



# Mount Warren Park State School Newsletter No. 20 Thursday 3 December 2015

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## From the Principal

### **STAFFING CHANGES AT MT WARREN PARK SSA FOR 2016**

There are a number of staff changes that will take effect for the 2016 school year at Mt Warren Park SS.

- Mr John Bosward will not be returning to MWPS in order to look after his health. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.
- Ms Kristin Lord has been successful in gaining a position as Deputy Principal at Algester SS. We wish her all the best as she starts 2016 in her new role.
- Mrs Kellie Singh will temporarily fill Kristin's role. During Term 1 2016, a recruitment and selection process will be run for this position fulltime.
- A Positive Behaviour Learning Coach Position has been created for 4 days per week to support teachers in classrooms with behaviour teaching and learning. Ms Crystal Willmott will fill this role and be on class 1 day per week in Year 6.
- Mrs Le'Ellen Donoghue, our Business Service Manager, has been successful in gaining a temporary AO3 position for Semester 1 2016 at Algester SS. Ms Tracey Rice will be replacing her during her absence.

### **SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88**

As we approach vacation time once again, parents and community are asked to remain vigilant regarding the unwelcomed presence of people in our school out of hours. Please ring School Watch any time and let them know and they will send a State Security vehicle to check out the situation.

### **HELP FOODBANK TO HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST THIS CHRISTMAS**

Every week, more than 90,000 Queenslanders - almost half of whom are children - receive support from Foodbank Queensland via various welfare and hunger relief agencies across the state.

As well as sourcing and distributing the food that goes to families, street vans, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and services such as Meals on

Wheels, Foodbank also supports 168 Queensland schools to provide breakfast programs; ensuring those children and young people who might otherwise go without will start the day with the nourishment they need to learn.

Hunger affects those in need all year round and it takes a lot to keep an operation of Foodbank's size running.

One way our school and school community can contribute support is by coordinating a food drive to collect canned and non-perishable packaged food for re-distribution. Foodbank can supply posters and bags to promote a food drive, and are able to pick up and handle any volume of food, from anywhere.

With Christmas fast approaching, now is the time to think about what we can do - as individuals and as communities - to give a hand to those who need it the most. For more information on Foodbank Queensland, or to find out how you or your school can help with a food drive, visit the Foodbank Queensland website.

### **PLAY IT SAFE — AT SCHOOL, AT HOME, AND DURING HOLIDAYS**

Summer holidays wouldn't be complete without time spent near and in the water. With thousands of Queensland families expected to enjoy the warmer days swimming, fishing, and boating at local lakes and dams, it's important to remember that still water can be risky. Seqwater, South East Queensland's bulk water supplier, has launched their summer safety campaign that encourages a deeper level of thinking about safe behaviours while having fun at South East Queensland's dams, lakes, and parks. Enjoy a safe summer and always keep an eye on family and friends around water. More information and general safety advice can be found on the Seqwater website.

### **SENIOR SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT TRIAL NEXT YEAR**

Year 11 students at 263 schools will participate in a trial of external assessment in mid-2016. The trials in Chemistry, English, Mathematics B, Geography and Modern History will be conducted by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) in preparation for a new senior assessment and tertiary entrance system in 2018.



## From the Deputy Principals

### Transition Afternoon

Our Transition afternoon will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm. The majority of our current year 6 students will be out of the school having their high school orientation, so all other children in the school will be promoted to their 2016 classrooms in the afternoon session - any year six students still at school will be asked to assist the junior school children to move to their classrooms.

- At the conclusion of second break each child will return to their current classroom and be issued with a letter to take home explaining what class they will be going into in 2016.
- The children will be told what classrooms they will be going to in 2016 and then allowed to pack their bags for the day.
- At approximately 2:00pm the children will be dismissed to their respective 2016 classrooms and teachers will move to their allocated class.
- All children will then stay with their 2016 teacher in their future classroom and be dismissed at the end of the day.

### Year 6 Graduation and Final Parade – NEXT THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

This year seems to be flying by so quickly that it won't be long before we will be recognising our graduating Year 6 students on their journey to high school. We just want to remind parents that our Graduation Ceremony will be a daytime event this year. The ceremony will be held on Thursday 10 December beginning at 9:00am and concluding with coffee and cake with the children from 11 to 11:30am. All parents are welcome. Primary school aged children must attend normal classes for the day and can attend the Final Parade / Passing Out Parade on Thursday from 1:45pm.

