

Mount Perry State School

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Mount Perry State School



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Kindy to Year 6

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Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Mt Perry State School is proud to offer a quality education for all students from Kindy to Year 6. Your association with our school is welcome. We believe that you have a vested interest in important partnership in the process of educating your child/ren. Parents are a child's first teachers. Our Commitment to your child/ren is to extend and nurture this important beginning for happiness and success at school for each and every child. The school and home need to be in harmony for this success to be achieved.

Education is an open, dynamic and continuous process. At Mt Perry State School quality education involves the creation of a supportive, stimulating and caring environment where each student has the opportunity to develop to his or her fullest potential – academically, socially, emotionally and physically.

Quality education involves more than 'teaching and learning'. Quality education aims to develop students to become active and responsible members of society and to live fulfilled lives. At Mt Perry, we therefore need to equip students with the skills that they need for life-long learning and critical decision-making. The individual rights and responsibilities of our students are recognised in the teaching/learning process to promote equity and social justice. High self-esteem and a positive self-concept are also promoted to create independent and intrinsically motivated thinkers.

We are proud of our achievements at Mt Perry State School and look forward to providing quality primary education for your child/ren as our part in this partnership.

I look forward to meeting you as soon as possible and invite you to take part in our school activities. I trust that the information contained within this booklet will help you to understand the education process in your new school.

Yours faithfully

Karen Hyde
Principal

Staff

Principal	Karen Hyde
Kindy/Prep/1/2	Ursula Zerbst
3/ 4 /5 / 6	Karen Hyde
LOTE	Online
SEU NCT /CCT	Angela Jensen
Teacher Aides	Maryann Nicholson Sharon Bryant Angela Schulke Gae Phelps Kym Cleary

Administration Assistant

Denise Walker

**Cleaner
Groundsman**

Mark Corstens
Mark Smith

Itinerant Guidance Officer

Terena Staib

Vision

At Mount Perry State School we aim to achieve the best educational outcomes for every student in our school and to provide quality teaching / learning experiences which assist all students to develop their potential and become active valued citizens.

Descriptors

- Every student sets learning goals every term.
- To be tolerant and accepting of all.
- Everyone is committed to improvement.
- Demonstrate strong literacy skills.
- Every individual experiences success.
- Demonstrate strong numeracy skills.
- Everyone is striving to reach his or her personal potential.

Motto

OUR BEST ALWAYS

Values

**Respect
Doing Your Best
Responsibility
Honesty and Trustworthiness**

School Profile

Mount Perry State School is located in the Bundaberg District 51 kilometres west of Gin Gin and 100 kilometres from Bundaberg, our closest provincial city. Mount Perry is situated in the North Burnett Regional Council. Established in 1871 the school has always been the central focus for the community and surrounding areas.

School History

In October 1871 a Provisional School was opened with 36 pupils. Archibald Douglas from Gayndah was appointed Head Teacher and held classes in what he described as a crude bark humpy. In January 1874 the school received State School status with, Robert Ross as Head Teacher. The School was given the number 75 in the list of Queensland State Schools, making it one of the oldest schools in the district. In the early 1900's the school population averaged in the several hundreds, though figures as high as 680 have been quoted.

The School was opened at its present location in September 1954 and has probably changed little in that time except for a few cosmetics here and there.

The teaching staff now comprises four teachers (including the principal), six teacher aides and an administrative assistant, cleaner and part time grounds care person.

Mt. Perry's proud and colourful past combined with a vision for the future will ensure that our children meet the 21st century fiercely proud of themselves and their heritage, well equipped to face the challenges before them, and ready to create some history themselves.

School Community

While the Mount Perry community is predominantly rural, recent development has led to the establishment of small acreage holdings in the Mount Perry surrounding areas, providing a steady growing population both within this area and the school. The school community is characterised by a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds, various work situations and diverse living arrangements. The majority of work opportunities relate to the local council, local businesses, the gold mine at Mount Rawdon and graziers offering seasonal work.

Mount Perry community is always supportive of school activities and takes an active role in all school based projects. One of the strengths of the school is the active involvement and support of the Parents and Citizens Association (P & C). It works cooperatively with the school in providing a supportive educational environment for the students. This organisation complements the team approach of the school and helps to establish strong communication links between home and school. The P & C meets regularly throughout the year with the Annual General Meeting in February.

Enrolments

The primary student enrolment for 2024 estimated to be 40 or greater. Enrolments have historically shown fluctuations throughout the seasonal working periods in the Perry and surrounding areas and are reflective of the transient nature of the community. Up to 25% of the students travel to school by bus, 45% by car and 55% walk or ride to school. Students are allocated across two classes in multi-age environments offering quality curriculum programs across the eight key learning areas.

