



# Mount Warren Park State School

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## From the Principal

### Transition Afternoon

Towards the end of term our school will conduct a transition afternoon where students are promoted to their classroom year level for 2016. This year both Windaroo Valley SHS and Beenleigh SHS will be holding their orientation days on Monday 5 December so that afternoon will be our opportunity to promote the rest of our school into their 2017 classes from 2:15pm until the end of the day.

This transition allows the children to know their teacher, classroom, and classmates for next year and allows them to feel comfortable when returning to school in 2017.



### Transfers In and Out for 2017

If your child/ren are transferring to another school for 2017 please advise the office of your child's new school. This is so we can organise to have transfers ready on time and post on records to the new school. Transfer papers are required when transferring to and from Queensland Schools. If you know of anyone who would like to enrol their child/ren here for 2017 please advise them to contact the school. You may be interested to know that children from a wide area choose to enrol here at Mt Warren Park State School. This is testament to the quality programs and committed staff here at Mt Warren Park.

### Prep Enrolments for 2017

The school is currently accepting enrolments for Prep for 2017. If your child is born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 they are ready to commence Prep next year. Please contact the school office and make an appointment to speak with our Deputy Principal, Ms Sam Hutchinson.

### World Teachers' Day Thanks

Thank you to many parents who sent cards or gifts to their child/ren's teacher/s last Friday to celebrate World Teachers' Day. It was very kind of you to acknowledge us on this day. It is a joy and a privilege to teach your children every day and thank you for charging us with that responsibility.

## From the Deputy Principals

### School Leadership 2017 Process

CONGRATULATIONS to our current Year 5 students who have achieved the position of a Senior Leader for 2017 and are now wearing their Senior Badge with pride. From this group of students, our Senior Leader 2017 Positions such as School Captains, House Captains, PBL Captains, Music and Technology Captains will then be selected. Our School Captaincy Process has already commenced so that by the end of the year our school will know which students will lead us into 2017. A panel comprised of an Admin member, teacher and parent met with nominated students on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Four out of the ten boy and female nominees interviewed will now be chosen to campaign and go through the voting process.

The announcement of the School Captain candidates will be announced on Parade this Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and then their week of campaigning in the school community will begin (8<sup>th</sup> November – 17<sup>th</sup> November). Candidates will make speeches to the school community before a student and staff voting process on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The announcement of our chosen School Captains for 2017 will be held on parade on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### Year 6 Dreamworld

We are very close to making a decision on what to do regarding the end of year trip for Year 6. As it cannot be guaranteed at this time that Dreamworld will be open on our currently booked date we have been looking at alternatives. More information will be forwarded next week. Thanks for your patience.

### Year 6 Farewell

The end of the year is zooming up on us! As you may be aware, we will hold a Year 6 Graduation to celebrate the transition of our students from primary school to high school. This year the ceremony will take place during school hours as it did last year.

The details are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday 8th December

**Time:** 9am – Approximately 11am

**Venue:** Mount Warren Park State School Auditorium

**Dress:** Full School Uniform

This year the ceremony will be held during the day. Doors will open at 8:45am for seating. The ceremony will officially start at 9am and consist of a multi-media review of the year, speeches and presentations. The ceremony concludes with the cutting of a graduation cake at approximately 11am. Parents of Year 6 students are invited to stay for tea and coffee after the ceremony. Thanks to Mount Warren Park P&C's generosity there will be no cost to parents.

The Year 6 end of year Class Parties will take place in middle session followed by the passing out parade from 1:45pm onwards in the hall at which the rest of the school farewell our Year 6 students.

There will be a special Year 6 Farewell Dance after school starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8pm. This event will be FREE of charge and strictly only for Year 6 students. Parents must drop off and collect from the hall. There will be food on sale during the night (soft drinks, chips, lollies, mini pies, sausage rolls).

### Mid Term Update

With half the Term flashing by it seems appropriate to share some of the great things happening in our school community.

I am always super excited to visit a classroom of busy learning students who know what they are doing, who are trying new things and who are pushing themselves to be better at something. I have been so impressed to see this happening regularly at Mt Warren Park. I have seen little people engrossed in group discussion about Mathematical ideas. I have seen individual students conferencing with teachers about ways to improve their writing. I have students supporting their buddies in the playground and encouraging them to make, Safe, Respectful choices. All of the learning happens each minute in a day at school. I often think I have one of the best jobs just because

### School Uniforms

Now that the warmer weather is here we have noticed an exceptionally high proportion of our students wearing full school uniform. Congratulations to all of these students and thank-you for making our school look great.

### Moving Up Afternoon – Circle the Calendar!

On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December our school will conduct our "Moving Up Day" afternoon where students are promoted to their classroom year level for 2017. The session starts at 2.00 pm so please ensure that you mark this special transition on your calendar. This transition allows the children to know their teacher, classroom, and classmates for next year and allows them to feel comfortable when returning to school in 2017. Our new Prep families will be joining us and I hope that everyone welcomes them into our fantastic community.

