



Mount Warren Park State School Newsletter No. 14 Thursday 25 August 2016

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From the Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge big THANK YOU Giveaway

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is almost finished for another year. Congratulations to all students who participated and have worked hard to achieve their reading goals. On behalf of all students and staff, I want to give a huge thank you to [teacher or librarian name] for the amazing work you put into another successful PRC. To show our teachers and librarians how much they are appreciated, Teachers' Union Health Fund is offering students the chance to win a \$1000 bursary for their school and a \$50 voucher for themselves, by thanking a teacher or librarian who has helped with their reading. Students can jump on to the [Big Thank You website](http://www.bigthankyou.com.au/#enter) (<http://www.bigthankyou.com.au/#enter>) and in 50 words or less explain how their teacher or librarian has inspired a love of reading.

Queensland Road Safety Week

Did you know that it's Queensland Road Safety Week from 22 to 28 August? Please see the website below for more details. In the meantime, help promote the week to your friends and families through your personal networks and social media and hashtag #SpeakUpSelfie. One of the most valuable things you can do as a parent or carer is to set a good example to your child by driving safely and talking about how to stay safe around our roads.

For more information about a range of events around the state, and how you can become involved to Speak Up For Road Safety, visit the [Join the Drive website](http://www.jointhedrive.qld.gov.au/road-safety-week) (www.jointhedrive.qld.gov.au/road-safety-week) or follow the conversation on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/JoinTheDrive) (www.facebook.com/JoinTheDrive).

Students invited to chat live with Antarctic Expeditioners

Students are invited to chat with expeditioners from Australia's Antarctic research stations via live video conferences. Expeditioners will talk to classes about their daily lives and answer questions. Teachers are encouraged to include the video conference as part of a broader lesson plan regarding Antarctica. Register at the [Australian Antarctic Division website](http://www.australianantarctic.com.au).

Peer Support

Week 4 – Being Supportive

This week in the Peer Support session, children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each others lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session. Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need arises.

Week 5 – The Best Way to Play

During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game. This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

Week 6 – Joining In with Others

In this week's Peer Support session the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them. Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don't lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.



From the Deputy Principals

Prep 2017 Teddy Bear's Picnic

With the year quickly moving along, I have been very fortunate to continue the 2017 Prep interviews. I would ask all of our parents to spread the word and remind friends and family to get your enrolments in for 2017. To enrol for 2017, your child must be 5 years old by the 30 June 2017. If you are waiting to decide, that's okay but still come and have an interview so we can assist you with your decision. School readiness is so important for successful schooling so don't hesitate to ask the question.

Our school will be helping our future prep students settle in by offer some 'Moving Up' outings within the school context. We will be holding a **Teddy Bear's Picnic** on the 31st August from 10.00am to 10.50am on the oval. If you are available to join us on this day, it would be great for your little pre prep student.



Reading at Every Opportunity



Recently I visited a school where concrete paths and steps had sight words painted on them and it made me think about how easy it is to develop reading skills in all different places. At the shops, using the junk mail, reading the TV guide or reading the menu at restaurants and café. Many of these times are great relaxed spaces where you can engage your child in the world of text and develop their skills to read for meaning. Showing them the real life value of understanding

texts in our world can make it so much easy back in the classroom when they encounter different types of texts.



General School News

Our
SCHOOL BANKING
day is
TUESDAY



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).



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

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

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). Please pay these fees by Thursday 15 September 2016.

Year 5 and 6 Camp for 2017 (Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 February)
We are currently in the process of booking and collating the final costing for 2017 combined Year 5 & 6 Camp. We are hoping to hold the camp in early Term 1 which means that parents will have to start making payments this year and hopefully have the bulk of the payment made by the end of 2016. As soon as we have final costings we will send home Information notes and invoices so you can start making payments.

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.

Lost Property

The Lost Property is growing at a rapid rate. It mostly contains items that are not labelled so they cannot be given back to the rightful owner. If your child has lost anything please make sure you check the Lost Property Bins as at the end of this term all items will be donated to a charity. **Remember to label all belongings!**

PE News

Pacific Rim District Track and Field Selection

Mt Warren Park State School community are very proud of the following students who have been selected in the Pacific Rim District Track and Field Team to compete at the South Coast Regional Trials on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th September at the Gold Coast City Athletic Centre.

