

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 26 April 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM TWO 2018

Friday 27th April

SDSSA Winter Sport R1

Monday 30th April

Year 3&4 Walking Excursion - Scotchman's Creek

Tuesday 1st May

Year 5/6 Camp Payment 1 due

Wednesday 2nd May

Sub-committee Meeting 6pm

School Council Meeting 7pm

Friday 4th May

SDSSA Winter Sport R2

Piece Together Prep Session 1

Monday 7th May

CURRICULUM DAY

Thursday 10th May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 11th May

MWHPS School Lap-a-thon

Mothers' Day Event Prep-Year 2

Tuesday 15th May

Year 5/6 Camp Payment 2 due

Naplan

Wednesday 16th May

Naplan

Thursday 17th May

Naplan

Friday 18th May

SDSSA Cross Country Jells Park

Year 1/2 Excursion - Melbourne Zoo

Move Night

Monday 21st May

Grandparents / Special Person Morning Tea

Monday 28th May

Year 3&4 Walking Excursion - Scotchman's Creek

Thursday 31st May

School Photos



Refer to the website for Notices

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

Principal's Report

MOTHERS DAY

The Prep to Two teachers have been busy organising a fantastic breakfast for our mums on Friday 11th May. We hope you can all make this special event from 8:15 onwards. A flyer will be going home today. Please RSVP promptly for catering purposes.

NAPLAN

Students in Levels 3 & 5 will participate in The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments in Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Writing, Reading and Numeracy from May 15-17. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Further information about NAPLAN can be found on the website: www.naplan.edu.au.

The purpose of NAPLAN is to provide valuable information to schools and governments to better target support to help all students achieve their potential.

The best way to help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and to urge them to simply do their very best. NAPLAN results will not reflect all their skill sets nor is it a predictor of future success.

PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

Carolyn and I will be attending the Monash Manningham Principals Network Conference on 'Influential Leadership' from May 2-4 (next Wed-Fri). Guests speakers include Susan Alberti, Luke Rose, Cecillia Telkes, Rachel Robertson, Simon Dowling and Ryan Martin. Topics include...

- Cultural Intelligence for school leaders
- Plain language: The clear choice
- Performance Under Pressure: Strategies to improve energy, resilience and performance
- The Power of Collaborative Leadership
- Developing a resilient mindset in your school community
- Leading on the edge.

It is set to be a terrific three days of learning. In our absence Mrs. Emma Thomas (Wed) and Mrs. Georgia Despotellis (Thu/Fri) will be stepping into the Principal role.



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LAP-A-THON – 11 MAY

Our school's lap-a-thon will be held on Friday 11 May. Details regarding sponsorship and additional assistance went home Monday. The fun run is not only an opportunity to raise funds for the school, but is also the way in which we select our school's cross country team. Money raised this year will go towards fitting out our new library. We have been really lucky to have received an Ipad Wi-Fi 32GB (silver) worth \$469 donated by Konica Minolta. This will be our main prize going to the student who raises the most amount of money. Prizes will also be given to students who raise the most money in each year level, those that run the most amount of laps and a class party for the grade that returns their sponsorship forms and money first. Remember, whether it is only a small amount of money collected, every bit helps and is much appreciated.



The event will begin at 11.30am and students have one hour to run or walk around the course, completing as many laps as they feel able in the given time.

All sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by Friday 25 May.

How to find sponsors do's and dont's is an important read for all parents.

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from MWHPS - Years 4 to 6 will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Tuesday 8-Friday 11 May. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of Term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>



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EDUCATION WEEK – MAY 21-25

Celebrating 'The Arts' is the theme for this year's Education Week.



WHAT'S ON?

Monday May 21	9.15 -10.30	Grandparents/Special person classroom activity and morning tea. Grandparents have always played an important role in family life, but over the last twenty years, many have had increased responsibility for their grandchildren due to changes to life and work in families and society. It will be wonderful to invite them to school and recognise their importance in our student's lives.
Tuesday May 22	7.30pm	Senior School Choir performing at Hamer Hall.
Wednesday May 23	2.45-3.30 Student viewing and voting!	Family Art Challenge: An A3 piece of cartridge paper will be provided for families to design a piece of artwork. The most popular artwork (voted by our students and parents) will be framed and hung in our new building. Works of art are due by <u>Friday May 18</u> to put on display for Education Week.

We are encouraging all families to participate in the Art Challenge and look forward to viewing your creative efforts. Further information will be sent home next week.

Tours for perspective parents will be conducted throughout the week! If you know someone ready for Prep in 2019, please encourage them to book a tour to see how we connect, challenge and inspire our students.

PIECE TOGETHER PREP SESSION – MAY 4

On Friday May 5th we will be holding our first Piece together Prep Session - 'Story Time' session from 2:15-3:00pm for any 4 year olds. This session will be held in the Art Room. Invite a friend and come along with your pre-schooler!

