CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT LEADERS

On Monday this week at Parade we were able to celebrate the wonderful Student Leaders that we have here at Mt Warren Park. It was an opportunity for parents, students and staff to recognise these students and award them with their Leadership badges. CONGRATULATIONS to those students!!

We do very much apologise that this important and special parade ran over 10 minutes. We do not anticipate this happening again.

TIQBIZ CLOSING: STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE QSCHOOLS APP

From the end of the first week of Term 2, Tiqbiz will no longer be available to parents to communicate with the school. Families can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QSCHOOLS app. It’s an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters.

How do I download the QSCHOOLS app?

To download the app visit the App Store. It’s FREE!!

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

- find and favourite your 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 your school
- easily access your schools tuckshop and uniform shop information
- view information about your 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 your favourite Queensland schools 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.

SCHOOL – FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS

The greatest school environments are those that enjoy the support of an engaged community of parents and friends, and we are fortunate at Mt Warren Park to have some very capable and dedicated P&C and community members. A couple of weeks ago, we held our Meet & Greet afternoon and BBQ, and it was great to connect with familiar faces and meet some new ones, and to share in the sense of optimism about what can be achieved at Mt Warren Park SS in 2016.

I have been very encouraged by the number of families who have returned their Feedback on School Priorities for 2016 form. It is wonderful to know that so many of our parent’s value education and the teaching and learning that occurs at our school.

Parents are saying unanimously that Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Teacher Development, and Positive Behaviour for Learning, Attendance and School & Community Partnerships are also highly important to our families. Home to School Communication has been highlighted as an area for improvement, so we are asking that ALL MT WARREN PARENT’S download the QSCHOOLS App, Favourite Mt Warren Park SS, and allow Push Notifications. This will keep parents up to date with all school news.
OUR SCHOOL REVIEW – AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Our school is scheduled for a priority support school review for Term 2, to be held from 11-13 April 2016. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the department’s School Improvement Unit.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to parents and the community on the school’s website.

As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from our school community and encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office.

Review Process

Priority support reviews are conducted by a review team appointed by the School Improvement Unit. The team consists of two internal reviewers from the unit and an external reviewer from outside the department. The make-up of the review team is tailored to the needs and context of the school.

Generally, priority support reviews are conducted over five to six days and provides a thorough assessment of a school’s performance data, school operations, and other school information and allows the reviewers to identify where and how the school can improve.

The review team will engage in conversation with a range of staff, parents, students and the community, with the following meetings recommended:

- Staff: School leadership team (principal and deputy principals)
  - Other school leaders (heads of department and curriculum)
  - Administration team (business service manager, receptionist and other administration staff)
  - Teachers and teacher aides
  - Specialist support staff
  - Other school staff.
- School Community:
  - P&C president or school council chair
  - Parents and students
  - Other community representatives (for example, local businesses and partnerships, and government representatives).

Students

Classroom observations are a valuable part of the review process. Where possible, they should be representative of the variety of classrooms and teaching practices within your school. Schools generally organise personnel to accompany reviewers during classroom visits to provide class relief and to allow the teacher to talk with a member of the review team.

The assistant regional director will also be interviewed as part of the review. At the end of the review, the review team presents its findings and recommendations to the school’s leadership team and assistant regional director.

A written report follows that details the findings and recommendations for the school to consider and respond to with the support of the region. The School Improvement Unit continues to support the school and regularly monitors the implementation and progress of the school’s improvement strategies.

The final report will be published on our school’s website and on the School Improvement Unit’s webpage.

Community feedback is an important part of school reviews, with parents, students and the community encouraged to have their say. If you would like to contribute to a school’s review, or would like more information, please contact your principal or email SUMMERiate.qld.gov.au the School Improvement Unit.

For more information visit:


RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM

The Department of Education and Training has developed the program (Prep to Year 12) as part of the Queensland Government’s commitment to address domestic and family violence. The program has been developed in consultation with a range of stakeholders including teachers and school communities. Through respectful relationships education, students will learn the skills they need to develop respectful and ethical relationships free of violence.

The content of the Respectful relationships education program supports five hours of instruction per year level and is based on domestic and family violence research and best-practice educational approaches.

School communities are able to use the program as part of their whole-school approach to increasing awareness of domestic and family violence, and making their schools and communities a safer place for everyone.

