

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 22 November 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM FOUR 2018

Friday 23rd November

Year 3/4 Incursion – Market Manoeuvres
Year 1-2 Late Stay/Sleepover
Parent Committee Meeting 5:15pm

Saturday 24th November

Election Day BBQ

Monday 26th November

Year 3/4 Incursion – Solar Car

Wednesday 28th November

First Internal Transition

Thursday 29th November

SRC Fundraiser

Friday 30th November

Prep Transition Session (4)
9:30am -12:30pm

Monday 3rd December

Assembly 2:45pm

Wednesday 5th December

Second Internal Transition

Tuesday 11th December

Year 6 Secondary Orientation Day
Year 5 Excursion

Thursday 13th December

Christmas concert and raffle

Monday 17th December

Final Assembly 9am

Wednesday 19th December

Year 6 Graduation Night

Thursday 20th December

Year 6 Excursion

Friday 21st December

LAST OF OF SCHOOL 1:30pm



Refer to the website for Notices

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

PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 5.15-6.30pm on Friday November 23

We would like to hold a special Parent Committee meeting on November 23 (after dropping students off at the Year 1/2 sleep over) to plan ahead and gather some new ideas for the 2019 school year. We know that there are many parents who would like to get involved and we invite you all along to this event.

After the last parent meeting (during the student disco in Term 3) and based on your feedback we have...

- Organised Level Info Nights for 2019 rather than the 'Whole School Communication Night'
- Gathered further feedback regarding our A-Z Guide for new parents and families and updated this document inline with the feedback.
- Discussed ways to engage community at the PR committee on School Council

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 2019

The process to select our student leaders for 2019 has commenced. Our Year 5 students prepared their speeches for School Captain and House Captain at school and presented to all Year 3-6 students on Tuesday 30 October. All Year 4 and 5 students had the opportunity to vote for who they thought would make an outstanding Captain in both categories. Once the voting was completed, the students were shortlisted based on the number of votes they received from their peers. Student's going for the School Captain position, were then asked to read their speeches to the teachers on Tuesday November 13. Congratulations to all the students who took a risk and had a go for one of the positions. I would also like to acknowledge Ryan, Jake, Anna, Darcy, Mia and Natasha for being shortlisted for the School Captain position. This is quite an achievement. Now the difficult decision - selecting our 2019 School Captains. This will be based on student and staff votes. House Captain positions are determined by the students. All positions will be announced at the final assembly on Monday December 17 at 9am.

GOOGLE TRAINING

Staff have participated in a training course run by Google around Google Classrooms. They have learned how to set up a classroom, link students to different tasks and look at ways for feedback.

NOT RETURNING IN 2019?

If your circumstances have changed and your child won't be returning in 2019, please ensure that you have informed the school in writing. This allows us to plan more effectively and manage class sizes.

ELECTION DAY BBQ

Don't forget that the Election Day BBQ and Cake stall is on this Saturday.



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WELCOME TO PREP BBQ

Thank you to everyone who came along to our special Welcome Prep BBQ and braved the stormy weather! It was a fantastic turn out and a lovely way for parents to meet in a casual environment. Thank you to everyone who brought a salad along.

Our final transition session is only one week away!

PREP TRANSITION 2019

Session 4

Friday 30 November, 9:30am – 12:30pm

PREP ORIENTATION MORNING

Children will need to bring a hat and their morning tea including water in a named drink bottle.

For the parents – Uniform Shop/ Tea, Coffee and Chat

YEAR ½ LATE STAY/SLEEPOVER

I know that our Year 1 and 2 students are very excited about the late stay/sleepover tomorrow. The students will be participating in a range of outdoor activities including dance, poison ball and moon ball. They will then eat dinner in the PAC and move to Building C for a movie. This sleepover helps to prepare our students for our official camping program that begins in Year 3.

Drop off:	Friday 23 @ 5pm
Year 1 Pick up time:	Friday 23 @ 9pm
Year 2 Pick up time:	Saturday 24 @ 8am

We look forward to a fabulous night!

