

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 26 July 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

Principal's Report

TERM THREE 2018

Thursday 26th July

Parent Teacher Interviews till 7:30pm

Monday 30th July

Nara Visit 12:30-1:30 Year 4

Wednesday 1st August

School Council Meeting 6pm

Thursday 2nd August

Nara Visit 12:30-1:30 Year 4

Friday 3rd August

Piece Together Prep Session 3 (Art/Music)

Prep Excursion – Casey Road Safety Village

Year ½ Excursion – Ceres

Monday 6th August

School Assembly 2:45pm – 3/45

Friday 10th August

SDSSA Winter Sport Lightening Premiership (Yr 5/6)

Sunday 12th August

Bunnings BBQ 8-4pm

Monday 20th August

School Assembly 2:45pm – 1/2B

Tuesday 21st August

Book Pre-loved Book Stall

Wednesday 22nd August

Book Week Parade

Thursday 23rd August

Book Week Incursion Prep – Year 2 9am-10am

Friday 24th August

Inclusivity Day 11:30am-1:30pm

Friday 30th August

Fathers' Day Stall

Monday 3rd September

School Assembly 2:45pm – 1/2T

Wednesday 5th September

School Council Meeting 6pm

Friday 7th September

Piece Together Prep Session 4 (Science/ICT)

Monday 10th – Thursday 13th September

School Swimming Program

Monday 17th September

End of Term Assembly 9-10am – Prep D



Refer to the website for Notices

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

BUILDING WORKS

WOW – what a great turn out and celebration we had last Friday at our Grand Opening! It was fantastic to see so many parents and additional special guests in attendance. I was expecting around 10 special guests, but it was lovely to have the builders, architects and Program Managers invite their whole team. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our local member Mr Steve Dimopoulos for officiating the opening. I know that our special guests were really impressed by our students and the community spirit demonstrated. It was also nice to be reminded that we do truly have a very special community.

A special thank you to the group of mums who provided afternoon tea for our guests and parents. Thank you to Kellie, Jane, Airlie, Jo, Sarah, Deb, Emily, Angela, Bec and Connie for your delicious treats.

SHOES

To help protect the carpet across the school (in particular our new building) we are encouraging students to bring along another pair of shoes for the classroom. Slippers are perfect! We have noticed the carpet in all our school buildings deteriorating at a rapid rate, due to students entering the building with dirty shoes. We will be asking students with muddy feet to leave their shoes outside the classroom.

ABSENCES

As part of the governments 'Same-Day Notification of Unexplained Student Absence' policy and regulations, all schools are required to notify parents/carers on the same-day for any student with an unexplained absence. This has been mandated as of T3. This week, we have begun to use Sentral as a means of contacting parents. Sentral automatically generates a student absence list and emails parents. If your child is not at school by 10am, then you will receive an email from the school.

We have opened up the absence function in Sentral. This will allow parents to notify the school via the app of their child's non-attendance. If you receive a generated email regarding your child's absence and no explanation has been provided, you are able to click on the email link and provide the reason. Absence data will also be displayed on the Parent Portal.



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SENTRAL – COMMUNICATION

The bugs in the Sentral (parent portal) app have been resolved and we will begin using Sentral to communicate with our parents. We will be holding a few technical support sessions, to get as many of our parents connected as possible. Sentral will give us the ability to communicate to the whole school, particular classes and even individual parents. Carolyn, the office staff and myself will begin to communicate via the app. The rest of the staff will get on board mid-term.

Unsure, frustrated or have a tech phobia? Then come along to our 'Tech Support Sessions' on Tuesday 31ST July and Thursday 2nd August. Carolyn and Louise will be available all day to help trouble-shoot any issues you may have.

DRESS CODE

I have noticed an array of non-uniform options being worn by our students. I believe that it is important to wear our school uniform correctly, as it helps to instill a sense of pride in our school. For those that feel the cold (as I do) I understand the need to layer. Can you please ensure that colorful layers are not on display. Navy blue skivvies and navy blue tights are acceptable and encouraged. It is not appropriate to wear jeans, black leggings or colourful pants underneath the school dress or skort. Blue tights or blue leggings are the options. Remember that if your child is particularly cold, where they are requiring extra layers to be worn, then please invest in navy blue tracksuit pants.