## From the Curriculum Team

### KEEP ON READING!

That is the message from all of the teachers here at Mt Warren Park State School for every single one of learners!

During the last two weeks, all teachers developed a reading survey for their students (each year level designed their own based on the development readiness of the learners) and the results have been illuminating!

We asked students the following types of questions:

**How much do you enjoy reading?**

**What do you enjoy about reading?**

**Do you read at home?**

**Who is your favourite author?**

**Draw a picture of your favourite book or story.**

**How could you get better as a reader?**

The last question has been a focus in all classrooms as teachers work closely with their learners to develop individual reading goals. Our Prep learners all the way through to Year 6 have been focusing on what they can do to become better readers and they are sharing their reading goals in their classrooms. Have you asked your child recently how they are going with their reading?

### Parent Feedback Request

**We STILL need your help!** We have developed a simple survey to help us know what **you need from us**. Titled 'Reading at MWPSS – what do our parents think?', We invite you to take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey.

Your participation will assist us in capturing your perspectives so that we can ensure that our teaching and learning meets the needs of our MWPSS parent community as well as that of our students.

Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y9NZ9RG> - the survey is now open and ready for your input. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the office. Thank you in advance for your contribution towards improving the learning outcomes for all students at MWPSS!

If you have any feedback for us or would like to ask a question, we welcome your contact:

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From the MWPSS Curriculum Team

### FLORA and FAUNA News

We are really excited to announce the winner of our **Name the Baby Bush-Stone Curlew Competition!**



With over 100 hundred entries, it was a very tricky decision – we needed something that was easy for students to remember and something that suited the name of this fast-growing chick. With a family pass to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary up for grabs, much time was spent pouring over the entries....the eventual winner was **MADISON COLLINS IN YEAR 2!**



Madison suggested the name **BUSHY**....thank you Madeline and THANK YOU CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY for donating such a fantastic prize.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who completed the 2016 Challenge. Thank you for being Super Readers.

**Prep A:** Chloe, Charlee, Lillian, Josie, Eliza, Joshua, Abbey, Ashanti

**1A:** Jeremy, **2C:** Reece, **2/3A:** Kaitlyn Smille,

**3A:** Isla, Maddison, **3B:** Navah, Keisha, **3D:**

Surianna, Maya, **5D:** Mia-Rae, Jessie.



## 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 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).



### B-POINT IS OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT

**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](http://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.

**Prep To Year 3** - Bravehearts will visit our school on Monday 14 November. Full payment of \$5 was due by Thursday 3 November. Late payments cannot be accepted as each paying child receives a Ditto Show Bag and these **MUST** be ordered prior to the show.

**Prep to Year 2** - Junior Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 7 December. Full payment of \$10 is due by Thursday 24 November. Information / permission notes and invoices will be sent home soon.

**Year 2** - Historical Village on Wednesday 16 (2B & 2D) and Thursday 17 (2A & 2C) November. Full payment of \$6 is due on Thursday 10 November.

**Year 3 & 4 Learn To Swim Program** - Monday 14 to Friday 25 November. Full payment of \$80 was due on Thursday 3 November.

**Year 3 to Year 6** - Senior Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 6 December. Full payment of \$10 is due by Thursday 24 November. Information / permission notes and invoices will be sent home soon.

**Year 6** - Dreamworld excursion on Thursday 24 November. Full payment of \$40 is due by Thursday 10 November 2016.

**Year 5 and 6 Camp for 2017 (Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 February)** Tyalgum Ridge Retreat (Northern NSW). Information / permission notes have been sent home with invoices. Full payment of \$242 is due by Thursday 2 February 2017.

**Parents can start making payments of any amount NOW!!!**

To ensure your child's participation please pay all accounts by the due date.



## 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.

## The Arts

The Arts are a fun and creative outlet for students to not only express themselves but to learn essential skills that they can apply to their academic and personal development. At Mount Warren Park we have many talented students who have applied themselves to Music, Drama, Dance and Stage Management. We would like to recognise these students achievements and their dedication to the Arts at the Arts Awards Assembly on Monday 15 November.

### Dance Spectacular – FREE CONCERT

This event is scheduled for Monday 21 November from 5pm in the hall. Notes will be sent home to all performers very soon. Everyone is welcome to come along.

### Important Upcoming Dates =

- Both Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing on the Arts Awards Assembly in week 7, notes will go home asap.
- The Chamber Strings (group in the 9:50am lesson) will be performing on the Arts Awards Assembly in week 7.
- Students in Years 2 and 3 are reminded to return their expression of interest notes for Strings and Band next year asap.
- All Strings and Band students will be performing at the Instrumental Music Concert on Wednesday week 8, notes will go home asap.

## PE News

### Year 3 and 4 Learn to Swim

The year 3 and 4 swimming program will commence on Monday 17 November 2014 and conclude on Friday 28 November 2014. The program will run for one 45 minute lesson each day over two weeks which total 10 lessons. The cost of the program will be \$80.00. This amount covers bus travel and pool admission and a qualified instructor for forty-five minutes for the whole 10 lessons.

