



Mount Warren Park State School

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Well done to all of our Year 3 & 5 students who participated in the recent NAPLAN testing during week 4. Although teachers always treat the tests as point in time – there is still considerable stress for students undergoing three days of testing in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

It is important that parents view these tests as just that though – they are point in time tests designed to assist the school and teachers to differentiate the curriculum. It is quite possible for students to achieve results above or below what they are capable of.

Results will be made available to the school during term 3 and will then be sent home to parents for their records. More information on these timeframes will be communicated when they become more clear.

CONGRATULATIONS:

At the recent P&C meeting – I was made aware of a good news story for our students – particularly those travelling home by bus in the afternoon. Approximately 20 students catch buses home from school every afternoon and many of these do so without any parent or staff supervision.

Last week – one of our parents was on the bus taking students home in the afternoon and they reported the behaviour of our students was perfect with all students obeying the regulations of bus travel. In the same trip – the parent observed less than satisfactory behaviour from other primary and secondary schools on the same bus.

I have spoken to many of our students on year level parades about the importance of doing the right thing – even when no one is watching. Congratulations to our bus travel students for their behaviour and respect to the values we hold at MWPSS!

Whilst congratulating the students on the bus – our senior rugby league team also is in line for recognition for their performance in the very shortened Gala Days for the recent interschool sports competition. We received news early this week that our senior rugby league team will be playing next Wednesday afternoon in a match against Norfolk State School. If successful in that game against Norfolk State School our team will advance to the Development Cup and the Metropolitan Cup later in the term. On behalf of the school community – well done boys on your achievements so far and good luck for the upcoming match.

Well done also to our Choir for their performance at McDonalds on Wednesday whilst raising money for the chaplaincy program at MWPSS. It was great to see the support for our school again being shown through parents and community members turning up to support the work of our students and the music department.

REMINDERS:

I have spoken to several students over the course of the last few weeks with regards to the riding of their bikes down the path to the gate in the afternoons. This practice is dangerous to all others using this path as well as disregarding the expectations set out by our school in recent weeks.

As has been relayed to all students – any students choosing to do this in the morning or afternoon – will have parents contacted and bikes possibly confiscated to ensure the safety of all students and parents at the school.

Another 'fad' hitting many schools recently are the 'Fidget Spinners', however we have found they have been causing issues in the classrooms and playground. As of this week – we are placing a ban on these at school in an attempt to minimise the disruption to the classrooms.

REPORTS – SEMESTER 1:

Please remember – reports this semester will be emailed home to parents – this will happen in the last week of school this term. Parents are reminded to update their records if required to ensure we have accurate contact and email addresses to allow this to happen.

Parents without email addresses or functionality to receive the reports can obtain a paper copy by requesting one from administration after Tuesday 20th June.



PBL Lesson / Focus of the Week

Week 6: I am an active learner.

This looks like:

- I am a problem solver,
- I take risks and attempt all tasks
- I participate in all activities positively
- I show persistence when I find a task difficult

Week 7: I am safe and respectful before and after school.

This looks like:

- I sit quietly in the undercover area before 8:25am,
- I sit with my Carer or sit in the hall after 8:30am,
- I sit quietly outside my class in line waiting for the teacher when the first bell rings,
- I enter and exit the school grounds through designated areas,
- At the end of the day, I meet my Carer, go to the bus stop or walk home straight away.

From the Deputy Principals

As we reach the middle of term two there are so many exciting things happening at Mount Warren Park State School that the holidays will be upon us before we know it. NAPLAN has just been completed for this year, our Athletics carnivals are underway, Our year 4's visited St. Helena Island as well as all of the wonderful classroom happenings, Under 8's Celebrations and upcoming visiting exhibitions; it isn't hard to understand why our children are always learning and experiencing a wonderful, dynamic and modern curriculum. We wouldn't be surprised if most of the children don't want to go on holidays!

NAPLAN

Recently our school participated in the national NAPLAN tests. All children in years 3 and 5 completed the three days of testing (and for some one day of catch up tests) as an important component of Australia wide Data gathering. The tests are marked centrally and the school will receive results in due course. We know the children and teachers of Mount Warren Park put a lot of time and effort into preparing for the tests and we're sure the results will be positive.

Athletics Carnival Days

By the time you read this our Athletics days will be almost complete. We would like to say good luck to all of our competitors. Miss Taylor has worked very hard to train all of our future Olympians in the finer points of athletics competition and all that hard training came together on the 17th of May when our senior school competed in Field events. The 18th of May saw the track events take place on the main oval and weather permitting our Junior Carnival will take place on Friday the 19th of May.

