



Mount Warren Park State School Newsletter No. 02 Thursday 9 February 2017

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From the Principal

What a fantastic start to the school year! I have been very impressed with the way many of our students have been approaching their learning in the classroom and interacting with both other students and staff of the school. This together with the friendly manners displayed by the great majority of our students has made my start to the school a very pleasant one indeed.

All students need to know the importance of what a Mount Warren Park State School student displays at school:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

These expectations are continually reinforced by all school staff throughout every day and it is also expected the students not only understand them but display these qualities at all times.

One of the latest data sets that came across my desk earlier this week was reporting on the behavioural incidents through the school for the first two weeks. The most prevalent behavioural issue we have been dealing with over the course of the first 2 weeks of school is 'Disruptive' behaviour in the classrooms.

I spoke with all senior students on parade this week about the importance of the learning environment in their classrooms while referring to the expectations of our learners. Every student is expected to allow other students to learn around them as well as the teachers to teach. If this is not happening – processes will be put in place from the teaching staff through to administration to ensure the supportive learning environment of MWPSS is maintained.

BULLYING v DISAGREEMENTS:

Thanks to many of the prime time news and current affair programs the overuse of the word 'Bullying' is becoming more prevalent in schools. I have been talking with our students about the actual meaning of this word and whether or not it is something that is evident at MWPSS.

Bullying can be defined in many ways but in general – bullying is the continued and repetitive targeting of a student by another. It can take the form of physical, verbal / non verbal or online abuse.

The most important phrase in this definition is – **continued and repetitive**....

In a school of our size there will be many disagreements between students every day. It is part of human nature to have disagreements and we are certainly no different in our school setting. In actual fact – there should be MINIMAL examples of bullying where it is consistent targeting of a particular student by another. We will not tolerate bullying of any nature at MWPSS and staff need to be made aware of any issues your child is having if this is the case.

We are talking to students continually about using the 'High 5' strategies to solve the far lesser problems of disagreements that occur on a regular basis in schools. I would ask that parents model this correct language when speaking with their children or their child's teacher about issues that occur in school as well as whether the actual incident is a case of bullying or a disagreement.

TRADING CARDS:

A reminder to parents that trading cards of any sort are not permitted in the school as of this coming Monday 13th February due to the increased number of incidents occurring through mismanaged trading deals.

Students found with trading cards at school will have them confiscated by staff members and the students will be able to collect them at the end of the week from either the teacher or the school administration.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Class Meeting sessions held last Tuesday afternoon. To be truly successful in the education of your children – it is essential that a partnership between school and home is fostered.

Have a safe week!

Clay McCann

PBL Lesson / Focus of The Week

Week 3: I use polite and respectful language.

This looks like:

I use polite words such as please, thank you and excuse me.

I use a courteous tone of voice.

I wait my turn to speak.

Week 4: 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.

Week 5: I am respectful in the classroom.

I use my 'whole body' to listen.

I raise my hand to speak and wait my turn.

I treat all adults and children with respect.

I respect the rights of others to learn.

I respect the rights of my teacher to teach.

Same Day Absence Alert

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.

Every day
COUNTS! 
School success starts
with attendance



From the Deputy Principals

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone

May your letterboxes be filled with cards and your fridge overflowing with chocolate!

Interschool Sport

Children in years 5 and 6 are now gearing up for their first Gala Day of interschool sport on Friday the 10th of March. We have just begun running through team selection and training sessions will be held every Friday afternoon. We are sure this will be a wonderful experience for our year 5 students as they experience their first taste of interschool sport. We are sure Mount Warren Park will again be the team to beat! Please ensure that all children have all necessary safety equipment for their required sport and that they wear their hat, sunscreen, have a water bottle and school uniform for their events.



Scooter and Bikes



Please help us to keep our grounds safe by reminding your children not to ride their bikes and scooters through the school grounds. Bikes and scooters must be housed in the bike racks and please ensure that they are chained to the racks during the day. We recommend that skateboards are not brought to school as they cannot be chained up and they should not be taken to class.

School Leaders

Congratulations to the students who have achieved leadership positions for 2017. They will be recognised for their efforts on Monday the 13th of February after the senior school parade in the hall with a special induction parade.



