



Mount Warren Park State School

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Mount Warren Park State School! This term is historically jam packed with events, reporting processes and on top of all that shortened weeks due to public holidays. All staff at school are looking forward to continuing to build the great foundations worked on during the first term with all students.

It certainly was a different ending to Term 1 with the closure of all schools in the South East due to the after effects of Cyclone Debbie. After being in the Department for over 26 years – I have not yet seen schools shut as occurred on the last two days. As a school we are certainly understanding there will have been many families affected by the flood waters and storm damage and we hope that despite this your family members were able to remain safe.

The much anticipated Easter Bonnet parade that was due to be held on the last day of Term 1 obviously could not occur due to the closure of the school. We can however be very pleased to announce the hard work put in by our students in Prep – Year 2 and their parents will not go un-noticed – with the Easter Bonnet Parade being held this coming Friday morning in the school hall from 8:50am. I would like to acknowledge the terrific turn out we had from many of our parents and family members for the 'open afternoon' on the last Monday of Term 1 where family members were encouraged to come into class and assist their children in the creation of their bonnets.

School Priorities:

Coming into a new term – all members of the school are reminded again of the school priorities for 2017 at Mt Warren Park State School. Our three main focus areas for this year are:

- Improving Reading
- Creating a Positive School Culture allowing learning to occur
- Increasing Attendance of students

Congratulations:

A warm Mt Warren Park welcome to Mr Craig Attenborough – joining our team starting in Week 2 of this term. Mr Attenborough takes on a combined role of Head Of Curriculum & Reading Coach through to the end of this year. Congratulations also goes to Mrs Debbie Renshaw – taking over the Acting Head Of Special Education Services while Mrs Klumpp is on holidays. Mrs Renshaw will be in the role for the first two weeks of this term.

School Projects:

Due to the wet end of the previous school term – some of the projects due to be undertaken over the school holidays could not obviously take place. We will see the work begin shortly on the concreting of the bus shelter area and work on the new electronic school sign will also begin this term at the front of the school. There will be some minor disruption while these two projects take place – however the benefits of the projects will outweigh the short term inconvenience. Both of these two projects are the first stage in the redevelopment of the front area of the school.

NAPLAN:

This term sees the annual implementation of NAPLAN for all students in Year 3 & 5 with the format being the same as in previous years. The dates of testing are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May. It is important to remember NAPLAN is a point in time test of the student's ability in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Numeracy. All students in Year 3 & 5 have been undertaking NAPLAN

readiness tasks and this will continue up until the testing week. Parents ultimately have the option to either allow or disallow their children to participate in testing and those families wishing to discuss the participation of their child in 2017 NAPLAN are encouraged to either contact their child's teacher or Mr Michael Burkin (Deputy Principal) as soon as possible.

PBL Lesson / Focus of The Week

Week 1 and 2: I use undercover areas safely and appropriately.

This looks like:

I am in the correct undercover area.

I sit safely in the tuckshop undercover area on a blue chair to eat my food.

I sit safely in the tuckshop undercover area on a yellow chair if I don't have my hat.

I follow adult directions.

I walk in undercover areas.

Week 3: I am safe, respectful and a learner when attending parade.

This looks like:

I walk in line, on the path with my class.

I sit and stand silently.

I listen to and watch the presenter.

I sit with my legs crossed.

PBL Treasure Trove Rewards



High-bounce Ball = 150

Volcano Slime = 300



Bouncing Putty = 200



NEW PROCEDURES FOR LUNCH TIMES:

At the beginning of the new term we implemented two new expectations for the students at the school. Both new procedures are designed with an aim to increase the safety of students around the school as well as to address the number of behavioural issues in the playgrounds.

The first of the measures is to have all students who have not finished their lunch by the end of the designated eating time to move to the 'blue' seats in the main undercover area. Once in this area the students can continue to eat the rest of their lunch, while talking with friends and then move off to the playgrounds once complete. The benefits in this new process is that students can be easily supervised in one location rather than spread out across the school.

