will be notified and students will be suspended. I asked the students to put up their hands if they are allowed to swear at home with Mum, Dad and other family members. Needless to say, no student put their hand up. We discussed that our parents would not allow this language at home, and that we don't allow it here at school either.

Get Microsoft Office 2016 Free!!!!

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Mt Warren Park? All you need is your child's school email address to sign in. To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more. You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

- For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers. If you have any trouble, contact our school office.

Staff Changes for Term 2

There are a couple of staff changes for the next term:

- Mr Michael Burkin has taken a position of DP at Pacific Pines SS. Mr Burkin has been at Mt Warren for a very long time and is keen to broaden his career experiences. At this stage, it is for one term with the possibility of extension. We will miss Mr Burkin's magic tricks that have all the students enthralled. He really is very good!! But we will still have the Burkie Burger that was named after him in the tuckshop, so we can all buy a Burkie Burger and think of him while munching on Monie's tasty burgers. We wish him every success!
- Ms Melissa Bailey is taking another 6 weeks leave. We look forward to seeing her return in Week 7 of next term.
- Ms Tanya Colley has been offered and accepted a position as a Teacher of the Deaf at Ormeau State High School (not Miami SHS like I mistakenly said on Parade – Sorry about that!!). Ms Colley has wanted to work in a High School for a very long time and this opportunity may not come up again, so she has accepted the position. We will miss her smiling face and her expertise and caring for our students here, and wish her every success in her new position.
- Mr Tony Floyd has taken a transfer to another school. We are truly sorry to see him leave us as our grounds are so well cared for and he's always willing to help. We wish him lots of happiness at his new school.

From the Deputy Principals

Have a Great Holiday Break

Term One has proven to be a very busy one and it isn't any wonder that term one seems to have flown by and the Easter break is now upon us. We would like to thank everyone for supporting the wonderful things that have been happening in our school this term and would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Easter – we're sure we will all have enough chocolate to last us well into winter!!

From Mr Burkin



It is with a lot of sadness that I have to announce that from the beginning of term two, I will be taking another Deputy Principal position at Pacific Pines State School. The position is not permanent but may become so in the future. I have been at Mount Warren Park State School for almost 11 years now and feel fortunate to have spent such a time engaging with the wonderful staff, students and parents of our great community. I will carry many wonderful memories of my time here forever

but am also looking forward to new challenges and experiences at a new school.

NAPLAN

Our year 3 and 5 students have been practicing hard for the NAPLAN tests that will be held on Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 May. These tests are an important component of National Data gathering and all children in years 3 and 5 at Mount Warren Park State School will be required to complete these tests. There is, however, scope for some children to be withdrawn from the testing, be exempt or to complete the tests under special consideration conditions. If you wish to withdraw your child from the testing procedures, feel that your child should be exempt from the tests or wish for them to complete the tests under special circumstances please let your child's teacher know of this, as letters advising of children eligible for withdrawal, special consideration or exemption will be sent home in term 2. If you receive a letter please complete it and return it to your child's teachers as soon as possible.

Easter Bonnet Parade (Prep-Year 1) 24 March

Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade will be held again this year to coincide with the Easter break. Please urge your children to start thinking about their bonnets. Children are encouraged to prepare their bonnets at home, but we are sure classroom teachers can assist if children require help. All students participating will receive an Easter Egg. (Note: This is a designated RED food day so the giving and receiving of Easter treats is quite acceptable on this day!) Each class will be judged on the following categories with additional prizes awarded to the winners:

Most Decorative
Most Original

Most Meaningful
Most Colourful

The event is expected to take place from 9:30am to 10:50am. Judges will be invited from the broader community. Parents are most welcome to attend. This is always a delightful event and should be a lovely culminating activity for the Term. We do hope you can come along.

Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to all of the students who participated in our Annual Easter Colouring in Competition. We received many very colourful entries so it was a very close competition. Congratulations to the following students:

Prep = Winner: Haylee Blunden, Runner Up: Eliza Davidson, Encouragement: Aaryn Purnell and Jayden Wallace. Year 1 = Winner: Skye O'Brien, Runner Up: Zara Bennett, Encouragement: Georgia Willett. Year 2 = Winner: Chloe Exposito, Runner Up: Billie-Carol Griffiths, Encouragement: Talia Reynolds.



Please NAME ALL belongings!

