

# The Heights Happenings

Thursday 31 January 2019



MOUNT WAVERLEY  
HEIGHTS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

remember

Principal's Report

## **TERM ONE 2019**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
Year 1-6 Students begin

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
Prep Students begin

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
Assembly 2:45pm

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
Prep children do not attend

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
School Council nominations

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
Prep children do not attend  
Prep Information Night 6:30pm  
Years 3-4 Information Night 5:30pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
Years 1-2 Information Night 5:30pm  
Years 5-6 Information Night 6:15pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
SDSSA Summer Sport – Jells Park

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
Assembly 2:45pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Prep children do not attend  
School Council 7pm

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
Year Prep – 6 Info Exchange Night

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Prep children do not attend

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
Preps start FULL TIME  
Assembly 2:45pm

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Last Day TERM ONE

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday



Refer to the website for Notices

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

## **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back and thanks for ordering the cooler weather to begin the school year! We hope the holidays provided you with time to unwind, relax and enjoy your family time. I have visited the classrooms to welcome the children back to school and noted an air of excitement and enthusiasm for new learning, new friendships and new experiences.

There is often lots of information that I convey through the newsletter, so please endeavour to read it each week. If you do have any questions, ideas or queries throughout the year, please see your child's class teacher, the office staff, Carolyn (Assistant Principal) or myself. We are only too happy to clarify or fill you in about your child's learning or other activities around the school. We look forward to working productively with each of you throughout the 2019 school year.



## **CAR PARK REMINDER**

With an increase in student numbers and restricted parking, please be respectful and mindful when entering the school grounds. To avoid the stress of the car park, we strongly encourage you to park in the surrounding streets. Can I also ask you to reduce your speed along Solomon St and when entering the school grounds. The pedestrian crossing (whilst marked) is not manned which means students decide when it is safe to cross. If you are travelling down Solomon St you are required to stop for pedestrians. Please be alert, travel at only 5km and stop to allow our students to safely cross the road.

## **START UP PROGRAM – SETTING UP OUR LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

The first few weeks of the year are dedicated to building relationships within the school community. The emphasis of these activities is on getting to know each other, developing good working relationships, developing cooperative skills, and building a thorough understanding of school and class routines and expectations. This program has assisted us in developing proactive whole school systems to define, teach and support students in developing harmonious relationships. Our three school wide behaviour expectations are:

**Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Inclusive**



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## STAFFING OVERVIEW

For your reference....

### CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Prep DM

Prep S

1/2G

1/2J

1/2B

1/2M

3/4H

3/4R

5/6D

5/6M

(\* Level Leader)

Georgia Despotellis\* & Julianne Marshall (Wed & Thu)

Elizabeth Spurling

Alicia Geddes\* & Julianne Marshall (Fri)

Melanie Jones

Rylie Bolton

Amy Morris

Lindsay Hannah\*

Lucas Ryan

Sandra Douglas\*

Hugh Morton

### SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Art / Music

Japanese

Physical Education

Wellbeing + Additional Support (3-6)

Additional Support P-2

Claire Furlong \*

Masahiro Yamazaki (Monday, Wed and Thu)

Kate Black (Wed- Fri)

Hillary Sullivan

Emma Thomas

### SUPPORT STAFF

Office Administration

Office Administration

Education Support

Education Support

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Education Support

Technician

Lynn Gyuriak

Louise Berry (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)

Lynne Kuchta (Mon & Tue)

Marika Rac (Mon & Wed)

Linda Longstaff (Mon, Tue, Thu)

Tracy Morganella (Thu-Fri)

Helen Davies (Mon, Thu, Fri)

Jo Lewis (Tues, Wed, Fri)

Tania Bennell-Williams (Tues- Thu)

Louise Yaxley-Chan (Wed & Fri)

Marissa Nicols (Tue, Wed, Thu)

Jane Gough (Tues and Thu)

Logan McIntosh (Thu)

### INFORMATION NIGHTS

We will be holding a Level Information Nights for the first time this year.

- Year 3/4 Wed Feb 13 from 5.30-6.15pm
- Prep Wed Feb 13 from 6.30-7.30pm
- Year 1/2 Thu Feb 14 from 5.30-6.15pm
- Year 5/6 Thu Feb 14 from 6.15-7pm

At these sessions information regarding Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, Wellbeing and Inquiry will be discussed. Homework, camps and other information will also be shared.