INTERNAL TRANSITION

Moving from one year to the next often includes a change in teacher, change in room and change of students in the class. As part of our preparations for the new school year, students will be participating in a series of internal transitions sessions. These sessions assist in easing any discomfort associated with change and give the students something to look forward to about the coming year. Our first internal transition session is on Wednesday 28 November. Students will be identifying students they work well with and writing a wish list for 2018. We will ensure that at least one friend from their list is in their class.

SAVE THE DATE

Remember to keep Thursday 13 December free for our annual Christmas Concert. We also look forward to our Choirs and our Taiko Drummers performing on the night.

APOLOGIES

Due to a corrupt email address, our prep distribution list became inactive. Whilst it appeared from our end that emails (including newsletter and notices) had been sent, they were not delivered. Apologies for the confusion. The problem has now been fixed.

Let's celebrate...

- How well our 2019 preps have settled into school life at MWHPs
- Only 4 weeks to the end of the year! CRAZY!!
- The wonderful leadership presentations from our Year 5 students.

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Cake Satll

Saturday 24th November

Just a reminder for families to bring a cake or 2 for the Election Day Cake Stall this SATURDAY. Cakes/slices can be left at school Friday afternoon.



Thank-you



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Curriculum Update

Thank you to Mrs Black, Helen and Linda for another wonderful prep transition. The 2019 Preps had a tabloid sports session in the PAC. They did throwing, catching, movement activities, jumping and balancing. The Year 5/6 students were leaders and they did a fantastic job explaining the activities and taking the new preps to each station. The next session is on Friday 30 November at 9.30 - 12.30 where the 2019 Preps will spend the morning with us.



At assembly this week, 1/2A performed 'There's a hole in my bucket'. As part of their inquiry unit the 1/2 students have been learning about the design process and how we use objects in our lives. The 1/2 students have also developed an understanding about which materials they can select to design and build new objects. They have been busy creating robots, puppets and exploring different materials and tools.



Thanks

Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal

Class	Class award	HOB Striving for Accuracy
Prep D	Henry T – for trying really hard with his school work and for being a good friend to everyone in preps.	Dwayne B – For trying really hard with his school work and for being a great friend to everyone in preps.
Prep M	Rens K – for approaching challenging maths tasks with enthusiasm and determination	Anthony S – For the enthusiasm he showed towards his writing and the wonderful effort he put into it.
1/2 A	Zoe-Ann B – for being a responsible, respectful and inclusive leader of your puppet group. Well done!	Nicholas K – for making an excited boy puppet wearing a star wars T-shirt. An excellent resemblance of yourself.
	Sylvie G – for wonderful persistence with your writing – some great ideas in your story ‘The Medal’ and your poem “When I grow up’. Well done!	Bonnie J – For using your imagination to create a very cute rabbit puppet.
1/2 B	Gisele A – For contributing meaningful and well thought-out ideas to class discussions and consistently being an active participant in guided reading sessions.	Harry B – For using resources and applying learned skills in his writing to produce high quality pieces
	Charlie V – For being more confident to share his ideas and opinions in class and asking for help when he is unsure.	Sophie M – for working hard to use her imagination in writing to brainstorm narrative ideas and ways to engage her readers.
1/2 T	Elias A – for being such an inclusive member of our class. You are willing to work and help anyone!	Dinuja D – for creating a wonderful imaginative story using a bold beginning, mighty middle and excellent ending.
	Sahil S – for the effort you are putting into your writing each and everyday. Well done.	Vivaan C – for listening to others’ stories and then recognising, writing and implementing changes to improve his own work
3/4 G	Joel A – for always working cooperatively in and out of the classroom. Thanks Joel!	Kalara – For working hard on including all the parts of each text type in writing. Go Kalara!
3/4 S	Dimitrios K – for using his initiative more regularly when beginning class tasks	Ryiah S – for taking more time with her letter formation and editing accuracy
5/6H	Abigail O – For working collaboratively with her board game group.	Dai G – for paying attention to specific details when working with her board game group.
5/6 D	Summer-Rain O – For making great progress in her reading comprehension by using a variety of strategies	Darcy G – For taking the time and noticing when an error has been made in order to go back and reread to be accurate.

