



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.

STAFFING CHANGES FOR 2017

The following people are going on leave or transferring for the 2017 school year. At this stage, we are still unsure as to whether Mr Michael Burkin will return or not.

Staff Leaving / Transferred Out:

- Bec McGuren
- Melissa Bailey - maternity leave and returning in term 4 2017
- Kellie Singh
- Eliza Taylor
- Tanya Colley
- Christine Noy

Staff Returning / Transferred In:

- Julia Bailey – transferred in for 2017
- Alicia Stewart – 2 days per week
- Cassie Bruce

Staff Continuing / Taking Leave:

- Amanda Edmunds
- Tanya Ostrowski
- Leanne Nolan
- Vanessa Smart
- Cassandra Turnbull
- Sandhya Rankin
- Doreen Percy
- Sandy Webber
- Paula Dennison – returning Term 2

As further information regarding staffing for 2017 is known, a letter will be sent out to the community to advise changes. Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard this year. There were real demonstrable changes to our NAPLAN performance as a school and this is fantastic!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

There are so many great reasons to become a teacher, including a great work-life balance and one of the highest starting salaries for university graduates in Australia.

For students:

- Year 12s have until 11 December to apply for grants and scholarships to study teaching at a Queensland university next year; and
- Year 10s and 11s can apply for one of the many university preparatory programs for undergraduate teaching degrees being offered next year. Hurry — applications are closing soon!

For parents and carers:

- It's never too late in life to study teaching.
- Teaching is a four-year undergraduate degree or a one-year post-graduate diploma for students enrolling in 2017. From 2018, the post-graduate diploma will become a two-year study program.

Teaching is a career where you can inspire others, make a difference and work with Queensland's future! For more information, visit the www.teach.qld.gov.au.

2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

The 2017 school calendar can be downloaded at: http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/pdf/2017-school-calendar.pdf

QSCHOOLS APP

Make sure you register for the 'push notifications' to get newswatches of important information via the QSchools App.

- Go to Settings
- Choose the school.
- Tick 'School Emergency Alerts' and 'School Announcements'

You will then get all our school announcements as a notification on your phone or iPad. You will also have access to all our newsletters and other important information.

QSchools dashboard

QSchools favourites	Notification subscriptions	
As of today	Critical	Information
412	221	220
users have added your school to their QSchools favourites	users have subscribed to receive push notifications from your school	

Thanking our volunteers

Encouraging students to say please and thank you every time they use the tuckshop is important but the work that goes on to prepare the food and keep the tuckshop well-stocked is done behind the scenes. Making an extra effort to show the volunteers and tuckshop staff that all their work is appreciated by the whole school community is a wonderful way to build school spirit. Tuckshop Day provides an opportunity to give a special thank you to all tuckshop workers and recognise the valuable role these teams play in every school.

Become a School Volunteer

Family members including grandparents as well as local residents are welcome volunteers in schools and especially school tuckshops. The old saying 'many hands make light work' is never truer than in school tuckshops. Volunteers don't have to spend a whole day at the tuckshop. Parents or members of the wider community can make a real contribution by volunteering for as little as an hour.

All tuckshop volunteers, other than parents, are required to have a [Working with Children Blue Card](#) to ensure the safety of students. People wishing to volunteer in their local school tuckshops should apply as soon as possible as the Blue Card process takes up to eight weeks.

SMART HEALTHY FOOD AND DRINK CHOICES

The Queensland Government's *Smart Choices - Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools* highlights and promotes the supply of nutritious foods in schools and limits the availability of less healthy options.

School communities and tuckshop workers use the ideas in the strategy to promote healthy eating as a way of maintaining good health.

Tuckshop Day is a handy reminder that the food and drinks offered to children at school can play an important role in their development and well-being.

From the Deputy Principals

Well with only a few weeks to go till the end of the year, many students are feeling a little anxious and worried about the move to their new class and new Teacher. It is important that as parents and caregivers you try your best to help them understand the changes ahead, by explaining that change is okay and that new adventures are exciting. Staying positive in these times, whether you yourself are anxious, is really important. If children see their parents or caregivers voicing their concerns loudly then they will worry more.

Please have a chat with your current classroom teacher if you are worried about the transition and ask them for advice as to what you can do at home to make moving easier. Each year level offers different opportunities. Talk to your children about what is different in their next year level but also talk about what things stay the same. Bring some perspective to their concerns.



REMEMBER TO ALWAYS STAY POSITIVE !!!!

Reading Happens Everywhere!

I have been blown away by the amount of junior school students who are coming down to have their photo taken for my Champion Reading wall. So many faces are filling my wall and I am over the moon to see our school develop a strong reading culture. We know in the early years of education we learn to read and the way we know that reading becomes the vehicle for our learning. I am so proud of the hard work our staff are doing in this area and seeing children excited about their reading achievement and success is certainly one of the highlights of my week. Keep up the good work parents and caregivers because we know your little person needs your full support to become an awesome reader.