The second of the new processes is one that has all students without a hat for the playtime sitting on the 'yellow' seats in the main undercover area. The reason for this approach was to limit the number of students roaming the school without hats. All students are encouraged at all times to have a hat at school to be prepared for outside lessons, PE and playtimes. Through this measure we are already seeing an improved standard of behaviour of students at lunch time and can then assure a more safe and disciplined environment for all students at the school.

In order to support the students in the school in both having a hat as well as assisting the changeover to the new uniform – ALL students will be supplied with a new school bucket hat. The funding for this has come through utilisation of money carried forward from the end of the

2016 school year. It is expected these hats will arrive sometime in Week 3 of this term. Once at school the hats will replace all older ones. When the hats are given out to students – names will be placed on the hats by teachers before being handed out.

the Deputy Principals

Welcome Back

Welcome to term two everyone. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break (not too much chocolate!) and are looking forward to another fantastic term at Mount Warren Park State School. This term promises to be another busy one with our year 4's heading to St. Helena, our year 5's experiencing Eureka, our leaders attending the leadership forum, ANZAC remembrance and NAPLAN testing; as well as all the amazing learning that takes place every day at Mount Warren Park State School. If we cast our minds back to when we went to school it is easy to see how education has changed and the dynamic, exciting and relevant learning that our children engage in today is awe inspiring and will prepare the students of Mount Warren Park for an amazing future.



Please Send Us Your Email Address

It is essential that we have effective communication between you and our school, and in our modern world the importance of emails cannot be underestimated. This term our school reports will be sent out via email to all parents and it is also a very effective general communication tool between the school and yourself. If we don't already have your email address could you please contact the office so we can have it on file.



ANZAC Day



You are invited to our ANZAC Day Commemorative Service to be held on Monday 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 school uniform to participate in the parade and wear a school hat. Bring a water bottle too.

NAPLAN



Our year 3, and 5 students have been practicing hard for the NAPLAN tests that will be held on Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 May. These tests are an important component of National Data gathering and all children in years 3 and 5 at Mount Warren Park State

School will be required to complete these tests. There is, however, scope for some children to be withdrawn from the testing, be exempt or to complete the tests under special consideration conditions. If you wish to withdraw your child from the testing procedures, feel that your child should be exempt from the tests or wish for them to complete the tests under special circumstances please let your child's teacher know of this as letters advising of children eligible for withdrawal, special consideration or exemption will be sent home in term 2. If you receive a letter please complete it and return it to your child's teachers as soon as possible.

Please NAME ALL belongings!



Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named to prevent loss. 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.

Emergency Procedures Drills

Following our two emergency drills in first term we have conducted a review of our processes and procedures in order to make them more effective and efficient. Due to these reviews there will be a need to again conduct emergency drills in the near future. 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.



Morning Rules



Please assist us by reminding your children of the importance of following our school's morning rules: Children are to sit and wait quietly in the tuckshop covered area before 8:25am 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.

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.

Children are not to wait outside classrooms unless they are directly supervised by their parent or caregiver!

Reading is Key

Our world is surrounded in words and it is crucial that our students have strong literacy skills to be best situated to tackle what the world throws at them. Being able to follow instructions in emergency situations, feeling confident to ask for assistance to avoid risks. Many of these life skills are linked back to our ability to read the world, both in print and images. MWPS students are working hard to identify their reading skills and reading goals and we need family support to encourage this. Spending time daily with your child reading goes a long way to create a successful reader. Books are just one way to read with your child. But if your time is limited then use creative alternatives to stimulate your little reader. Sign posts, Billboards, news articles and comic strips all provide great opportunities to talk about text and the purpose for them in our world. Any discussion with a child that makes them think makes their brain grow. Talking together builds knowledge.



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.

Community Engagement



Over the past term we have had several opportunities to build stronger community connections. This term will be no different. If you are interested in helping our school out by volunteering your time, please contact me (Sam Hutchinson) at the office. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

General School News

Friday 21 April
Year 5 & 6
GALA DAY SPORT CANCELLED



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 \$35 is due by Thursday 4 May. Invoices and Information / Permission notes have been sent home.

Year 5 - Gold Rush Excursion on Monday 19 June. Full payment of \$TBA is due by Thursday 8 June. Invoices and information/ permission notes will be sent home soon.

