

# The Heights Happenings

*Dates to remember*

Thursday 23 August 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY  
**HEIGHTS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Principal's Report*

## TECHNOLOGY & INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP – PROFESSIONAL LEARNING HAS BEGUN

Last week we informed you of our new partnership with Google, Datacom and Hewlett Packard. This week the staff begun training with Google.



**DATACOM**



This professional learning opportunity reinforced the positive way we can use technology to support curriculum delivery. Google representatives presented an overview of the applications of G Suite and linked them to various curriculum areas – from Science through to The Arts. What was particularly impressive was the way we can generate tasks for students, observe their thinking (as they are working), provide feedback to improve their work and to check different edits to see how students used teacher feedback. The ability to generate forms (questionnaires) will assist in quickly identifying concepts students know and what areas still require focus.

We also had some time to use the Virtual reality glasses to view Google Expeditions.



### TERM THREE 2018

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

Inclusivity Day 10:30am-1:00pm

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

Fathers' Day Stall

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

P – Year 2 Father's Day Breakfast 8:15-9am

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

School Assembly 2:45pm – 1/2T

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

School Council Meeting 6pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

PB Barbeque

**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/>



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## **BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS!**

What a wonderful week we have had celebrating books – the joy in reading new adventures, to be taken to fantasy worlds and a way to expand our thinking! The many benefits of being an avid reader.



After a few delivery issues, our new library is well underway. Thank you in particular to Jane Gough for her time setting up our library. A huge task! We will let you know when the library is accessible once again.

## **INCLUSIVITY DAY – TOMORROW**

Students will develop an awareness about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone whether you have a disability or have a diverse cultural background. Our 'Be Inclusive' expectation values diversity and inclusion, supporting all students to reach their full potential. Students will be inspired by guest speakers who have faced various challenges, learn simple phrases using sign language, explore the reasons why people move to Australia, develop an understanding about ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and think about ways we can be more inclusive to all. The Year 5/6 students will also participate in a wheelchair basketball incursion.

**How lucky are we to have an incredibly celebrated Paralympian visiting our school!** One of our special guests, who will be speaking to all students, is Matt Haanappel. Matt has an OAM (Order of Merit to Australia in sports). He represented Australia at the...

2012 Summer Paralympics,  
2013 IPC Swimming World Championships,  
2014 Para Pan Pacific Championships,  
2016 Rio Paralympics and  
2018 Commonwealth Games.

## INCLUSIVITY DAY continued

The program for the day....

Recess and lunch breaks have changed to accommodate the activities and special guests.

<b>10-10.30</b>	<b>RECESS</b>
<b>10.30-11 (PAC)</b>	Guest Speaker – Matt Haanappel (Paralympian)
<b>11-12.30 (classrooms)</b>	Students will be divided into 6 groups and rotate around three activities that explore – Cultural Diversity, ASD and will learn simple phrases using sign language.
<b>12.30-1 (PAC)</b>	Guest Speaker - Wanda from Vision Australia
<b>1-2</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2-3.30</b>	Year 5/6 students will participate in a wheelchair basketball incursion.

The gold coin donation for this Friday's 'Inclusivity Day' will be donated to a guest speaker from Vision Australia. Please note, that students are required to wear school uniform on this day.

### Let's celebrate

- Our incredible ES team who we recognised last Thursday!
  - Our Disco on Friday Night – So much fun!
- Thank you Airlie Anderson-Weir for your organisation of this event and to all the parents for helping out.  
The food was delicious and healthy too!



- The 20 + parents who came for a coffee and chat whilst the students were dancing at the disco. We gathered some great ideas to help connect our community.
- Raising over \$700 at our Book Swap Day! Thank you to all our parent volunteers. An extra special thanks to Kelly Pountney who organised this event.
- All our students who dressed up as a book character this week! Thank you parents for your efforts too!
- Aaron C and Shreya P who entertained us by playing guitar together at Monday's assembly
- Runners Up at the SDSSA lightening premiership!

Until next week,

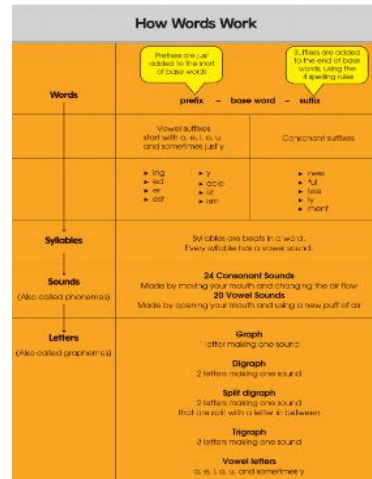
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## Curriculum Update

Thanks to our new fantastic shared learning space in the P – 2 building our 1/2 classes have the opportunity to come together to do their SMART spelling session in the open spaces of our new building. Mrs. Thomas and Miss Bolton took the students through an amazing spelling lesson. The students looked at the whole word, sounds, syllables and spelling of their words and had actions to match.



SMART Spelling is a structured, multi-sensory approach that caters for different levels of spelling ability in a class. We follow a Prep – 6 scope and sequence for teaching spelling that includes the teaching of word families, common words and personal words. Teachers explicitly teach: sound – letter links (The Alphabetic Principle), syllables, the 44 different sounds and their most common spelling patterns. SMART spelling posters, like the example above, can be found in our classrooms.

