



Mount Warren Park State School

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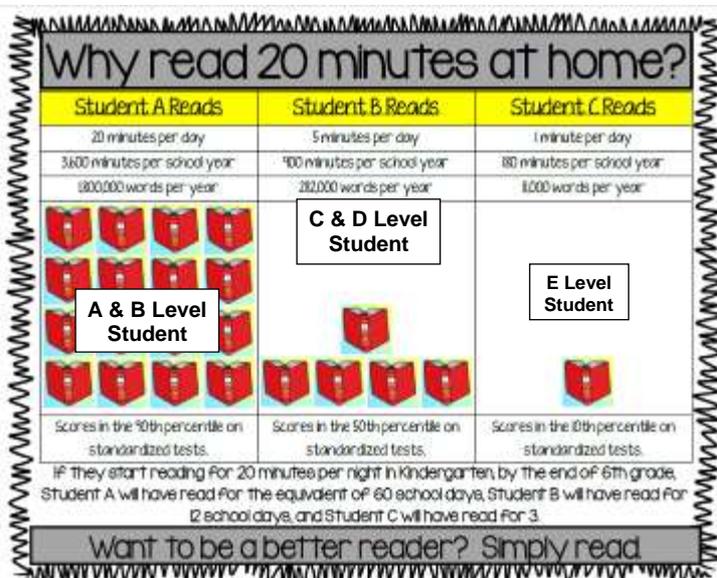
From the Principal

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?



Improvement Priority – Attendance

I would like to remind all our parents how important it is that all students attend school every day. Our school agenda promotes four key messages:

- All children should attend on every school day.
- We will continue to monitor your child's attendance
- We will continue to phone you if you haven't given us a reasonable excuse for your child's absence
- We will notify the appropriate departments if your child has continued, unexplained, and/or unreasonable reasons for school non-attendance.

Attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community. We know that students can get sick from time to time, so please notify the office of any legitimate absences. We thank you for your support in achieving the best educational results for your children. If parents do not provide reasonable explanations, we then have to have a meeting with you about your child's absences, and if attendance patterns do not change we must then notify the relevant agencies.

School Review Summary Report

The following is the Executive Summary of the School Review Report. It will be posted on our website. We are now entering a phase of planning for the next 12 months based on the recommendations in the report. We will have the support of our Assistant Regional Director, Margaret Gurney, and the Director of the School Improvement Unit, Dr Liam Smith, as we move through this page.

Key Findings

- ★ **School leaders articulate a commitment to improve student learning outcomes for all students.**

The school improvement agenda focuses attention on the delivery of a guaranteed and viable curriculum through the core learning priorities of reading, numeracy, and writing and teacher development. The current Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA) stresses the teaching of guided reading as a key priority. This agenda is shared with the school community through

staff meetings, Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) meetings and a parent forum.

- ★ **A collegial culture of mutual trust and support is evident amongst school leaders, teachers and support staff.**

Staff members speak positively regarding the informal support provided by colleagues to improve personal classroom practice.

- ★ **School human and financial resources are aligned with the school's curriculum priorities.**

The school's *Investing for Success (I4S)* resources fund teacher release time to work with the school's Head of Curriculum (HOC) and Master Teacher to plan curriculum units and assessment tasks. Teachers value additional release time to engage in these planning sessions with their colleagues and school leaders.

- ★ **School leaders see the development of staff members into an expert teaching team as central to improving outcomes for all students.**

Teachers and support staff are professionally committed and are continually looking for ways to improve their teaching practice and student learning outcomes. Professional learning Meetings have recently been introduced to support the improvement of professional practice.

- ★ **The school implements Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) and has clear expectations of how students should behave and interact with one another.**

Teachers indicate that agreed whole-school behaviour practices are inconsistently implemented. The recent Review of the Behaviour Plan is intended to resolve this. Regular meetings to review and analyse behaviour data are provided to staff members.

- ★ **Improvement in attendance is a predominant focus of the school and this is articulated by school leaders, staff members and parents.**

Staff members have a strong personal commitment to improving student attendance. A range of collaboratively developed, positive recognition strategies have been implemented.

