



# Mount Warren Park State School Newsletter No. 01 Thursday 29 January 2015

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## From the Principal

### Welcome back to 2015

I hope you had an enjoyable time with your family during the Christmas break and are refreshed and ready to start the routines of school. I would like to welcome you all back to Mt Warren Park State School for 2015 and hope that your year is enjoyable and rewarding.



I would like to welcome our new families to the school. You have selected a great school and it is lovely to have you on board here at Mt Warren Park. I hope you find the time to become involved in many of the educational and social opportunities that occur from time to time.

This school newsletter is a fortnightly publication and you can normally expect it on a Thursday. It is also available on-line at [www.mtwarrenss.eq.edu.au](http://www.mtwarrenss.eq.edu.au) just in case it disappears on the way home! You can also communicate with us through a free smartphone App called Tiqbiz. The school administration team is always happy to answer your enquiries and we just ask that you make appointments to see us through the school office. Your child's teacher should always be your first port of call as they are best placed to answer most of your questions. I trust you will have a great year and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can during school events.

### New Staff

As is always the case, the start of a new school year sees a number of changes to our school staff and I would like to welcome our new or returning staff to our school this year. We trust you will make them feel welcome.

Miss Danielle Fletcher	Year 4 Classroom Teacher
Miss Corryn Smith	Year 3 Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Katrina Cattle	Year 3 Classroom Teacher
Ms. Paula Dennison	Year 3 Classroom Teacher
Miss Melissa Draney	Year 2 Classroom Teacher
Mrs Christine Shearman	Year 2 Classroom Teacher
Miss Renee Shield	Year 2 Classroom Teacher
Miss Rachel Lawlo	Year 1 / 2 Classroom Teacher
Mrs Katrina Itong	Classroom Teacher
Miss Tanya Ostrowski	Year 1 Classroom Teacher
Ms Jody Budd	Teacher Aide
Mr Chris Wright	Teacher Aide
Ms Jacqui Lather	Guidance Officer

With Mr Torr Leaving our school will see a few changes in our administration team. Mr Burkin will be Acting Principal for Term 1 with Miss Lord joining Miss Bailey as Acting Deputy Principal for the term. Mrs Powell will replace Miss Lord as our Head of Curriculum for the first term.

### Class Allocations for 2015

Classes are formulated each year based on projections and estimates during the year before and are adjusted once the school year commences in accordance with Education Queensland class size targets and the number of teachers allocated to the school. We are currently sitting within our predicted range and expect to hold the current number of class groups. You can assist us by ensuring all children return to school for the new year as quickly as possible. I will endeavour to keep you informed.

### Invitation to Meet and Greet next Tuesday 3 February



All parents are invited to visit their child/ren's classrooms this Tuesday, 3 February for one of two sessions: 4:00 – 4:30pm OR 4:30 – 5:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your child's teacher for the year and learn about the operations of your child's classroom.

### Parents reminded about Road Safety

With children returning to school after the Christmas holidays, and the next intake of Prep students commencing their schooling, it is extremely important for drivers to stay alert and obey road rules, especially in school zones. Parents also need to take the time to educate their children in the basics of road safety, particularly children starting school for the first time. Parents should ensure children wear an approved safety helmet when riding a bike, always use pedestrian crossings, and stop to look before crossing the road. Police are reminding drivers about the 40kmh 'school zone' speed limits, which haven't been in force during the holidays. Police are also reminding motorists not to double park; not to pull into 'no stopping' zones; not to drop children off on pedestrian crossings; and not to use mobile phones when driving.

### Visitors

All visitors (parent helpers, etc) to Mt Warren Park State School are required to sign in at the Administration Block and get a "Visitor's Badge". This is an important safety requirement. Staff are always observant to unfamiliar faces around the school and a visitor's badge assists in easy identification of people authorised to be in the school.