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named to prevent loss. Items can be easily misplaced during a busy school day, and naming items assists a swift return to their rightful owner. Name school bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, homework folders and any other items that may travel with your child to school each day.



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 (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).



Year 5 = Brisbane Planetarium excursion on Friday 20 May. Full payment of \$17 is due by Thursday 12 May. Information notes and invoices have been sent home, spares are available from the office.

School Banking

Our school banking day is Tuesday. If you would like your child to participate all you have to do is open them an account at the Commonwealth Bank and then drop the completed deposit book with money in to the office every Tuesday morning for processing. A parent volunteer processes our Student Banking every Tuesday here at school. Deposit books are then returned via the classroom teacher. If you are interested in learning the process to help out on occasion please leave your name and contact details at the school office. Thanks

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service

As is our custom, the school will host a special whole school assembly to commemorate this special occasion on Friday 22 April at 9:00am in the auditorium. We will recognise the sacrifice and suffering of all who have served Australia and New Zealand in conflicts and operations overseas. The ceremony is an important event on our school calendar and you are most welcome to attend. For this solemn occasion we request that no-one claps throughout the ceremony.

ANZAC Day March - Beenleigh

The school will be marching in the Beenleigh parade on Monday 25th April with the march starting at 10.00am we will be meeting on the corner of York and Kokoda Streets, Beenleigh. The march will finish at the memorial on Crete Street. Students who are participating will need to wear full summer uniform, sun safe hat and, as we will be standing for some time in the heat please make sure that they bring a bottle of water. Students involved in Senior Choir will be meeting Ms Triffa at the memorial at 10am. We ask that no Senior Choir members be involved in the march due to the large number of people that will be at the memorial. Senior Choir members are to be picked up after the conclusion of the service.

School Watch

It is a sad fact that over the holidays schools tend to be targeted for break in attempts and vandalism. Please remind your children that our grounds are not to be used outside of school times without permission from the school and that regular security patrols take place in order to keep our school property protected. If you see anything suspicious please call the school watch number 131788 and if you have any information that could lead to the individuals responsible for these actions being held accountable please contact the school directly.



PE News

GALA DAY –The Beenleigh Zone Interschool Sport Competition will continue first Friday back after the holidays- Friday 15th April Good luck to all teams.

Family and friends are most welcome to come and support our school teams.

Games will begin at 11.00am and conclude at approximately 2.15pm.

Venues for 15th April

- League - Bill Norris Oval – Cnr Boundary Rd and Logan St Beenleigh.
- Touch Football – Hammel Park Rugby League Fields Hammel St, Beenleigh
- Soccer – Opperman Park Federation Drive Bethania
- Netball – Cornubia Netball Courts - Bryants Rd Cornubia (In behind Cornubia All Sports)

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- Soccer – Calvary Christian College, Beenleigh Redland Bay Rd Carbrook.
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Students competing in our school teams in the Gala Day competition are reminded of the following:

- Bring the appropriate safety equipment for their sport e.g. boots, shin pads, mouth guards, head gear, shoulder pads etc.
- Full school uniform, a sun safe hat, sunscreen and a water bottle are essential.
- No jewellery is to be worn or taken by students to any sport.
- Netball players, please ensure nails are trimmed.
- For the protection and safety of the device, all electronic devices such as iPods and iPads are to be left at home or at school.
- Students travelling by bus to their sporting venue will be unable to order food via the usual bag ordering system at the tuckshop. Drinks and small food items may be purchased over the counter prior to the bus leaving.

Mt Warren Park State School Cross Country and Fun Run

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Mt Warren Park State School Cross Country and Fun Run. The number of students from Prep to Year 6 who displayed a high level of fitness was fantastic. A big thank you must go to all staff members who worked hard to have the day run smoothly. Thanks must also go to the many parents and family members who came and supported the students.

Final results:

1st AYTON 2nd DAVY 3rd HANLON 4th MARKS

Beenleigh Zone Cross Country

Congratulations must also go to the following students who will now compete as part of the Mt Warren Park State School Cross Country team at the Beenleigh Zone Cross Country Carnival on the **Thursday 21st April at Rivermount College**. These students have been training extremely hard each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and will continue to train up until the carnival in preparation for this competition. Mt Warren Park wishes these students all the very best of luck.