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### **CURRICULUM DAYS**

The first two days of the school year, staff were busy undertaking Professional Learning. The focus on these days were around ICT and our Writing approach (6 +1 Traits). On Tuesday the staff went on an excursion into Google Melbourne where we undertook learning around feedback. This involved a range of ways we can provide relevant, timely and informative feedback to students through the google platform. Yesterday we spent time completing the training on the 6 + 1 Writing traits!

A huge thank you to Carolyn and Georgia. It was a fantastic couple of days!

In 2019 we will be...

### **MAIN FOCUS:**

- Continuing to develop a more consistent and differentiated approach to the planning, delivery and assessment of mathematics using Learning Intentions and Success Criteria with the students. This assists them in identifying what they can do and where to next.
- Consolidating and trialling all of the 6 + 1 Traits
- Wellbeing - Introducing more Emotional Intelligence Activities and strategies into our program
- ICT - Incorporating new strategies into the curriculum to enhance the teaching and learning across the school but in particular the Year 3-6 classes.

### **CONTINUING...**

- to embed our reading practices
- with our whole school phonemic spelling program (introduced in 2016)

### **A SPECIAL WELCOME**

We will be welcoming our new Prep students (and their families) tomorrow. We have 40 new preps who will be excited and a little nervous as they begin their school journey. A warm welcome also to our many new families and students who have started in other year levels - Welcome to Mount Waverley Heights! We are pleased that you have chosen Mount Waverley Heights for your child's schooling and trust that together we will fulfil your expectations.

Welcome to the following families: Alber, Attia, Bailey, Bonicelli, Chee, Dauti, Fahad, Fazi, George, Guan, Kiratzis, Kumschick, Li, Long, Mirkhil-Gran, Oh, Papasotiriou, Pearce, Petrucci, Rosas, Seward, Siau, Towner, Waldron, Hohenhaus, Naval, Le Xindi and Yong.

### **ASSEMBLY – Begins Monday February 4**

Our first assembly for the school year will be held on Monday February 4 from 2.45-3.30pm. Parents, families and friends are most welcome to attend. Students will walk back to their classrooms before being dismissed. In the last week of term, a special awards assembly will take place at 9am. This special morning assembly will be held on April 1 at 9am.

### **We need your old phones!**

If you have recently upgraded your phone and no longer need your old one, we would love to reuse it as part of our technology upgrade. Donated phones (smart phones) will be used in VR devices and run off our school's network. If you are able to help out, please drop them in at the office. Thank you



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### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mount Waverley Heights School Council guides the policy and budgetary decision making in the school. We generally meet on the third (mostly) Wednesday of each month. Please note that our first School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 February where the current (2018) School Councillors will reside. If you are interested in being part of the new 2019 School Council, we **are currently calling for nominations**. While it is an important part of school operations, School Council members do not need any special expertise, experience or skills. The most important thing is that you want to contribute to continually improving learning opportunities for all children at Mount Waverley Heights.

Our Council Constituting Order is: 8 Parent members, 4 DET (Teacher) members, 2 Community members. We have 4 Parent Member positions and 2 DET member positions vacant. Nomination Forms can be **collected as of Thursday 7 February and must be returned by 4pm as Thursday 14 February**. On Monday 18 February a list of candidates and nominators will be posted. More information regarding School Council will be distributed on Monday.

### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Mavragani Greek School is held on a Wednesday evening
- GKR Karate offer lessons in our hall afterschool on a Friday (7.30-8.30pm)
- Instrumental Music lessons can also be provided through Genesis Music . If you would like you're your child to learn a musical instrument (during school hours) visit [www.genesismusicschool.com.au](http://www.genesismusicschool.com.au) to enrol
- Digimaker (Coding) is also available afterschool on a Thursday (3.45-4.45pm) in Building B.
- Melbourne Sports Institute are running Soccer (Tues) and Basketball (Wed) clinics during lunchtimes.
- Taiko Drumming (Year 5 students) - Wednesday lunchtimes
- Senior Choir - Tuesday lunchtimes
- Junior school Choir - Thursday lunchtimes
- Lego Club – Monday lunchtimes
- Sustainability TBC

To find out more about these activities please contact the office.

### TREE NEAR PREP PLAYGROUND

In 2018 as part of our tree review process, an arborist identified our big old tree near the prep playground as needing to be removed. We were all pretty devastated regarding this news. Over the past few days, the trees limbs were taken down. The tree chopper said that it was rotten all the way through the middle and definitely needed to be removed. We decided to leave the stump and approximately 3m of the trunk. We will be asking a tree sculptor to transform it into a piece of artwork as well as a home for wildlife. We thought this was a good way to honour the trees life as well as providing a fun and interesting addition to our playground.