The Respectful relationships education program is for Prep to Year 12. Five hours of instruction have been developed for each year level and it is recommended that sessions be delivered by school-based teachers as part of ongoing social and emotional learning.

Positive rapport between teachers and students will ensure a safe classroom environment where students feel comfortable to explore content without fear of judgment. Students achieve better outcomes from social and emotional learning programs in the context of supportive relationships that make learning challenging, engaging and meaningful.

Why respectful relationships education?

The Respectful relationships education program is part of a broader multi-departmental commitment to ending domestic and family violence. The program takes a primary prevention approach. In schools, primary prevention education is about positively influencing behavioural change in young people to prevent undesirable social consequences such as domestic and family violence.

A growing body of evidence shows that social and emotional learning of this nature leads to:
- improved social and emotional skills, self-concept, bonding to school, and positive classroom behaviour
- fewer conduct problems such as disruptive classroom behaviour, aggression, bullying and delinquent acts
- Reduced emotional distress such as depression, stress or social withdrawal.
- Studies also show that students perform better academically.
- The role of parents and families is critically important in the education of young people. Families are the first educators of children — they have the potential to influence the social and emotional learning of their children because of the frequency of learning opportunities at home.

Personal Safety Survey (PSS), Australia 2012 — a snap shot

The Personal Safety Survey is the most comprehensive quantitative study of interpersonal violence in Australia. The survey is administered by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and funded by the Australian Government’s Department of Social Services. More than 17,000 women and men completed the 2012 survey. Some of the findings included:

- Violence is extremely common in Australia, with four out of ten women and five out of ten men having experienced at least one incidence of violence since the age of 15.
- Men are more likely to experience personal violence (one in two men and one in three women) while women are more likely to be victims of sexual violence (one in five women and one in 22 men).
- Both women and men are more than three times as likely to be physically assaulted by a man than by a woman.
- A man is most likely to experience violence in a place of entertainment and a woman is most likely to experience violence in her home.
- Seven out of ten men and five out of ten women said alcohol or other drugs contributed to their most recent physical assault by a male.
- 4.3 times as many women as men reported that they felt fear or anxiety after their most recent physical assault committed by an opposite sex perpetrator.
- Gender remains the most substantial variable when considering differences in patterns of victimisation and perpetration.

Colouring In Competition – Prep to Year 2

The Parent Support Group is running their annual Easter Colouring Competition for students in years Prep – Year 2. This is a fundraising event for our school community to support those special projects and curriculum based events initiated throughout the year. Entries can be collected from Admin and cost $2. Completed entries should be returned to the office for judging by Wednesday 21st April 2016. Each year level will have winner, runner-up and encouragement awards selected by guest judges. These will be presented at parade on Monday 21 March.

From the Deputy Principals

School Leaders

Congratulations to our school student leadership team for 2016. I’m sure everyone will agree that the standard of our school leaders is very high and we are all proud that they represent our school.

School Captains - Sarah Dobbin & Harrison Russell
School Vice Captains - Rory Dominko & Naomi Juden
Technology Captains - Jacqualyn McMullen & Angel Edwards
Music Captains - Jacqualyn McMullen & Angel Edwards
SWPBS Leaders - Respectful – Gemeni Lynch and Ashlee Warren

Leader – Taleah Walker and Kym Jackie-Nolte
Safe – Alex Buchanan and Sharleah Jones

HANLON

Captains: Aliyah Ball & Jordan Denny
Vice Captains: Rhydah Tehau & Bryce Pou

DAVY

Captains: Hana Tuck & Jazlin Moss
Vice Captains: Rachel Tomas & Brielle Huf

MARKS

Captains: Mitchell Luppi & Kelly Marks
Vice Captains: Jesica Stewart & Adarastar Staufenbiel

AYTON

Captains: Adalyn Bourn & Joshua Collins
Vice Captains: Matthew Clift & Kaylee O’Connell

HANLON

Captains: Prometheus & Asher Akuko
Vice Captains: Sydney Wu & Justice Chapman

DAVY

Captains: Tahlay Perry & Sherele Trujillo
Vice Captains: Hope Henderson & Briele Huf

MARKS

Captains: Mitchell Luppi & Kelly Marks
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2016 School Leaders
BE SAFE – How Parents can help!