Chloe O'Brien	Cameron Greaves	Jimmy Baker
Ella Wuiske	Matthew Baxter	Mitchell Lawrence
Harmoni Johnston	Bailey Downs	Ruben Toki
Kiara Diskett	Kaelyn Lane	Chace Winter
Karla Carpenter-Ross	Ayla Williams	Bailey Ross
Cody Acai	Destiny Feldesi	Gemeni Lynch
Mitchell Porter	Paige Meijboom	Alicia Hale
Cooper Hill	Naomi Jeudon	Katana Peaufa
Taylah Perry	Brandan Haddin	Edward Dunsford
Angel Edwards	Rory Dominko	Eva Gilmer
Jaxon Denny	Meika Flynn	Naomi Pitkin
Hayden Lynch	Koopah Glancy	Alex Buchanan
Bailey Johnson	Donte Sharp-Hoyt	Kane Abbey

Music News

Mt Warren Park State School Guitar Lessons - The half hour group guitar lessons are held on Mondays, starting at 3:00pm in the Music Room. The cost is \$15 per student. For bookings please phone Dan on 0438 543 144 or through www.ozguitar.com

Student Council News

Easter Egg Guessing Competition

Guess how many Easter eggs are in the jar for 50 cents per guess. The winner will be announced at the Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 24 March. You can make a guess between Monday 14 March to Wednesday 23 March at **FIRST BREAK** at the **TUCKSHOP COVERED AREA** - Look for the Student Council Reps. Good Luck!



Dates To Remember

Thursday 24 March	Prep & Year 1 Easter Hat Parade 9:30am Final Day of Term 1
Friday 25 March to Friday 8 April Easter Vacation (2 weeks)	
Monday 11 April 2016	Term 2 Commences
Friday 15 April	Year 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day 3
Thursday 21 April	District Cross Country at Rivermount
Friday 22 April	School Anzac Day Ceremony 8:50am Year 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day 4
Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 29 April	Year 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day 5
Monday 2 May	Labor Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10 May	NAPLAN Testing
Wednesday 11 May	NAPLAN Testing
Thursday 12 May	NAPLAN Testing Year 5 Excursion Payment DUE TODAY
Friday 20 May	Year 5 Brisbane Planetarium Trip \$17
Wednesday 1 June	Prep 2017 Enrolment Packs available
Friday 24 June 2016	Final Day of Term 2
Monday 27 June to Friday 8 July Winter Vacation (2 weeks)	
Monday 11 July	Term 3 Commences
Thursday 25 August	SCHOOL PHOTOS

From the Guidance Officer

Early Intervention

'Early Intervention' is a term that is commonly used by educators, professionals, and politicians. The words are clear - 'early intervention' means 'intervening early'. When a person shows signs of risk, whether it be mental, physical, learning or other disorders then the earlier that actions are put in place to treat the problem the more successful the outcome is likely to be. It is better to respond to red flags than to get to crisis point. Actions may take the form of medical intervention, family support, school involvement, and/or involvement of community agencies.

For children who are exhibiting learning or social issues, parents can access support through their GP, who can refer them to medical specialists or speech pathologist/ physios, occupational therapists, psychologists, paediatrician.

Early education facilities exist for pre-school children (from 0 to 5 years) with more severe difficulties to access services.

For children who exhibit behavioural or mental health issues your GP is your first stop. An estimated 14-20% of children and adolescents aged 4-17 are affected by a mental health or behavioural problems every year, but only one in four receives any professional help. Schools now have in place support through early intervention for children and young people who are at highest risk of developing mental health problems, or

who are showing early behavioural signs or symptoms of mental health problems.

While the first 5 years of life (including from conception) are crucial and early detection of problems can help rectify or put in place services to manage the problem, early intervention at any age is crucial for a better outcome.

If you wish to discuss your concerns or unsure of what direction you should be taking contact me at the school.

Jacqui Lather, Guidance Officer.

Adapted from Mindframe (National Media Initiative)

P & C News

Next Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 April at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Tuckshop News

Red Food Day - TOMORROW = Thursday 24 March

Bring your loose change to purchase a treat from the Tuckshop tomorrow. Children can purchase various over the counter goodies such as lollies and soft drinks etc.

RED FOOD DAY TOMORROW

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.

Uniform Shop News

Please be aware that some of our orders for the uniform have still yet to arrive from the supplier. We are chasing this up consistently and are hoping we will be receiving stock very shortly. A part of our order has been received and prepaid orders have been filled where possible. We apologise for the inconvenience.

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.

