

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 8 November 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM FOUR 2018

Monday 12th November

Year 3/4 Incursion – Smoothie Bar

Tuesday 13th November

Year 1/2 Incursion – Wood Work

Friday 16th November

Prep Transition Session 3

Monday 19th November

Assembly 2:45pm

Tuesday 20th November

Welcome 2019 Prep BBQ 5:30-7pm

Wednesday 21st November

School Council 6pm

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

Thursday 29th November

SRC Fundraiser

Friday 30th November

Prep Transition Session 4 – 9:30am

Monday 3rd December

Assembly 2:45pm

Monday 17th December

Final Assembly 9am

Wednesday 19th December

Year 6 Graduation Night

Friday 21st December

LAST OF OF SCHOOL 1:30pm



Refer to the website for Notices

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

CURRICULUM DAY

Whilst many of you enjoyed a long weekend, the staff were back at work on Monday undertaking Professional learning. Our English Professional Learning Team, headed up by Mrs Georgia Despotellis continued to update our knowledge about the 6+1 Writing Traits. It was an engaging and valuable learning experience for the staff, as we continue to develop consistent practices across the school and challenge the way we approach learning to reflect the latest research. Thank you to Mrs Despotellis, Mrs Douglas, Ms Bolton and Ms Sullivan for their efforts.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

Last Thursday we celebrated World Teacher's Day, recognising our wonderful staff for all their hard work. Our Captains assisted on the day, delivering treats and messages. They even crafted a range of poems and messages to read to our teachers.



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

We would like to hold a special Parent Committee meeting on Nov 23 (after dropping students off at the Year ½ 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



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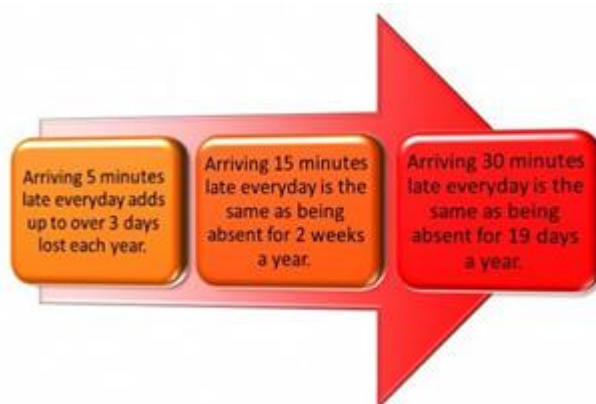
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LATE ARRIVALS - EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

I would like to remind parents of the importance of students arriving to school on time. I have noticed an increasing number of students arriving late to school.

There have been many times when only half the class is lined up when the bell has rung. Some teachers are noticing that they have so many students absent, that it is not until 9.20am until everyone has arrived. Running late effects not just your child but all the children in the classroom.

There is a negative correlation between student achievement and lateness. Please work with us to provide your child with the best learning opportunities by ensuring that they are at school every day and on time.



ILLNESS HITS MWHPS

A nasty cold seems to be spreading throughout the school, which has seen many staff members needing to take leave. We have also had quite a few students home sick too. Symptoms seems to begin with a sore throat and proceed to a nasty cold with a chesty cough. High temperatures have also been noted. If your child is sick, please ensure that they stay home to stop the spread. Some things you can do to assist is to encourage your child to wash their hands prior to eating and after going to the toilet and to cough into their elbow.

ELECTION DAY BBQ

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help out at the election day BBQ. We are still needing some volunteers and would greatly appreciate your time and baking skills!

NOT RETURNING IN 2019?

If your circumstances have changed and you 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.