- ★ **It is evident that many staff members do not yet access the current curriculum framework and associated learning area documents to inform their planning.**

A change process is currently being undertaken to assist year levels to collaboratively plan curriculum units aligned to the Australian Curriculum (AC).

- ★ **The leadership team recognises the importance of and are committed to the introduction of highly effective teaching practices as the key to improving student learning throughout the school.**

It is evident that teachers are committed to identifying, understanding and implementing better teaching methods in their classrooms so that improved learning outcomes can be achieved for all students. Staff members' data literacy skills in the analysis, interpretation and use of classroom data is variable. School leaders have recently established a process for the scheduled collection of literacy and numeracy data. Regular analysis and discussion of data is emerging.

- ★ **A process for school leaders to provide teachers with ongoing and detailed feedback on their teaching practice is yet to be implemented.**

Pedagogical practices across the school are varied with teachers describing a wide variety of teaching and learning experiences which they believe positively impact on student learning outcomes.

Responsible Behaviour Plan

We are in the middle of the transition to the new elements of the plan. Students are already busy buying up at the Reward Shop and we have expanded the times it is open during the transition weeks to accommodate all students wishing to make purchases. The shop will be closed from Week 4 onwards.

Naplan In Week 5

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that **ALL** Year 3 and Year 5 students are **ON TIME** to school on the days of the testing.



Qschools App Details

Please encourage all parents to sign up to our school and request the Push Notifications – this will mean they are instantly notified about things happening at school.

Anzac Day March At Beenleigh

Our students marched beautifully and were an absolute credit to our school. I'd like to especially thank Mrs. Norelle Brown and Ms. Daniella Trifa for their hard work and dedication in preparing our students for the march and the choir for their performance on the day.

Our Logan Mayor, Mr. Luke Smith, wished our Choir well for their performance personally and then congratulated them on their fantastic performance afterwards.



From the Deputy Principals

Hello Mt Warren Park State School,

I am so excited to be a part of this fantastic school community and I look forward to having the chance to spend time with your students in many of their learning spaces. I have enjoyed my first week at school and I have been overwhelmed with the polite considerate interactions I've experienced with your students. We are lucky to have such cooperative students.

Over the next few weeks I will endeavour to get to know all of the school with a special focus on my specific area, Prep to Year 3. I have spent a great deal of my career in this area and I look forward to offering my experience to support the outstanding work being done already at Mt Warren Park.

Some of the fantastic things I have been fortunate to see are the great getting along skills demonstrated in classrooms and on the playground. Mt Warren Park has great outdoor spaces and our students are lucky to have awesome playgrounds and resting areas to spend time with the friends playing games.

In class, students are busy doing assessments and Year 3 & Year 5 are preparing for Naplan. I was fortunate to have a group from 3D come down and impress me with their creative writing. They showed me how they have been using their senses to stimulate engaging descriptive writing tasks. Well done!!! I would like to say thank you to the staff, students and parents at Mt Warren Park for making my first days so very pleasant and welcoming, what a lovely community. Spending time with those you love,

Sam Hutchinson,
Acting Deputy Principal

Parade Presentations

Our school parades are always a great presentation and the following classes will help make parade even better by performing throughout this term. Make sure you note the day of your child's class presentation.

Term 2 2016:

WEEK	DATE	CLASS
4	2 May	Holiday
5	9 May	4A
6	16 May	6B
7	23 May	5A
8	30 May	4D
9	6 June	1A
10	13 June	2B
11	20 June	2/3A

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.



KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM FROM BUMP TO BIG SCHOOL

Mt Warren Park State School is very excited to introduce Koala Joeys into our school. 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.

Koala Joeys will run from 9.15 am on Tuesday mornings in the hall (starting 17 May). Our Master Teacher, Ms Julie Hughes will facilitate this program. The program runs for approximately 45 minutes followed by morning tea. 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!

Mt Warren Park State School PCYC

PCYC Mt Warren Park has places available for both Before School Care and After School Care. Our service is located on the school grounds with easy parking near the C and K end. We are open from 6.30am for the morning session and close at 6.00pm in our afternoon session. Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast or afternoon snack, as well as craft, sport, cooking and science experiences during each session.

