

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 6 December 2018



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM FOUR 2018

Monday 10th December
NO LUNCH ORDERS

Tuesday 11th December
Year 6 Secondary Orientation Day
Year 5 Excursion

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/>

THANK YOU TO SCHOOL COUNCILLORS AND ALL THE PARENTS WHO ORGANISED FUNDRAISING EVENTS THIS YEAR

I would like to thank school councillors for their continued support this year. The discussions at council meetings only show how passionate each of them are in wanting the best for all our students. Thank you for your time and efforts.

I would also like to thank all the parents who organised fundraising activities this year. We have raised \$11742 which is an enormous effort. These funds went towards purchasing new shelving for the library.

INTERNAL TRANSITION

We held our second internal transition session last week whereby students learned a little bit about their new year level and created a 'I work best with' list. This week the focus for our transition session was on our school values and how these relate to the way we work in class.

XMAS CONCERT

Just a reminder that our Xmas concert will be held next Thursday from 6pm. Feel free to bring picnic chairs, blankets and dinner prior (5pm onwards) to the event. A lovely way to catch up with other families in a relaxed environment. Students are to wear Christmas colours and attire. No need to purchase anything new, just find something bright to wear.

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 there Steve Dimopolous will be in attendance plus the presentation of the Community Spirit and 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.

PREP TRANSITION

Last Friday we held our final prep transition session. It was wonderful to see our new preps so settled! Information regarding grades and teachers were emailed out this morning.



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LEARNING SPECIALISTS

Last week we informed the community that we successfully attained The Primary Maths Initiative grant. The initiative aims to:

- increase student engagement and achievement in mathematics
- increase teacher confidence and capability in teaching mathematics
- increase understanding of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
- have a sustainable impact in schools beyond the life of the initiative's funding.

Having only recently found out about the successful attainment of this grant, it has meant that we have been working extra hard to finalise our 2019 staffing. As part of the grant funding the successful teachers will be released from their classroom for approximately two days. Mrs Carolyn Datson will take on one these roles. We have finished the application process and would like to congratulate Mrs Georgia Despotellis as the second Learning Specialist. Mrs Despotellis has been leading literacy over the past 3 years with great success. Mrs Despotellis and Mrs Datson will be working together leading both English and Maths across the school.

As a result of the maths grant we have needed to employ a teacher who will work alongside Mrs Despotellis. We are really excited to announce that Mrs Julianne Marshall will job share the prep role in 2019. Some of you may already be aware that Julianne has been working at MWHPS in a variety of roles over the past two years. Her enthusiasm and caring nature makes her a fantastic addition to the prep team. I know that you will join with me in congratulating Mrs Despotellis and welcoming Mrs Julianne Marshall.

CLASS STRUCTURES 2019

Next year we will have 10 classes. We have grown by one class! We expect to have a student population of around 215 next year.

We will have....

2 X Prep	Mrs Georgia Despotellis/ Mrs Julianne Marshall Miss Elizabeth Spurling
4 X Year 1/2 classes	Miss Rylie Bolton Mrs Amy Morris Mrs Alicia Geddes (M-Thu) /Mrs Julianne Marshall (Fri) Miss. Melanie Jones
2 X Year 3/4 classes	Miss Lindsay Hannah Mr Lucas Ryan
2 X Year 5/6 classes	Mrs Sandra Douglas Mr Hugh Morton

Specialist teachers: Masa Yamazaki (Japanese), Claire Furlong (Art/Music) and Kate Black (PE)

Mrs Frieda Apostolopoulos will be returning next year in a casual capacity as she takes a break from full time teaching. I would like to thank Frieda for her enthusiasm, dedication and commitment over the past three years. Ms Sullivan has decided to take leave at the end of Term 1. Hillary will be taking on a specialist role for the term. Mrs Thomas will be taking 1/2G for the first 5 Fridays prior to taking maternity leave. Mrs Marshall will then take Mrs Geddes class on Fridays from Week 6 onwards.