### Student Pick-up After School

We understand how hectic Mount Warren Boulevard can become around 2:50pm each afternoon. You are asked to be patient and observe all of the normal traffic rules and council parking guidelines at the front of the school to ensure the safety of our students. We ask that parents do not park in the school grounds or the bus parking bay and instead use the two car parks adjacent to the school. Thank you for your cooperation in anticipation.

### Early School Arrival/Late Pickup

Children are not expected to arrive at school before 8:20am and must be collected by 3:00pm. Children who arrive between 8:20am and 8:40am must report to the Tuckshop Covered Area for supervision. If your child needs to be dropped off at school early or you cannot collect them by 3:00pm, they will need to be

enrolled in Before and After School Care. This can be done by contacting the Beenleigh PCYC on 3380 1777 or the Outside School Hours Care Room on 3287 1285.

### Early Collection Of Students

Parents are reminded to see Administration Staff when collecting their children before 2:50 pm. This is for your child's safety. Parents are asked to contact the office where you will be asked to sign the children out and be presented with early departure slips which you will then take to your child's classroom and present to the teacher prior to taking your children home.

## From the Deputy Principals

### Assembly

School assembly is held every Monday from 8:50am in the hall. Parents are always welcome to attend. This coming Monday (Monday 2 February), we invite parents of children in Year 6 to come along as at the conclusion of our assembly we will be holding an open discussion regarding end of year celebrations for Years 6 students. The children are deciding whether they would like to have the normal graduation ceremony or try something different this year.

### Term 1 Parade Performances

WEEK	Monday	CLASS
1	NO PARADE	
2	2 February	
3	9 February	
4	16 February	
5	23 February	6A
6	2 March	4B
7	9 March	5C
8	16 March	3A
9	23 March	2A
10	30 March	PA

### School Leaders

There are many amazing things happening this year, with the school leadership program starting this week. Students who are in possession of a senior badge will be able to nominate for School Captain or Vice-Captain positions and then move through the interview and voting program. The process is a demanding one but one that all candidates will find rewarding:

- February 6 - Nominations close for Leadership positions
- February 10 - 13 - Interviews to determine shortlist
- February 13 - Introduction Badges issued
- February 16 - Speeches Addressing Criteria and Elections
- February 18 - Results of elections posted.
- February 19 and 26 - Class Elections of Councillors. Children submit resumes for Technology and Music Captaincy.
- Sports Meeting, Vote for Sports Captains
- March 2 - Induction.

In 2015 we will have 2 School Captains, 2 Vice Captains, 2 Technology Captains, 2 Music Captains, 2 House Captains per House, 2 Vice Captains per House and 3 SWPBS Captains. Good luck to all involved.

### DO THE HIGH FIVE! - Keeping our students happy and safe!

I believe that one of the most important functions of a school is to be a safe and supportive learning environment which provides ample opportunities for children to learn how to get along with others and be a responsible and cooperative member of our society. We are practising the social skills necessary to achieve this goal everyday in a variety of teaching and learning experiences. Our *High Five Anti-bullying strategy* is an extremely effective way for students to deal with conflict or

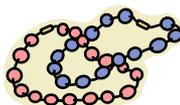
incidents that may happen in the classroom or the playground and empowers students to solve problems in a positive way. The steps students are encouraged to follow in reaction to negative behaviours are:

- 1) Ignore
- 2) Walk away
- 3) Talk friendly
- 4) Talk firmly
- 5) Report to the teacher



If a student is experiencing conflict of a serious nature, we encourage students to skip certain steps and focus on reporting to the teacher so that the problem can be solved as soon as possible, ensuring safety to those involved. Practising this strategy at home with your child will benefit them greatly and may help when you have those 'little incidents' to deal with too!

### Jewellery Policy



The wearing of jewellery is discouraged at school. To assist you with this policy we have come up with the following more specific guidelines: Children may wear studs or sleepers in their ears but not dangling earrings. Children may wear a signet ring as long as it doesn't protrude dangerously. Religious symbols (eg. necklaces) may be worn if parents give written permission but must be worn under the school uniform. Bracelets, key chains and nail polish are not permitted.

