

# The Heights Happenings

Thursday 14 February 2019



MOUNT WAVERLEY  
HEIGHTS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

## TERM ONE 2019

### 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

Parent Helpers Course 2pm  
Assembly 2:45pm

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Prep children do not attend  
Parent Committee Meeting 4:45pm  
School Council 7pm

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Year P – 2 Info Exchange Night 3:45pm–7pm  
Year 3 – 6 Info Exchange Night 2:30pm–7pm

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Prep children do not attend

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Think U Know Session 6:30pm

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Preps start FULL TIME  
Assembly 2:45pm

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Teddy Bears Picnic 2pm

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Twilight Sports 5:30 – 7pm

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

School Council 7pm

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

SDSSA Athletics Carnival Year 5/6

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Dental Van – ALL WEEK

### 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/>

## INFORMATION NIGHTS

Just a reminder that the following information nights will be held tonight...

- Year 1/2 Thursday Feb 14 from 5.30-6.15pm
- Year 5/6 Thursday Feb 14 from 6.15-7.00pm

## INTERVIEWS

This year's 'Information Exchange' meetings for parents will be held on **Thursday 21 February**. The purpose of this exchange is to enhance partnerships between home and school. The sharing of relevant background information such as a child's academic strengths, their social and emotional competencies, their family circumstances or medical/health information, can be invaluable to a teacher catering for a child in their care.

We ask that parents fill in the questionnaire which was sent home earlier this week and bring it with them to the Information Exchange Night, as a starter for discussion. You will need to have Sentral set up on a device to book an interview time. If you are having trouble, please see Carolyn or Louise for assistance with Sentral.

**BOOKINGS OPEN - TUESDAY 12 FEB @ 9AM**  
**BOOKINGS CLOSE - WEDNESDAY 20 FEB @ 4PM**

## ICT

As per our ICT policy and ICT User Agreement, families will need to have attended **two ICT sessions prior to their child taking home a chromebook in Year 5/6**. If you attended our Industry partnership launch in 2018 this counts towards one session. Our Year 5/6 Information Night and the Think You Know presentation will also count. We want our families to be well informed and knowledgeable about ways to keep our students safe online and up to date with our school's direction and industry partnership. Chromebooks will be sent home with our year 5/6 students from March 4 onwards.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nomination forms for School Council must be handed in today by **4pm**.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Thank you to the couple of dads who have volunteered to help get rid of some old furniture. We are after at least one more mum/dad to help out. Once we have a team, I will organise a skip at a time that suits our volunteers.



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## **THINK YOU KNOW**

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Thursday Feb 28 (6.30-8.00pm)** and all parents and carers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers on how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.



ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

For more information, you can visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWC)**

As part of government regulations all volunteers (including parent helpers) must have a valid 'Working with Children Check'. If you plan on helping out at a school event, reading with students in class or helping on an excursion, then you are required to have a WWC.

The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the Working with Children Act 2005 for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis. To be a volunteer at a school a Working with Children Card provided by the Department of Justice is required. This card is:

- valid for 5 years
- transferable between volunteer organisations
- free of charge for volunteers, but cannot be used for paid employment.

Information on how to apply can be found at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>. Once attained, please provide a copy to the school so that you can be added to our register.

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

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

## HOMEWORK

Over the coming weeks, homework will be sent home in each grade level. Homework, including diaries (Years 3-6) are sent to and from school each day in the student satchels provided. The aim of homework is to revisit concepts taught in class, to practise basic skills in literacy and numeracy, and develop independent study habits. Reading at home, for example, is about practising 'easy' reading. It is about practising fluency, expression and pace, so that the skill of reading gradually becomes automatic. Studies have shown that if you read at any pace under 60 words per minute – struggling through each sentence, word by word - understanding what you read becomes almost impossible. Developing a suitable reading pace is necessary and can be enhanced through intensive, deliberate practice. Each year level will provide more detail of the homework requirements via the Level Information Nights and term newsletter. The guide below outlines DET and school requirements.