School Captain: Bodhi and Destiny

School Vice Captains: James and Chloe

Technology Captains: Kurtis, Tara, Kate and Brodie

Music Captains: Lucie and Summer

PBL Leaders:

Respectful = Anecia, Mackenzie, Matthew and Matthew

Learner = Daniella, Edward and Thalia

Safe = Mia-Ray, Cameron and Jessie

House Captains:

Ayton: Manaia and Cody, Vice: Cooper and Samantha

Davy: Nikeesha and Corey, Vice: Tyrell and Dayshia

Hanlon: Kaelyn and Jaylan, Vice: Hayley and Bailey

Marks: Daniel and Mitchell, Vice: Cody and Hayley

Camp

This time next week our year 5 and 6 students will be enjoying the adventure, excitement and environment of Tyalgum Ridge camp. This is the first time our school has visited this site and we are certain that the children will come back with many exciting stories to tell about experiences that will last them a lifetime. Thanks must go to all the teachers who helped organise and participated in the camp to make it such a huge success.



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.

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.

Meet & Greet Afternoon - Big Thank YOU!!

We would like to thank our school community for supporting our recent Parent & Caregivers Information night. We had a great response. If

you weren't able to attend please contact your classroom teacher who will provide you with a classroom pamphlet with relevant information on the workings of your child's class.

ON TIME, THANKS

To prevent unnecessary contact from our school office please ensure that your child is in their classroom by 8.50. Children are marked late if they don't make roll marking. This then generates more paperwork that requires your attention. School takes being late seriously, we encourage you to have your children here ready to start the day with the rest of their peers. Unsettling them with late starts can have a follow on effect for the whole day learning. Please support Mt Warren Park's Attendance philosophy of 'Everyday Counts'.

Street Talk

Whilst popping around the school this week I had some chats with a few lucky people who shared some of their experiences at school so far...

Belinda Macdonald – SEP Teacher Casual Aide

This week I was with 1 A supporting them whilst they had their first science lesson with our new Science Specialist Ms Lucy Fouche. Ms Fouche was very excited to be showing the kids WORMS. What they smell like, look like and what their waste looked like... soil. Whilst it wasn't my thing, the kids absolutely loved it.

Julie Hughes - Master Teacher

I have been in the prep to grade 2 classrooms. I have been helping them with their reading.

Leilani Haydock – SEP Teacher

I was so impressed with Zion and Ruben during literacy activities, they were matching their letters.

Olivia Martin - Student

I have been writing and I finished. I did some rainbow writing and I do reading with Ms Grace.

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

Year 1 Geckos visit at school on Monday 6 March. Full payment of \$TBA is due by Thursday 2 March. Invoices with Information/Permission notes will be sent home soon.

Year 2 - Beenleigh Historical Village on Tuesday 7 March. Cost = \$9. Full payment is due by Thursday 2 March. Invoices and Information / Permission notes will be sent home very soon.

Year 4 and Class 3/4A - St Helena Island on Tuesday 16 May. Full payment of \$TBA is due by Thursday 4 May. Invoices and Information / Permission notes will be sent home 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.

Science News

Over the next few weeks a Science Teacher from Windaroo Valley High School will be coming to demonstrate some experiments to our very lucky Year 5 Students. The classes will attend a session on either 28 Feb, or 6 or 14 March.



KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM FROM BUMP TO BIG SCHOOL

After a very successful program last year, Mt Warren Park State School is excited to re-introduce Koala Joeys back into our school for 2017. It is a specifically created program for young children and their parents/carers. The program focuses on using nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories to engage young children. Koala Joeys is designed for young children up to the age they enter school. It is a free, fun and interactive program.

Koala Joeys will run from 9.00 am on Tuesday mornings in the hall (starting 21 February). Our Master Teacher, Ms Julie Hughes will facilitate this program. The program runs for approximately 30 minutes followed by morning tea. Please bring a cushion to sit on and a snack for you and your child.

If you are interested in coming along to Koala Joeys, please see the ladies in the office for a registration form.

Looking forward to seeing you there. I can't wait!

Julie Hughes, Master Teacher

PE News

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 10th, 17th and 24th March in Term 1 and continuing in Term 2 - 21st and 28th April.**
- Throughout the first two weeks of Term 1 students have been asked to sign up for their sport preference.
- Over the next few Fridays in the last session of the day the students will begin the selection process with trials and training. Students will need to bring all safety equipment, sun safe hat, water bottle and appropriate shoes for their chosen sport each Friday.
- If you child is successful in being selected in one of our school teams they will be receiving an information note within the next 2 weeks indicating the cost of \$40 for bus travel and venue levy and a permission slip.