We believe that for a successful, safe and supportive school environment, the whole school community needs to be actively involved. Parents keeping up to date with issues at school and reinforcing positive behaviours at home, helps students to stay safe and happy. Please remember to discuss these important areas with your child:

- Keep your whole body to yourself.
- Solve problems using the High Five.
- Support our school morning routines and procedures in order to give a consistent and clear message to all students.
- Stay Sun Safe

Cross Country

Our school cross country will be held on Tuesday the 1st of March. Good luck to all of our competitors.

Interschool Sport

Children in years 5 and 6 are now gearing up for their first Gala Day of interschool sport – starting on 11th of March. We are sure this will be a wonderful experience for our year 5 students as they experience their first taste of interschool sport. Good luck to all of our competitors. We are sure Mount Warren Park will again be the team to beat! Please and reinforcing positive equipment for their required sport and that they wear their hat, sunscreen, have a water bottle and school uniform for their events.

Scooter and Bikes

Please help us to keep our grounds safe by reminding your children not to ride their scooters and scooters through the school grounds. Bikes and scooters must be housed in the bike racks and please ensure that they are chained to the racks during the day. We recommend that skateboards are not brought to school as they cannot be chained up and they should not be taken to class.

Hair Style

Your child’s hair should be styled in a neat and respectable manner. Coloured hair or outrageous styles are not permitted. This includes Mohawk style haircuts and tracks. You will be asked to correct such cuts.

Playground Equipment

Our school Workplace Health and Safety requirements need for us to ensure that school playground equipment is only to be used at the designated times during school hours and only by children authorised to use the equipment. Please ensure that children do not play on the playground equipment outside of school hours as we do not provide supervision at these times.

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 them 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.

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**General School News**

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**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 (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).

**Dance Groups** – All children who have successfully gained a position in a Dance Group, have received an invoice attached to an information note. All members must pay $20 by Thursday 3 March. Students who do not pay by this date will forfeit their position as there is a lengthy waiting list and the position must be offered to another.

Year 5 and 6 Gala Day – Netball, Touch Football, Soccer, Rugby League, AFL – $40 per child and must be paid in full by Wednesday 9 March. Boot Camp costs $10 and must be paid in full by Thursday 3 March. Ten Pin Bowling costs $42 and must be paid in full by Thursday 25 February. All amounts must be paid in full by the designated due dates.

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**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

**TUESDAY 1 MARCH**

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**iCentre News**

Great News…..we are pleased to announce that our school is participating in the Scholastic Book Club again in 2016. At MWP, we strongly believe that one of the best gifts we can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. For the remaining terms of this school year I will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a

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**PE News**

Mt Warren Park State School Cross Country And Fun Run – Tuesday 1st March

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Gala Days for Years 5 & 6

Over the past couple weeks Mt Warren Park State School have been conducting training and sporting team selection processes for Rugby League, Girls Touch Football, Soccer and Netball.

If your child has been successful in gaining a position on one of the Mt Warren sporting teams to compete at the Interschool Gala Day competition, they will have received a note outlining all the relevant information. Please read, discuss and complete with your child the Code of Conduct. This form must be returned with the permission slip to your sporting coach by Friday 26th February.

The students will travel to and from the sporting venue by bus. This year, all participants in the Gala Day interschool sport competition will be required to pay a $5 venue levy for both winter and summer Gala Days, this levy is to help subsidise the cleaning of the facilities and the venue hire.

The cost for Term 1/2 which covers 5 competition days and includes the $5 venue levy and bus travel is $40.00 and must be paid in full by Wednesday 9 March 2016. Invoices will be issued to relevant students for their sport.

**Competition Dates for Term 1: Friday 11th, 18th March. Term 2: 15th, 22nd and 29th April.**

Ten Pin Bowling – First bowling date is this Friday 26th February

The students in the Ten Pin Bowling group will participate in their first bowling session on Friday 26th February. Due to the financial requirements of Education Queensland we are now required to invoice each student for the total amount for the weeks. The total amount will be $42. Each student will receive an invoice indicating this. $42.00 and must be paid in full by Thursday 25th February 2016.