### Let's celebrate...

- A productive and informative first week of school that has enabled staff to undergo professional learning and establish a good basis in which to build and grow.
- New soft fall on all three playgrounds. Unfortunately, due to torrential rain we have had to add soft fall to all!
- New IWB have arrived for the Year 1-2 building. These will be installed in Week 3.

Until next week,

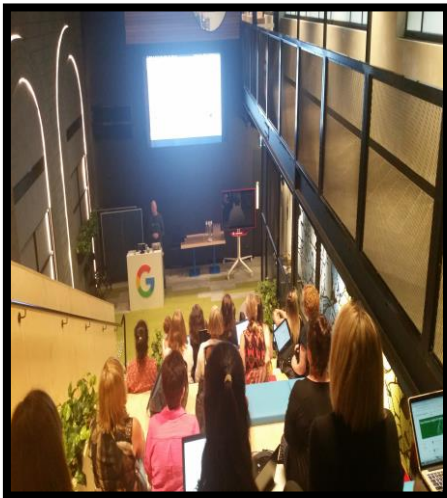
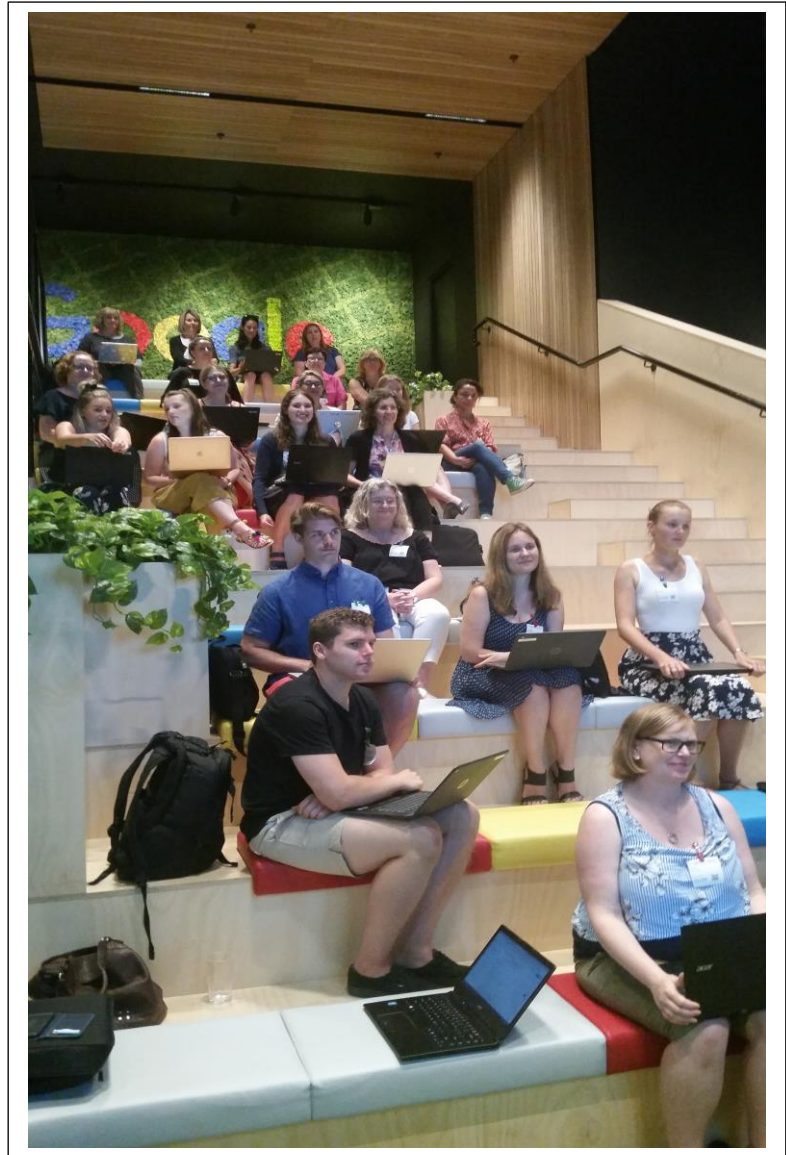
**Sharon**

Sharon Reiss-Stone



## Google PD and Staff Team Building

Staff began their school year with a trip into the city to visit Google headoffice in Melbourne. The morning was spent learning more about the Google Education Suite and how it can enhance classroom and teaching practices whilst providing real time feedback on student performance and understanding of key concepts.



