

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 13 December 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM FOUR 2018

Thursday 13th December
Christmas concert and raffle

Friday 14th December
Year 6 Community Sports Day

Monday 17th December
Final Assembly 9am
Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Wednesday 19th December
Year 6 Graduation Night

Thursday 20th December
Year 6 Excursion

Friday 21st December
LAST OF OF SCHOOL 1:30pm

TERM ONE 2019

Tuesday 29th January
CURRICULUM DAY

Wednesday 30th January
CURRICULUM DAY

Thursday 31st January
Year 1-6 Students begin

Friday 1st February
Prep Students begin

Monday 4th February
Assembly 2:45pm

Friday 5th April
Last Day TERM ONE

Thursday 25th April
ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday



Refer to the website for Notices

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

CLASS PLACEMENTS

We had a number of parental requests for 2019 classes. As we had mentioned in previous newsletters, requests needed to relate to social, family or learning matters. Some requests have been based purely on friendships developed. Students have had the opportunity to write a friendship wish list. Teachers make placement decisions based on their student's friendship lists, their academic, emotional and social development and behavioural applications.

Students do develop strong bonds with particular children, but these friendships might mean that they are not focussed in class. It might also mean that the friendship restricts them from forming a broader set of friends - particularly if one child is more dominating, or maybe they become far too reliant on their best friend causing anxiety when they are separated. These are just a few considerations.

I trust the professional judgement of our teachers who spend many hours with your child each day. They are trained to look for what is **best for all students** and aim to develop well-balanced classes. Not only do the level teachers meet to establish the classes but leadership, specialist teachers and teachers across the whole school have input.

Not all requests have been met but rest assured teachers spent time considering them all.

MEET YOUR 2019 CLASS AND TEACHER

Last week students participated in the second internal transition session. The focus of this session was to begin to develop a sense of community, exploring how our school expectations build class culture.

Next Tuesday, students will meet their 2019 class and teacher. Each child will bring home a 'My 2019 Class' profile note, outlining the name of their teacher and a friend they have in their class.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - THE SHOW WILL GO ON!

Just a reminder that our Christmas concert will be held tonight from 6pm. Due to severe weather warnings we will be holding our concert in the PAC. We have decided to **CANCEL** the picnic originally held at 5pm. Please ensure students are here by 5:45pm.



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STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports will go home with portfolios next Wednesday 19 December. The teachers and students alike have put a lot of effort into these to ensure they provide you with a full account of your child's learning this semester. Looking through the portfolio with your child is a great way to discuss the progress they have made and share their learning. Additional reports will be sent home by post on Wednesday for those families requiring an additional copy.

Please contact the office or your child's class teacher if you do not receive your child's report.

Please note that your child's report can be accessed via Sentral. This will be the last year that we will provide a paper copy for parents.

END OF TERM AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We extend an invite to family and friends to join us at our special end of term assembly on Monday 17 December at 9am. At this assembly the end of term awards, Year 6 Awards and the 2019 school student leadership positions will be announced. Alongside these school based awards Steve Dimopolous will be in attendance plus the presentation of the Community Spirit Award and the Neighbourhood Watch awards. It will be a big one!

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

Following the end of term assembly we will be holding a special morning tea for all our parents who have assisted at a class or school level. We invite you to stay back and enjoy the refreshments.

SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

Council have decided that school fees and levies will remain the same for 2019 except for Essential Education Items. This levy has been increased to cover additional IT resources whilst also saving money to replace the chromebooks in 3-4 years time. School fees were sent home last week. Please note that **payments can be made now or upon picking up your child's book box on Wednesday 30 January, 2019.** If you would like to pay using the 'Levy Payment Plan', please return this slip to the office by Monday 11 December.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Just a reminder that school will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 21 December. A special farewell assembly (to our Year 6 graduates) will take place from 1pm.

CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that I inform the broader community of the death of a MWHPS parent. Mr Dimitrios (Jim) Peltekis (Vicki's father) passed away over the weekend after a short but brave battle with cancer. We can only imagine the deep grief the family are experiencing. On behalf of our school community, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Peltekis family.

Let's celebrate...

