



Mount Warren Park State School Newsletter No. 04 Thursday 9 March 2017

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From the Principal

Cross Country Thanks

Last week many parents were able to make it up to the school to watch their children participate in the both the Championship Events as well as the Fun Run series with the school community and students – I would like to acknowledge the fantastic day coordinated by Miss Taylor. Organising an event such as this is always a massive task and I have not seen a day involving runners from all ages in cross country run as smoothly as this one did last week.

As an added bonus on top of the work done by Miss Taylor – the way our students all participated in the both the Championship Events as well as the Fun Run series was fantastic. It was great to see children joining in and participating in order to earn points for their house irrespective of their cross country running ability.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SPORTS FEEDBACK:

Last week – we received some feedback from the instructor responsible for working with a group of Year 5 & 6 students as part of their Friday afternoon Martial Arts sports sessions. The message read:

“...I just wanted to mention that this year's group of students at Taekwondo are the most perfect, best behaved that I have ever taught in a school over the past 20 years....”

What a fantastic reflection of what we are aiming for at Mount Warren Park State School. Congratulations to all of the students that are part of this group and thank you for upholding the standards that we need to show always to make us the best school in Logan.

P&C POSTPONED:

Due to circumstances outside our control the annual P&C AGM has had to be postponed and will now be held on Wednesday 22nd March. The meeting will be held in the staffroom and will begin at 5:00pm.

PARENTAL PROTOCOLS IN SCHOOL:

I will again remind parents of expected protocols while in the school grounds. We are constantly modelling to our students the way to interact, the way to work and how to be a responsible, safe and respectful learner. It is expected that all parents also comply with these expectations in the school grounds when talking with:

- Other parents
- Staff members
- Their own children

Behaviour from parents that does not respect these values will be picked up by administration and procedures put in place to ensure that students from our school are allowed to be in a safe and supportive learning environment.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL SPENDING:

The school budget has been planned for this coming year however as in all schools – the budgets remain a very fluid school document that can change rapidly. I am very pleased to keep parents informed however on the progress of several 'big ticket items' to improve the appearance of the school.

Quotes have been sought for the development of the front of the school – in front of the school administration block. This will involve irrigation and grass and a section of artificial grass near the playground. Concrete will soon be put down under the bus shelter and leading up to the admin.

Tenders have been put out to companies to install air conditioning throughout the school. Although not enough money exists in the budget for full installation this year – there will be a gradual roll out of conditioning over the course of the next 3 years.

Changes will soon take place in the administration block – allowing easier access for both students, parents and staff.

OUT OF THE DARK EXPO:

Do you know how to keep your children safe when they are using social media or playing an online game? If the answer is *not really* then this is the place to come. The Queensland Family and Child Commission's "Out of the Dark Expo" will showcase products, tips, tricks...and you can get hands on as well. There will be something for everyone, prizes to be won and best of all – it's FREE. Visit the Out of the Dark Expo on Saturday 11th March between 10am – 3pm at the State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane. For more information – please visit: qfcc.qld.gov.au – or find more information on Facebook.

From the Deputy Principals

PBL Superhero Day

Our Superhero Day last Friday was a huge success with our school overflowing with the Red, Green and Purple colours of being Safe, Respectful and Learners. The PBL process is an important part of our great school and this day was a great way to reinforce the strong positive values of this wonderful program. Thank you for all of your support by assisting in having our students reflect being SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND LEARNERS.



Mr Mac (Super Learner), Ms Hutchinson (Super Respectful) and Mr Burkin (Super Safe) on Superhero Day, Friday 24 February 2017.

PBL Focus

Week 8:

At Mt Warren Park we are LEARNERS at all times –(Lesson 2)

This looks like:

- I participate in all activities positively.
- I take risks and attempt all tasks.
- I seek help when I need it.
- I get along with others.
- I understand that everyone has differences.

Week 9:

I treat all adults and children with respect:

This looks like:

- I follow adult directions.
- I wait my turn to speak.
- I use my manners.
- I listen to others.
- I use polite respectful language.
- I allow others to have their personal space.