Students wishing not to play an interschool sport have been be offered either:

- **Ten Pin Bowling at the Mt Warren Bowling Lanes at a cost of \$7 each week for 7 weeks. Students will begin bowling on Friday 24th February**
- **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 and will begin on Friday 24th February.**

Beenleigh Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Manaia Clark, Kiara Diskett, Bailey Downs, Kaelyn Lane, Mackenzie Lane, Mitchell Lawrence, Shaide Mulholland, Pavlic Pasishnichenko and Willow Schmidt who competed at the Beenleigh Zone Swimming Carnival. These students were a credit to our school in both their behaviour and their performances. Many posted their personal best swimming times.

Willow Schmidt is to be further congratulated as she has now qualified to represent Beenleigh Zone at the Pacific District 10 years to 19 years Swimming Carnival at Chandler Aquatic Centre on Monday 13th February.

We wish Willow the very best of luck.

Cross Country

The 2017 school Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 28th 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 8th FEBRUARY 8.00am.

Aspire Athlete Development Program

Mt Warren Park State School is proud to offer for the first time a sporting excellence program which caters for the abilities and passions of our students. The Mt Warren Park State Primary School ASPIRE Athlete Development program is in its inaugural year and aims to not only produce high quality student athletes no matter what their field of sporting excellence, but to use sports conditioning as a vehicle that assists us in developing players physically, socially and emotionally.

The Mt Warren Park Primary Aspire Athlete Development program is a selective program for years 4-6. Students must submit an application form. Mt Warren Park State School invites students in year 4 to 6 to apply to be part of this inaugural ASPIRE program. Application forms and information notes regarding this program will go out to year 4 to 6 students in the week beginning 13th February.

Chappy Corner

Hello!! Welcome to Chappy Corner! I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jo Munro and I am your school Chaplain at MWPSS. I am excited and honoured to be joining the team and to have the pleasure of getting to know and support all the staff, parents/carers and, most importantly, children. The days I am at school are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and senior parade Monday mornings. I will be using this space to bring you information of upcoming events, opportunities, to provide you with knowledge of resources you may wish to use and encouraging quotes/thoughts or ideas. So please ... WATCH THIS SPACE! :)

Currently, SUPA Club has begun and is running every Tuesday, second break, in the auditorium. SUPA Club is available to all students in years 4, 5, and 6 and is an awesome opportunity to learn in a fun and encouraging environment about God, the Bible and prayer. Parents, for your child to participate a permission slip will be sent home requiring your signature. Thank you. :)

Please feel free to contact me via email at joannam@chappy.org.au or drop into modular nine. I have a message book to write a note in if I am not there.

Thank you and I'll leave you with this quote from Willie Nelson
Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results. Willie Nelson
Read more at:
https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/w/willienels184361.html?sr=c=t_positive

Guidance Officer News

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope you have had a good start to the year and you are settling back into school routines. It has been so nice seeing parents and students around the school over the last few weeks and meeting some new families - aren't you just lovely people! It is always nice seeing the children happy to be back and often so much taller and grown up than the year before.

TUCKSHOP CLOSED MONDAYS

At Mt Warren we want you and your child to feel a strong sense of belonging and connectedness to school. When our kids feel part of their school community and are cared for by people at school they do much better in their learning and are less likely to get into trouble and have greater health and wellbeing.

We all feel the need to belong, especially during times of stress or change and when difficult decisions need to be made. Plus research says that the better home and school working relationships are the better children do at school.

I am at the school every day and I am available to meet with you or talk over the phone, as well as offer pathways to confidential supports. However, I strongly encourage you to get in contact with your child's teacher not only to touch base when things are running smoothly but especially during times of family stress or change as it during these times that it is mostly likely that things will take a toll on your child's learning and behaviour.