PREP TRANSITION 2019

Session 3

Friday 16 November, 2:00pm – 3:00pm – LET'S GET FIT

For the parents – Prep Teacher presenting on last minute *PREP*arations

WELCOME TO PREP BBQ (with 2016 Prep parents and students)

TUESDAY 20 November, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

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. In

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



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BABY NEWS

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce, that Emma Thomas and her husband Andrew, will be expecting their second child in April of the 2019 school year. Although Emma has been suffering from severe morning (all day) sickness, I know that they are very excited about adding to their family. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Emma and Andrew every happiness. Emma will see out the 2018 school year and will take maternity leave early next year. Emma will not have a full time classroom position next year, but will assist in various roles throughout the school.

Let's celebrate

- Emma (Prep D) and family who have a new addition to their family, a little baby girl – congratulations!
- Very eager kindergarten children at our latest Prep Transition session!
- A very productive PD session for staff on Monday!

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Mount Waverley Heights State Election

It's State Election time on Saturday 24th November and once again, Mount Waverley Heights Primary will be a polling booth on the day. This will bring many visitors to the school to vote so we are hoping to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds for our school.

We will require families to volunteer to bake a cake or two (or even 3!) or handle some tongs at the sausage sizzle.

We're using [SignUp.com](http://signup.com) (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for Election Day BBQ!

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): <http://signup.com/login/entry/5569880891540740125>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on [SignUp.com](http://signup.com))
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - [SignUp.com](http://signup.com) will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: [SignUp.com](http://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 for your support

The Parent Community



Curriculum Update

On Monday staff participated in a professional learning session focused on 6 + 1 Traits of writing. Mrs Despotellis, Mrs Douglas, Miss Bolton and Miss Sullivan planned and ran the day providing staff with valuable knowledge around the traits of writing. The Six Traits of writing are Voice, Ideas, Conventions, Organization, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency + Presentation. It gives teachers and students a common language around writing skills. Following on from the previous work we have done on the traits we focused on sentence fluency and word choice.

Sentence fluency is the rhythm and flow of a sentence. It is what we listen for when reading, good writing allows the reader to bring expression to the text. As you read a text, sentences vary in length, beginning, structure and style. Word choice is the vocabulary that writers use to not only convey meaning but brings the piece to life. Students learn to use new, vivid and dynamic words within their writing and become aware of the power of vocabulary.

The teachers participate in mini lessons and hands on activities throughout the professional learning session.



Prep transition was last Friday and we had another wonderful session! Mrs Despotellis, Mrs Morris and Helen took our 2019 prep students through a maths activity. The students did some counting and number recognition. Once again as you can see from the photos everyone did an awesome job and settled really well.



Thanks

Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal

LOST PROPERTY

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

At the end of the year these will be donated to charity if unclaimed.

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



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Election Day November 24th Cake Stall

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! If you can make a cake or slice (or three!) it would be most appreciated.

Cakes/Slices will need to be dropped off at the school on Friday 23rd (if not needing refrigeration) or by 10am on Saturday 24th.

Each item needs to have an ingredient list. See attached but you can use your own list if you want.

If you need some inspiration - visit www.taste.com.au/recipes/collections/fete+recipes



Japanese Immersion Day October 25 2018

I thought it would be nice to share with you all the recent wonderful Japanese Immersion Day that Abi, Angie, Kezia, Thanasi and Will were lucky enough to participate in.

This day came as a joint effort amongst the Waverley regions Japanese educators and was a great success. 31 students from 6 schools participated in a wide variety of Japanese games and activities using only Japanese to communicate (Taiko, Dance, Origami, Kirigami and Karuta).

It would be fantastic to hold Japanese Immersion Day at our very own school in the future. Thank you all for supporting the Japanese program at Mount Waverley Heights P.S.

Regards,

Masa



MWHPS Gymnastics Program – 9th November

Beginning tomorrow for the next FOUR weeks (Fridays) we are very lucky to have Gymnastics 4 Hire provide a fun curriculum based gymnastics program for the entire school.

