



# Mount Warren Park State School

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#### From the Principal

#### Respectful Behaviour

We continually talk to our students at Mount Warren Park about being respectful to themselves, to other students, to their teachers and to their families. This is paramount to the success of any school.

Unfortunately we have had several students not displaying the level of respect we expect at our school and this has been met with both teacher and administrative intervention when required. Of more concern however have been the few examples this term where parents have not displayed that expected level of respect in the school.

Already in the first 5 weeks of school we have had to discuss, with parents, instances where:

- Parents have come into school to 'chastise' other students
- Parents have come into school to argue / insult staff
- Parents have come into school to argue with other parents

This behaviour WILL NOT be tolerated in any form at the school and will be met with swift action from the school administration. Schools are equipped with processes legally backed by legislation to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for everyone. Parents not following these expectations will be managed through this process.

The protocols for parents and their interactions at Mount Warren Park State School are simple. They are:

**You do not have the right to come onto school grounds and approach another child to discuss / reprimand them for an issue.**

**You do not have the right to come onto school grounds and use abusive / threatening language towards any staff of the school.**

**You do not have the right to come onto the school grounds to approach another parent in a threatening or abusive manner.**

Our children learn from watching interaction between adults and this is something we model everyday at school as staff.

**Your children will learn appropriate social interactions from watching your interactions with other adults.**

If parents have a concern in relation to the above I would encourage you to contact the school administration for assistance.

#### LATE TO SCHOOL:

I have noticed, lately, a large number of students arriving at the office for late slips in the morning. Although we appreciate there are times when routines are put to the test in the morning when leaving home for school, however – constant late arrivals disrupt the learning of the child and the teaching process in the classroom.

The school day at Mount Warren Park State School begins at 8:50am (first bell sounding at 8:45am). All students are expected to be at school ready for the school day to begin at this time. The following chart below displays just how much time your child/ren actually miss out on:

He / She is only missing just....	This equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 minutes per day	10 minutes per day	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half and hour a day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	One day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

**REMEMBER – SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:50am & CONCLUDES AT 2:50pm.**

#### PBL FOCUS

**Week 6: I keep my whole body to myself.**

This looks like:

- I use the high 5 to resolve conflict.
- I keep my hands and feet to myself.
- I respect others peoples personal space.

**Week 7: At Mount Warren Park State School we are learners at all times.**

This looks like:

- I am responsible for my own choices and actions.
- I make things better.
- I am a positive role model for others.
- I am a problem solver.
- I follow school routines.

## From the Deputy Principals

### Back Into Routine

Our first four weeks of school have now passed by and as I move around the various classrooms of the school it is really great to see that the children of Mount Warren Park State School are getting into the routines of school very quickly. Our PBL reimplementation is already having a big influence on our school culture and children are learning the rules for their classrooms, homework policies and ways of working. I have spent some time visiting students in their classrooms and I am just delighted with the levels of involvement and engagement in Literacy and Numeracy. Schools are just such exciting places these days and our children are just so fortunate to have so many opportunities to develop and grow in such a positive environment.

### PBL Superhero Day – RED, GREEN OR PURPLE

Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February will see our school celebrate our students being Safe, being Respectful and being Learners by allowing them to wear their favourite PBL colour. The PBL process is an important part of our great school and it will be great to see a sea of RED, GREEN and PURPLE across Mount Warren Park.



### Easter Hat Parade – Prep to Year 2

This event will be held on Friday 31 March from 9:15am. We would like to encourage parents to come along on Monday 27 March (during a designated time) to assist your child with the hat making. Information notes will be sent home soon.

### Playground Equipment

Our school Workplace Health and Safety requirements need for us to ensure that school playground equipment is only to be used at the designated times during school hours and only by children authorised to use the equipment. Please ensure that children do not play on the playground equipment outside of school hours as we do not provide supervision at these times.

### Morning Rules

Please assist us by reminding your children of the importance of following our school's morning rules: Children are to wait quietly in the tuckshop covered area before 8:25 a.m. when the Deputy Principals take them to the hall. Supervision is provided in the hall until the first bell, where children will be dismissed and must be in classrooms on the second bell. Children are not to wait outside classrooms unless they are directly supervised by their parent or caregiver!