The whole word



Sounds



Syllables



Spelling



## How you can help your child at home with spelling:

**Develop listening and speaking skills by having conversations and reading stories** with your child gives them lots of exposure to words.

**Talk** to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word.

**Use** a dictionary and use it together. Understanding words, base words and how words work, is a good strategy for developing spelling.

**Encourage** your child to write at home and on the computer, giving them an opportunity to see if the word 'looks' right.

**Praise** all your child's efforts and ask them to check their work.

If they need help, show them strategies to find the correct spelling.

If you have any questions please see your class teacher.

Thanks

*Carolyn*

Carolyn Datson  
Assistant Principal



*Artist of the week is Sophie Eveston of 3/4G who performed for us on her violin during music this week.*

*Great job Sophie!*



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)

## 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)

# Father's Day

Dear Prep – Year 2 Dads and Special People,  
You are cordially invited to a very special Father's Day



Celebration and Breakfast

When: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Where: Performing Arts Centre

Time: 8:15am – 9am

The children are looking forward to  
sharing breakfast and performing for you.

Mrs. Despotellis, Mrs. Morris, Miss Bolton, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Marshall



MONASH-  
OAKLEIGH  
COMMUNITY  
SUPPORT AND  
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## Monash – Oakleigh Community Support Food Drive

MWHPS are collecting non-perishable food items  
(tinned food, pasta, cereals etc.) to support Monash-  
Oakleigh Community Support Service.

Donations can be left at the office till the end of term.

Thank-you!



## LOST PROPERTY

There are numerous items of clothing, lunch boxes, and drink bottles in lost property.

If you have misplaced an item or lost something of value please see the office for further information.



## Footy Season Over? Get into Tennis at your local club



Vida Tennis would like to invite you to try a tennis program with us at MCC Glen Iris Valley  
Tennis - 260 High Street Rd, Mt Waverley

Kids Hot Shots Lessons  
Head Start - 3-5 years old  
Private & Squad sessions  
Adult & Cardio Tennis  
2017 Club Coach of the Year

What's coming up  
- Hot Shots Match Play League  
- Term 3 Lessons continue  
- Holiday Programs Sept / Oct  
- Term 4 Lessons start Oct

Contact Angelo 0407 477 798 [angelo@vidatennis.com.au](mailto:angelo@vidatennis.com.au)  
[www.vidatennis.com.au/](http://www.vidatennis.com.au/)



Members of the SRC will be visiting classrooms over the next few weeks selling items for Legacy Week.

Please support this cause by purchasing a range of items including lapel pins \$2, badges \$5, bounce balls \$5.

Thank-you SRC

## Extend OSHC at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School Kid tested, Parent approved

Hi everyone!

Last week was packed with awesome activities! We all had heaps of fun.

We've been really enjoying our new craft trolley for imagination creation. We have been able to use a range of different materials which has been super fun, and lead to the design of some amazing pieces of art! Next week we're going to try an imagination creation challenge. Design a piece of art work that has a moving part! The children can't wait to get the creative energy flowing!

In science this week we had fun creation our own magnetic car tracks, while in art we made our own puppets which were heaps of fun to play with!

Again Jakes sports clinic was a big hit, and it is amazing to watch him organise a fun afternoon for the children to participate in.

"I was playing sports with Jake. I had lots of fun throwing a ball and playing golf, even though it was hard."- Jada Prep M

"I enjoyed playing with the skipping rope, it was heaps of fun."- Nina 1/2B

We look forward to seeing you next week for even more fun!

### Coming up next week:

Monday: Imagination Creation, Sports Clinic by Jake G

Tuesday: Science: SLIME, Ball Sports

Wednesday: Specialist Activity: DIY puzzles, Group Games

Thursday: Cooking: Healthy Banana Pancakes, 40/40

Friday: Yoga with Friends, Playground

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

Issy B 5/6 H

For always being a great role model for the younger children at Extend. You're always happy to lend a helping hand when needed, and are a great friend to everyone at Extend. We really appreciate it! Keep up the awesome work Issy.

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**



[www.digimaker.com.au](http://www.digimaker.com.au)

## **Computer Programming Club**

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting **Computer Programming** club running at the school.

The aim of the club is to provide students with exposure to fundamental of computer science concepts. Run by external consultants from Digimaker, this program will:

- Build games, animations, stories utilizing pupil's creative thinking
- Develop logical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Express ideas & boost confidence working in a collaborative environment
- Enable the grasp of computational thinking which combines math and logic

For details on the course, visit <http://www.digimaker.com.au/courses/>

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will work on school laptop during the session.

Program for Term 4 2018 is as follows:

**Term 4 :** Every Tuesday, 09<sup>th</sup> Oct to 18<sup>th</sup> Dec (**10 weeks** – Public Holiday on 06<sup>th</sup> Nov)  
**Time :** 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
**Room :** School classroom  
**Grades :** 3 to 6  
**Fee :** \$190

If you are interested in your child being considered for the programming club, please \*fill the form online @ [www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/](http://www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/) or at the bottom of this letter and **return it to Office by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018**. Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email.

\*Existing students need not fill the form

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**Mount Waverley Heights Primary School**

**Please do not send payment with this form**

I want to enrol my child (full name)..... for the course in Term 4, 2018



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