### 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 and "Tracks" style haircuts. You will be asked to correct such cuts.

### Sunsafe Hat Policy

In our climate hats are a necessity. The daily wearing of sunsafe hats to school is encouraged. A standard cap is not 'sun safe'. Students without sunsafe hats will often be unable to participate in Sport or PE and will not be permitted to play on the oval during lunch times. The P & C Association introduced a lovely 'bucket' hat to the school recently which is available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.

### Family Arrangements

Please keep us informed of any changes to family arrangements regarding the care for your children. We need the latest documentation to ensure we meet legislative requirements and can support you in the best way that we can.

### Address and Emergency Contact Details

If you have moved over the Christmas vacation or have changed phone/emergency contact details, please send the office a note with your new details. It assists us in emergencies to have current information on your children.

### Requisites Reminder

While we fully appreciate the cost of starting a new year, particularly with a number of students in one family, we ask that you supply the requirements of your child's class booklist as soon as possible. This will ensure they have the right materials to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered to them.

### Bus Rules

Please stress to children who catch the bus the importance of getting to the designated bus lines promptly after the bell. Supervision is provided and children are to assemble within the witches hats near the small gate at the front of the school. Bus numbers are called out by teachers on duty as they arrive and it is important that children are aware of their bus and the need to board quickly. The Prep/Year 1 playground is out of bounds and children who are waiting for parental pickup are to wait on the seats at the main gate and are not to mingle with those children waiting for the bus.



## 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, Credit Card over the phone 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).



### SWPBS – Weekly Expectations

**Week 1:** Being a **LEARNER** at Mt Warren Park SS.

1. I organise my belongings ready to learn.
2. I put effort into keeping my work neat and tidy.
3. I take risks with my learning.

**Week 2:** Be **RESPECTFUL** at Mt Warren Park SS.

1. I use my 'whole body' to listen.
2. I raise my hand to speak and wait my turn.
3. I treat all adults and children with respect.
4. I respect the rights of others to learn.
5. I respect the rights of my teacher to teach.

**Week 3:** Being **SAFE** at Mt Warren Park SS.

1. I enter the learning area when a teacher is present.
2. I leave the learning area with permission.
3. I walk to enter and exit the learning area.

### Parent Workshop – Home Readers

#### WHAT TO DO WITH 'THOSE' HOME READERS



Do you find that you don't have time to listen to your child read?

Does listening to your child read a home reader create a sense of dread/frustration?

Would you like to know how to help your child with a home reader?

If you answered 'yes' to the above questions then this workshop is for you.

**WHAT:** Home Reading P.E.T.S (Patience, Enjoyment, Time, Success) Workshop

**WHEN:** 2 sessions = Wednesday 18 February @ 9am OR Wednesday 25 February @ 3:00pm.

**WHERE:** Modular 9, Master Teacher's room (The one with the big Welcome sign on the window!)

**WHY:** To provide strategies for parents when listening to their children read at home.

**PRESENTED BY:** Julie Hughes, Master Teacher

**Look out for the flyer with further details and an RSVP slip.**

Religious Instruction Years 2 and 4

RE lessons will commence next week. Every child in Year 2 and 4 have the opportunity to participate in a half hour lesson once a week for the year. If you would prefer your child NOT participate in such lesson please advise the school office in writing asap.

### Student Banking

Student Banking will continue in 2015 with the day to be advised. Please check the next newsletter for our banking day. If you wish to open an account for your child you can either do so online with the Commonwealth Bank or go into the Beenleigh branch.

If your child travels to and from school by bus, please check the Bus Route and Bus Number as there have been several changes for 2015.

## PE News

Term 1 this year is an extremely busy one in many areas and sport is no exception. Throughout this term the following sporting events will occur.