Additionally, can you please reinforce the importance of children coming straight to school by the most direct route and once at school they are not to leave the school grounds as it is important that we ensure their safety at all times.

### Interschool Sport

Children in years 5 and 6 are now gearing up for their first Gala Day of interschool sport on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Team selection has taken place 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.

### Year 5 and 6 Camp

I was lucky enough to visit our year 5 and 6 students as they enjoyed the adventure, excitement and environment of Tyalgum Ridge camp. The activities were fantastic and I got to experience some canoeing with one of the groups, as well as visiting their friendly farm animal enclosure. The children all had a wonderful time and enjoyed many experiences for the first time. I am sure there were some tired campers on Friday evening but they would all fallen asleep with a smile on their faces! Thanks must go to all the teachers who helped organise and participated in the camp to make it such a huge success.

### 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.

## 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 1 Geckos** visit at school on Monday 6 March. Full payment of \$10 is due by Thursday 2 March. Invoices with Information / Permission notes were sent home last week.

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

**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.

**REMINDER:** You may have a \$10 credit on the system from the Junior Swimming Carnival being cancelled last year. Please advise us if you would like us to apply this credit to an upcoming excursion or event.

### Easter Colouring Competition for Prep to Year 2

We are holding our annual Easter Colouring Competition for students in Prep – Year 2. This is a fundraising event for our school community to support those special projects and curriculum based events initiated throughout the year. Information notes will be sent home on Monday 6 March. If you would like your child to participate please fill in the permission slip and return it to the office with a \$2.00 entry fee. You will then receive a colouring in sheet appropriate to your child's year level. Completed entries need to be returned to the office for judging by Monday 27 March 2017. Each year level will have winner, runner-up and encouragement awards selected by guest judges. Winners will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 31 March.

### Please NAME ALL belongings!

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named to prevent loss. Items can be easily misplaced during a busy school day, and naming items assists a swift return to their rightful owner. Name school bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, homework folders and any other items that may travel with your child to school each day.





## KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM

FROM BUMP TO BIG SCHOOL

A universal, free, community, interactive oral language program  
For families with children under school age

Mount Warren Park State School provided the KOALA JOEYS PLAYGROUP last year on a Tuesday morning from 9.00- 9.45. We had a number of young children and their parents participate in this program. We sang songs, recited nursery rhymes, danced and listened to stories. After each 30 minute session we all sat together for morning tea. Our school would like to provide KOALA JOEYS again this year. If you would like to make new friends, build a strong relationship with our school community, learn a repertoire of rhymes, songs and stories to share with your family, KOALA JOEYS is for you. Please ask at the office for further details or come and see me. I can be found in the office at the end of the Year 1 block.

We would love to have as many 'little ones' join us so we can start again in Term 2.

Julie Hughes



## Chappy Corner

Hello! How awesome has the last fortnight been?!? So many exciting things have been happening in our school. The year five and sixers went on camp, SUPA Club and Gala day training is in full swing, the board game room is open and every day is an amazing new opportunity to live, love and learn! This Friday is Super Heroes day and I am so excited to get dressed up in red, purple and green to represent being super safe, super respectful and a super learner!

What can help us be super safe, super respectful and a super learner? BREAKFAST!! Oh yeah! Super yummy!! There is so much information about how eating breakfast improves concentration, memory, alertness, comprehension and learning. This helps us have a greater ability to make better decisions about our behaviours, creating a more successful learning and teaching environment within our school. How awesome is that and a super easy way to help us better achieve our goal of being super safe, super respectful and a super learner : )

Our wonderful Monie in the tuckshop provides breakfast options to purchase on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and I am very excited to say we will be starting a breaky club on Monday mornings as soon as possible. WooHoo! Also, there are many excellent organisations in our area who offer food parcels and discounted groceries to help make it a lot easier to have a great breakfast every day. I am putting together a list of places who offer these services and if you would like to know more please come and see me or contact me on my email [joannam@chappy.org.au](mailto:joannam@chappy.org.au)

Thank you! I hope you all have another awesome fortnight and I will leave you with a quote from Virginia Woolf, "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."  
[www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic\\_food.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic_food.html)

## PE News

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

Ten Pin Bowling at the Mt Warren Bowling Lanes at a total cost of \$49 for 7 weeks, begins Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

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 will also begin Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mt Warren Park State School Netball, Soccer, Rugby League, and Girls Touch Football teams have been training hard and will begin their competition on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March and then continue on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March. The competition will recommence after the holidays on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April. Students will be notified of Gala Day venues once draws and venues have been finalized.