Prep – Yr 4	will mainly consist of <b>daily reading to</b> , with and by parents/carer or older siblings enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials <b>(Spelling Words) + (Maths Task: Yr 1-4 only)</b> will generally not exceed <b>30 mins per day</b> or set on weekends or during vacations.
Yr 5-6	should include <b>daily reading to</b> parents/carer (if under Reading Level 30) or <b>daily independent reading</b> (above Reading Level 30). may extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research <b>(Spelling Words) + (Maths Task) + (Other)</b> Will replace another set homework task for the week, which may require your child to carry out research, learn poetry, continue with their Inquiry Project etc) will generally range from: <b>30 to 45 minutes a day</b> at Year 5/6

### Let's celebrate...

- Chinese New Year – *The Year of the Pig* – Pigs have a beautiful personality and blessed with good fortune in life. Wishing everyone a happy Chinese New Year!
- Attendance at our first two Info nights. Thank you for supporting these events and we hope you walked away with an understanding of learning expectations relevant to your child's level.

Until next week,

**Sharon**

Sharon Reiss-Stone



## Classroom Helpers

Just a reminder that the classroom helpers program is this Monday before assembly at 2pm in the library. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom, at an excursion, swimming or sport this induction is a must. If you are interested in assisting in the classroom under the guidance of the classroom teacher or helping at school events this induction program will help you:

- Develop an increased understanding of the development of literacy skills.
- Understand how to act as role models for students in classrooms.
- Develop an understanding of other requirements such as Child Safe and Working With Children's Check.

To volunteer at a school you need to have a Working with Childrens Check and a signed copy of our Child Safe Code of Conduct.

## Sentral (Parent Portal and App)

This week we launched the online bookings for information exchange night on Sentral. Many families were able to log on and book but there is a small percentage of families who, for an unknown reason at this stage are still having trouble. We apologise for this inconvenience and as we understand there is a Sentral problem (also iphone users have been affected) and it has affected the app. To book for the info exchange night please log on to the parent portal via your computer (not ipad). Via the portal on your computer you will be able to book your time for the info exchange.

Log onto your portal via a computer:

<https://sentral.mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au>

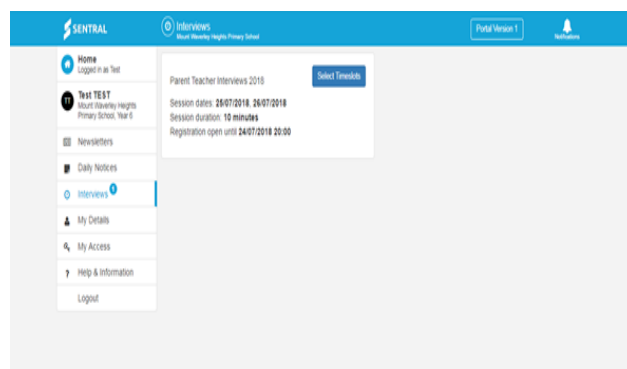
On the left hand side you will see your child's name and further down the interviews tab. Click on the interviews tab and select time slots. This will allow you to book your time. Select save and an email will be sent to you confirming your time.



Thanks

*Carolyn*

Carolyn Datson  
Assistant Principal



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



Get involved in our school. How? Easy!

- Come to our 2019 Parent Committee start-up meeting
- Volunteer to be part of our Parent Committee (regular meetings to organise events)
- Discuss and plan fundraising events for 2019 and organise them throughout the year
- Help us build a stronger school community!

What: **Parent Committee meeting**  
When: Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5.00 - 6.00 pm, walk in from 4.45  
Where: Art room

For Who? For YOU!

Are you new to the school or around for a while? Do you have ideas and would you like to run events during the year? Become part of our parent committee!