ASSEMBLY Tuesday May 8

Due to the Curriculum Day on Monday May 7, an assembly will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2.45pm.

HATS!

As part of our Sun Smart policy students must wear their hats from the 1 of September **to the 30 of April**. Given the beautiful warm autumn weather we have been having, hats are a must!

MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to Cristina Parastidis for organising the upcoming movie night. Further information will be sent home shortly. The event will run from 4.30-7pm. There will be two movies running concurrently.

Junior Session (P-2): CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS, THE FIRST EPIC MOVIE (Rated G) Building E
Senior Session (3-6): DIARY OF A WIMPY KID, THE LONG HAUL (RATED PG) Building B



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FUNDRAISING

Thank you to Deb Woods who organised the Easter Raffle last term and to everyone who donated items. Your generosity meant that we were able to raffle off 30 prizes and raise \$501.30.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Parents Association (PA) have organised some wonderful Mother's Day gifts for students to purchase Thursday May 10th. Items range from 50 cents to \$5.00. Money brought to school should be clearly marked in an envelope or paper bag. Students will go to the stall as a class and be able to discuss with their siblings the items purchased so as not to double up.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **CURRICULUM DAY** - Our third Curriculum Day will be held on **Monday May 7**. Professional learning will be undertaken on the 6 +1 Writing Traits. Please note that OSHC will be provided as long as there is enough interest.
- **Movie Night** – Friday May 18
- **Education Week** – May 21-24.
- **Grandparents Day** - Monday May 21
- **SCHOOL PHOTOS** – Thursday May 31

Let's celebrate...

- Thank you to Kirsten Oh for running the Critters Incursion this week with the Year 3/4s
- The making of delicious Anzac biscuits by our Year 1/2s
- The enthusiastic participation of our Year 5/6s at the Big Science Little Scientist Program at John Monash School.



Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Curriculum Update

This week at assembly 1/2T took us through nouns, verbs and adjectives. Nouns are a person, place, thing or event. Verbs are action words and adjectives are describing words, words that describe a noun. Thank you to Vivaan and Mikaela who read their stories to us. They demonstrated how adding exciting nouns, verbs and adjectives could really add to their stories.



Also at assembly this week, our Student Representative Council (SRC) led a moving tribute to commemorate ANZAC Day. The SRC reminded us that ANZAC day is a significant part of our history, where we remember those who lost their lives and honour those who have participated in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions around the world.



Curriculum Update continued.

The Year 1 and 2 students learnt about ANZAC Day and the ANZACs (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) who fought at Gallipoli in Turkey during World War I. They also cooked some ANZAC cookies and learnt about the biscuits that have long been associated with the ANZAC's. The biscuits have a long shelf life so they were sent to the soldiers from their wives and women's groups. Thanks to Miss Bolton, Mrs Thomas and Helen for assisting our budding MasterChef's!



Thanks

Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal



The 5/6 students
are my amazing
artists of the week
for their amazing
start to their
multimedia
sculptures of
waves. Great job!

the Artist of the week



Class	Class award	HOB Taking Responsible Risks
Prep D	Ryder C – for his enthusiastic approach to school and for being a respectful student	Milla K – for using her thinking skills to work independently in the classroom.
Prep M	Cerise B – for being respectful to her classmates and listening carefully to the person speaking	Pragyan A – for working cooperatively with his classmates. Well Done!
1/2A	Bradley C – for a thoughtful reflection on the importance of Anzac Day for all Australians. Well Done!	Alrazza M – for always demonstrating excellent social skills when working with a partner and in small groups. Well Done!
1/2B	Amira K – for working hard to improve her writing and her confidence when contributing to class discussions.	Yumeth L – for asking and answering meaningful and thoughtful questions in class discussions.
1/2T	Zoe A – for always giving her very best effort and working responsibly at her table.	Yug P – for working well with his group when creating the adjective dance.
3/4G	Sophie E – Never-ending, exceptional bookwork!	Emma AW – for working wonderfully during maths group activities.
3/4S	Jason Q – For showing responsibility when completing and handing in homework.	Vicki P – For always considering other people's opinions when working in a group
5/6D	Stavros K – for improving his writing by adding in purposeful details that create interest	Raffi J – for using his thinking skills to aid his group in the Big Science Little Scientists program.
5/6H	Darcy L – for always contributing to class discussions and taking her time to think about her responses.	Tomas H – for sharing his ideas with his team and building on ideas at John Monash science school.

TERM TWO SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS

Check out the new items in our Super Savers range:

- Glow Light
- Sparkle Glitter Pens



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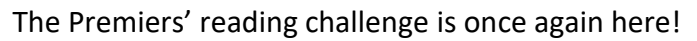
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Students will be given their login details at school, to enter the books they have read.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask!