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

Sessions will be held on the following dates:

9th November
16 November
23 November
7 December

For further information please visit their website

<http://www.gymnastics4hire.edu.au/parent-info>

Kate Black
PE Coordinator

Gymnastics 4 Hire
The School Gymnastics Experts



Christmas Raffle

The school Christmas raffle draw will be held at the family carols night on **Thurs 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.

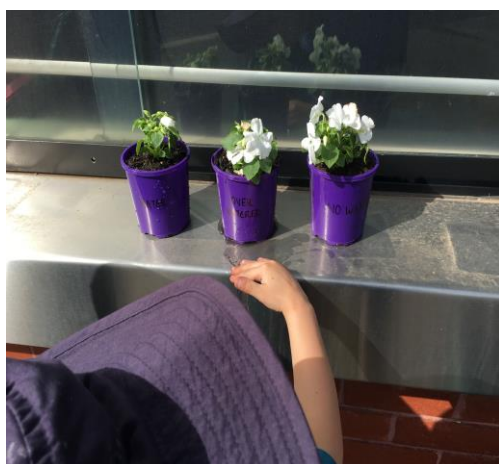
Thank You



Extend OSHC at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

We had an awesome week last week! We were busy cooking avocado mousse, using our art skills to create clay designs, grabbing our lab coats and creating gooey slime and turning on our creative sides in imagination creation.

We love providing our children with a range of different experiences each week. Here are some pictures from our extend-a-hand initiative.



*****FREE Upcoming Incursion*****

We are so happy to finally announce we have finally organised our upcoming incursion. The date is still to be finalised but it will be on an upcoming Wednesday or Thursday. We have worked really hard choosing an incursion we think you'll love and found Code-Biotics! Learn all about plugged and unplugged coding and programming. The children get to interact with different programming and even a robot!! The incursion is absolutely free, just pay for the after school care session! NO ADDITIONAL COST!! When we release the date, don't miss a spot and book in early for heaps of coding fun!

Coming up next week:

Monday: Imagination Creation, Group Games

Tuesday: Cooking: Zucchini Slice, Ball Sports

Wednesday: Science: Slime Program, Sports Clinic

Thursday: Art: Making Play-dough, Revenge

Friday: Well-being Program, Playground

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

Natasha S 3/4 S

For being such a great help with our new guinea pigs. You have stepped up and taken on extra responsibilities to help us care for our guinea pigs. We really appreciate all your help. Keep up the awesome work Tash!

From Caitlin and the kids at Extend. :)



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Dear Mount Waverley Heights P.S. Families,

You are invited to our special

Remembrance Day Ceremony, in memory of those who have died or suffered in all wars and conflicts

When: Friday 9th November

Where: At the School Flagpoles

Time: 10:40am



You are welcome to bring a flower to lay by the flagpoles

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.



The SRC will be selling **Zooper
Dooper** icy poles this term.

When: Mondays at lunchtime

Cost: 50c

Limit of 1 per person



SOCCER COACHING

FREE COME & TRY SOCCER SKILLS SESSION

Football Star Academy will be running weekly soccer skill development coaching sessions at Jack Edwards Reserve (Oakleigh Cannons).

Soccer coaching sessions will run at this great facility each Monday for the rest of term 4 at the following times-

3.50pm - 4.50pm Ages 5-7
4.50pm - 5.50am Ages 8-12

Football Star Academy will be running **FREE** Come & Try sessions on the following days for any soccer players who would like to give it a try -

Monday 5th November
Monday 12th November

There are limited spaces available which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To secure your child's place at a free trial session and register your interest in obtaining a spot in the ongoing coaching program, please contact:

David Chick, Head Coach

Phone - 0477 822 927

Email - vic24coach.football@sportstaracademy.com

(Note: students can show up on the day but spaces will be prioritized to children who have registered in advance)

Please supply David with the following information:

- Child's Full Name, Date of Birth & Any Known Medical Conditions
- Parents' Name/s, Email Address, Phone Number, Home Address

David will then contact you to provide further information on the program.