Sessions start at \$14.00 per session with CCB and CCR available to bring the cost of care down to as little as \$6.30 per session. We are also open for Vacation Care over full days, with incursions, excursions and theme days planned. You do not need to be a working parent for your child to enjoy the friendships and activities at PCYC and we accept casual bookings, just make sure your child is enrolled and a member of PCYC. To enrol online please go to mtwarrenpcyc.hubworks.com.au or email us at mtwarrenparksac@pcyc.org.au. You are welcome to come in and view the service at any time.

Lost Property – Labelling Your Property

As the weather is getting cooler your child/ren will start wearing their jumpers and jackets to school. Please make sure they are labelled clearly with your child's name so they can be returned if they are misplaced. The Lost Property Box is located on the iCentre side of the Main Amenities Block and is out between school hours.

Under 8's Day

Our special activities morning to celebrate Under 8's this year will be held on Friday 27 May as an end of semester celebration. Teachers are busy getting everything organised and ready for this special event! Our C&K friends will also join in on the festivities and parents are welcome to join in the fun with the students from 9am – 10:50am. Our Chaplain will run a coffee shop for parents and visitors on the day. See you there!

Under 8's Day Badge Competition Prep to Year 2

Our annual badge making competition is again underway with notes sent home to all children in Prep to Year 2. If your child would like to submit a design you can purchase a template from the office for \$2. The completed entry must be returned



Our
SCHOOL BANKING
day is
TUESDAY

by 3pm on Thursday 19 May. A winner will be announced from each year level on parade on Monday 23 May.

PE News

Friday 29th April will see the last GALA DAY for Term 2

All team coaches have praised the improvement in the student's individual skill level and team play. Well done and keep up the great work.

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 29th April

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

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.

Regional AFL Selection

A huge congratulations must go to Jaxon Denny who has been selected in the South Coast Regional AFL team to compete at the State Championships in Heavy Bay in June. Mt Warren Park wishes Jaxon all the very best of luck.

Cross Country

On the 21st April, 38 students represented Mt Warren Park State School in the Beenleigh Zone Cross Country Carnival at Rivermount College. Congratulations to all students who participated in this Cross Country Carnival. Each member of the Mt Warren Team needs to be commended on their sportsmanship and desire to do their very best. Well done to the 10 years boys relay team who finished 3rd.

Individual honours:

Jimmy Baker – 4th – 11 years boys

Chloe O'Brien 2nd - 10 years girls

Ella Wuiske – 8th – 10 years girls

Jimmy, Chloe and Ella will now compete at the Pacific Rim District Cross Country on the Friday 13 May at Rivermount College.

Eight students attended the district Cross Country last Thursday as part of the Multiclass Team.

Meika Flynn (1st place), Koopah Glancy (2nd place), Donte Sharp-Hoyt (1st place), Edward Dunsford (3rd place), Eva Gilmer (3rd place), Naomi Pitkin (2nd place), Alex Buchanan and Kane Abbey.

Congratulations to all the students who ran personal bests on the day. Meika, Koopah, Donte, Edward, Eva and Naomi have all qualified to compete at the Regional Cross Country Carnival later this term. Good Luck!



iCentre News

Book Club

Issue 3 orders and payments are due in tomorrow (Friday 29 April).

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 <http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/>
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.

Dates To Remember

Friday 29 April	Year 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day 5
Monday 2 May	Labor Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 3 May	Under 8's Badge Template BUY NOW \$2
Wednesday 4 May	Mother's Day Stall Prep to Year 2
Thursday 5 May	Mother's Day Stall Years 3 to 6
Tuesday 10 May	NAPLAN Testing
Wednesday 11 May	P & C Meeting 6:30pm, Staffroom NAPLAN Testing Year 3 & 5
Thursday 12 May	NAPLAN Testing Year 3 & 5 Year 5 Planetarium \$17 DUE TODAY
Wednesday 18 May	Year 3 to 6 Senior Sports Carnival Field
Thursday 19 May	Year 3 to 6 Senior Sports Carnival Track Under 8's Badge Design DUE TODAY
Friday 20 May	Year 5 Brisbane Planetarium Trip \$17 Prep to Year 2 Sports Carnival Chaplaincy Benefit Dinner
Friday 27 May	Prep – Year 2 Under 8's Day
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