- an early education kindy, prep class, year 1 and 2,
- years 3 /4 5 / 6 class

School Timetable

- Office Hours: 8.30 am – 3.00pm
Monday to Wednesday
- School Hours: 8.45am – 2.45pm Monday to Friday
- School Address: Annie Street
Mount Perry 4671
- Telephone number: 41563241
- Fax number: 41563339
- Email address: principal@mtperryss.eq.edu.au

Key Dates

Semester Dates for 2024

➤ **Semester One**

Term One – Monday 22 January to Thursday 28 March - 10 weeks

Term Two – Monday 15 April to Friday 21 June - 10 weeks

➤ **Semester Two**

Term Three – Monday 18 July to Friday 13 September - 10 weeks

Term Four - Monday 30 September to Friday 13 December - 11 weeks

Public Holidays

Our school will be closed on the following days:

- Australia Day (designated holiday) - 26 January
- Labour Day - 6 May
- King's Birthday - 7 October
- Show Day Holiday -to be advised

Pupil Free Days

- 18, 19 January,
- 11, 12 April

Absences

In the event of a child being absent or having to leave early, please advise via one of the following:

- Absenceline 0408 526246
- Phone Administration Office 41563241

or **sending a note** to the class teacher stating the reason.

This prevents any misunderstanding and ensures the safety of your child. **Late arrivals** must also be accompanied by a note or advised in the same manner.

Admission

Prep Year

Present regulations state that a child must turn **five years** of age on or **before** 30th June before he or she may be admitted to any primary school in Queensland ie. Prep students must turn 5 before 30th June the year of commencement.

Change

Please advise of any changes in address, telephone numbers, or other information which you feel we should know.

Appointments

Parents/Caregivers seeking interviews with members of our staff should contact the Administrative Officer for **an appointment**. This practice allows us to plan a time suitable to both parties. Teaching staff should not be approached by parents/caregivers during teaching sessions, unless the matter is of an urgent nature.

Arrival and Departure

Supervision of the playground is arranged for **morning tea** and **lunch breaks** only. Playground supervision **is not** provided on an organised basis **before** or **after** school. Parents/Caregivers of children who arrive early at school are especially advised to be mindful of this situation. We recommend that children **do not arrive at school before 8.15 am**. Children arriving before this time are to sit quietly under the covered area until 8.15am.

All children should however, be at school in plenty of time to prepare for class. After school, students should proceed immediately home. Children to be collected by parents must wait in the grounds, until collected. Children should be collected as close to **2.45pm** as possible unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal.

Should parents be unable to reach the school on time, or have made alternative arrangements for having the children collected, then the school, for obvious reasons, should be notified. Our aim is to ensure the safety of the children and your co-operation will assist us to do so.

Bus children must proceed directly to the bus stop. While on the bus children are expected to follow the rules expected at school. Failure to obey directions of the driver, or displays of bad behaviour, could result in removal from the bus.

Our school car park is at the end of the school oval and this is the area for student drop off and collection. The bus turnaround for BUS students only is at the rear of the school and is accessible from Mallett Street.

Assembly

School assemblies are held every Friday commencing at 8.45am. School community members are always welcome. At these gatherings we endeavour to create a close, friendly atmosphere among students and teachers to help build school spirit and morale. School Leaders play an important role in the delivery of the assembly.

Bookclub

Approximately eight times a year, pupils are given the opportunity of purchasing reading books. These books are of good quality with good literary content and are sold at a reasonable cost. The encouragement of reading for leisure is the basic aim of this service. There is no obligation to purchase.

Class Books and Stationery

Student bookbags are available by order at the School Office - prepaid \$50:00

Conveyance Allowance

Financial assistance for parents of school students travelling more than 3.2km to and from bus routes or school daily is provided by a Conveyance Allowance.

Application forms for Conveyance Allowance can be obtained from **Transport Department** in Maryborough.

Daily School Procedures

Before school and during lunch breaks children are not allowed on verandas or in classrooms unless they have jobs to carry out or they have been sent for by their teacher.

Morning Recess: Children eat in the eating area assigned to their class. When finished eating they may move from the area to their designated play areas.

Mid-day Recess: Children eat in an assigned eating area and remain seated until dismissed by a teacher, when they may disperse to play.

School Hours:

* First bell	:	8.15am -
* School Commences	:	8.45am
* Morning Recess	:	10:45am - 11.10am
* Mid-day Recess	:	12.45pm - 1.20pm
* School Dismissal	:	2.45pm

Early Departure

Parents/Caregivers who want their children to leave school early must make prior arrangements either personally or in writing. Teachers will not dismiss any child earlier than 2.45pm unless they receive written authority. Parents/Caregivers must sign out the students at the Administration Office.

Flood Register

Each year we ask parents of children who travel on the buses along the Wonbah/Gaeta Road to update the flood emergency register at school and with Gin Gin Buses. Occasionally we have occasions where students are billeted in Mt Perry due to rain and floods. We encourage parents to make their own arrangements for accommodation. Please notify the school with the contact information.