St. Helena Island



Early this week our year 4 students braved Moreton Bay to head to the old penal colony of St. Helena Island. The children got to experience the conditions that faced the

convicts who lived there and it gave them a real opportunity to experience the hard life these people endured. With guides dressed in character the children explored the old buildings and living conditions of the prisoners as well as visited the graveyard and the cooking kiln used for bread making. I am sure that every child gained valuable insight into our local history and that there were plenty of stories to tell over the dinner table that night.

Please send us your email address

Effective communication between our school and home is important. As email is one of the most effective and efficient ways of communicating could you please ensure that the school has a copy of your email address for our records.

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. 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!

National Walk Safely to School Day

While on the topic of athletics and keeping fit – we hope you support National Walk to school day on Friday the 19th of May.



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.

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.



Under 8's Activity MORNING - Thursday 25 May

Children in Prep to Year 2 will celebrate Under 8's Week by enjoying a morning full of fun activities on Thursday 25 May. This year's theme is "Children and Playing, Country To Coast".

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.

Whole School - Beach Safety Talks on Friday 26 May. Prep to Year 2 = 12:30pm to 1pm and Year 3 to 6 = 2pm to 2:45pm. There is no cost involved for this activity.

Year 5 - Gold Rush Excursion on Monday 19 June. Full payment of \$31 is due by Thursday 8 June. Invoices and information/ permission notes will be sent home soon. **IF YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATED IN GALA DAY SPORTS YOU MAY HAVE A CREDIT DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF 3 DAYS. PLEASE CHECK WITH OFFICE STAFF.**

Year 5 & 6 Gala Day CREDITS - Due to the 3 cancelled gala sports days, all children who paid in full for their gala day sport (excluding Ten Pin Bowling and Karate and school sports) have received a \$26 credit into their student account. This amount can be used for any upcoming excursions or events for any child in the family. Please advise office staff if you wish to use this credit to make payment. We cannot apply the credit without your consent.

PE News

Athletics Days

Results from the carnivals will be published in the next newsletter.

Senior Carnival (Year 3 to 6) = day 1 Wednesday 17 May & day 2 Thursday 18 May. A full 2 day program brochure was sent home last week.

Junior Carnival (Prep to year 2) = Friday 19 May. Program brochure was sent home last week.

Rugby League

Our Rugby League Team will play a game against Norfolk Village State School next Wednesday 24 May at Hammel Park, Beenleigh at 2pm. If they win they will then play in the Development Cup and Metropolitan Cup. Well done boys and good luck for next Wednesday.

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The Arts

Instrumental News

Mt Warren Park State School Showcase Concert

Save the Date Instrumental Students and Choirs are working hard to prepare for the upcoming Showcase concert to be held on **Tuesday 13 June at 5:30pm** in the hall. String students will need to arrive between 4:30- 4:45pm for tuning. Other students will be advised closer to the event regarding arrival times.

Rehearsal Times

It is essential that we have all students attend rehearsals so that we can fully prepare for our upcoming performance. Please note the following rehearsal times:

Dolce & Vivace Strings (all string players other than beginners) – Wednesday mornings 7:45-8:45am

Band – Thursday mornings before school

Developing Strings Workshop – 2nd Year String students only

Second year strings students are invited to a Developing Strings Workshop to be held at Windaroo State School on Monday 12 June and Tuesday 13 June in the school hall. The workshop is free and all students involved should have received registration and medical forms that are due back to the office by Monday 22 May.

Please contact Mrs Dorney if you have any queries regarding the workshop.

Instrumental Resource Fees

There are still quite a few instrumental resource fees outstanding. Please note that if your child has their own instrument the resource fee is \$35 and if they are using a school instrument, the fee is \$90.

Please ensure that your fees are up to date for your child to continue participation in the instrumental program for strings and band.

Yours in Music,

Rosemary Dorney, Strings, rdorn2@eq.edu.au

Steve Hogerheyde, Band, shoge6@eq.edu.au

Chappy Corner

Hello everyone!