If you require financial assistance to purchase any uniform items, please see myself or Lynn up at the office. We access State Schools Relief regularly, who provide a range of items throughout the year. We can also seek out the assistance of other organisations.

Please also note, that hair below the shoulders (for both girls and boys) should be tied back.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Tuesday 24th July to Sunday 26th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

CURRICULUM DAY

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

GRADE 1/2A – MRS APOSTOLOPOULOS

Mrs Frieda Apostolopoulos has been ill for quite some time. During the holidays, Frieda was informed from her specialist that she needs to have a procedure as soon as possible. It cannot wait till the September holidays. Therefore Frieda will need to take most of Term 3 off, beginning Monday 30 July (wk 3). This procedure will ensure that she returns to good health and will be back at MWHPS for Term 4.

In Frieda's absence, Mrs Julianne Marshall will be taking her class from Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Carolyn Datson will continue taking 1/2A on a Monday. Julianne is considered a MWHPS staff member having taught in Year 1/2 last year and being a regular MWHPS CRT in 2018. Julianne is well respected by staff, students and parents and will ensure that the learning continues as planned.

Both Frieda and Julianne will be in attendance for the Parent/Teacher interviews to discuss your child's achievements and future learning goals. I know that you will join me in wishing Frieda a speedy recovery. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

WE NEED SOME HELP!

If you are able to help with any of the following jobs, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

- Painting the brick piers at the front of the school. The fence has been rendered and we now need to paint it!
- Locksmith – we have a few locks that need changing over to our school key.

PIECE TOGETHER PREP PROGRAM

Just a reminder that our third school readiness session will be held on Friday August 3 at 2.15pm. The focus for this session is 'The Arts'. These sessions are open to all preschool parents and children – no need to be enrolled.

Let's celebrate

- A fabulous Grand Opening!
- Congratulations Yun on achieving so many medals at your last gymnastics competition! Amazing!

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone



School Lunch Orders

Term Three the school lunch order days are
MONDAYS and
THURSDAYS.

Curriculum Update

This week at assembly, the Junior Choir sung us a song displaying all their wonderful work with Mrs. Furlong. Our choirs rehearse at lunchtime once a week and Mrs. Furlong focusses on how to perform, vocal warm ups, listening skills and she also helps them to discover their voice.



The sustainability team presented a wonderful presentation revisiting the World Oceans Day and World Environment Day classroom activities. The common theme for these days was about plastic; with the slogan if you can't reuse it...refuse it. The other focus for these lessons was 'Take 3' or 'Take 3 for the Sea' where the students made stickers to promote the theme. As a token of appreciation, the sustainability team created a 'Take 3 for the Sea' fish including a class photo for each class to display in their classroom. I would like to thank Miss Sullivan and the Sustainability team for all their hard work promoting this very important issue and the fantastic lessons and resources they have created.



Thanks

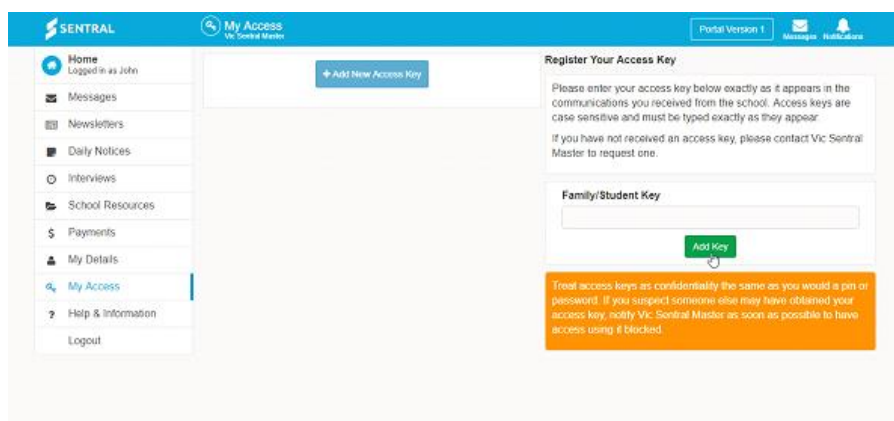
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Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal

