

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 21 February 2019



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM ONE 2019

Thursday 21st February

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

Wednesday 27th February

Prep children do not attend

Thursday 28th February

Think U Know Session 6:30pm

Monday 4th March

Preps start FULL TIME
Assembly 2:45pm

Friday 8th March

Teddy Bears Picnic 2pm

Monday 11th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 14th March

Twilight Sports 5:30 – 7pm

Wednesday 20th March

School Council – AGM 6pm

Friday 22nd March

SDSSA Athletics Carnival Year 5/6

Monday 25th March

Dental Van – ALL WEEK

Thursday 28th March

PB BBQ

Monday 1st April

End of term assembly 9am

Friday 5th April

Last Day TERM ONE 2:30pm
Easter Raffle
Assembly 2:00pm

TERM TWO 2019

Tuesday 23rd April

First Day Term Two

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday

Monday 29th April

Assembly 2:45pm



Refer to the website for Notices

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations and thank you to the parents and staff who nominated for School Council. We have exactly the right number of applicants, so there is no need for an election.

Parent Category: Jane Griffiths, Adam Graham, Despina Genimaki & Haydy Nassar.

DET Category: Georgia Despotellis & Louise Berry

The 2018 council members resided at this week's School Council meeting. The new School Council will reside from Wednesday March 20.

INTERVIEWS TONIGHT

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held tonight. Don't forget to fill in the questionnaire about your child and bring it along to the interview as a prompt for discussion.

Due to larger class sizes Year 3-6 interviews will begin from 2.30pm.

PA MEETING

Thank you to the parents who attended the PA meeting on Wednesday Night. We have enough interest to form a PA – Yay! We discussed the association and possible fundraising ideas. If you were unable to attend but would like to be involved please email the school on meerwaldt@hotmail.com We are always after volunteers and it is a great way to get involved with the school and meet new people.

We need your old phones AND their charges!

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

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 SESSION - DON'T MISS OUT. ONE OF THE BEST SESSIONS YOU CAN ATTEND AS A PARENT!

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 of 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

AN INTERESTING QUESTION TO PONDER!

At one of our information sessions last week a parent asked a really great question that got me thinking. The question was - Students in Years 3-6 will be increasing their screen time as a result of our new chromebooks and emphasis on ICT, so how much is too much?

The research out there is enormous and the debate regarding school screen time diverse.

So here are some of my thoughts as I read through the research...

- The key to this dilemma, like everything, is balance, consistency and moderation.
- The amount of time a child spends in front of a screen is not necessarily the problem. The type and quality of the material on the screen is the problem. Would we complain about a child who spends six hours each day reading books? Possibly. If the six hours was spent reading trashy novels, it may be a problem. If it was six hours spent reading the works of the great philosophers or scientific research, then it is not a problem. One enhances the mind; the other may not. Screen time is similar to books in that it is a window into another world of information. It can allow a child to interact with great minds and ideas, or it can be a distraction.
- There is quite a lot of scaremongering out there where traditionalists present the downside to changes in education. However, the future for our students/children is evolving and changing like no other time in history. Preparing our kids for their future is difficult, however we know that students will need 21st century skills - critical and creative thinking, applying learning, great social/emotional skills, technology skills, collaboration skills and adaptability. Fantastic Literacy and Numeracy skills are essential but so too are 21st century skills.



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- Interaction, not isolation. We recognise the importance of social interaction as part of the learning process. The great thing about (Google) GSuite is that it is built to promote interaction and collaboration.
- It is the job of parents and schools to guide children to become well-rounded and successful adults. This means ensuring that they are exercising, eating properly, sleeping well, etc.
- As schools begin to explore the educational potential of using more devices with screens in the classroom, parents who don't necessarily understand how this technology is used might understandably but erroneously assume that technology in schools is used in the same way that it has traditionally been used during their schooling. For typing up stories and researching. We want to change the way we utilise technology so that it supports great teaching and learning. Some questions we ask from a school perspective are..
 - Are the children reading and writing more?
 - Are the children learning maths more easily?
 - Can teachers give feedback more effectively?
 - Does this method (e.g. Google expeditions) enhance their understanding and enable them to apply it to their learning?
 - Do our practices allow for easy collaboration and promote new ideas?
 - Will this help all students think and learn more deeply?
 - How will this technology empower students to control their learning?
 - How will this aid the students in developing digital literacy skills?
 - How will they use ICT to connect with their community and allow them to make a change for the benefit of all?

Are our children spending too much time on screens?' is a valid but much less important question, since it's what they are doing on those screens that really matters.

Thank you to the parent for asking such an important question. I was also weary regarding the amount of screen time and the importance of balance. As a school we need to be conscious about balancing best practice with a healthy lifestyle.

For more information feel free to check out these websites.

<https://www.familyzone.com/schools/blog/screens-in-schools-the-good-news>

<https://www.dailymercury.com.au/news/screen-time-for-kids-aint-so-bad/3469011/>

<https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/blog/screen-time/>

Let's celebrate...

- Telstra Grant - \$1500 to go towards Literacy resources. Thank you to the Chee family for applying on our behalf.
- Our 2019 Captains receiving their leadership badges
- Congratulations to the Dankoluwe family who welcomed baby Evan into the family
- Our staff who came in over the weekend to complete a Level 2 First Aid course
- Great attendance at last week's Information Night sessions
- Congratulations to Hyuga W for winning his swimming comp and advancing to the next round!