Boot Camp

If your year 5 or 6 child has chosen Boot Camp for their Friday sport they will experience a Fitness Program conducted by qualified fitness instructor Brent Nichol. The Boot Camp will be held in our school auditorium and will commence this Friday 26th February and continue on the following dates 2nd, 9th and 16th March and then in term 2 on the 13th, 20th and 27th April. To participate in Boot Camp Program your child must read and sign a behaviour contract, you must agree to pay the full cost $10 and remain committed for the duration of 7 weeks. The completed permission slip, medical information and behaviour contract must be returned to Mrs Bennett. The cost for Boot Camp is $10.00 and must be paid in full by 3rd March 2016.

Pacific Rim District Sport Selection

Congratulations must go to Jaxon Denny who has been selected in the Pacific Rim District Rugby League team to compete at the Regional Carnival on the 12th and 13th April. Cody Shepherd must also be congratulated on his selection in the Pacific Rim Swimming Team to compete at the Regional Swimming Trials on Monday 29th February. Mt Warren Park wishes Jaxon and Cody all the very best of luck. We know they will do themselves, their families and our school proud.
wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2). Bookclub Issue 2 Brochures will be handed out to your children this 
Friday 25th February and ordering is open for two weeks. This issue will close on 
Friday 11th March. It is easy to order. If you 
would like to purchase anything, you can pay online OR you can select the items 
you want and mark them on the order form located in the centre of the flyer. 
All order forms and cash payments must be taken to the iCentre before or 
after school only. 
NO ORDERS will be accepted by the Class Teacher or at the Cash window. 

PAYMENT OPTIONS 
1. Online payment using your credit card may be made at 
2. Pay by cash at the iCentre (correct amount of money for the order please).

The books will arrive around two weeks after I send the class order to Scholastic. 
PLEASE NOTE...that it is Scholastic’s policy that if an ordered item can’t be 
supplied, a credit note or another item of equal value will be supplied. 

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you find Book Club 
as exciting as we do. As an added incentive, each order helps earn free books 
and teaching materials for our classrooms, however there is never any obligation 
for you to place an order. We look forward to sharing the love and joy of great 
books throughout 2016. 

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

Music News 

Instrumental News 
The Instrumental Band and Strings Program is well underway once more this 
year. Mrs Donny is at MWPS for Strings all day on Tuesdays and Mr 
Hogerheyde for Band on Thursdays. 

Just a reminder…….. Vivace Strings (all strings players 3rd year and above) 
rehearse every Tuesday morning from 7:45am in the music room and Dolce 
Strings (all 2nd year string players) rehearse every Tuesday 2nd break. 

FANFARE 2016 – The Vivace Strings are currently rehearsing for a state wide 
competition, Fanfare 2016. Heats will be held in Term 2. Attendance by all 
members is compulsory. Further details will be sent home closer to the date. 

All Instrumental Music Resource fees are now due and can be paid at the office. 
It is $35 to be part of the program and a further $55 if your child is loaning an 
instrument through the school, which totals $90. NO loan instrument can go home 
without the loan fee being paid and the relevant loan agreement form being 
completed and returned. Please contact your instrumental teacher if you have any queries regarding your 
child’s lessons or rehearsals. 

Yours in Music, Mrs Donny and Mr Hogerheyde 

The Arts 

Dance 
FEES - ALL Dance Fees are due by next THURSDAY 3 MARCH. Please see 
“General News” for Cash Window OPEN HOURS and Payment Options. 

Any student who has not paid by the due date will forfeit their place and it will be 
ofered to the next child on the list. 

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. 

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 
learning or other disorders then the earlier that actions are put in place to treat the 

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) 

Dates To Remember 

Tuesday 1 March Term Cross Country 
Wednesday 2 March P & C AGM 6:30pm Staffroom 
Thursday 3 March Dance Groups Fees DUE TODAY $20 
Friday 11 March Year 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day 1 
Book Club DUE TODAY (Issue 2) 
Wednesday 16 March Prep – Year 2 Colouring Comp. DUE 
Friday 18 March Year 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day 2 
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 
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 
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) 

P & C News 

Meeting – Don’t forget next Wednesday 2nd March is the P&C AGM and general 
meeting, the meeting starts at 6.30pm in the staff room. All executive positions 
will be open and we hope to have some fabulous new people on board this year. 
Even if you are not interested in an executive role we would love to see as many 
of you as possible, your ideas, feedback and of course volunteering are vital to 
ensuring Mt Warren Park SS is moving in a direction that is consistent with 
community expectations, don’t forget “many hands make light work!”. 

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. 

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. 

P & C AGM = 
Wednesday 2 March, 6:30pm