Thanks

*Carolyn*

Carolyn Datson  
Assistant Principal

(EST 30 Years)



\*JAZZ

\*TAP

\*HIP HOP

\*CONTEMPORARY

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT OUR NEW VENUE

St Mary Magdalen's School 15 Bambil St, Chadstone

CLASSES COMMENCE 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBURARY - ENROL NOW !!!!!

FREE TRIAL CLASS

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AFTER SCHOOL MON - THURS

Our School is run in a fun, friendly, relaxed environment with NO pressure.

For further information and class times,

Contact: PAM SPEEDY (T.A.A.D. Dip. Hons.)

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[www.pamspeedydanceschool.com.au](http://www.pamspeedydanceschool.com.au)

Girls and Boys of all  
ages welcome!

### Mavragani Greek Language School Inc.

Where: Mount Waverley Heights Primary  
(Building B)  
36 Solomon Street  
Mount Waverley



When: Every Wednesday 4:45pm – 8:30pm

Levels: Prep – VCE

Recognised by the Department of Education Victoria

For further information please phone 0427-004-033  
or email [vlasismavraganis@gmail.com](mailto:vlasismavraganis@gmail.com)



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**WAVERLEY**  
Gymnastics Centre

# GLEN WAVERLEY GYMNASTICS



A fun, safe and challenging gymnastics program for girls and boys aged 5-13 years! Classes are held in the Wesley College (Glen Waverley) gymnasium on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Call now to book your trial class!

**9887-9611**  
[www.wgc.org.au](http://www.wgc.org.au)

## Tennis Open Day

MCC Glen Iris Valley and Vida Tennis would like to invite you to try tennis with us at our **FREE** Tennis Open Day.

**Sunday 10th Feb 11am - 2pm**



Kids Hot Shots Lessons  
Intro Lesson for all  
Juniors from 3 years old & Adults

Membership Specials  
Jumping Castle for kids  
Sausage Sizzle

If you can't make the 10th, then try a FREE intro lesson on  
Sunday 3rd Feb. 1pm to 1.45pm or 2.00pm to 2.45pm.

Contact Angelo to book your place

Angelo 0407 477 798 or [info@vidatennis.com.au](mailto:info@vidatennis.com.au)  
[www.vidatennis.com.au](http://www.vidatennis.com.au) [www.mccglenirisvalley.org.au](http://www.mccglenirisvalley.org.au)



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## MOUNT WAVERLEY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM ONE 2019

TERM 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1	22 Jan	Jan 29 (Extend – holiday program)  Teachers back Staff Return Curriculum Day for students	Jan 30 Curriculum Day (2)	Jan 31 Term 1 starts  Yr 1-6 students begin	Feb 1  Preps Begin	Feb 2/3
Week 2	Feb 4 - Assembly	Feb 5	Feb 6  Preps no school	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9/10
Week 3	Feb 11 Think Tank	Feb 12	Feb 13 Preps no school Info Night Yr 3-4 (5.30-6.15)  Prep Info night 6.30-7.30pm	Feb 14 Info Nights - Yr1-2 (5.30-6.15)  Yr 5-6 (6.15-7)	Feb 15 SDSSA Summer Sport Round Robin	Feb 16/17
Week 4	Feb 18 Assembly 2:45pm  Parent Helpers Course 2.00-2.45	Feb 19	Feb 20 Preps no school  School Council 7pm	Feb 21  YrP-6 Info Exchange Night 2.30/3 – 7:00pm	Feb 22	Feb 23/24
Week 5	Feb 25 Think Tank	Feb 26	Feb 27 Preps no school	Feb 28	March 1	Mar 2/3
Week 6 <i>Preps begin full time</i>	March 4  Assembly	Mar 5	Mar 6  Preps start full time	Mar 7	Mar 8 Teddy Bears Picnic (preps and 3/4yo) – 2.00-3.00	Mar 9/10
Week 7	Mar 11  LABOUR DAY	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14 Twilight Sports 5.30-7pm	Mar 15 National Day Against Bullying	Mar 16/17
Week 8	Mar 18  Think Tank	Mar 19	Mar 20  School Council – AGM	Mar 21	Mar 22 SDSSA athletics carnival Y	Mar 23/24
Week 9	Mar 25 Dental Van Assembly 2:45pm	Mar 26 Dental Van	Mar 27 Dental Van	Mar 28 Dental Van 'PB' – BBQ for Students	Mar 29 Dental Van	Mar 30/31
Week 10	April 1 End of Term Assembly 9am	April 2	April 3 Rotary Club of Monash ANZAC School Leaders service leave at 12.15pm	April 4	April 5 Easter Raffle Last day of Term 1 Assembly 2-2.30	