Year 3 – 6 selected students - University of NSW, ICAS Testing. Selected students have been invited to participate in the University of NSW ICAS Testing for Maths, English and or Science. If your child is participating in one or all of the above full payment of \$9.90 per test is due on Wednesday 26 April.

Annual Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner - If you have any items that could be donated to this event for either auction or raffle please drop into the school office for Chappy Jo Munro to collect.



Hi Everyone,
Just a reminder that Koala Joeys begins Tuesday 2 May in the school hall at 9am. Please bring a cushion to sit on and some morning tea for your child to eat after the session. Looking forward to meeting you all.
Julie Hughes

PE News

GALA DAY –The Beenleigh Zone Interschol Sport Competition has been CANCELLED for this Friday 21st April.

The Beenleigh Zone School Sport have notified schools that a number of the fields we currently use for Gala Days are still unplayable and closed after the recent floods. The Logan Council are in the process of testing these grounds for contamination and until these grounds receive the all clear we are unable to use them. At this stage the Zone has only cancelled the Gala Day on the 21st April and hopefully the grounds will be cleared by the 28th April for our use. Our teams will still go out on Friday afternoon last session and train at school and the Ten Pin Bowling and Martial Arts will still go ahead.

BEENLEIGH ZONE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT CROSS COUNTRY NEW DATE: THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

Due to the recent floods the venue for the Beenleigh Zone Cross Country has been moved from Rivermount College to Canterbury College.

We wish the students in Mt Warren Park State School Cross Country team all the very best in this upcoming Cross Country Carnival.

Mt Warren Park State School Sports Day

A Senior and Junior Sports Day information brochure will be sent home with students in the coming weeks. Please look out for this brochure it should answer any of your Sports Day questions. These brochures include a detailed program of events and essential information.

When is the Senior Athletics Carnival - Year 3 to 6?

Wednesday 17th May - Field Events and Thursday 18th May – Track Events

When is Junior Sports Day - Prep to Year 2?

Friday 19th May (concludes 1.00pm)

What should students wear?

- School shorts/culottes
- Suitable shoes for physical activity
- Hat (**clearly named**) and sunscreen (essential)
- Sports House Polo Shirt (available from the Uniform Shop)

What should students bring?

- Water bottle (named)
- Students are invited to bring along streamers/shakers in their team colours.
- Morning Tea and Lunch as usual.

Is the Tuckshop available at Senior Sports Day?

DAY 1 and 2: The tuckshop will operate as per a normal school day, ie: ordering via the basket system.

Day 2: In addition there will also be a BBQ operating on the oval for spectators and students (during lunch breaks) to purchase a sausages on bread and drinks.

Is the Tuckshop available on Junior Sports Day?

The tuckshop will operate as per a normal school day, ie: ordering via the basket system.

In addition to this there will be a BBQ operating on the oval for spectators and students (during lunch breaks) to purchase a sausages on bread and drinks.

Music News

Senior Choir - All senior choir members participating in the ANZAC Day Celebrations in Beenleigh on Tuesday 25 April, must return their permission slips by tomorrow. Permission notes can be handed in to the office.

Instrumental News – Term 3 Overview

Welcome back to another exciting term of music making at Mt Warren Park SS. The Dolce Strings (2nd year string players) are now invited to join the Vivace Strings (3rd year and above) before school for rehearsals every Wednesday morning at 7:45am in the instrumental music room. We are all busy preparing for our End of Semester Instrumental Music Showcase concert in the hall in week 9, Tuesday 13 June commencing at 5:30pm. Further details will be issued closer to the date. All 2nd year string students will be invited to participate in the Developing Strings Workshop in week 9 as well. Invitations to attend will be issued in the coming weeks. Please be reminded that String lessons and rehearsals are every Wednesday with Mrs Dorney and Band lessons and rehearsals are every Thursday with Mr Hogerheyde. If you have not yet paid your levy please do so immediately or contact the office. Students should all have the necessary books and materials to participate in the program. Please contact your instrumental teacher if you have any queries.

Yours in music, Rosemary Dorney (Strings) rdorn2@eq.edu.au and Steve Hogerheyde (Band) shoge6@eq.edu.au

The Arts

Dance Groups

Dance lessons have commenced.