Please **ensure** students bring the following items to every lesson:

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Swimming cap (highly recommended)
- Hair tie (for long hair)
- A swim shirt or t-shirt (**essential**)
- Sunscreen.
- Goggles (highly recommended)

**FULL PAYMENT OF \$80 SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE BY 10AM THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2016.**

### 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 6th December 2016** and the Junior Carnival (Prep-Year 2) will be on **Wednesday 7th December 2016**.

To assist with the preparation and organisation of the program we ask that all Permission / Event Nomination Forms are returned to your child's teacher by **Thursday 24th November 2016**.

**Total payment of \$10.00 for the pool entry and the bus transport is payable by Thursday 24th November 2016.**

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

### Sports Awards To Be Presented On Parade

To celebrate and congratulate the success of sport at Mt Warren Park the Term 4 Gala Day team awards of Best and Fairest and Most Improved for Softball, Basketball and Boys Touch football along with the Zone, District, South Coast and Queensland representative awards will be presented on parade on the 28th November. If your child is receiving a sporting award you receive a letter within the next week inviting you to the parade to help celebrate your child's achievements.



## iCentre News

### Book Club

Thank you for your generous support of Book Club Issue 7 which has just arrived and will be distributed to classes today. **The final Book Club for 2016 (Issue 8)** will be distributed **next week**. Orders for this issue will close on the 15<sup>th</sup> November to ensure that the orders arrive by the second last week of term.

### Return of Student Loans

The final week of Library borrowing will be Week 7. All student loans must be returned to the iCentre by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Students will be issued a reminder slip if they have not returned their books by this date. Any loans that remain outstanding by the final week of the term will result in an invoice being mailed home seeking the replacement cost of the book. This invoice is payable at the Cash Collection window.

### Star Borrowers

Congratulations to Tara McCann, Dallas Napper, Samantha Nguyen and Jacquelyn McMullan for recently receiving our Star Borrower Awards. This award is given to students who have displayed an outstanding borrowing record and love to read. They have all received a \$10 voucher to spend at Book Club. Congratulations, you are wonderful. Reading Ambassadors for Mt Warren Park.



## Dates To Remember

Thursday 3 November	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Payment Due \$80 Prep – Year 3 Bravehearts \$5 due today
Friday 4 November	Year 5/6 Gala Day 5
Thursday 10 November	Year 6 Dreamworld payment due \$40 Year 2 Historical Village \$6 due today
Monday 14 November	Arts Awards Assembly 1:45pm Prep to Year 3 Bravehearts \$5 Year 3 / 4 Learn To Swim STARTS
Wednesday 16 November	Year 2 Historical Village Excursion \$6 2B, 2D and Year 2's from 2/3A
Thursday 17 November	Year 2 Historical Village Excursion \$6 2A and 2C
Monday 21 November	Dance Spectacular from 5pm
Wednesday 23 November	Instrumental Music Concert form 5pm
Thursday 24 November	Year 6 Dreamworld \$40 Swimming Carnival \$10 due today
Monday 5 December	Transition Afternoon from 2:15pm
Tuesday 6 December	Senior Swimming Carnival \$10
Wednesday 7 December	Junior Swimming Carnival \$10
Thursday 8 December	Year 6 Graduation Morning Year 6 Farewell Parade from 1:45pm Year 6 Farewell Dance from 6:30pm Class Party Day – RED FOOD DAY <b>TUCKSHOP CLOSED TODAY</b>
Friday 9 December	Final School Day for 2016 <b>TUCKSHOP CLOSED TODAY</b>
Monday 12 December – Friday 20 January	Summer Holidays (6 weeks)
<b>Monday 23 January 2017</b>	<b>SCHOOL COMMENCES FOR 2017</b>
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Weds 15 to Fri 17 February	Year 5 and 6 SCHOOL CAMP \$242

## P & C News

### Meeting

The next P & C Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9 November at 5:30pm in the staffroom. **PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME**

### Uniform Shop News

**New Uniform Update** - As soon as the new stock arrives we will send home new Price Lists.

**Open Hours** - 8:00am to 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.

### 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.

**New Uniform Shop  
Price List  
Coming Soon!!!**

## Community Notices

**SATURDAY  
5<sup>TH</sup> Nov 2016  
6:00pm-9:00pm**

**BEENLEIGH REGIONAL CHAPLAINCY**

**FAMILY FOOD AND FUN NIGHT**

EAGLEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
COWPER AVE EAGLEBY (NEXT TO THE POOL)

**PRICES PER PLATE**

**HANGI \$15**

**MEXICAN \$10**

**AMERICAN**

**HOT DOGS \$4-\$5**

**COFFEE & CAKE**

**RAFFLES**

**Playground**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

For more information  
CONTACT LEANNE 0410531616

**Transition Day  
Monday 5 December  
from 2:15pm**

**Final School Day  
for 2016  
Friday 9 December**

**Year 6 Farewell  
Celebrations  
Thursday 8 December**