This week's Artists of the week are the 3/4s who have been designing and creating their own 3D beach thongs!



ICAS Maths Competition – Year 2

Well Done to our Year 2 students for your efforts in this year's Maths ICAS competition!

It has been a very successful year for many Year 2 to 6 students participating in the various ICAS competitions.

We look forward to many students having a go next year.



Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our Premier's Reading Challenge 2018 participants. We have some amazing readers across the school!

Reading at home for pleasure is one of the greatest personal interests you can encourage your children to develop. We look forward to many more students taking on this worthwhile challenge in 2019.

MWHPS Gymnastics Program – 23rd November

A friendly reminder that students have their next **Gymnastics 4 Hire** session tomorrow, Friday 23rd November.

Students will need to wear appropriate school uniform – **NO DRESSES, NO TIGHTS**. Students can wear either trackpants or shorts with socks and runners.

For further information please visit their website <http://www.gymnastics4hire.edu.au/parent-info>

Kate Black
PE Coordinator



Give us a hand... ...we need you!



Get involved in our school. How? Easy!

- Come to our Parent Committee meeting
- Discuss fundraising ideas for 2019
- Volunteer to be part of our Parent Committee
- and help us build a stronger school community!

What: Parent Committee meeting
When: Friday November 23rd
Time: 5.15 – 6.30 pm
Where: Art room

For who?? For YOU!
Bring your friends and discuss next years activities.

See you soon,
School Council

We are looking for 5 - 10 people to form a new Parent Committee.

RSVP by November 20th to meerwaldt@hotmail.com or sign up in the office.



Christmas Raffle

The school Christmas raffle draw will be held at the family carols night on **Thursday December 13th**.

We are asking families to donate items to make up Christmas hampers. Possible donations are biscuits/shortbreads, jams, pudding/cakes, chocolates, decorations, bonbons, and so on.

If you donate food items, please make sure they have a long "best before" date.

This year, we also **need** baskets donated.

The more donations we have, the more prizes there will be. Donations can be left in the big box in the office.

Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.

Thank-you



School Banking Dates:

The last day for students to order rewards is:

FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

The last day for school banking is:

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Thank-you
Brett Arthur
School Banking Co-ordinator



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Extend OSHC at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

Hi everyone! What a jam packed week we have had at Extend. We are currently in our 5th week of our slime program and last week the children trialled a new recipe called liquid starch slime. The children have said that this is the best recipe they have used so far and were very pleased with the outcome. If you would like any of our slime recipes, feel free to drop in and pick up a copy.

*******FREE Upcoming Incursion:*******
WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER 4:00pm-5:00pm

We are so happy to announce we have finally organised our upcoming incursion code-biotics. Students see the evolution of coding using 'plugged' and 'unplugged' forms. This incursion incorporates team work, creativity, technology, performance and problem solving all in one. Students are given challenges to code their way through obstacle courses and command their robots to do things such as speak, sound like a chicken, change colour or roll. 'Unplugged' coding brings out students performance skills as they code their class to respond to their commands in a systematic approach that challenges students memory skills.

BOOK IN NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT! ONLY PAY THE SESSION FEE, INCURSION COST FREE

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

Oliver C - Prep M

For his positive and friendly attitude in the mornings. Keep it up buddy!



DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY. SUMMER
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

From Caitlin and the kids at Extend. :)

BUY A BALE FUNDRAISER



As you may know, New South Wales and Queensland are experiencing a drought. This means that farmers are struggling to feed their animals. We want to help them by raising money through the 'Buy a Bale' campaign.

Come to school dressed up in a checked shirt or wear casual clothes on **THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**. Please bring a gold coin donation to help buy bales of hay to support farmers and allow them to feed their animals. The SRC cannot wait to see you on the day!



Thank You,

Student Representative Council

Jumbalumba

50's 60's & 70's jazz funk & blues

Join us at MWHPS on Election day

24 November 12pm onwards

Vote – Eat Snags – Be Groovy



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