Join us as we say thank you to all our helpers!

After the final assembly on Monday 17 December, we will be holding a Helpers Morning Tea to say thank you to all the parents, carers, guardians and grandparents who have volunteered their time to help at our school. The morning tea will begin straight after the final assembly in the PAC until about 11.30am.

This week at assembly, 1/2B presented the 6 + 1 traits of writing they have been working on. They have been looking at organisation, word choice, ideas and sentence fluency this semester. Then they read their class constructed story 'Emergency at Mount Waverley Heights'. The story was an excitement filled narrative with earthquakes, emergency services, community help and Mrs Reiss-Stone saving the day along with the firefighters! Well done 1/2B!



Thank you to the Parfuss family who have kindly donated a beautiful Christmas tree for our office area. As you can see the preps enjoyed hanging their decorations on the tree that they had made during art.



With the weather warming over the next few weeks, can all students please remember to bring their school hats and drink bottles to school each day.

Thanks

Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal



Student Representative Council Mount Waverley Heights P.S. Talent Show November, 2018

**Congratulations to all our talented students
on your excellent performance.
Keep up the great work!**



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Buy a Bale' Fundraiser

Thank you for the wonderful support for our farmers' fundraiser last Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many students dressed up in checkered shirts and wearing casual clothes. We raised an incredible total of **\$400**.

This money will go towards buying bales of hay to help Australian farmers feed their animals. Many thanks to all who contributed.



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This week's artists of the week are the Preps who have added some Christmas spirit to the Art Room and the Office Foyer. Check out our gorgeous Christmas tree next time you pop into the Office.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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- For kids of all abilities from 5 to 10 years old
- Learn new skills through fun game-based activities and play modified games of cricket
- All equipment provided
- Fun and safe environment

SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR CRICKET BLAST PACK!
 Includes a ball, drink bottle and drawstring bag

BONUS OFFER Sign up to a Holiday Program by 10 Dec, 2018 to receive a Family Fun Pass including 4 General Admission passes to a Melbourne Stars or Melbourne Renegades home match.*

Wed 9th & Thu 10th January, 2019 (10.00am - 2.30pm)
 Monash Tigers CC, Central Reserve South Oval
 Andrew Warrick 0478 330 193 awarrick@cricketvictoria.com.au
 \$99 per person + BBQ lunch provided both days

JOIN THE FUN AT YOUR LOCAL CENTRE
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Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th January, 2019 (9am - 3pm)
 Edinburgh CC, Brunswick Street Oval, Fitzroy North
 Andrew Warrick 0478 330 193 awarrick@cricketvictoria.com.au
 \$150 per person + All food/drinks provided on both days

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OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



**FOR SALE.
Fresh Christmas
trees.**



**Every weekend
in December
before Christmas**

Location: 81 Huntingdale Rd.
Mount Waverley Heights Primary School.
1-2; 8-9; 15-16 & 22 December.
9:30am - 4:00pm.

All Proceeds will enable much needed renovations, activities and equipment. Thank you!

website: mtwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au



MWHPS School Library

This is the last week students will be able to borrow from our school library.

Can students please ensure that all library books are returned ASAP from Monday 3rd December.

Thank-you

Jane Gough
Library Coordinator



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.

Please have these into the office by
FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER.

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



School Banking Dates:

The last day for school banking is:
FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Thank-you
Brett Arthur
School Banking Co-ordinator

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: Cooking: Wedges, Ball Sports

Wednesday: Art: Christmas Craft, Sports Clinic

Thursday: Science: Ice cream in a bag, Outdoor Play

Friday: Well-being Program, Playground

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

Jake G 5/6 D

For all the extra responsibilities you take on at Extend. You are a true role model to your peers. You are always helping to organise different events, running your own events and always help educators with the service. Not only that, you are a great friend to everyone around you. Keep up the awesome work Jake!

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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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.

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