

# The Heights Happenings

Thursday 16 August 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY  
HEIGHTS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

Principal's Report

## **TERM THREE 2018**

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

SDSSA Winter Sport Lightening Premiership (Yr 5/6)  
School Disco & Parent Community Catch-up

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

School Assembly 2:45pm – 1/2B  
Nara visit 12:30 – 1:30 Year 4S

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Book Pre-loved Book Stall

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Book Week Parade – 9:10am

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Book Week Incursion Prep – Year 2 9am-10am  
Nara visit 12:30 – 1:30 Year 4G

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

Inclusivity Day 11:30am-1:30pm

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Fathers' Day Stall

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

School Assembly 2:45pm – 1/2T

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

School Council Meeting 6pm

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Piece Together Prep Session 4 (Science/ICT) – 2:15pm

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

School Swimming Program

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Nara Presentation Night

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

SDSSA Basketball Round Robin  
MWHPS Family Dinner

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

School Swimming Program

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

End of Term Assembly 9-10am – Prep D

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Footy Day / Subway Lunch  
Last day of Term Three – 2:30pm finish

## **TERM FOUR 2018**

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

First day of Term Four



Refer to the website for Notices

<http://mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/>

## **TECHNOLOGY & INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP – AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!**

MWHPS has just developed a technology partnership with Datacom, Google and Hewlett-Packard. This partnership will see MWHPS become a world-class IT Beacon School with cutting edge practices that will assist students on the journey to becoming future leaders in an ever changing world. 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills such as collaboration, communication, personal/social skills and critical and creative thinking skills will be enhanced in a curriculum brought to life through innovative practices.



**DATACOM**

What this means for MWHPS:

- Collaborating with the best in the industry to improve our practices and provide opportunities for our students to be active global citizens
- A STEAM Program where rigorous academic concepts are coupled with real world lessons as students apply Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts and Mathematics in contexts that make connections between school and real-life learning
- Teachers will participate in a range of professional learning opportunities, which will see them work with other educators around the world
- Trial new industry ideas and provide feedback for change
- Utilise Google G Suite for Education to engage, collaborate and provide instant feedback to improve student learning
- Engage with new technology such as Virtual reality to enhance curriculum delivery
- Provide real life opportunities for students beyond the classroom – coding camp, females in industry (Go Girl, Go For IT. See [www.gogirl.org.au](http://www.gogirl.org.au) for further information), etc.
- **100 new touch-screen Hewlett-Packard Chromebooks for Years 3-6 students funded by our partners**
- Upgrade to infrastructure to ensure connectivity

These changes will be targeted towards the Year 3-6 students in particular. We begin our training with Google next week and expect to have our new Chromebooks delivered for the beginning of Term 4. In line with these changes we will need to update our procedures and policies. Thanks to the following School Council members: Airlie, Jane, Louise and Georgia for assisting with this exciting change.



9807 8120



9888 1921



Facebook.com/MtWaverleyHeightsPS



Mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



Mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au

### **ES WEEK – CELEBRATIONS TODAY!**

We recognised the wonderful work of our Education Support Staff today with a special morning tea and assembly. Our ES staff were very spoilt with lots of yummy food provided by staff members.

### **DISCO NIGHT TOMORROW – COFFE AND CHAT FOR THE PARENTS!**

Just a reminder that our school disco is on tomorrow night! There will be a range of snacks provided during the event – fruit and vegetable platters, bread rolls with either vegemite or cheese or tomato and cheese and celery, carrot and cheese stick platters along with water and cordial. Each student will receive a chocolate frog on departure. Parents please note this is a snack only and it may be worth feeding your child prior or after the disco.

Whilst the students are at the disco, why not join us for a coffee and chat. We are looking at ways we can better connect our parent community and welcome your ideas.

**Who:** All parents

**When:** Disco night 5.15-6.15pm

**Where:** Prep D classroom

### **SENTRAL CONNECTION**

To keep up to date with school information you need to have the Sentral app connected to your device. We only have 52% of our parents connected, which means 48% of families are not receiving information that is being communicated through this portal. We will be using more and more app features, so it is essential that you get connected.