COME AND SUPPORT



Beenleigh/Yatala Region
School Chaplaincy
Support Group

Benefit Dinner

Entertainment provided by

TENNESSEE

Friday 20th May 2016

6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

Windaroo Lakes Golf Club
Anna Louise Terrace, Windaroo

\$60.00 per person

CALL FOR TICKETS: Leanne McMannus: 0410 531 616 - Robyn Lee: 0416 172 791

Community Notices

You are invited to

Logan's Annual Domestic Violence Candle Lighting Ceremony –

Wednesday 4th May – 5.30pm to 6.30pm, Logan Entertainment Centre Forecourt
Free Event – Candles Provided

The Working Against Violence Support Service (WAVSS) is hosting Logan's Annual 2016 Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony. Dominique Maurice will provide music at the memorial event held annually on Australia's National Day of Remembrance to commemorate lives lost to Domestic and Family Violence. "Logan's Candle Lighting Ceremony is a time to acknowledge how devastating these deaths are and to honour each life lost", said Linda-Ann Northey, General Manager, WAVSS.

"Importantly, these are tragedies that we believe can be prevented with the right support, increased awareness and early intervention, something that we are deeply committed to in this community. We encourage everyone who cares about this issue to join us in lighting candles to respect and remember lives lost, and as a symbol of hope in the darkness", she said. Information and RSVP to WAVSS Logan, E: reception@wavss.org P: 3808 5566.

Logan Art Gallery

Currently showing at Logan Art Gallery is *My Country, I Still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art from Black Queensland*, showing from 8 April – 30 May 2016.

Drawn from the Queensland Art Gallery's extensive collection, this exhibition examines the associations and interpretations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists have to country (land) and country (nation). Indigenous artists have long been an important voice for their communities and have been instrumental in telling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories – from presentation of alternative views of history, to asserting their presence over country, both urban and regional, and responding to contemporary politics and highlighting contemporary Indigenous experiences in Australia. This is a Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art touring exhibition. We look forward to welcoming you to the gallery in the future.

Beenleigh Buffaloes AFL - Join the stampede! Beenleigh Buffaloes are recruiting now. Junior Teams for 5 – 17 year olds. Girls play too, girls only teams! Seniors and Reserves. For more details contact: Juniors = Mick Jordan 0417 865 227 or email beenleighjuniors@afblj.com OR Senios = Tom Corless 0449 114 144 or email tom@cps.asn.au.

P & C News

Next Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 May at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along as we would love to see some new faces and welcome any new ideas.

Volunteers Needed - We are in need of volunteers to help out at the Mother's Day Stall on either Wednesday 4 or Thursday 5 May as well as volunteers to man the BBQ on Sports Day. Please leave your name and phone number at the office if you are able to assist in anyway.

Mother's Day Stalls Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 May

Once a year we get to recognise the most important people in the whole world – our Mums! To help recognise all of the things our Mount Warren Mums do, the P and C will be holding special Mother's Day stalls on Wednesday May the 4th (for our P – 2 students) and Thursday 5th May (for our year 3 – 6 students). Children can purchase a little special something to show how much they care for their Mum.

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.

Department of Education, Training and Employment

QSchools

mobile app

The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published by the department.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Encourage your school community to download for free via the Apple iTunes Store, Google Play and Windows Stores.

Parent and Community Engagement Framework alignment

The QSchools app is a useful tool for schools implementing the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to facilitate:

- better communication with the school community
- community collaboration
- encourage participation in the school community.

Benefits for parents, carers and families:

- access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and push notifications
- follow multiple schools
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburbs.

Compatible with the following devices:

Android Apple Windows

Public Holiday
Monday 2 May

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Prep – Year 2
Wednesday 4 May
Year 3 – Year 6
Thursday 5 May

Year 3 & 5
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