



# Mount Warren Park State School

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#### From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2017 school year at Mount Warren Park State School. I would like to take this chance to introduce myself as the new Principal of Mount Warren Park. Although I have endeavoured to meet as many parents as I could in the first few days of school – it is obviously not an easy goal to achieve. I do look forward to catching up with as many members of the school community as I can in the next few weeks.

I have come to Mount Warren Park after being at Labrador State School, on the northern end of the Gold Coast where I was the Deputy Principal for 12 years. I am looking very forward to being part of the Mount Warren Park community and joining you on your journey with the focus always being on student achievement and growth.

Beginning the school year is always a busy time for parents and families but on top of this the task is made more daunting for those parents new to our school but and more so if those families have their first child starting in prep. To all of our new families to the school – a big welcome. It is a timely reminder that for ANY school to be successful – there needs to be a partnership between the school, the classroom and your home. This can be achieved by attending school events, maintaining regular communication with the school and volunteering to support in your child's classroom or around the school if you are able to.

At the recent pupil free days I spoke to staff about values I feel are essential to a school.

They are:

- Respect and loyalty is paramount in the school.
- All students have the right to learn and teachers have the right to engage.
- I lead our school through modelling respect
- It is paramount that a safe, supportive and well disciplined learning environment is provided
- Leadership teams are determined to take action to ensure that this safe and supportive environment is maintained.
- The school community values positive behaviour.
- The school embraces new technologies to immerse students in rich literacy and numeracy exploration.
- Administration value the importance of being visible in our school community.
- Administration members are seen in all rooms and on duty being part of the education process.
- Positive relationships between the school and the wider community are key to our school's success
- Everyone shared a respect for each other's roles.
- Decisions made at Mount Warren Park State School are always student focused.

As is often the case at the start of school year – we are welcoming back the following people to our school from time away for a variety of reasons:

Mr Michael Burkin – returning from Acting role at Pacific Pines SS  
Mr Sean Browne – returning from leave  
Mrs Cassie Bruce – returning from Acting role at Coulston Lakes SS  
Mrs Robbie Pim (new teacher appointed to MWPSS)

#### Same Day Text Notification:

Last year the Department of Education placed an expectation on all schools to implement a 'Same Day Text Notification' system by the start of the 2017 school year. Some parents will already have had some exposure to this if they have high school aged children, as many high schools have been running this type of system for some years now.

Teachers will still be expected to mark their electronic class role as per usual at an agreed time throughout the school. Any students not entered as 'being at school' when the teacher marks the roll will automatically trigger a text to the parent on their nominated mobile (given at enrolment) identifying that the student is NOT at school and reminding the parent to contact the school or class teacher ASAP to provide an explanation for their absence. **YOU CANNOT REPLY TO THESE TEXT MESSAGES** – Please call the school administration on 3382 9333.

This state wide expectation for all schools is aimed at increasing the safety of all students in our schools. We will begin using the system on Day 1 in line with departmental expectations.

On behalf of all staff at the school – again, welcome back to what I am sure will be a busy and productive year for everyone in the MWPSS community.

*Clay McCann, Principal*

#### PBL Lessons

**Week 1: I am safe, respectful and a learner when lining up outside my classroom.**

**This looks like:**

- I sit in one of two straight lines.
- I sit quietly.

I keep my whole body to myself.

**Week 2: I use my whole body to listen.**

**This looks like:**

- Eyes are watching.
- Ears are listening.
- Lips are closed.
- Hands are still.
- Feet are very quiet.

**Week 3: I am safe, respectful and a learner when walking to and from specialist lessons.**

**This looks like:**

- I walk in two straight lines.
- I keep my whole body to myself.
- I stay to the left while walking on pathways.
- I walk quietly through the school grounds during learning time.

## From the Deputy Principals

Welcome back to our Mount Warren Park State School community where the learners of today will be the leaders of tomorrow!



We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and all your Christmas wishes came true! The 2017 school year has arrived quickly and we are sure the ten weeks of term one will fly by as well – especially with all the wonderful learning experiences that will be taking place in the classrooms this term. We'd like to give a very special welcome to the students and parents who have joined the Mount Warren Park School community this year.

Our first day of school seemed to progress very smoothly and it was great to see the students enthusiastic about moving into their new classrooms and meeting their new teacher. We're sure there was much to talk about around the dinner table this week and we are confident the wonder, enthusiasm and love of school will continue throughout the rest of the year – especially with the wonderful teaching and learning experiences our teachers have planned. Congratulations to our Prep students for such a great effort with their very first week of school. We are very proud of all of them! We would also like to welcome our returning and new staff members to Mount Warren Park State School. We are sure your contribution to our school will continue to make our school a wonderful place to be.