Carolyn is available most Tuesdays and Thursdays to assist if you are having troubles. Why not come along to the 'Coffee and Chat' session this Friday (during the school disco) and seek out Carolyn's expertise.

### **BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

Book week is from August 20-24.

- This year we will be holding a second hand book stall on **Tuesday August 21**. Please donate pre-loved books (in good condition) for Prep-6 to the office. Books will be on sale for \$2. Thank you to Kelly Pountney for organising this event.
- Book Week Parade – come dressed up as your favorite character on **Wednesday August 22**. The parade will be held at 9.10am in the Dream Space (weather permitting).
- **Thursday August 23** - Book Week Incursion (P-2)

### **CURRICULUM DAY**

Our final curriculum day will be held Monday Nov 5. The staff will be participating in further professional learning in Writing.

### **PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

Only one more week to go before the survey closes. We would really appreciate your feedback.

### **Let's celebrate**

- Raising over \$900 at the Bunnings BBQ! Thank you to all our parent and student volunteers. An extra special thanks to Alison for organising the catering and parent roster.
- Our new technology partnership which will provide so many wonderful new learning opportunities for our students!

Until next week,

*Sharon*

Sharon Reiss-Stone

## Curriculum Update

Last week we had another session of Piece Together Prep. The art session saw the kinder children make shapes and a fish with clay. They rolled the clay to make sausages and coiled it around like a snail, developing their fine motor skills.



Piece Together Prep is a program that assists children and families to become familiar with a primary school environment. It is also an opportunity for families to mingle and get to know others in their local community. The program develops school readiness skills such as cooperation, listening, independence, literacy and numeracy skills. It ensures children and families make a positive start to school, feeling confident and comfortable. Children visit a variety of different classrooms working with a number of different teachers just as our students do. Children develop social and emotional skills as part of Piece Together Prep by interacting with one another and through group work. Thank you to Mrs. Furlong for running the wonderful session.

Also, check our new building article in this week's Monash Leader. Pictured are our 1/2 students enjoying our flexible learning space, especially the fantastic snake piece of furniture.

Thanks

*Carolyn*  
Carolyn Datson  
Assistant Principal



od at

market, with a Berwick family finally emerging as the new owners. Several interested buyers had made offers for the prop-

The sale was the second highest in Victoria for the week ending August 6, according to CoreLogic figures. In 2017, Glen Waverley re-

ditions imposed by banks, Mr Lou said. "In today's market, there are fewer such buyers for luxury homes such as this," he added.

College zone and has a grand portico entry, parquet floors, formal and casual zones, chandeliers and elegant French Provincial-style with

three-year period, according to CoreLogic data.

More real estate, p15

Move over dogs! Show is ready to Melbourne at the Exhibition Building and 9. This show celebrate every cat. Leader has and prize packs valued at \$372 each go to the comp at leadnews on Tuesday, At

## OLD MEETS NEW IN TEACHING SPACE

Geordie Cowan

CHILDREN and teachers alike were excited to return to a Mt Waverley school after the holidays with a new building to use.

The new learning space at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School was described as fitting in "with 21st-century education" by principal Sharon Reiff-Stone.

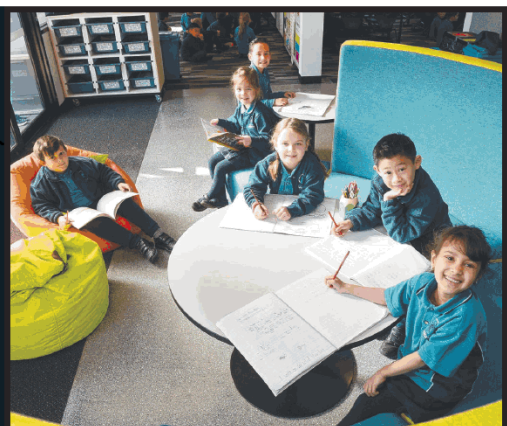
"The opportunity to design a new teaching space was sort of like a dream come true," she said.