Houses

House teams for sports and general competitions are organised. Once enrolled, your child is placed in one of two houses:

- ◆ Hawks - Black and Yellow
- ◆ Eagles - Blue and Red

Lost Property

Lost property is stored in the teacher aide room. The excessive amounts that gather are due to a lack of care by the children and the absence of clear identification. Please label all removable clothing including socks, swimwear and underwear. Each term items are displayed before being sent to a local charity.

Money Collection

Your child will, at various times during the year, bring money to school, this should be placed in the white box outside the school office.

Newsletters

Newsletter containing information of forthcoming events and giving details of any matters concerning the school will be sent out each fortnight on a Wednesday. This is issued to the eldest in each family at school.

We also have a newsletter email subscription list, please advise the school office if you wish to receive your newsletter this way.

P&C Association

Our school is most fortunate in having a very active body providing for the many needs of the school. We are justly proud of the work that has been done by members of the P & C. We urge your support of the P & C in this year. Meetings are held on the **second Wednesday** afternoon of **each month**. Reminder notices are included in the school newsletter. The Annual General Meeting is held in February each year to elect the new executive.

Reporting

During **term one** and **three** teachers, will conduct a three way meeting between the parents, student and teacher. At the end of semester 1 and 2 a written report will be provided to the parent/caregiver detailing their child's progress in key learning areas.

Swimming

Swimming instruction is held during the **last term** of the school year for **years prep to 6** in the swimming pool at Gin Gin. Classes are timetabled for lessons that are conducted by our Physical Education Resource Teacher and class teacher.

Swimming is part of the school curriculum. Children must have valid medical reasons if not participating. This must be supported by a note. Please ensure that swimmers, towels and swimming caps are named. To protect your child against skin cancer, sunscreen should be applied before school. Please send all the above in a separate waterproof bag.

Transferring

When children are transferring from the school, early notice in writing or a telephone call is appreciated so that the necessary transfer forms can be completed and other information can be correlated for the next school.

It would be appreciated if all library books and other school property is returned prior to transferring.

Tuckshop

Our tuckshop is provided by the local General Store each **Friday** for morning tea and lunch. Lunch orders with money need to be handed into the White Collection box in Block A – outside Principals office by Thursday afternoon. You will receive a tuckshop menu and price list during the first week of school and the beginning of each term.

Uniforms

School shirts \$25.00 each, school hats \$15.00 are available from :

- School office in the **mornings only - Monday to Wednesday**.
- Or Mens Instyle , Electra Street – Bundaberg the shirts are available.

Royal blue shorts, skirt or skorts are to be worn with the shirts and available in several stores in Bundaberg – we do not stock the shorts, skorts or skirts.

Closed in shoes must also be worn to school.

Use of School Premises

The school premises are available for use by members of the community providing permission has been obtained from the principal. This should be done well in advance so arrangements can be made.

For their own safety, no children are to be in the school grounds out of school hours.

Medication

Only medication **prescribed** by a **medical practitioner** may be administered at our school. An authorised adult may give oral medication if requested in writing by a parent/caregiver. The instructions for dosage and administration times must be written on the container by a doctor. Our school cannot accept the instructions solely of the parent/caregiver.

All medications will be administered at the school office. All medicines will be kept in a secure place. A student may be responsible for their inhaler for asthma with written permission from a parent/caregiver and approval of the Principal.

First Aid

All schools are required to have a trained First-Aid Officer and emergency procedures are required to be updated each year.

The only medical treatment in the school which is permitted by the Department is basic first aid. This is the immediate, temporary treatment given in case of accident. If your child should meet with an accident of serious nature every effort will be made to contact the parents.

If however, this cannot be done, the Principal will endeavour to obtain the necessary aid for your child, including the right to use the ambulance for emergency transport. You should outline your desired course of emergency action, plus any other relevant details, on the Student Card Form which is reissued to parents for verification at the beginning of each year.

Exclusion Table

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Period of exclusion for sufferers</u>
AIDS	Symptoms will preclude attendance.
Chicken Pox	May return to school 6 days after the appearance of the rash unless heavily scabbed. (With chicken pox, some remaining scabs are not an indication for continued exclusion.)
Hepatitis A	Re-admit on receipt of a medical certificate of recovery, or on subsidence of symptoms, but not before 7 days after onset of jaundice.
Hepatitis B	Readmit on production of medical certificate.
Measles	Exclude for at least 7 days from the appearance of the rash or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.
Mumps	Exclude until fully recovered.
Rubella (German Measles)	Exclude until fully recovered.
Whooping Cough	Exclude for 4 weeks from onset of illness and until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.
Headlice and Ringworm	Re-admit when appropriate treatment has commenced.
Impetigo (School Sores)	Provided the sores are properly covered the student is able to attend school. Uncovered sores leads to spreading of the disease.