Social Growth and Personal Attributes Reports

Our school Social Growth and Personal Attributes Reports will be sent home on the 23rd of March. These reports are designed to give you a quick snapshot of your child's progress so far this year and are also a great springboard to have an interview with your child's teacher. It is important that we have strong communication channels between home and school and an interview is strongly recommended to enable you to meet the person who will play such an important part in your child's life this year.

ANZAC Day

You're invited to our ANZAC Day Commemorative Service to be held on Thursday 24 April at 9:00am in the Auditorium. This is a significant event in the annual school calendar and you are most welcome to attend. Children are invited to wear family medals on the occasion and lay personal or class wreaths.

ANZAC Day March Invitation

Our school will again participate in the annual ANZAC Day March this year. This year's parade will assemble at the corner of York & Kododa Streets, Beenleigh, at 10am on Anzac Day, 25 April with the march starting at 10:30am. The memorial service will take place at the War Memorial in Crete St at 11:00am following the parade. If you could encourage your students to come along that would be wonderful. They must wear the summer school uniform to participate in the parade and wear a school hat. Bring a water bottle too.

Cross Country Success

Last week saw our school cross country and fun run was held last week. All the training our cross country competitors have been doing recently paid off with a wonderful carnival that was filled with excitement, entertainment and personal bests! Congratulations to all competitors and well done to everyone who contributed to the success of the day. We would like to make a special mention of the effort and organisation put into the day by our PE teacher Ms Taylor – the day would not have been such a spectacle without her efforts.

Please NAME ALL belongings!

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named to prevent loss. Our recent Cross Country Carnival showed us how easily items can be easily misplaced and naming items assists a swift return to their rightful owner. Please ensure that you name school bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, homework folders and any other items that may travel with your child to school each day.

Interschool Sport

Children in years 5-6 are now gearing up for their first Gala Day of interschool sport. We have completed team selections and training is ramping up ready for the first day of competition this Friday. We are sure this will be a wonderful experience for our year 5 students as they experience their first taste of interschool sport. Good luck to all of our competitors. We are sure Mount Warren Park will again be the team to beat! Please ensure that all children have returned the necessary permission forms and 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.

Emergency Procedures Drills

In the near future our school will be holding emergency procedure drills. These drills will consist of either evacuation or lockdown drills and help us to evaluate our school safety procedures and to help prepare the students in the event of an emergency. Please inform your child of these events and stress to them the importance of remaining calm and sensible during the drills.

Sun Safe Hats

It is important that all children have a sun safe uniform hat with them at school at all times. Children will be required to sit in the covered area during play time if they do not have a sun safe hat.

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.

Easter Bonnet Parade

We are excited to invite all our Prep to Year 2 families and friends to our end of term 1, Easter Bonnet Parade. Held on Friday 31st March in the Hall at 8.50 – 9.50am. This will be a great opportunity for the community to gather and share our school spirit. On Monday 27th March, we are asking our parents and caregivers to come to school for the afternoon session to build the bonnets with the students. This will be a fun craft activity and teachers will have art and craft supplies to create the Easter Bonnets. If you have any craft materials that you would be willing to share please feel free to bring them along.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

We are having a Yarn Circle with our Indigenous families on Wednesday 22 March at 3.00pm in the Hall. We look forward to meeting, sharing and learning from this network and growing a stronger connection with our local indigenous community.



Reading

We live in a world of print, from the signs on the sides of the road to labels of product in the fridge and pantry. We want to encourage you to share any opportunity to talk about the words that surround us. Those words make our environmental print and help give meaning to the world around us. Please take up the challenge to explore the world of words.

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. 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 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 - Gold Rush Excursion on Monday 19 June. Full payment of \$TBA is due by Thursday 8 June. Information / permission notes and invoices will be sent home soon.

Year 5 & 6 Gala Day Sport - If your child plays Soccer, Netball, Touch Football or Rugby League you would have received an invoice for \$40. This amount was due by 10am today, Thursday 9 March.

If your child is in the Martial Arts group you would have received an invoice for \$21, payable by Thursday 23 February. If your child is in Ten Pin Bowling you would have received an invoice for \$49, payable by Thursday 23 February. To ensure your child's participation, please make sure you have paid on time.

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.