"The design responds to the challenges of creating a dynamic flexible learning

environment which is sensitive to significant developmental habits as the children grow towards adulthood. It strikes a balance between the best of both worlds – the importance of tradition and the value of flexible and innovative learning."

About 150 Prep to Grade 2 students will use the \$2m building, which was funded through a State Government program designed to remove asbestos from Victorian schools. New classrooms and a library feature in the building, as well as an art and music space.

Mt Waverley Heights PS students Alexander, Zoe, Tiare, Billie, Haruki and Seanna use one of the breakout areas.



## Enter to

How smart is you in 30 words or less? We'll print answers as we c Father's Day sp go into our draw three Kärcher Ai portable cleaner Go to leadnews fathersday before

## Sporting

Women interest leadership and c the sporting ind encouraged to a Government sct between \$2000 Details: sport.vi



This week's Artist of the Week is Emma Anderson-Weir who wowed us with her clarinet knowledge and skills during our music sessions.

We have been studying woodwind instruments this term and it was fantastic to have the opportunity for our students to have a live experience of the clarinet.

Great job Emma!!



## Drama Club



### Enrolments are now open!

Drama Club runs straight after school from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Classes are open to students from Year 1 to Year 6.

Imagination is vital in giving your child the ability to deal with everyday feelings and problems.

**For more information please contact Celia or pick up an enrolment form at the school office.**

Celia Kemp Studio's of Performing Arts  
email: [celia@planet359.com](mailto:celia@planet359.com)



DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY. **SPRING**  
**EXTEND SQUAD**  
FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences!

Extend's school holiday programs are a fantastic opportunity for your child to do fun and engaging activities with friends.  
Book 14 days in advance to receive the early bird rate.

Bookings now open!  
Find your local Extend Squad: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)



9807 8120



9888 1921



Facebook.com/MtWaverleyHeightsPS



[Mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)



[Mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au](http://Mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au)

## CERES Excursion 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

As part of our Term 3 Inquiry unit on Social Justice and celebrating diversity, the Year 1/2s enjoyed their excursion to CERES Community Environment park. The activities gave students an opportunity to learn about and experience some of the traditional arts of the Wurundjeri, African and Indian cultures. Despite the threat of rain and a prolonged bus trip home, the students had a great time and we were so proud to see them demonstrating our school values in the community. A big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers on the day, Felicity, Kelli and Azumi!



## Bunnings BBQ Thankyou!

Thank-you to the following people who helped the school raise \$958 - Krishna, Brett & Will, Joo, Job, Airlie, Ming, Darren, Eunsoo, Deb, Dean & Erin, Adam, Jennifer, Ryan P, Rob & Ryan T & any other kids who helped on the day! Great job everyone and monies raised will be going towards the new library.







The School Disco is coming up. If you are available to help plan or assist on the night, please email Airlie Anderson-Weir (airlieaw@telstra.com).

**WE NEED YOUR BOOKS!**

**WE LOVE  
READING  
PRE-LOVED  
BOOK STALL**

**TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST**



**ALL BOOKS \$2**  
**MONEY RAISED TO GO TOWARDS  
OUR NEW LIBRARY**

## The Skink Link Project: Planting Event

🕒 19 August 2018 | 10:30AM to 12:00PM



Be part of a new Scotchmans Creek local habitat improvement initiative.

We'll be planting the first 800 plants to create habitat for the Water Skinks.

Find out more about this exciting project and the important role you can play in bringing back the water skink and other wildlife to Scotchmans Creek.

Meeting place: End of Raymond Court (near Scotchmans Creek), Oakleigh  
Sunday 19 August, 10.30am - 12pm

Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a raincoat. We'll enjoy a BBQ afterwards.