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone



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TELSTRA GRANT

Great news! Telstra Kids grant

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a \$1,500 grant from Telstra. Telstra Kids helps kids thrive in their connected world. Our Telstra Kids grant will be used to enhance our literacy program, enabling the school to purchase new resources to "connect, challenge, inspire" the current (and future) students. These will be in the form of literacy resources and home readers.



Here is an update
from Telstra Kids



Huge thanks to JUSTIN CHEE from Telstra, who is the referrer, for applying for the funding for us. We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids connect to a digital future.

Classroom Helpers

Thank you to the parents/ carers who attended the Classroom Helpers induction last Monday.

If you were unable to attend but would still like to volunteer we will put some info for you together to read in the next newsletter. Please remember that you must have a working with childrens check and a signed copy of our Child Safe Code of Conduct to volunteer at our school.

Sentral (Parent Portal and App)

We are currently in contact with Sentral as they work on fixing the problems with the app. You are still able to use a desktop computer to access your parent portal but the app is a work in progress. Some families have had success by logging onto their computer and having their phone next to them. Then clicking forgotten password to reset the app. If this doesn't work for you, please be patient and Sentral is well aware of our issue and is working to fix it for us.

Log onto your portal via a computer: <https://sentral.mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au>

Teddy Bears Picnic

On March 8 we will be holding our annual kinder/ Prep teddy Bears Picnic. All our preps will be involved and a notice will be given out soon. If you know any kinder children or families looking for a school for next year please invite them along to participate in this fun filled afternoon. It begins at 2pm in our beautiful prep rooms. Don't forget your teddy bear!

Thanks

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S.D.S.S.A Swimming Carnival

A huge congratulations to Hyuga W who represented Mount Waverley Heights Primary School at the S.D.S.S.A Swimming Carnival yesterday competing in the 50 metres Breaststroke and 50 metres Butterfly in the 11 year old category. He placed first in both his races and therefore will be representing the Syndal District at the Monash Waverley Carnival on March 3rd. We wish him all the best!

School Sports Victoria – Team Victoria Trials

If there are any students in year 5/6 who would be interested in trialing for the state teams in the sports of AFL, Basketball, Soccer or Netball can you please come and see me or email me black.kathryn.l@edumail.vic.gov.au SSV trials are not a 'come and try' session, it is for students who are excelling at their chosen sport. For example students who participate in representative, state level and/ or have advanced skills. You may be asked to supply evidence of the highest level you play and the Principal must approve all nominations. We can only endorse 3 boys or girls in each sport, if there is more than 3 students interested trials will be run at school. If you are interested, you must notify me by Monday 25 Feb. No late entries will be accepted. Nominations close by the 28th February.

S.D.S.S.A Summer Sports Round Robin

Last Friday Year 5/6 students represented the school at the Summer Sports Round Robin at Jells Park. Students represented the school in Rounders, T20 Cricket, Softball and Tee ball. All students tried their best throughout the day and improved their skills. Mount Waverley Heights finished in 3rd place overall. Thank you to Mrs Douglas, Mr Morton and April Tapper who gave up their time to coach on the day.

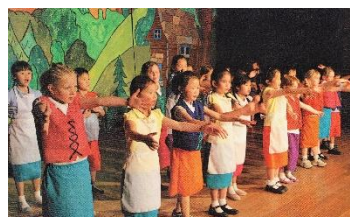


Genesis Music lessons

Instrumental music lessons have commenced for all of the students who have completed their enrollment with Genesis Music. Lessons are held in the old Art Portable. If you are still interested in learning an instrument, please contact Genesis Music directly via www.genesismusicschool.com.au or ph: 0421-426-674.

Drama Club

Drama Club will begin Monday 25th from 3:30pm – 4:30pm in the Art Room portable for Year 1 to 6 students. During the classes children will gain a good insight into all genres of theatre. There will be a mix of dance, drama and singing specially formulated to bring out every child's true potential. As well as having fun in the classes, your child will enjoy the benefits of greater confidence, improved concentration and an increased awareness of what they can achieve.



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EXTEND UPDATE

What's Been Happening?

This week for 'Around the World' we landed in Mexico! Making veggie tacos, learning about a dormant volcano called Pico de Orizaba, the highest mountain in Mexico, which we then got to recreate and experiment with our very own volcanic reaction.

The children love the endless possibilities that come with hama beads, so we are currently in the works of putting together our very own hama bead book of the children's very own creations, allowing the children to look back on their wonderful masterpieces, while also allowing other children to get ideas on what they could create next. Check out Maddie C's Rainbow Dolphin!



Our Mascots, Marshmallow and Brownie, love eating healthy! Last weekend they ate some freshly grown cucumber straight from our garden.

The Extend Superstar is...

Dylan C from 5/6 His positive attitude and enthusiastic approach to trying out new activities and experiences. He also, without being asked always tidies up after himself and sometimes even after others. Thank you for your awesome contributions!

Coming up next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fruit Smoothies & Cooking: Pita Chips	Dream Time Program & Indigenous Game - Kolap	Science: Slime & Ball Sports	Art: Jewellery Making & Playground	Handprints, Lanyards & Group Games

From Jayde & the children.

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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



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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
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<https://preetkriti.com/pages/smart>

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CLASS OPTIONS
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