ICAS Testing (University of NSW Competitions) -

Invitations will be sent out to high achieving students in Years 3-6 to take part in the 2017 ICAS. Students will be able to nominate for any or all of 3 categories - English, Mathematics and Science. These competitions take place each year in schools across Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. There is \$9.90 entry fee payable per test which will be invoiced to those students who nominate to enter. If you would like your child to enter any of the tests or for further information, please email Mrs Bennett at sbenn28@eq.edu.au

World Environment Day Calendar Competition

The Logan City Council are running their annual World Environment Day calendar competition. This year's theme is 'Connect to Nature'. To enter, students need to produce a landscape orientation poster (no larger than A3 in size) which illustrates

through pictures and/or words, the theme 'Connect to Nature'. Entries need to be handed in to the Science Room by Wednesday 22nd March. Every student who enters receives a prize and there are some great prizes for winners and schools.

Windaroo Valley State High School Science Visits for Year 5 Students

Over the past two weeks, some of the Year 5 students have been treated to dynamic science and technology demonstrations by the teachers from WVSHS, with the remaining students participating next week. The students have been mesmerised by the experiments and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. WVSHS offers a great range of STEM based subjects and a GTEK program for those seeking a challenge.



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.

PE News

GALA DAY –The Beenleigh Zone Interschool Sport Competition will start this Friday 10th March - Good luck to all teams.

Family and friends are most welcome to come and support our school teams.

Games will begin at 11.00am and conclude at approximately 2.15pm.

Venues for 10th and 17th March

- Rugby League - Bill Norris Oval – Cnr Boundary Rd and Logan St Beenleigh.
- Netball – Hammel Park Netball Courts, Coral St Beenleigh.
- Soccer – Windaroo State School – 300 Mt Warren B'lv'd
- Touch Football – Noyer Park- Beenleigh Beaudesert Rd Windaroo

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.

Pacific District Sport Selection

Congratulations must go to Kai McQuire and Jaylan Corino-Jones who has been selected in the Pacific District Rugby League team to compete at the Regional Carnival on the 18th and 19th April. Mt Warren Park wishes both boys every success.

Mt Warren Park Cross Country And Fun Run

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Mt Warren Park State School Championship Cross Country and Fun Run.

The number of students from Prep to Year 6 who displayed a high level of fitness was fantastic. A big thank you must go to all staff members who worked hard to have the day run smoothly. Thanks must also go to the many parents and family members who came and supported the students. The students really do enjoy having you there to watch them.

Final House Results

1st HANLON, 2nd AYTON, 3rd MARKS, 4th DAVY

Championship Cross Country Age Champions

10 year girl – Navah Davidson & 10 year boy – Bayley Haddin

11 year girl – Chloe O'Brien & 11 year boy – Mitchell Porter

12 years girl – Kaelyn Lane & 12 year boy – Mitchell Lawrence

The Arts

Dance Groups

Mini Dance (Prep) will practice during **Morning Tea** every **Thursday** in the **Prep classrooms** with **Mrs Otter**.

Junior Dance (Year 1) will practice during **Morning Tea** every **Monday** in the **auditorium** with **Mrs Otter**.

Senior Dance (Yr 2 & 3) will practice during **Morning Tea** every **Thursday** in the **auditorium** with **Mrs Stewart**.

Senior Stars Dance (Yr 4, 5 & 6) will practice during **Morning Tea** every **Tuesday** in the **auditorium** with **Mrs Otter**.

Dance practice will begin at the end of Term One. Students will be informed of the commencement date once it is confirmed and a message will be in the school newsletter.

Music News

Mt Warren Park State School Guitar Lessons - The half hour group guitar lessons are held on Mondays, starting at 3:00pm in the Music Room. The cost is \$15 per student. For bookings please phone Dan on 0438 543 144 or through www.ozguitar.com

iCentre News

Book Club

Issue 2 orders are due in tomorrow (Friday 10 March). Please drop them in before school to the iCentre.