[Book online now.](#)

To find out more, please call 9518 3555.

Date & Time

19 August 2018 | 10:30AM to 12:00PM

**A 'big' thank-you to**

**Woolworths –  
Ashwood**

**for the donation of fruit  
for our school disco!**



## Extend OSHC at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

Hi everyone!

We had such an awesome week at Extend last week! We can't believe it is already week 5 of term three! As they say time flies when you're having fun!

Last week we had so much fun designing amazing clay creations in Art with Jayde. The children were so creative and were making a range of different things from sculptures, to jewellery holders and trays. It was great to see the children have so much fun. They really enjoyed using a range of different utensils to help them shape and manipulate the clay! Was definitely a highlight in the week!

We also made delicious and crunchy wedges on Thursday, which was a fun new recipe to try and was perfect for a cold winters afternoon! We're all fast becoming master chefs at Extend!!

We have really been enjoying our active play at Extend and it was great to see some warm weather on Friday! We enjoyed spending the afternoon out on the playground, building masterpieces in the sandpit!! It has been hard to spend time outside during winter, so it was great to have a big playground afternoon!

Extends Kids Competition closed on Friday last week, so keep an eye out on the Extend website to vote for your favourites entries. We had some amazing entries from Mount Waverley!! Well done to everyone who entered!

### Coming up next week:

Monday: Imagination Creation, Sports Clinic by Jake G

Tuesday: Science: Mentos and Coke, Ball Sports

Wednesday: Specialist Activity: Sand Art, Group Games

Thursday: Cooking: Anzac Biscuits, Around the world

Friday: Yoga with Friends, Playground

### AND OUR EXTEND SUPER-STAR OF THE WEEK IS.....

Robert H 1/2

For always being so polite towards his peers and educators. Robert always has a smile on his face and is a great friend to everyone at Extend. Keep up the awesome work Robert!

From Caitlin and the kids at Extend. :)



# FREE SOCCER COACHING SESSIONS

## FREE TRIAL OF NEW SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM!

Football Star Academy are Australia's leading private skill development academy, providing high quality coaching to children of all ages, experience and ability.

To celebrate the launch of a new weekly program being run at Jack Edwards Reserve in Oakleigh, free coaching sessions will be available to children in the local area to come and try. The following days & times are available:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**5-7 year olds:** 3.50pm to 4.50pm    **8-12 year olds:** 4.50pm to 5.50pm

Spaces are very limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The sessions will be held at Jack Edwards Reserve, Edward Street, Oakleigh on the full size artificial pitch.

To secure your place at a free trial session and register your interest in securing a spot at ongoing sessions, please contact:

**Tim Rickman** (Area Manager & Head Coach)

**Phone -** 0417 953349

**Email -** [vic20.football@sportstaracademy.com](mailto:vic20.football@sportstaracademy.com)



**Oakleigh Little Athletics**  
Phone: Andrew 0417516956  
Email: [oakleigh@lavic.com.au](mailto:oakleigh@lavic.com.au)



**What are you going to do this Summer?**

**Tell Mum & Dad you don't want to stay home being bored.**

**Tell them you want to run for fun!**

Little Athletics competition for 5 to 15 year olds is held from October to March.  
Saturday mornings (8:30am to 11am), sometimes on Friday evenings (5pm to 7pm).

**Season starts on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2018 at 8.30am-11am**  
**Davies Reserve, Oakleigh South**

**Bring your running gear, sunscreen, hat & drink, family and friends. Tell everyone about it!**

We have free training for under 6's to under 8's Thurs from 5-6pm, and under 9's to under 16's on Tues from 5-6pm.  
We also participate in the Winter Cross Country for Bayside region on Saturday mornings, from 8.30-11.00am.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**For more information please visit our website [www.oakleighlac.com.au](http://www.oakleighlac.com.au)**  
**or register online at [www.lavic.com.au](http://www.lavic.com.au)**

**Special offer for new members: Register online first, then pay after trialling the first session on 6/10/18**