Kaelyn Lane - High Jump
Mania Clark – Shot Put
Alicia Hale - High jump and Long Jump
Deyahna Ring – High Jump

Further congratulations must also go to Kaelyn Lane who equaled the Pacific Rim District 11 year girl's high jump record at the Pacific Rim District Carnival. Great job Kaelyn!

Multi Class Athletes

Eva Gilmer - 100m, 200m, 800m, Shot Put and Long jump
Naomi Pitkin - 100m, 200m, 800m and Long Jump
Alex Buchanan – 200m
Edward Dunsford – 100m, 200m, 800m
Meika Flynn - 100m, 200m, 800m, Shot Put and Long Jump
Koopah Glancy -100m, 200m, 800m, Shot Put and Long Jump
Salote Senituli -100m, 200m, Shot Put and Long Jump
Donte Sharp-Hoyt -100m, 200m, 800m, Shot Put and Long Jump

GALA DAY SPORT Year 5 and 6

Mt Warren Park State School will again participate in the Beenleigh Zone Interschool Sport Competition throughout Term 4. The competition will run over 5 half days in Term 4 for the sports of Basketball, Boys Touch Football and Softball.

Competition Dates for Term 4: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th October and 4th November

Currently trials are taking place and if your child has been successful in gaining a position on the school sporting teams they will receive an information note with in the next 2 weeks.

The students who have made a school team will travel to and from the sporting venue by bus. The cost for Term 4 which covers 5 competition days and includes a \$5 Beenleigh Zone levy and bus travel is **\$40.00 and must be paid in full by Wednesday 5th October 2016**. Invoices will be issued to students for their sport once teams have been finalized.

The Arts

Dance Groups

All dance groups will start again from next week.

Mini Dance (Prep) will practice during **Morning Tea** every **Tuesday** in the **Prep classrooms**.

Junior Dance (Year 1 & 2) will practice during **Morning Tea** every **Monday** in the **auditorium**.

Senior Dance (Year 3, 4 & 5) will practice during **Morning Tea** every **Thursday** in the **auditorium**.

Senior Stars Dance (Year 6) will practice during **Lunch** every **Tuesday** in the **auditorium**.

Matilda The Musical Presentation

Our presentation of "Matilda" will be on assembly next week on Monday 29th August. We are very excited to present this mini musical to our students, staff and parents and we would be thrilled if there is a packed assembly on this day.

iCentre News

Book Week Character Parade

Thank you to everyone in our school community for ensuring our students had a wonderful Book Character Parade on Monday afternoon. It was so much fun to see everyone having such a great time parading their costume at our Red Carpet event. The costumes were clever and creative and we were totally overwhelmed by the number of



students who came dressed up on the day. Thank you so much for taking the time to help them find something to wear.

Please come and visit the Library if you are able to. The students and classes throughout the school have entered some fabulous "Book in a Box", writing and colouring in entries as part of our celebrations. Thank you to all the staff and students who took the time to contribute to this very special week.

Book Fair



Our Book Week celebrations continue next week with the opening of our Book Fair on Wednesday 31st August. The Fair runs from Wednesday 31st August through to Tuesday 6th September. Each class will attend the fair during their class lesson and parents are most welcome to attend with them if they would like to. Clifford the Big Red Dog will be at the Fair for students to meet and have a photo with. The Book Fair will be packed with a multitude of genres, including fantasy, classics, reference, award-winners, humour, nonfiction and mystery at a range of very competitive prices. Students are invited to bring money to spend at the fair or they can simply browse and bring you home a wish list for your consideration. If you do not want to purchase anything on this list you are under no obligation to do so. However, if you are happy to buy any of the items, simply send along the correct amount to the iCentre in an envelope with the following details on the front:

Name of student:

Class:

Title of Book/Item Required:

Upon receipt of your order, the item will be put aside and delivered to your child later in the day. Alternatively, the Book Fair will be open every afternoon until 4pm for parents to come and have a look at and purchase items.



LOTE News

Speech Contest

On Sunday August 14, students from our Year 5 and 6 classes represented our school in the MLTAQ (Modern Languages Teacher's Association of Queensland) Japanese Speech Contest at Griffith University on the Gold Coast.