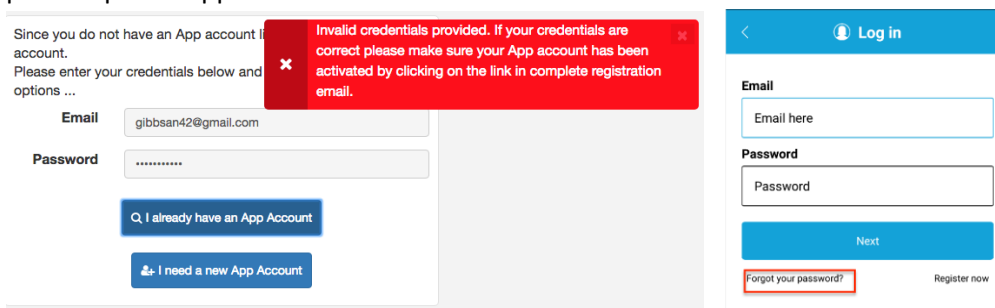
Troubleshooting the Sentral for Parents APP:

The app will enable you to receive notifications from school and will take you back to your web-based Parent Portal account. Below are some tips to try if you are having any problems. If you do require any assistance, please come and see us.

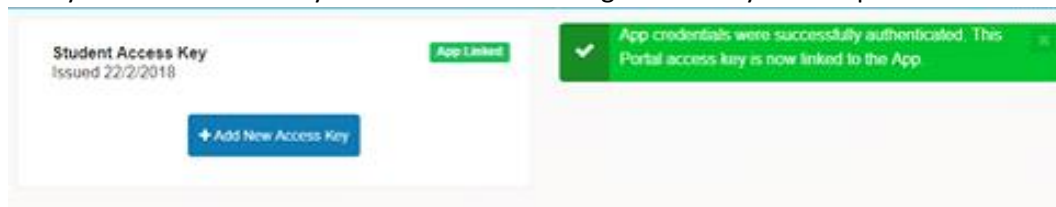
- Sometimes there is a 'wait' period. Once you have tried connecting, occasionally you will have to wait to see if it has linked. It can take up to 5 minutes.
- You will be required to set up your access using your phone and your computer. Occasionally switching between them. It may ask you to log into your app and your portal.
- You may have to enter a new access key. Please see the letter that went home containing your access key information. All families have a unique key and it is case sensitive.



- If you receive this error message, try forgotten password button from your Sentral for parents phone app



- Clicking the forgotten password tab may help reset your account this is done through the app on your phone
- When you have connected you will see the following screen on your computer



- On the app, use the menu (three dashes on the top left hand side of your screen) to click on the school menu to help link your app and portal account.

Class	Class award	HOB Working Interdependently
Prep D	George M – For trying so hard in all that you do and for putting in the effort to always present your work beautifully.	Sid F – For listening carefully to the story and being able to feel for the character.
Prep M	Anthony S – For the excellent effort he is putting into his learning and for his enthusiastic participation in class discussions.	Dhruthi S – for taking the time to listen to her classmates and for understanding their point of view and how they are feeling.
1/2A	Jayden K – For his creative, detailed and well-presented gorilla habitat diorama. Well done!	Emma H – being able to express her ideas well and for understanding others' point of view and feelings. Well done!
1/2B	Nina K – For working consistently during our writing session to produce a fantastic and well thought-out holiday recount.	Kara L – For speaking so kindly to others and helping her classmates to settle into the new term.
1/2T	Dinuja D – For settling in so well into term 3 and greeting his teachers and classmates with enthusiasm	Saffron L – For supporting and showing empathy towards her friends when they are hurt.
3/4G	Christopher S – For writing a brilliant division story in maths!	Amileah – For always demonstrating “whole body listening” and caring about others.
3/4S	Jemma H – For regularly following through on class responsibility	Lara H – For listening fully or paying close attention to what is said and responding thoughtfully
5/6D	Kieren P – For being a strong contributor and a driving force for his HOM before Home team.	Anna K – For being able to hear what someone needs and being able to therefore help them.
5/6H	Ryan T – For working collaboratively with his group during reading	Marianna S – For taking time to listen and understand other people's opinions.