### Reporting

Teachers are currently finalising assessment and completing the school reporting process for the end of the year. Report cards are scheduled to be sent home on Friday 4 December. It is school policy that an interview should accompany the issuing of report cards so that a more accurate picture of your child's progress can be painted for you. Next week of December 7 – 11 has been set aside for interviews – Please make these dates on your Calendar.

## General School News

### STOP, DROP and GO

The Logan City Council has kindly agreed to upgrade our northern carpark and install a STOP, DROP AND GO Zone. This will help to alleviate the congestion of a morning and afternoon making it safer for our children to be dropped off and picked up. Please read below and the attached flyer for more information.

#### Here's how they work:

- Stop, drop and go zones are a safe place to be dropped off or picked up outside your school.
- Signed as 2 minute loading zone and are enforceable by Council's Local Law Officers
- They operate like a fast moving taxi rank picking up students from the front of the zone
- There is a two minute limit for stopping in the zone
- Two minutes gives kids time to get in or out of the car without holding up the traffic too much
- Ensure children exit and enter the vehicle from the footpath side

#### In the afternoons:

- Delay your arrival until after release time. If you arrive early, do not park in the zone!
- Drive slowly to the head of the line
- Move forward as space becomes available
- Collect only at the head of the line
- Drivers are to stay in the car unless assisting with the loading of baggage and passengers
- Do not park for more than 2 minutes during signed hours of operation. If others abuse the zone, don't follow their lead
- Ensure passengers have secured seatbelts before driving off

#### Driver Tips

- Allow time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing
- Only pick up or let someone out when you have stopped at the front of the queue
- Stay in the car unless you need to help with bags or seatbelts
- Do not park in the zone and walk away from your car
- If your passenger is not ready, drive around the block to re-join the queue or find a legal place to park
- Never double park to pick up children - it is illegal and dangerous. Double parking blocks the vision for other drivers, forces children into the road and obstructs the flow of traffic
- Never call out to your child from across the road
- Think about timing your trip to avoid the busiest times
- Always obey the school zone speed limit (generally 40km/h)
- Park only where parking is permitted

## PE News



## 2015 MT WARREN PARK STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALS

Reminder to all that Mt Warren Park State School will be holding our annual Swimming Carnivals during the last week of this school year at the Bethania Pool. The Senior Carnival (Yr 3 to 6) will be on **Tuesday 8th December 2015** and the Junior Carnival (Prep – Yr 2) will be on **Wednesday 9th December 2015**.

**ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CARNIVAL MUST TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE POOL BY THE BUSES PROVIDED.**

**Spectator Cost:** Spectators are welcome and are required to pay \$4 entry free at the pool gate on day of carnival.

#### Please ensure students bring the following items to the pool.

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Swimming cap (optional)
- Hair tie (for long hair)
- A swim shirt or t-shirt (compulsory)
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Sun safe hat
- Goggles (recommended)

During the Senior Carnival the student council will be organising a BBQ and selling sausages on bread throughout the day. The canteen will also be opened during both carnivals and will be selling cold drinks, potato chips and ice blocks.

#### Getting to the pool:

Year 1 to 6 students must arrive at school by 8:30am and go straight to class for the roll to be marked, before boarding the buses.

- Prep students only will depart school at 10am. Prep children will arrive back at school by bus at approximately 12 midday.
- Year 1 children will arrive back at school by 11:30am.
- Year 2 students will depart the pool at 1:00pm
- Year 3 to 6 students will arrive back at school by 2:50pm.

Parents are reminded that children must be signed out at the school office if you wish to take them home after the carnival.

**A reminder to aid in the safety of all at the pool, only students competing in their particular event will be allowed in the pool at that time. No spectators or siblings will be allowed in the pool until the free time session near the conclusion of the day.**

## Music News

We would like to again congratulate all the students that participated in the Musical Showcase a couple of weeks ago. Our talented musicians put on a wonderful concert for us, showcasing various styles of music and impressing us with their musical talent and their dedication to the Instrumental Music Program.