On a personal note I would like to say how excited I am to be back at Mount Warren Park this year. My time at Pacific Pines was exciting and educational one for me and I am looking forward to meeting everyone from our wonderful community again and being part of all the exciting things that will be taking place here in 2017.

### Meet and Greet

We will be having a meeting and greeting afternoon (and a sausage Sizzle) on Tuesday 7 February from 3pm – 5pm.



The afternoon will start with a free sausage from 3:00pm until 3:30pm. Then all parents will be invited into the hall for a short introduction to our school until 4:00pm. At 4:00pm teachers will conduct a 30 minute presentation with you to explain their classroom procedures and answer any questions you may have in regard to the upcoming year. There will be 2 of these 30 min sessions so that parents with more than one child can visit each teacher.

This meeting is a wonderful opportunity to meet the person who will play a large part in your child's life this year as well as give you great insight into their learning. Between now and then, teachers will send home a welcoming letter/newsletter/booklet explaining the classroom policies and procedures and If you are unable to attend this meeting or have any concerns or queries about classroom proceedings or your child's progress do not hesitate to make an appointment with their teacher so that any questions can be answered.

### Mobile Phones

Last year we have had a number of incidents involving mobile phones at school. School policy is that mobile phones are not permitted at school but if children need them for emergency reasons they are to be surrendered at the office and picked up in the afternoon. There is NO need for mobile phones to be brought to classrooms or left in school bags throughout the day.



### Classroom Resources

Please ensure that your child has the items specified on the year level booklist as soon as possible. This will greatly assist your child's learning and help them to be organised for the year ahead.

If you have any queries, please contact your class teacher.

### Sun Safe Hats

It is important that all children have a sun safe uniform hat with them at school at all times.



**Caps are not sun safe and are not part of the school uniform.**

We ask that children do not bring caps to school and will be required to sit in the covered area during play time if they do not have a sun safe hat.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS



- As our playground signs indicate, our *playgrounds are out of bounds* for students *before and after school hours*. A student should only access playground areas if they are with a *teacher* during lunch or lesson times. This policy is in place to keep our students safe.
- If your child waits for you to pick them up in the afternoon near playground areas, please enforce this rule with your child and arrange with them, a spot to quietly wait. This has been and will continue to be regularly enforced via parade, staff and our school newsletters.
- *Morning supervision* is provided for children arriving to school without parents from 8:25 a.m. where they will be met in the Tuckshop covered area and escorted to the hall from 8:25. Children will then be released from the hall at 8:45am to move directly to their classroom. Please ensure your child arrives at school between these times and not earlier.
- Please reinforce the rules to your children that before the bell they can only be inside classroom with their teacher or in this supervised area. Children will then be dismissed in grade levels and must be in classrooms by the second bell. Children are not to wait outside classrooms unless they are directly supervised by their parent or caregiver. This policy is in place to keep our students safe and helps to ensure a smooth transition to school
- Students left after school for a considerable amount of time after the school bell or arrive well before morning supervision, will be given a letter to remind parents of school procedures and Before/After school care facilities. Please ensure that your contact details are correct and up to date so that we can contact you if necessary.

### DO THE HIGH FIVE! -

#### ***Keeping our students happy and safe!***

We 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 practise the social skills necessary to achieve this goal in a variety of teaching and learning experiences every day. Our *High Five 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!

### 2017 Student Leaders Induction Ceremony

Parents of all 2017 Student Leaders are invited to attend the 2017 Induction Ceremony that will be held on Monday 13 February after assembly which is from 9am. The ceremony will be followed by a morning tea for all Student Leaders and their parents.

### Every Day Counts

At Mount Warren Park we want your child here 100% of the time. Being at school ensures smooth transitions, it allows for deeper understanding and it makes it easy for students to keep up with the learning that is going on in their classroom. Attendance is a direct indicator of success at school. So please have your student here at school every day to support their best opportunity for success.



School success starts  
with attendance



## 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. An Instruction Sheet can be collected from the office if needed.

**Year 2 - Beenleigh Historical Village** on Tuesday 7 March. Cost = \$TBA. Full payment is due by Thursday 2 March. Information / Permission notes will be sent home very soon.

**Year 5 and 6 Camp - (Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 February)** Tyalgum Ridge Retreat (Northern NSW). Information / permission notes have been sent home with invoices. Medical Consent forms and Equipment Lists were sent home this week. Medical Consent Forms should have been returned by Friday 27 January 2017 to class teachers.