I don't know about you but I am really enjoying this cooler weather :) With it though can bring some colds and flus so please remember to eat and drink smartly to boost your health and immunity. There are always good tips on the internet on cheap and easy ways to incorporate some immunity boosting foods. After a quick search I found this article called 15 foods that boost the immune system on <http://www.healthline.com/health/food-nutrition/foods-that-boost-the-immune-system#overview1>

These are all foods which can easily be found at any grocery store. We have something very exciting happening tonight (Wednesday) at McDonald's, Holmview. It is Chappy Week and our very own Junior Choir is coming along and performing at 5.45pm! This is so awesome and I know the students in the choir are so excited. I hope everyone put it on their calendars from the last Chappy Corner because it would be so fabulous to see a HUGE crowd to support our Junior Choir and your local Chappies. Thank you so much Miss Trifa and the Junior Choir for your support and hard work. Thank you also to the wonderful parents who will be bringing their children along to perform and the amazing staff who are coming along to encourage and show support. Your local Chappies, and myself, are in our final stages of preparation for our 10th Annual Chappy Benefit Dinner next Friday. It's going to be an amazingly fun night for all those who are attending. Thank you to all who will be attending.

But wait ... there's more excitement!!!! Your children are invited to attend an awesome Holiday Day Camp hosted at CityNet Church Beenleigh, in the June/July holidays. The Chappies involved and I have been very busy organising it and it is going to be sooooo much fun! There will be a registration form going home with the youngest child of the family and if you require more for older children please come and collect one from me :)

Thank you so much for your awesomeness!! I came across this quote recently and I'd like to leave it with you this fortnight, "Self-respect, self-worth and self-love all start with self. Stop looking outside of you for your value", Rob Liano. <http://www.lifedaily.com/20-self-esteem-quotes-that-will-lift-your-spirits/>

Take care, Chappy Jo, joannam@chappy.org.au

Year 4 St Helena Excursion



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. All agenda items must be submitted by Tuesday 9 May, 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

Tuckshop News

Survey = A Tuckshop Survey was sent home with children at the beginning of this week asking parents if they would like to see certain menu items return to the 2017 Menu. Please complete and return to either the office or the tuckshop by Wednesday 31 May.

REMINDER = The **Tuckshop** is **CLOSED** every **MONDAY**.

Menu = 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

Term 2 Weekly Specials \$7

Week 1 commencing Tuesday 18 Apr **AND**

Week 6 commencing Tuesday 23 May
Pasta Bolognese
Large Juice & Freshly Popped Popcorn

Week 2 commencing Tuesday 25 Apr **AND**

Week 7 commencing Tuesday 30 May
Fried Rice with Chicken
Water (Medium) & Apple Slinky

Week 3 commencing Tuesday 2 May **AND**

Week 8 commencing Tuesday 6 Jun
Macaroni & Cheese
Large Juice & Freshly Popped Popcorn

Week 4 commencing Tuesday 9 May **AND**

Week 9 commencing Tuesday 13 Jun
Nachos & Water (Medium) & Orange Wedges

Week 5 commencing Tuesday 16 May **AND**

Week 10 commencing Tuesday 20 Jun
Ham & Pineapple Pizza OR
Cheese & Bacon Pizza & Large Juice & Garlic Bread

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

School Hats - The school hats have just arrived. These will be sorted and delivered to classrooms next week.

Old Style Uniforms - If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 you may be interested in purchasing **HEAVILY REDUCED** older style (brown) uniforms as we still have the 2 year transition period. Children are permitted to wear the older style for the remainder of 2018 and all of 2019.

Dresses = \$10 or 2 for \$18

Blouses = \$10 or 2 for \$18

Culottes = \$5

Shorts = \$5

Skorts = \$7 or 2 for \$10

Junior & Senior Jackets = \$10

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

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
Tuesday 30 May	ICAS Science Competition / Test
Thursday 8 June	Year 5 Eureka PAYMENT DUE \$31
Monday 19 June	Year 5 Eureka Gold Rush Excursion \$31
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
Tuesday 1 August	ICAS English Competition / Test
Monday 14 August	EKKA PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 15 August	ICAS Maths Competition / Test
Tuesday 29 August	Father's Day Stall
Wednesday 30 August	Father's Day Stall
Thursday 31 August	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 13 Sept.	6pm Prep 2018 Orientation Night
Monday 18 September to Friday 29 September Spring Vacation (2 weeks)	

Community Notices

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
OR SEE JD FOR TICKETS

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

CALL FOR TICKETS Esther: 0478 190 077 - Nick: 0431 025 799 - Robyn: 0416 172 791

Cash tickets will be available for purchase from the contacts listed above or online payments can be made by visiting the following link:
<https://suqld.goregister.com.au/beenleighregionalchaplaincydinner/registration/>
Please advise us of any dietary requirements.

Prep 2018

Enrolment Packs available from
Thursday 1 June 2017