Students in Year Two that have received an Expression of Interest Form for participation in the Strings program for 2016 are reminded to return these forms to the office or Music room as soon as possible. Students that are in Year Three that are interested in participating in the Band Program in 2016 are reminded to return these forms to the office or Music room as soon as possible.

# The Arts

On Monday during assembly we took the opportunity to recognise those students who have excelled in The Arts and award them for their outstanding achievements and effort.

We would like to once again congratulate all of this year's Arts Award recipients:

## Strings Awards

### Junior Strings

Achievement Award: Alana Budd 3B  
Encouragement Award: Kai McQuire 3B

### Dolce Strings

Achievement Award: Destiny Feldisi 4B  
Encouragement Award: Kaelyn Lane 4C

### Vivace Strings

Achievement Award: Philomena Warnholtz 4D  
Encouragement Award: Baxter Kerr 5B

## Band Awards

Achievement Award - Destiny Feldesi 4B  
Encouragement Award - Caitlin McClure 4A

Achievement Award - Harrison Russell 5C  
Encouragement Award - Alexis Lantry 5C

## Dance Awards

Achievement Award: Olivia Russell PA  
Encouragement Award: Izabella Chan PB

Achievement Award: Zoe Hewitt 1B  
Encouragement Award: Ross Jackel-Noffke 1A

Achievement Award: Olivia Baker 2B  
Encouragement Award: Seth Kujawski 2D

## Musical Theatre Awards

Achievement Awards: Aaliyah Fermanian 3A  
Encouragement Award: Geoffrey Latz 3B

Achievement Award: Matthew Hannon 4C  
Encouragement Award: Caitlin McClure 4A

Achievement Award: Naomi Jeudon 5A  
Encouragement Award: Alex Buchanan 5A

Musical Spirit Award: Emma Buchanan 3A

## Choir Awards

### Junior Choir

Achievement Award: Shaide Mulholland 2C  
Encouragement Award: Taylor Bobbermien 2C

### Senior Choir

Achievement Award: Sarah Dobbyn 5A  
Encouragement Award: Kym Jackel-Noffke 5B

## Stage Crew Awards

Achievement Award: Kate Resch 4D  
Encouragement Award: Kaelyn Lane 4C  
Encouragement Award: Baxter Kerr 5B



# School Resumes on the 27th January 2016



## Dates To Remember

Friday 4 December	Report Cards sent home TODAY
Monday 7 December	Whole School Transition Afternoon High School Orientation Day (Year 7 2016)
Tuesday 8 December	Senior Swimming Carnival Year 3 – 6 NO STUDENT BANKING TODAY
Wednesday 9 Dec.	Junior Swimming Carnival Prep – Year 2
Thursday 10 December	Year 6 Graduation from 9am in Hall
Friday 11 December	Final School Day for 2015
<b>Monday 14 December 2014 to Friday 22 January 2016 Christmas Vacation</b>	
<b>2016 Dates</b>	
Monday 25 January 2016	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 26 January 2016	Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 January	School Commences for 2016
Thursday 24 March	Final Day of Term 1
<b>Friday 25 March to Friday 8 April Easter Vacation (2 weeks)</b>	
Monday 11 April 2016	Term 2 Commences
Friday 24 June 2016	Final Day of Term 2
<b>Monday 27 June to Friday 8 July Winter Vacation (2 weeks)</b>	

## P & C News

### Next Meeting

The next P & C Meeting is our 2016 AGM and will be held on Wednesday 17 February from 6:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

### Tuckshop News

**Open Hours in Final School Week** = The tuckshop will be open on Monday 7, Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 December **FOR OVER THE COUNTER PURCHASES ONLY.**

## CLOSED ON THURSDAY 10 AND FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER.

### Uniform Shop News

Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS only, we CANNOT accept cheques. The shop will also be open from 1:30pm to 3pm on Transition Day, Monday 7 December.

### Normal Hours =

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8am – 9:00am.  
Wednesday afternoons – 2:15pm – 3:15pm.