Mackenzie L, Nikeesha B, Summer P and Destiny F from Year 5 and Bryce P, Harrison R and Sarah D from Year 6 spent many break times practicing their speeches and learning how to understand and answer questions about their speeches in Japanese.

Summer P, Harrison R and Sarah D all received Highly Commended for their speeches on the day.

Well done to all students who were chosen to enter the Japanese Speech Contest. We are very proud of you and you did a fantastic job of representing Mt. Warren Park State School!

Thank you to all parents and family who gave up their time on Sunday to transport their children to the competition and stay with them during the day!

Student Council News

Free Dress Day

Student Council will be holding a free dress day on Friday 9th September for only a GOLD COIN DONATION. The money raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. Children must wear practical clothing - no thongs, or sandals, no singles and sun safe hat rule still applies.

Dates To Remember

Thursday 25 August	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Friday 26 August	School Disco (See P & C News)
Thursday 1 September	Father's Day Stall Year 4 to 6
Friday 2 September	Father's Day Stall Prep to Year 3
	Year 5 / 6 Ten Pin Bowling Commences
Thursday 15 September	QLD Health Beach Safe Presentations
Friday 16 September	Final day for Term 3
Monday 18 September to Friday 30 September Winter Vacation (2 weeks)	
Monday 3 October	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 4 October	Term 4 Commences
Friday 7 October	Year 5/6 Gala Day 1
Friday 14 October	Year 5/6 Gala Day 2
Monday 17 October	PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 21 October	Year 5/6 Gala Day 3
Friday 28 October	Year 5/6 Gala Day 4
Friday 4 November	Year 5/6 Gala Day 5
Tuesday 6 December	Swimming Carnival (proposed date)
Wednesday 7 December	Swimming Carnival (proposed date)
Friday 9 December	Final School Day for 2016
Monday 12 December – Friday 20 January = Summer Holidays (6 weeks)	

P & C News

Meeting

The next P & C Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14 September 5:30pm in the staffroom. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME

School Disco

On Friday 26th August 2016, the P&C will be holding a **SUPERHERO** themed Disco in the hall and I am hoping you will come and join the P&C and have some **FUN!** All students, staff and parents are invited to come join us and **PARTY.** There will be some great **FUN** and **GAMES** and **PRIZES** for some awesome **DANCERS AND GREAT COSTUMES!** The times and costs of the disco are as follows:

JUNIOR DISCO (PREP - YEAR 2) 4:45- 6:00PM = \$3.00
SENIOR DISCO (YEAR 3 – 6) 6:15- 8:00PM = \$4.00

The kitchen will be open for the evening selling **HOT FOOD, LOLLIES, CHIPS AND DRINKS.** We are also selling **NEW GLOW PRODUCTS** during both the junior and senior disco. Prices will range up to \$4.00.
We also have some more SHOW BAGS for \$5 each!!!

Father's Day Stall

Prep to Year 3 Friday 2 September
 Year 4 to 6 Thursday 1 September

Tuckshop News

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

Show Bag Day – Tuesday 16 August - Normal Menu items will still be available for ordering on this day. Prep to Year 3 will receive their bag at First Break and Year 4 to 6 will receive their bag at second break. There will also be a variety of goodies available for over the counter purchasing on this day.

Uniform Shop News

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.

2nd Place at NGC STEM Competition

On Friday 19th August, 14 students from Year 5 and 6 attended the North Gold Coast Primary Science and Engineering Challenge at Upper Coomera State College. This was a day long competition aimed at providing students with a positive science and engineering experience. There were 10 workshop style challenges requiring students to use a range of problem solving skills from designing and creating a rollercoaster style shoot in Marble Run or catapult in Medieval Warfare, to programming a robot to complete a course in Tech Maze.

The Mount Warren Park team was extremely successful, achieving 2nd place school in the overall competition. Congratulations to team members Daniel Te Raki, Hailey Orazio-Parmenter, Bailey Ross, Nikeesha Bester, Chase Winter, James Baker, Summer Palanca, Brayden Palmer, Chloe O'Brien, Hayden Lynch, Ruben Toki, Dallas Napper, Harrison Russell and Naomi Jeudon.

Well Done!!!