Year 6 End of Year Trip

Due to the current situation with Dreamworld we are now booked in to go to AMF Loganholme for a day of fun. Year 6 students received an information / permission note last week. The children will enjoy a day packed with 2 games of bowling and 2 games of laser skirmish plus lunch.

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 as per last year. 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).

2017 School Captains



Congratulations to our 2017 School Captains; Pictured above with Miss Bailey, Vice Captains: Jimmy Baker and Chloe O'Brien; Captains: Destiny Feldesi and Bodhi Corino-Jones. It was a very close count with a group of well deserved candidates.

The final candidates are pictured below with Mrs Mac; Chloe O'Brien, Mia-Rae Moyle, Destiny Feldesi, Dayshia Edmonds, Mrs Mac, Curtis Morgan, Bodhi Corino-Jones, Chayse Winter, and Jimmy Baker.



Well done to you all. Remember in 2017 there will be other positions of leadership on offer such as House Captains, PBL Captains, Technology Captains and Music Captains.



Relieved after presenting their speeches to their peers last week.

You had amazing speeches and showed real maturity with your public speaking abilities.

2017 Student Leadership

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. Once you have logged in you will need the information from the school invoice to complete the BPOINT payment page.

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 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 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!!!

Book List Requirements for 2017

Booklists were sent home with every child this week. For convenience you can place an order with The Lucky Charm Newsagency at Holmview.

PE News

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**. Parents are welcome to attend and must pay an admission cost of \$4 upon entry to the pool.



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.



The Arts

Important Upcoming Dates =

- 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.

iCentre News

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 25th 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.



BE PART OF SOMETHING LIFE-CHANGING

The Qld Government is giving parents and carers free access to evidence-based parenting support through the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. Join us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/triplep) to get quality parenting information, and visit www.triplep-parenting.net to see what programs are available. More seminars and group sessions coming soon.

SET YOUR KIDS UP FOR SUCCESS IN 2017

We all want our kids to do well at school – and in life! Set your kids up for success by learning how to positively parent. [Find out](#) how to encourage kids to be respectful, make good decisions and feel positive about themselves. And it's all free! Why not [do Triple P Online](#) over the holidays (Teen version coming soon)? You can register online 24/7.

NEW PARENTING MAGAZINE OUT NOW

Want to know if Triple P works for real Qld families? What sports are available for kids and teens? What teenagers are REALLY thinking about? And why it's important for parents to take time out? Read Triple P's latest parenting magazine [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW TRIPLE P TRAINING IS FREE?

Do you have practitioners who would like to deliver Triple P sessions to parents? Free training, resources and support is now available. For more details visit our [training calendar](#). If there's no training in your area or for the course you want, email training@triplep.net and let's talk. If you have more than 15 people interested, we may be able to run a course just for your group. Call [3236 1212](tel:32361212) for more details.

[LIKE US ON FACEBOOK](#) FOR REGULAR POSITIVE PARENTING UPDATES.

Dates To Remember

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 from 9am
	Year 6 Farewell Parade from 1:45pm
	Year 6 Farewell Dance from 6:30pm
	Class Party Day – RED FOOD DAY
	TUCKSHOP CLOSED TODAY
Friday 9 December	Final School Day for 2016
	TUCKSHOP CLOSED TODAY
Monday 12 December – Friday 20 January = Summer Holidays (6 weeks)	
Monday 23 January 2017	SCHOOL COMMENCES FOR 2017
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Weds 15 to Fri 17 February	Year 5 and 6 SCHOOL CAMP \$242

P & C News

Homestyle Bakery Orders

Completed order forms with the correct money are due back this Wednesday 23 November. These can be handed in to the office.
Delivery - Orders will be delivered to school on Friday 2 December and can be collected from the Hall Foyer from 2pm onwards.

Tuckshop News

The Tuckshop will be **CLOSED** on **THURSDAY 8** and **FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER**. Please make sure you make alternate arrangements for your child with regards to lunches on these days.

Uniform Shop News

New Uniform Update – We are still waiting for our sample stock to arrive however you will receive a Price List very soon so you can start planning for 2017.

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.

TUCKSHOP CLOSED

Thursday 8 &
Friday 9 December

Uniform Shop Hours

Normal Open Hours =

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

2017 =

Monday 16 to Friday 20 January 9am – 12pm
(week before school starts)

Monday 23 to Friday 27 January 8am – 9:00am **and**
 Monday 23 and Wednesday 25 January – 2:30pm – 4pm

CLOSED: THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017

***Normal Hours apply after first week
of school year.***