### 2016 EXTRA / HOLIDAY HOURS =

Monday 18 to Friday 22 January 9am – 12pm  
(week before school starts)

Monday 25, Thursday 28 to Friday 29 January: 8am – 9:00am  
*and*

Wednesday 27 January: 2:30pm - 4pm

Thursday 28 January: 2:30pm – 4pm

**CLOSED: TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016**

**CLOSED: WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 8am – 9am**

Normal hours apply from start of School Week 2, 2016.

## Community Notices

**Vacation Care:** Mount Warren PCYC is now taking bookings for Christmas Vacation Care. As well as exciting daily activities that include active sports and great craft we also have excursions and incursions each week. Prices are dependent on your CCB and CCR so they can range from \$5.00 per day through to \$48.00 per day. We are on the school grounds near the C and K end, so call in and pick up a program today. We are also taking bookings for next year – you don't have to be working for your child to enjoy PCYC. Everyone is welcome and it is a great way for children to participate in activities while making new friends and gaining valuable life experiences. We hope to see you soon.



## Cedar Creek Hall Oval Saturday 5 December

5pm BBQ and activities  
7pm Carols by Candlelight

Wet weather option: meet in the hall

### For more information

info@bridgecommunity.church  
www.facebook.com/thebridgechurch  
Rob Ruge 0432 733 185

Christmas Church Services of Beemleigh and District Churches together 2015			
<b>BEEMLEIGH ANGLICAN</b> 121 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 2528	Christmas Family Service Midnight Service 24th Dec @ 7:55pm 24th Dec @ 11:55pm	<b>BEEMLEIGH BAPTIST</b> 111 Beemleigh Rd, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 3884	Carols Evening - Carols Night Christmas Morning Service 24th Dec @ 5pm 25th Dec @ 8am
<b>BETHESDA LUTHERAN BEEMLEIGH</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 6692	Christmas Eve Service Christmas Day Service (1st) Christmas Day Service (2nd) 24th Dec @ 7pm 25th Dec @ 7am 25th Dec @ 9am	<b>BEEMLEIGH REGION UNITING</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 3352	Service of Solace Christmas Eve Family Service Christmas Eve Communion Service Christmas Day Service 8th Dec @ 7:30pm 24th Dec @ 7am 24th Dec @ 10am 24th Dec @ 8am
<b>BEEMLEIGH SALVATION ARMY</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 2528	Carols at the Hall with Beemleigh Brass Band Christmas Day Service 24th Dec @ 6pm 25th Dec @ 9am	<b>BETHANIS LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 117 Queens Road, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 0557	'The Drama of the Christmas Story' Christmas Day Service 24th Dec @ 11pm 25th Dec @ 8am
<b>BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 104 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 7333	Christmas at the Creek (Open BBQ and drinks included) (Open Carols by Candlelight) Christmas Service 24th Dec @ 5pm 25th Dec @ 8am	<b>CITYVIEW CHURCH</b> 104 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 2528	'Aussie Winter Wonderland Christmas Spectacular' (The 2015/16 starts at 9pm) Christmas Day Service 24th Dec @ 6pm 25th Dec @ 8am
<b>CENTRO CENTRE</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 2528	Christmas @ Centro 24th Dec @ 9am	<b>HT WARRERS PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 2528	Christmas Day Service 25th Dec @ 8:30am
<b>ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 5633	Children's Mass Youth Mass Carols and Bible reading Midnight Mass Christmas Day Masses 24th Dec @ 6pm 24th Dec @ 6pm 24th Dec @ 11:30pm 24th Dec @ midnight 25th Dec @ 7:30am	<b>ST. PETERS LUTHERAN ALBERTON</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 2528	Children's Christmas Nativity Christmas Day Service 24th Dec @ 4pm 25th Dec @ 8:30am
<b>TWIN RIVERS</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 2528	Christmas Eve Service with Carols (Followed by supper at 8pm) 24th Dec @ 7pm	<b>MONTESSORI BETHANIS LUTHERAN</b> 111 York St, Beemleigh Telephone: 3387 2528	Children's Christmas Service Jacobus Well Carols by Candlelight Christmas Day Service 25th Dec @ 9:30am 24th Dec @ 5pm 25th Dec @ 7am

Happy Christmas to all from Beemleigh and District Churches Together!  
Join us to celebrate Christmas!