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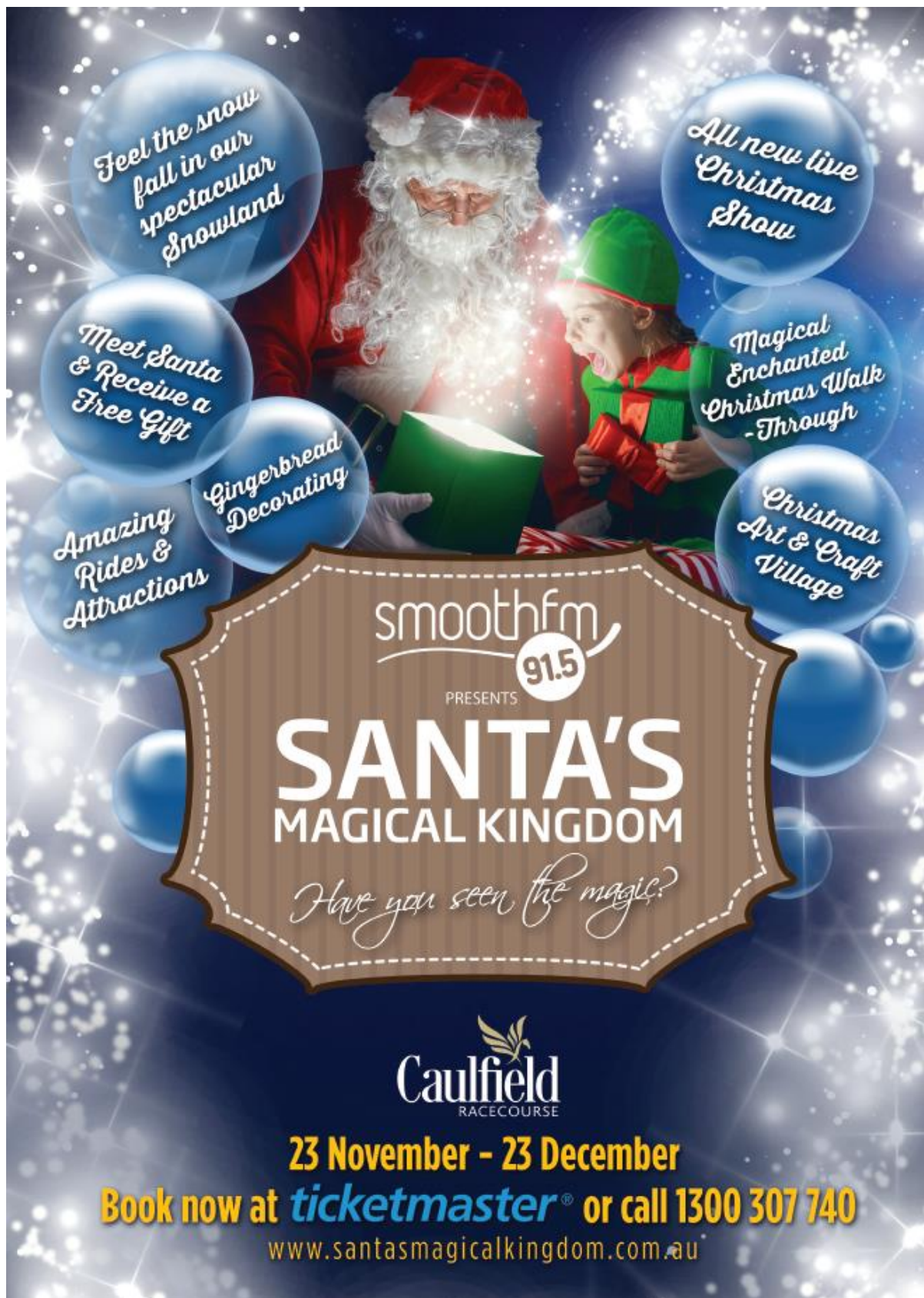
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