Artists of the week are Prep M for their excitement and energy during our first clay session! They are now able to roll a ball, a sausage, a worm and roll a coil! Well done!



After School Drama Club

Monday 3:30 – 4:30pm

Last week we had our first session of the Drama Club in the Art room. Celia and Ebony will be coming in each Monday after school to provide our students with an hour of drama skills and activities.

The Drama Club is open to all students in Grades 1-6 and runs for an hour. If you would like to find out more please collect an enrolment form from the office.

There are still some places available for Term 3.

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
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SAVE THE DATE!!!! - BUNNINGS BBQ
SUNDAY AUGUST 12TH 8-4PM

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Parents Association's Bunnings BBQ is held every year & usually raises over \$1000 for the school. This can only happen with quite a few volunteers so "Save the date", come along & support your child's school.

Year 4-6 students can come with their parent/s & help on the stall (not cooking).

There will be a "SIGN UP" online form via SignUp.com (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our Bunnings BBQ Sausage sizzle for 2018.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com:

<http://signup.com/login/entry/537023569761232097>

2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)

3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.
Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Thank you

Alison
0411 653 541





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).

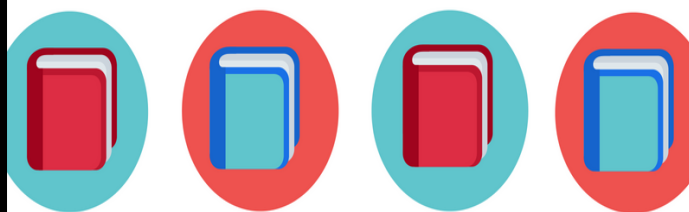
All helpers on the night must have a current Working With Children Check.

Thank-you
Airlie Anderson-Weir

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

Hi everyone!

We have been having a ball here at Extend. It has been great to see some new faces this term! We love making new friends at Extend! Last week we enjoyed settling back into our term routine and catching up with all the awesome adventures everyone had over the holidays. We put on our aprons and became master chefs, making the best sushi in town. Sushi is always a favourite and the children love choosing their fillings from avocado, carrot, cucumber, capsicum and more! It can be a little tricky creating that perfect roll, but always tastes delicious in the end!

Extend Garden

For science last week, we began organising our new extend community garden, getting our plant box ready and choosing which herbs we would plant! Watch out for our garden in the upcoming weeks. Everything we grow we would love to share with our community. We will be growing, lettuce, spinach, garlic, oregano, thyme and chives. Feel free to come in and grab some from our garden as it grows!

New Activity Days

We have changed our special activity days again this term, so everybody gets a chance to participate in the awesome activities we have at Extend. Our days are now:

Sports Clinics- Monday
Science- Tuesday
Art with Jayde- Wednesday
Cooking- Thursday
Yoga with Friends- Friday

Coming up next week:

Monday: Imagination Creation, Sports Clinic by Jake G
Tuesday: Science: Paper plane Competition, Ball sports
Wednesday: Specialist Activity: DIY bookmarks, Group games
Thursday: Cooking: Scones, PacMan
Friday: Yoga with Friends, Playground

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

Aliyana R Prep M

For being a super awesome helper in the mornings. I really appreciate all your help.
Keep up the awesome work! :D

From Caitlin and the kids at Extend. :)



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4.10 - 5.00pm @ Oakleigh Recreational Centre

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Western Japan Flood and Landslide Relief Charity Concert

Ayako Payako Tsunazawa and 5 others · Public

As you might already know, Japan was affected by the worst floods and landslides.

Japanese Musicians from a variety of groups based in Melbourne will come together to raise funds to support the affected areas.

People tend to think Japan is a very technologically advanced country but it still needs help to rebuild affected areas. Japan is still struggling to recover from the 2011 earthquakes and Tsunami.