- District Swimming Carnival 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Mt Warren Park Cross Country Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Prep to year 7
- Gala Days – Yr 5 and 6 each Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March in Term 1 and continuing in Term 2 – 24<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May

### Interschool Sport - Gala Days Year 5 and 6

Mt Warren Park State School will again participate in the Beenleigh District Interschool Sport Competition throughout 2015. This year the competition will run over 5 half days in Term 1/2 and Term 3. Each team will play at least 2 games per half day: – 11.00am to 2.15pm.

The cluster of interschool sports offered in Term 1 and 2 will be Netball, Soccer, Rugby League, AFL and Girls Touch Football.

**Competition dates for Term 1 Friday 13, 20, 28 March and continuing in Term 2 – 24 April and 1 May.**

Throughout the first two weeks of Term 1 students will be asked to sign up for their sport preference. If your child is successful in being selected in one of our school teams they will be receiving an information note indicating cost and a permission slip within the coming weeks. Students wishing not to play an interschool sport will be offered either **Ten Pin Bowling at a cost of \$6 each week for 8 weeks** or **Rotational Activities** where they will take part in a variety of activities such as indoor games and outdoor modified games.

### Cross Country

The 2015 school Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 3 March. Students wishing to improve their fitness are welcome at Cross Country training on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning beginning at 8.00am on the oval. If raining training will take place in the hall. **This training will begin Week 3 MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY.**

## Dates To Remember

Tuesday 3 February	Meet & Greet afternoon
Monday 23 February	District Swimming Carnival
Monday 3 March	School Cross Country
Wednesday 11 March	P & C AGM (See P & C News)
Friday 13 March	Gala Day 1 Year 5 & 6
Friday 20 March	Gala Day 2 Year 5 & 6
Friday 27 March	Gala Day 3 Year 5 & 6
Thursday 2 April	Final School Day of Term 1
	Prep to Year 2 Easter Hat Parade
Friday 3 April	Good Friday Public Holiday
<b>Monday 6 April 2014 to Friday 17 April 2015 EASTER VACATION (2 weeks)</b>	
Monday 20 April	School Commences for Term 2
Wednesday 22 April	P & C Meeting, 6:30pm in the Staffroom
Friday 24 April	Gala Day 4 Year 5 & 6
Thursday 30 April	District Cross Country
Friday 1 May	Gala Day 5 Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 20 May	Year 3 to 7 Sports Day 1
Thursday 21 May	Year 3 to 7 Sports Day 2
Friday 22 May	Prep to Year 2 Sports Fun Day
Friday 26 June	Final School Day for Term 2
<b>Monday 29 June to Friday 10 July 2015 Winter Vacation (2 weeks)</b>	
Monday 13 July	School Commences for Term 3

## Community Notices

**Hockey** – Hook into Hockey at Logan Hockey Club, 184-276 Meakin Road, Slacks Creek For more information call Lisa on 0410 556 132 or check out the website [www.loganhockey.com.au](http://www.loganhockey.com.au).

## P & C News

**Meeting** - The next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 February at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. Please come along, every is welcome.

### Tuckshop News

By the end of this week you should have received your new 2015 Tuckshop Menu. Spares are available from both the Tuckshop and the Office if needed.

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.

### Breakfast Menu

Even though it is not printed on the 2015 Menu we do offer a small breakfast menu that can be purchased before school up until 8:40am.

<b>2015 Breakfast Menu</b>			
Pikelet	\$0.50	Breaker Flavoured Milk	\$2.50
Hash Brown	\$1.00	Up & Go	\$2.50
Juice (small)	\$1.00	<b>TERM 3 ONLY</b>	
Juice (large)	\$1.50	Hot Chocolate	\$1.50

### Uniform Shop News

**Open Hours** - 8:00am – 9:30am Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and 2:30pm to 4pm 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.

## We have a school app

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

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