See you soon,  
School Council

*This is the first meeting of the new Parent Committee. President, Treasurer and Secretary will be selected during the meeting.  
By donating \$1 you will become a member of the committee and gain the right to vote during the meetings.*

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RSVP by February 18<sup>th</sup> to [meerwaldt@hotmail.com](mailto:meerwaldt@hotmail.com).

If you can not come to the meeting, but you do want to join or help out every now and then, please let us know as well! We need a lot of hands throughout the year.  
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## Toyota Dream Car Competition

Every child in Years 1-6 is designing an entry for this year's competition during Visual Arts classes. A parent permission form has been sent home and needs to be returned before next Wednesday February 20th. Thank you to those families who have already completed and returned theirs. We are unable to submit the children's entries without a permission form so please ask for a replacement copy if needed.

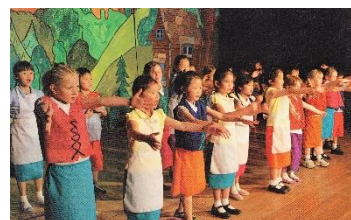
## Genesis Music lessons

Instrumental music lessons will be commencing tomorrow (Friday) for all of the students who have completed their enrollment with Genesis Music. Lessons will be held in the old Art Portable. If you are still interested in learning an instrument, please contact Genesis Music directly.

## Drama Club

Drama Club will be running again this year on Mondays. Celia Kemp will be taking the sessions and is offering a free introductory session to interested students next Monday 18th Feb at lunchtime in the old Art Portable. If your child would like to come along and try it out tell them to come along at lunchtime on Monday. More information about Drama Club can be found at the end of the newsletter.

# MWHPS Drama Club



## Enrolments are now open!

Drama Club runs straight after school every Monday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Classes are open to students from Year 1 to Year 6.

We will focus on:

**\* Public Speaking\* Body Language \* Theatre Dance \* Improvisation \*Character building**

All these elements of performing arts give children the tools they need to build

**confidence, improve concentration, and an increased awareness of what they can achieve.**

Classes will be taught by Celia Kemp

***For more information please contact Celia or pick up an enrolment form at the school office.***

*Celia Kemp Studio's of Creative Arts*  
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## EXTEND UPDATE

### What's Been Happening?

At Extend we love to kick start our week off with a cooking activity! This week we made delicious banana muffins which made William H say "I never want to eat plain muffins again!" On Tuesday's we have started our new 'Dreamtime Program', where we learn about our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history through dreamtime stories and Indigenous games, developing children's sense of agency and the empowering knowledge of our Indigenous culture.



*Last weekend our guinea pigs slept over at Lila's house!*

### The Extend Superstar is...

Saffron L from Grade 1/2J, for going above and beyond to help out our friends at Extend. Whether it be comforting a peer through hard times, or voluntarily showing our new friends around. We all really appreciate your help! Thank you.

### Coming up next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Around the World: Mexico!</b> <b>Cooking:</b> Veggie Tacos	<b>Dream Time Program</b> & Indigenous Game - Wana	<b>Science:</b> Erupting Volcano & Ball Sports	<b>Art: DIY</b> Sombrero Hats & Playground	Life size word search & Group Games

From Jayde & the children.

**Enrol and book now: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**

**MELBOURNE**  
なつまつり **JAPANESE**  
**SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY 24 FEB 2019**  
**@FED SQUARE**  
**FREE ADMISSION**



## JOIN the FUN



Waverley Toyota would like to invite you to the first  
**All Girls Come and Try Day**

A fun chance to have a hit, training advice, photos and autograph opportunities with appearances from current and past Victorian Cricketers, Andrew Fekete & Xavier Crone

Aimed at Girls of all ages. You're not required to bring any equipment, we will supply. Just bring a hat, a water bottle and your best enthusiasm!