Mrs. Amy Morris and Louise Berry.

A decorative graphic featuring three stylized flowers in pink, orange, and magenta, accompanied by green leaves and small yellow dots.

Time: 8:15am - 9am

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

Flyers have been distributed to all Prep – Year 2 students

Extend OSHC at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

Kid tested, Parent approved

Hi everyone!

Well, what a fun filled week we had at Extend last week! To kick start us off, Jayde ran her very first Art and Craft specialist activity - Harry Potter floating candles. It's amazing what you can do with a cylinder roll, fishing wire, some paint and flameless LED tea-light candles generously donated by Jayde's mum. Natasha from Grade 3/4S had this to say about the activity, "It was cool because I LOVE Harry Potter and I was able to hang this over my bed and watch the flame flicker".

Some of you may know that for a while now we've been having Fruit Smoothie Tuesday's and after many requests from the children, we are able to proudly say we have incorporated dragon fruit and passionfruit to the smoothie menu! We are always searching for ways, big or small, to enhance the children's experience here at Extend and this was a definite win with the children.

Jocelyn from Grade 3/4S is excited to tell you all about our Healthy banana cookies we made last Wednesday. "I think that they were really good, I would like to make these again. The cooking activities at Extend are something to get excited about and I look forward to cooking every Wednesday!" This was a super easy recipe to follow which took only 10 minutes in the oven to cook. Our printer was on fire that day as many parents were requesting a copy of this recipe, that their children were going banana's over.

This term we have changed around our specialist activities to ensure all children have the chance to participate. This term they are running:

Monday: Specialist Art Club with Jayde
Wednesday: Cooking
Thursday: Science

Coming up next week:

Monday: Specialist: Art & Craft – DIY Marbled Paper, Sports Clinic with Jake
Tuesday: Imagination creation, ball sports
Wednesday: Cooking: Zucchini Slice, group games
Thursday: Science: Egg in a Bottle, Snakes and Ladders
Friday: Yoga with Jocelyn, Playground

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

Edward B from Grade 3/4 G

For making an incredible effort at after school care when it comes to not only participating in activities, but running his own activities for the other children to enjoy. Even though sometimes the desired result is not achieved, Edward still continues to try! Keep it up!

From Caitlin and the kids at Extend. :)



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To a child a book is not just a book; it's a journey to wherever their imagination wants to take them.

The Lions Club of Wheelers Hill invites you, as parents, to take your children on a journey of excitement to their Book Sale at Blackflat Community Centre – Cnr. Waverley and Springvale Roads in Glen Waverley on 5th and 6th of May 2018

There will be 100's & 100's of books for children of all ages, from infants through to teenagers.

Prices for these books range from \$0.50 to \$2.50 and the doors will open at 8.00am on Saturday and at 9.00am on Sunday.

Oh yes, we also have 1000's & 1000's of books for adults as well.



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Free Tennis program: Girl's Squad at Mayfield Park Tennis Club, Mount Waverley

Our club is offering the opportunity for girls aged 8-12 years to experience tennis in a free program involving friendship, fun, fitness and introductory tennis skills. The six sessions will run from 4-5 pm on Monday afternoons beginning 14 May (excluding Queen's birthday weekend).

Please contact Andrea Taylor on 0424 952 336 or andrea.taylor@monash.edu asap to express your interest.








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CONTACT NAME: Roger Andrews **CONTACT NUMBER:** 0408 994 319




EMAIL: hookin2hockey@waverleyhc.org.au

LOCATION: Corner Winbirra Parade & High Street Road, Ashwood, 3147

START DATE: Saturday, May 12, 2018 **TIME:** 8:00am

WEB: www.waverleyhc.org.au/juniors/minkey/

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Our Come & Try Day is on Saturday 28th April. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information visit: WWW.HOOKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU



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HEATHERTON Open Day

You and your family are kindly invited to our Heatherton Open Day

We'd love to take you for a tour, anytime between 10am and 1pm on Saturday, 12 May 2018

We are located at 67 Corporate Drive, Heatherton

Please call 9558 0655 to let us know you are coming

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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 to bring their own laptop for the session.

Program for Term 2 2018 is as follows:

Term 2 : Every Tuesday, 24th Apr to 19th Jun (9 weeks)
Time : 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Room : School classroom
Grades : 3 to 6
Fee : \$171

If you are interested in your child being considered for the programming club, please *fill the form online @ www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/ or at the bottom of this letter and **return it to Office by Thursday 29th Mar 2018**. Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email.

*Existing students need not fill the form

If you are unable to bring your own device please see the ladies in the office.

Mount Waverly Heights Primary School

Please do not send payment with this form

I want to enrol my child (full name)..... for the course in Term 2, 2018

Class: Parent:

Contact No.: **Email Id:

Date: Signed:

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