Please do not feel like you are alone, at MWSS we want to work with you to provide the most supportive and inclusive education for our students and families. We want you to reach out ☺

Tips on feeling connected at school for the busy parent:

- Read the school newsletter with a cuppa, with your kids or better still have your child read it to you ☺
- Talk with your children about how connected they feel at school. Ask them who they feel they can talk to if they are having a bad day or need help.
- Flick a quick email or msg to your child's teacher, sign up to the class messaging system so that you can check in on how your child is going and ask if there is anything you need to know. It's OK for it to be as simple as 'How is ___ going, hope all is going ok with his learning, behaviour?'
- Give some undivided attention to your child about how their day was and how they are going, one on one time helps ensure your kids grow up feeling safe, valued and listened to.
- Involve yourself in the best way that you can in your child's school lives and be aware of what happens there, both negatively and positively. These investments will pay off.
- But most importantly, take care of you so that you can best take care of your family.

Helpful phone numbers to reach out for supports: -

Family and Child Connect – Connecting families to the right services at the right time 13 FAMILY or call 133264

Child and Family Wellbeing Service 3386 9000 – provides a way for families to get help for their children (0-12 years) when they are concerned about their child's social and emotional wellbeing.

YFS 3826 1500 – Youth and Family Services – connecting to supports in the local area

Parentline: 1300 300 1300

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 46 36

Parenting Help – Triple P www.triplep-parenting.net

Dates To Remember

Monday 13 February	2017 Student Leaders Induction Parade
Tuesday 28 February	School Cross Country
Thursday 2 March	\$9 due for Year 2 Excursion
Monday 6 March	Year 1 Geckos visit \$TBA
Tuesday 7 March	Year 2 Beenleigh Historical Village \$9
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
	School Disco
Thursday 31 March	Final Day of Term 1
Monday 3 April to Monday 17 April Easter Vacation (2 weeks)	
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
Monday 26 June to Friday 7 July Winter Vacation (2 weeks)	
Monday 10 July	Term 3 Commences

Story Dog Volunteers Needed!

Story Dogs is a program design to help students become more confident in their reading. When children read to a dog it improves their focus, literacy skills and confidence. The non-judgmental, loving nature of dogs helps children relax, open up, try harder and have fun reading to a friendly and calm dog.

Our school would love to have this unique reading support program helping our students to become life-long readers. We are asking families of our school and community to help.

Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?

Can you spare 2hrs, 1day each week?



There are 9 easy steps to becoming a volunteer:

1. **Your dog must be at least one year old.** If you have rescued or adopted your dog, you must have lived with it for a minimum of 6 months.
2. **Your dog must be registered with your local council.** Proof of registration will be necessary.
3. **Your dog must be vaccinated.** Proof of vaccination will be necessary. A positive titer test is also acceptable.
4. **You and your dog must pass the Dog Team Assessment.** Practise the Story Dog Team Assessment with your dog. You can find a list of the tasks required in the Volunteer Information Pack. When you are confident that you and your dog are OK with all nine requirements, let us know and we will organise an accreditation session with our Dog Team Assessor. The following videos from very well-respected dog trainers, Donna Hill and Emily Larlham, may help you get your dog ready for the Dog Team Assessment. Story Dogs thanks both Emily and Donna for allowing us to use these great videos. Donna Hill teaching the dog to 'leave it' and Emily Larlham teaching your dog not to pull on lead
5. **Your dog must have a vet health check before they start.** Your dog's health is very important to us. Your dog must have a recent vet health check (within the last 3 months) or a Story Dogs Vet Health Check before starting. Please take this record sheet to your vet.
6. **Working with Children Check.** As you will be working with children, you will have to apply for a Working With Children Check in your particular state.
7. **Training** – Attend a full day training course. The course includes:-
 - an introduction to the Story Dogs program
 - what Story Dogs expects from it's volunteers and what you should expect from Story Dogs
 - how to run a Story Dog session
 - information on how we can best help children learn to read
8. **In School Training** – Observe an experienced Story Dog session, at a school near you.
9. **With our help, find a sponsor for you and your dog.**

Call or email Janine at Story Dogs so you can start helping our children to become better readers.

Email: janine@storydogs.org.au

Phone: 0411 536 355

Web Site: www.storydogs.org.au



P & C News

AGM 2017

The P & C AGM for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 8 March from 5:00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuckshop News

The **Tuckshop** will be **CLOSED** every **MONDAY** for the remainder of 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. 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.

Hats

Plain black school hats will be available in the shop very soon. Our reversible school hats won't be available until next term (black one side and house colour the other).

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.