Date: Wednesday 20th February

Time: 17:00 - 19:30

Location: Mulgrave Cricket Club, 140 Garnett Rd, Wheelers Hill VIC 3150

### Free Family Activities:

- Appearances from Andrew Fekete & Xavier Crone
- Activities and Giveaways
- A Raffle with some Amazing Prizes
- BBQ thanks to Mario's Artisan Butcher

To Register: Email Mardi Scott, [mardis@waverleytoyota.com.au](mailto:mardis@waverleytoyota.com.au) with names, contact details and age or phone 0402 009 351. Numbers are limited.

We want YOU, regardless of your cricketing abilities, this is a great opportunity for you to play on a regular basis, experiencing all the physical and social benefits that cricket and being part of a club has to offer.



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Melbourne VIC 3170  
Ph: 8544 2200



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## SMART

### Small Works Art Exhibition

13 - 24 March 2019  
At  
The Track Gallery, Mt Waverley, VIC 3149

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

Small 2D works within 30\*30cm  
Entries open to all ; Participation fee applies  
Last day for submission of entries : Feb 22, 2019  
For details send email to [preetkriti@gmail.com](mailto:preetkriti@gmail.com)  
<https://preetkriti.com/pages/smart>



## FREE BEGINNER BASKETBALL CLINICS

- ★ Perfect for beginner boys / girls 6-12 years who are keen to start playing basketball with a local club
- ★ Bring your friends and also make new friends
- ★ Introduction to the basics & fundamental skills
- ★ Fun learning & safe indoor environment with experienced coaches
- ★ Building confidence and stay active!

Monday 25th February / 4th March & 11th March  
4.10 - 5.00pm @ Oakleigh Recreational Centre

Limited spots available - registrations are required via our website  
Please wear suitable sports clothing and shoes and bring your drink bottle



Register ONLINE to book your spot  
[www.FrogsBasketball.com.au](http://www.FrogsBasketball.com.au)  
Click on the 'Clinics' page for more information

## Genesis Music School

discover the world of music

A: PO Box 250 Deer Park, VIC 3023  
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### PROGRAM

Genesis Music School provides a progressive curriculum for students of all ages. Our lessons are fun, educational and professional. Our Teachers are committed to sharing their passion for music and their love of learning. Reading music, theory and a practical approach to learning a chosen musical instrument are our priorities. Lessons are 30 minutes in duration and are held once a week at school. Lessons are conducted as individual lessons, shared lessons (2 students in a group), or group lessons (3 students in a group). Whether your goal is music for leisure or serious study, our teachers will help students reach their musical potential.

### BENEFITS OF MUSIC:

Improve listening skills.  
Improve confidence & self esteem.  
Enhance eye & hand co-ordination.  
Further develop cognitive skills.

### OUR CLASSES AIM TO PROVIDE:

Technical accuracy & competency in learning a musical instrument  
A non competitive approach that offers students fun & exciting music classes.

### HIRING/PURCHASE:

Instrument hire is available and can be conveniently provided to each student on request and when available. Keyboards are provided during lesson times. We also have new/used equipment for purchase at competitive prices.  
(Instrument Hire at \$6.00 per week. Minimum of 10 weeks)

### COST:

(PER WEEK, not including lesson books)

Group (3 students) \$17.00  
Shared (2 students) \$25.00  
Individual \$30.00

Home Lessons Available on request

(Lesson Books \$38.50 inc. Book DVD, CD & practice diary)

'...to help young people discover that learning is not a destination, but a journey, an incredibly wonderful journey to be devoured, savoured and cherished.'

Peter Loel Boonschaft - Teaching Music with Purpose 2006

### HOW TO ENROL:

(Choose one of the following options)

Online Enrolments at [www.genesismusicschool.com.au](http://www.genesismusicschool.com.au)

Scan & email to [info@genesismusicschool.com.au](mailto:info@genesismusicschool.com.au)

Fax to 9743 7210

Post to GENESIS MUSIC SCHOOL

PO BOX 250 DEER PARK 3023

Once we receive your enrolment we will reply with confirmation of lesson times and payment details.

