

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 2 August 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

Principal's Report

TERM THREE 2018

Friday 3rd August

Piece Together Prep Session 3 (Art/Music)
Prep Excursion – Casey Road Safety Village
Year ½ Excursion – Ceres

Monday 6th August

Nara visit 12:30 – 1:30 Year 4S
School Assembly 2:45pm – 3/4S

Thursday 9th August

Nara visit 12:30 – 1:30 Year 4G

Sunday 12th August

Bunnings BBQ 8-4pm

Monday 13th August

Nara visit 12:30 – 1:30 Year 4S

Thursday 16th August

Nara visit 12:30 – 1:30 Year 4G

Friday 17th August

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

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

Thursday 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

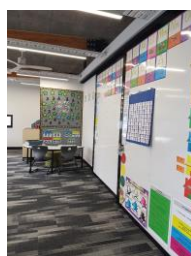


Refer to the website for Notices

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

WE'VE MOVED IN!

The P-2 classes have moved into our new building as of Monday, thanks to the hard work of our teachers who came in over the weekend to finish setting up. It was lovely to see the student's faces as they walked through their classrooms and explored the different break out spaces. Thank you to our parent volunteers who assisted last week with the move. An extra special thanks to Airlie, Bec R, Darren, Kellie and Caitlin from Extend.



100 DAYS OF PREP

It was so exciting for our preps to celebrate 100 days of school this week. They enjoyed coming to school wearing a number, making celebratory hats and exploring everything to do with the number 100! It is amazing how far our preps have come in such a short time. Congratulations to all our prep students.

READING CHALLENGE

Once again we will be holding a reading challenge for all students. This term we have decided to do things a little different. Those students who read 5/7 times a week for the next 7 weeks will be invited to a special movie afternoon in the last week of the school term. Once again we are encouraging all students to read each night. Reading underpins academic success and we can't emphasise this importance enough. As a busy mum myself, I know how challenging it is to assist my children with their homework each night. However, if we see it is a priority we make the time.



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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 Term 3. Last week, we began using Sentral to contact 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 in the Parent Portal.

SENTRAL – COMMUNICATION

Unsure, frustrated or tech phobic? Then come along to our 'Tech Support Day' next Tuesday. Please see Carolyn or Louise for assistance.

We currently have 60% of our school community connected however, would love to get 90% of our parents connected by the end of next week!

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)

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.

WE NEED SOME HELP!

We are seeking the assistance of a locksmith. We have a few locks that need changing over to our school key. If you have a friend or relative that could assist us, it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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

- Our Year 1/2 research projects and dioramas (see pictures on page 7)
- 100 Days of Prep! 100 days smarter!



Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Curriculum Update

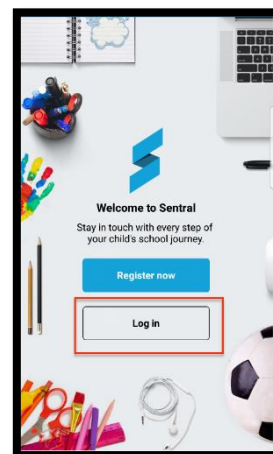
Last term selected students from choir visited a number of kinders in our local community. We went to Cocos, Bambou and Good Start Oakleigh. We have such a wonderful relationship with our local centres and these visits are a great opportunity for kinder children to work with our students and for our students to be an active part of their community. We sang songs, read a story and completed a fun, hands on activity. Our students represent their school with pride and we constantly receive comments about how wonderful they are. I would like to thank the students and Helen who put together our wonderful activities.



SENTRAL FOR PARENTS APP

Thank you to all the parents who have logged onto the Parent Portal and have registered for the app. We have had great feedback from the parents who are using the app and receiving our notifications about what is happening at school.

If you have not set your app up or are having problems, please come and see Louise or myself.



The Grand Opening!



Thanks

Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal



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This week's artists of the week are Angie, Natasha, Kirsten, Anna and Teani from 5/6D for their fantastic help with the Prepclay activity last week. Thanks so much girls!

You were awesome!



Reading Challenge Update:



Well done to all of our students who have accessed the Premiers' reading Challenge website and have begun to enter their books.