Guidance Officer News

Expo – Community Services

Next Thursday 16th March we are holding a **Community Services EXPO** at our school hall from 3-5pm. There will be Sausage Sizzle kindly donated by Mt Warren Park IGA...all money raised going to our P & C. **The following services plus more will be in attendance:**

Mental Health - Brook Red – Peer to Peer Support based in Beenleigh (mental health / recovery orientated social support)

Family Support - Family and Child Connect / Intensive Family Support Service – The Benevolent Society – based in Beenleigh - UCC Intensive Family Support (used to be the RAI Program) – based in Beenleigh - Kalwun Indigenous Family Support Service -

Logan Women's Health – based in Beenleigh and provide a lot of support to Women from all backgrounds

Youth Support - Wesley Mission – Youth Support Hub based in Eagleby - Lives Lived Well – AOD support for young people - Youthlink – Logan based but provide outreach to Beenleigh / Eagleby

DV - Domestic Violence Prevention Centre (DVPC) based in Beenleigh - **WAVSS** – based in Logan but are the Regional providers for DV support **Access /Multilink** – Multicultural support, We hope to see you there.

Friday the 17 March is the National Day of Action against Bullying.

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

As always if you would like to talk to me you can contact me at the school.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

Kindly,
Jacqui

Chappy Corner

Howdy everyone!! I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and well. We have had another jammed pack fortnight. How awesome is our school!?! Super Hero dress up day was amazing, seeing the students, and teachers, getting in the spirit of our school rules. I had fun dressing up and my purple tutu got a second outing at the Cross Country last Tuesday. Awesome! It was great to see the students participating with such enthusiasm. Well done to all, with a big congratulations to Hanlon, the winning team :)

I HAVE MOVED!! I am now in the withdrawal room at the back of G Block. Just a reminder also, I am at school Monday morning, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday :)

How did we get to week 7 so quickly??? Wow! School holidays are coming up super quickly and Scripture Union, who I work for, is holding a holiday camp for year 5 and 6 students, called Easter Loop. It is being held from April 3rd to April 7th, at Glendalough on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. It is four fun, action packed days full of exciting activities like Nerf Wars, a Dance Party, Movie night, a visit to Aqua Fun Park, God stuff and it is a fabulous opportunity to make new friends. It does come at a cost of \$275 and I have some brochures in my new room or you could contact Verrity at loopeaster@sucamps.org.au for more details. It's going to be AWESOME!!!!

Everybody in the team at Mt Warren Park State School work so hard, including parents, teachers, aides, admin staff, students, specialist staff, tuckshop convenors, groundsman, cleaners etc., that it's important to remember to find balance with some relaxation and activities you enjoy, including during the school holidays. This helps us all function better individually and as a team. Just as one of my favourite authors said,
"Life is more fun if you play games."

— Roald Dahl What's your favourite game? I hope you have an awesome fortnight! Chappy Jo! joannam@chappy.org.au

Student Council News

ANZAC Fundraiser

Support our soldiers and veterans by buying ANZAC merchandise from the Student Council. Items will range in price from \$0.50 to \$7.00 and include: ANZAC stickers, badges, tattoos, and bios. The sale will start on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at first break in the tuckshop area until Monday 24th April 2017. Make sure you get in before everything is gone!

Dates To Remember

Friday 10 March	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 1 Book Club Orders DUE TODAY
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 P & C AGM 5pm in STAFFROOM
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 9:15am Prep – 2 Colouring Comp announced
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 April	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 4
Monday 24 April	Anzac Day School Ceremony 9am Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 28 April	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 5
Thursday 4 May	Year 4 St Helena PAYMENT DUE \$TBA
Monday 8 May	Prep Hearing Screening (Hear & Say)
Thursday 11 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 12 May	Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 16 May	Year 4 St Helena Excursion \$TBA
Wednesday 17 May	Day One Senior Athletics Carnival
Thursday 18 May	Day Two Senior Athletics Carnival
Friday 19 May	Prep to Year 2 Athletics Carnival
Thursday 25 May	Prep to 2, Under 8's Day - Activity Morning
Friday 26 May	Beach Safety Talks for Whole School
Thursday 22 June	NAIDOC Day
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

P & C News

AGM 2017 NEW DATE

The P & C AGM for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 22 March from 5:00pm in the staffroom. Any Agenda items can be submitted in writing by 3pm Tuesday 14 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.