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

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

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

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

REMINDER: Please return your dance media release forms to Mrs Otter's room ASAP.

iCentre News

Book Club Issue 3 – Brochures will be distributed tomorrow and orders are due in by Friday 5 May. The iCentre is open before school to drop orders in.

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 biros. 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!

Guidance Officer News

12 ALTERNATIVES to 'Losing it'

We all know that children, including adolescents, (and sometime partners), at times, can drive you crazy. They may not listen. They may be messy. They don't always think before they act. They don't necessarily consider another's feelings. Unfortunately these factors are a part of life, and it takes a loving family to help them learn to be respectful, responsible, tolerant, caring, loving and self-controlled. When everyday problems pile up, our tolerance may not be as strong. Often our ability to control ourselves will be tested. We may be easily angered but the message here is: **DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR CHILD or CHILDREN or PARTNER.** It's a matter of mustering your self-control (we all have it). Think of the benefits.



If you show self-control, your child knows what it looks like and can copy it.

Here are some alternatives:

- Stop in your tracks. Step back. Take a walk or sit down. Talk yourself back to calm
- Take 5 deep breaths. Inhale. Exhale. Slowly. Slowly. Now take another 5 breaths
- Count to 10. Better yet, 20 or say the alphabet out loud or backwards
- Phone a friend, or a relative, even the weather number.
- Still mad? Punch a pillow, a punching bag or munch an apple.
- Thumb through a magazine, newspaper, photo album, do a simple task – they say doing a routine activity (like ironing) helps one to relax
- Do some sit-ups, kick a ball, jog on the spot
- Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts/ feelings/ frustrations. Now write down 3 things you are grateful for
- Take a shower, or better still, a bath with candles and gentle music
- Lie down on the floor listening to your favourite music
- Talk to your pet – they are good listeners and non-judgemental
- Go to your shed (if you have one) otherwise do that gardening/ mowing you need to do



By now hopefully you are feeling calm. By now the problem may not have seemed like it deserved the blood pressure, but it's time to deal with the issue in a calm, peaceful, rational way. Take a deep breath. Think about the words you will say that are not hurtful to others but may get your message across. Revisit the above strategies as often as you need to.

You can do it. It's all a matter of choice.

Aspects taken from: Qld Centre for Prevention of Child Abuse Information Sheet

P & C News

P & C Meeting - The next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May 2017 commencing at 5:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Mother's Day Stall

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 May. This is a great way to raise much needed funds for our school. If you have any donations of complete gifts or craft items we can use to make gifts, please drop them in to the office by TOMORROW.

Tuckshop News

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

New – Southern Style Chicken Breast Fillet Burger \$5.50 AVAILABLE EVERYDAY

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.

Dates To Remember

Monday 3 April to Monday 17 April Easter Vacation (2 weeks)	
Monday 17 April	Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 18 April	Term 2 Commences
Wednesday 19 April	Zone Cross Country Payment Due \$7
Friday 21 April	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 4 CANCELLED P-2 Easter Hat Parade during Junior Parade 8:50am
Monday 24 April	Anzac Day School Ceremony 9am
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 26 April	ICAS Tests payment due today.
Thursday 27 April	Zone Cross Country at CANTERBURY COLLEGE
Friday 28 April	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day 5
Thursday 4 May	Year 4 St Helena PAYMENT DUE \$35
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 \$35
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

Chappy Corner

COME AND SUPPORT

Beenleigh/Yatala Region
School Chaplaincy
Support Group

10th ANNUAL Benefit Dinner

Entertainment provided by
Beenleigh Theatre Group
and
Lauren Taylor

Friday 26th May 2017
6.00pm for a 6.30pm start
Beenleigh Events Centre
Crete Street, Beenleigh
GO SEE US FOR TICKETS

\$60.00 per person or \$600.00 for table of 10

CALL FOR TICKETS: Esther: 0478 190 077 - Nick: 0431 025 799 - Robyns: 0416 172 791
Cash tickets will be available for purchase from the contacts listed above
or online payments can be made by using the following link:
<https://suqld.goregister.com.au/beenleighregionalchaplainsupportgroup/dinner/registration/>
Please advise us of any dietary requirements.