**Reminder all Team Sports permission and code of conduct notes should be returned to the sports coach by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

- Students competing in our school teams in the Gala Day competition are reminded of the following:

- Bring the appropriate safety equipment for their sport e.g. boots, shin pads, mouth guards, head gear, shoulder pads etc.
- Full school uniform, a sun safe hat, sunscreen and a water bottle are essential.
- No jewellery is to be worn or taken by students to any sport.
- Netball players, please ensure nails are trimmed.
- For the protection and safety of the device, all electronic devices such as ipods and ipads are to be left at home or at school.
- Students travelling by bus to their sporting venue will be unable to order food via the usual bag ordering system at the tuckshop. Drinks and small food items may be purchased over the counter prior to the bus leaving.

## Year 5 & 6 Camp – Tyalgum Ridge



# CROSS COUNTRY AND FUN RUN - TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February

All children from Prep to year 6 are encouraged to participate and enjoy the time with friends and family in our terrific school community.

While there will be those students who come away with a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th on the day and students from the 10 to 12 year age group who will also earn a place in our school Cross Country Team to compete at the Zone Carnival, all children will be recognized for their efforts and be awarded points and certificates for their participation.

A detailed program is listed below. Parents and spectators are very welcome on the day to cheer the students on.

PROGRAM	
APPROX TIME	EVENT
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP RACES</b>	
9:15am	2007 10 Years Girls
	2007 10 Years Boys
9.45am	2006 11 Years Girls
	2006 11 Years Boys
10.15am	2005 12 Years Girls
	2005 12 Years Boys
<b>FUN RUN</b>	
* 1.40pm	Prep A and B Boys
	Prep A and B Girls
	Prep C and D Boys
	Prep C and D Girls
1.50pm	1A and 1B Boys
	1A and 1B Girls
	1C and 1D, 1/2A Boys
	1C and 1D, 1/2A Girls
2.00pm	2A and 2B Boys
	2A and 2B Girls
	2C & 1/2A Boys
	2C & 1/2A Girls
2.10pm	Year 3 Boys
	Year 3 Girls
2.20pm	Year 4 Boys
	Year 4 Girls
2.30pm	Year 5 Boys
	Year 5 Girls
2.40pm	Year 6 Boys
	Year 6 Girls

## Dates To Remember

Tuesday 28 February	School Cross Country
Thursday 2 March	\$9 due for Year 2 Excursion \$10 due for Year 1 Incursion
Monday 6 March	Year 1 Geckos visit \$10
Tuesday 7 March	Year 2 Beenleigh Historical Village \$9
Friday 10 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 1
Thursday 16 March	Community Services Expo 3pm in hall
Friday 17 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 2
Wednesday 22 March	Indigenous Families Afternoon Tea 3pm
Friday 24 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 3 School Disco (see P & C News)
Monday 27 March	Prep – 2 Colouring Comp Entries due
Friday 31 March	Final Day of Term 1 Prep to Year 2 Easter Hat Parade Prep – 2 Colouring Comp announced
<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

## P & C News

### AGM 2017

The P & C AGM for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 8 March from 5:00pm in the staffroom. Any Agenda items can be submitted in writing by 3pm Tuesday 7 March. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Disco

The School Disco will be held on Friday 24 March. Prep to Year 2 = 4:45pm to 6pm COST \$3 and Year 3 to 6 = 6:15pm to 8pm COST \$4. Information notes will be sent home soon.

### 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.

### 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.

# TUCKSHOP CLOSED MONDAYS