257 books have been verified and **FOUR STUDENTS** have already completed the challenge! Well done to Annabelle H 3/4G, Mia P 3/4S, Vicki P 3/4S and Abigail O 5/6H.

Remember that the nightly reading for school counts towards the Premiers Reading Challenge too!

If you need help with the website, please see either Mrs. Amy Morris or Louise Berry.

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



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

"PLEASE SIGN UP - WE ONLY NEED 4 MORE VOLUNTEERS"

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



Year 1/2 Sustainability Unit

Last term during our Sustainability unit, the Year 1/2s researched an animal of their choice and created both an information poster and a diorama of the habitat about their animal.

Last Friday, parents and students were invited along to the Year 1/2 classrooms to view and share all the exceptional work our Year 1/2s have done on this project.

The students did an excellent job of presenting, describing and answering questions about their learning.





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**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

FOR

FOOTY/SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 21ST September

We need 1 or 2 parents to volunteer to organise lunch for the whole school after the students participate in the fun sports events which will be organised by Mrs. Black.

The last 2 years we've cooked a BBQ but other years have been hot pies & sausage rolls. Tasks include sending home notices with dietary requirements, purchasing the food and cooking on the day. There will always be other parents that can help on the day.

This is a free event so there's no collecting or counting money.

Please let Mrs. Reiss-Stone know if you can coordinate this event.

Thank you,
Parents Association

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

Hi everyone!

Last week was so much fun at Extend!! We created a new craft trolley that we are so excited to use for our imagination creation days. We love arts and craft at extend so it is great to be able to have a range of different, awesome resources we can use each day! We cooked one of our favourites last week, Zucchini Slice! Since we have moved cooking to different days each term, it has been great to see different children trying the food. We have been working hard on our Extend garden as well, and it has been great to see our herbs settling in

! We look forward to watching them grow in the coming weeks! The children are really enjoying watering them and looking after them! It has been a great addition to Extend.

We have almost finished our service entry for our Extend Kids Competition and we are all so proud of it! The children have come up with amazing ideas!! Look out for our entry displayed on the PAC doors in the coming days!! Don't forget to enter your children's individual entries online!

KIDS CLUB ART COMPETITION – WIN A \$200 COLES GROUP AND MYER GIFT CARD

Entries are now open for Extend's Kids Club Competition! Submit your entry online from Monday 23 July to Friday 10 August, 2018.

To enter complete the sentence "Gilbert the Gecko's Best Friend '_____' the Gecko" and submit your matching art entry online at extend.com.au. For further details and terms visit extend.com.au

...**BUT THERE'S MORE!** Help your After School Care service win a mystery incursion! Be sure to come along to After School Care to enter.

Coming up next week:

Monday: Imagination Creation, Sports Clinic by Jake G

Tuesday: **Science: Making Playdough**, Group Games

Wednesday: **Specialist Activity: Clay Creations**, Ball Sports

Thursday: Cooking: Wedges, 40/40

Friday: **Yoga with Friends**, Playground

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

Kara L ½ B

For being such a super-star at cleaning up! Even when it's not your own mess, you are the first there helping your friends, with a big smile on your face. Keep up the awesome work we really appreciate it!

From Caitlin and the kids at Extend. :)



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- Bring your friends and also make new friends
- Introduction to the basics & fundamental skills
- Fun learning & safe indoor environment with experienced coaches
- Building confidence and stay active!

Tuesday 24th / 31st July and 7th / 14th August
4.10 - 5.00pm @ Oakleigh Recreational Centre

Limited spots available - registrations are required via our website
 Please wear suitable sports clothing and shoes and bring your drink bottle

Register ONLINE to book your spot
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 Click on the 'Clinics' page for more information

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CONTACT: Brad Hasler on 0417 327 880 or brad_hasler@yahoo.com.au

Australian Government Australian Sports Commission

Safe Lace School Fundraiser

Safe Laces will be available till
WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST
 for purchase via

<https://www.safelacefundraising.com/active-fundraisers/mount-waverley-heights-primary-school/>

Monies raised from the fundraising effort will go towards new shelving for the Library.

Students please remember when purchasing that only the black Safe Laces are to be worn with school shoes.



An example of the black is at the school office.