**Full payment of \$242 is due by Thursday 2 February 2017.**

## PE News

### Important Dates

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.

- Beenleigh Zone Swimming Carnival 6th February at the Springwood Aquatic Centre.
- Mt Warren Park Cross Country Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Prep to year 6
- Gala Days – Year 5 and 6 each Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March in Term 1 and continuing in Term 2 – 21<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Mt Warren Park State School will again participate in the Beenleigh Zone Interschool Sport Competition throughout 2017. The competition will run over 5 half days in Term 1/2 and then again in Term 4. Each team will play at least 2 games per half day: 11.00am to 2.15pm.

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

**Competition dates for Term 1 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March in Term 1 and continuing in Term 2 – 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

Throughout the first two weeks of Term 1 year 5 and 6 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 the Mt Warren Bowling Lanes at a cost of \$49 (for 7 weeks).
- Rotational Activities where they will take part in a variety of activities such as indoor games and outdoor modified games at school.
- Martial Arts program conducted by a qualified instructor David King from KMA Martial Arts. The Martial arts will be held in our school auditorium for a total cost of \$21.00 which covers 7 weeks of instruction.

### Beenleigh Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent Mt Warren Park State School at the Beenleigh Zone Swimming trials on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at Aqua Logan Springwood. We wish all swimmers the very best of luck:

Cody Acai, Manaia Clark, Kiara Diskett, Bailey Downs, Harmoni Johnson, Kaelyn Lane, Mackenzie Lane, Mitchell Lawrence, Shaide Mulholland, Pavlic Pasishnichenko, Willow Schmidt and Cody Shephard.

### Cross Country

The 2017 school Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. 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.

It is highly recommended that students wear an older shirt to train in and then bring their school shirt to change into after training.

**This training will begin Week 3 WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 8.00am.**

## Learning Support News

Hello Parents, Carers and Students of Mount Warren Park State School. My name is Lorrin Evans (Miss Evans) and I am the new support teacher (STLaN) for this year. I am very excited to be working with the students' and helping them achieve and succeed. Please feel free to contact me for any further information on [levan156@eq.edu.au](mailto:levan156@eq.edu.au)



## P & C News

The first P & C Meeting for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 8 February from 5:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 8 March 2017.

### Tuckshop News

The **Tuckshop** is going to be **CLOSED** every **MONDAY** during 2017. A new menu was sent home on Wednesday 25 January. This menu will remain current for the whole of 2017. Please make note of the Weekly Specials (complete meal deals) on the back of the price list. All of these are home made, healthy options and all cost \$7. The Weekly Special is available for everyday of that scheduled week. There are 5 different specials per term so please note the week they are available. Notices will also be placed outside the Tuckshop. During Term 1, 2 and 4 Slushies will be available at first break as well as second break. Spare 2017 Menus are available from the Tuckshop during open hours.

### 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.

### Breakfast Menu

**- NOT AVAILABLE AFTER 8:30am or MONDAYS**

Even though it is not printed on the 2017 Menu we do offer a small breakfast menu that can be purchased before school up until 8:30am. Please do not ask for Breakfast Menu items from 8:30am onwards as refusal often offends.

### Uniform Shop News

**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.

### 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.

## Dates To Remember

Monday 23 January 2016	2017 SCHOOL COMMENCES
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Monday 6 February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Monday 13 February	2017 Student Leaders Induction Parade
Tuesday 28 February	School Cross Country
Thursday 2 March	\$TBA due for Year 2 Excursion
Tuesday 7 March	Year 2 Beenleigh Historical Village
Friday 10 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 1
Friday 17 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 2
Friday 24 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 3
Thursday 31 March	Final Day of Term 1
<b>Monday 3 April to Monday 17 April Easter Vacation (2 weeks)</b>	
Monday 17 April	Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 18 April	Term 2 Commences
Friday 21 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 4
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 28 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 5
Friday 23 June	Final Day of Term 2
<b>Monday 26 June to Friday 7 July Winter Vacation (2 weeks)</b>	
Monday 10 July	Term 3 Commences

TUCKSHOP  
**CLOSED**  
EVERY  
MONDAY

### Upcoming Weekly Specials - \$7

This week = Pasta Bolognese, Large Juice & Popcorn  
From Tuesday 31 Jan = Chicken Fried Rice, Medium Water & Apple Slinky.

From Tuesday 7 Feb = Macaroni Cheese, Large Juice & Popcorn.

From Tuesday 14 Feb = Nachos, Medium Water & Orange Wedges

From Tuesday 21 Feb = Pizza (Ham & Pineapple OR Cheese & Bacon), Large Juice & Garlic Bread.