- **December:** A Month of Multicultural Holiday Celebrations - Christmas (Christian/Catholic), St Nicholas Day (Christian), Hanukkah (Jewish), Kwanzaa (Africa), Omisoka (Japanese), Yule (Pagan), Saturnalia (Pagan). Wishing everyone a happy holiday.
- Yui who received a notable mention and medal for ballet
- Caitlin from Extend who received the 2018 Gibbies Best Extend Coordinator Award
- The Extend Team for being selected as a finalist for 2018 Best Extend Team

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone



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Celebrating the end of the year

On Monday the 1/2 students decorated biscuits to begin to celebrate the end of a fantastic year. As you can see from the photos they had a lot of fun! The students wrote a procedural text about how they decorated the biscuits. The purpose of a procedural text is to provide directions or information about how to make or do something. A procedural text instructs a reader with step by step instructions which usually include pictures or diagrams and headings and subheadings. Recipes and science experiments are great examples of a procedural text.



Thanks

Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal

Be Responsible, Be Respectful & Be Inclusive



PB BBQ 17th December 2018



Students who have received 4 or more PBs in fourth term, signifying that they are regularly demonstrating our 3 school behaviours – **Be Responsible, Be Respectful & Be Inclusive** will be invited to a special lunch on **Monday 17th December** to celebrate their achievement.

Congratulations to the following students:

Derrick A, Joel A, Abdulmalik A, Yemam A, Zoe A (1/2A), Harry B, Ameer B, Bradley C, Aaron C, Ryder C, Sophie E, Sylvie G, Jessica G, Miesha G, William H, Jemma H, Annabelle H, Robert H, Emma H, Lara H, Bonnie J, Angel Shane J, Josh Lexter J, Bourne J, Aherlyn J, Aadi J, Nela J, Mariah K, Anna K, Lazaros K, Jayden K, Amira K, Nicholas K, Lauren K, Sophie K, Caitlin L, Mikaela M, Sophie M, Tasha O'Brien, Elisabeth O, Bethany O, Jaap S, Vicki P, Mia P, Sophie R, Rushillq S, Ryiah S, Christian S, Eleni S, Christopher S, Angela S, Reet S, Maheer S, Yun W, Isabelle W, Hyuga W, Yui W, Haruki Y and Akira Y.

Please note: At the time of printing this list was correct. Any queries please direct to your classroom teacher.

Artist of the week

This week's Artists of the week are my wonderful helper elves Zoe and Will from Year 6. They spent a whole day on Tuesday helping to deliver artwork back to classes and take down displays around the school while the other Year 6 students were at their transition day.

A huge thank you for all of your hard work! 🍷



Extend OSHC at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

Community Outreach

To help those in need during this festive time of the year, we are collecting donations for FoodBank's Christmas Food Drive. We are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to those less fortunate than us, so we can all enjoy a wonderful Christmas this year. If you would like to donate any items, you can drop them off at BSC or ASC, in our FOODBANK hamper.

All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Coming up next week:

Monday: Imagination Creation, Group Games

Tuesday: Art: DIY Christmas Mugs, Ball Sports

Wednesday: Art: Painting, Sports Clinic

Thursday: Art: Christmas Card Making, Outdoor Play

Friday: END OF TERM PARTY!

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

Aliyana R from Prep M

For the resilience you display when dealing with a variety of challenges. We have seen you grow so much this year and hope that you never stop trying and smiling!

From Caitlin and the kids at Extend. :)

Don't forget to book into Holiday Program we have an awesome program planned!



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2019 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Jan 29/30 | Curriculum Days Teacher Professional Learning Days. No students at school |
| Jan 31 | Students in Year 1-6 Begin school |
| Fri Feb 1 | Preps first day at school |
| Wed Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 | No school for preps on these days. Assessment undertaken. Each child will be required to attend one Wed for approximately 1 hour. Bookings are made online. Information to come shortly. A scheduled parent/teacher interview will form part of this 1 hour session. |
| Wed Feb 13 | Information Night Years 3-4 5:30-6:15pm Prep Information Night 6:30-7:30pm |
| Thur Feb 14 | Information Night Years 1-2 5:30-6:15pm Information Night Years 5-6 6:15-7:00pm |
| Thur Feb 21 | Year Prep – 6 Information Exchange Night 2:30/3 – 7:00pm |
| Thur Mar 14 (5.30-7pm) Date TBC | Twilight Sports |
| Mon Mar 11 | Public Holiday |

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| Term 1 | 29 Jan (teachers return) to 5 April |
| Term 2 | 23 April to 28 June |
| Term 3 | 15 July to 20 September |
| Term 4 | 7 October to 20 December |

PRODUCTION: Keep this date free - Thursday August 29