

Thursday 7 February 2019



#### **TERM ONE 2019**

Thursday 7th February **School Council nominations** 

#### Wednesday 13th February

Prep children do not attend Prep Information Night 6:30pm Years 3-4 Information Night 5:30pm

#### Thursday 14th February

Years 1-2 Information Night 5:30pm Years 5-6 Information Night 6:15pm

#### Friday 15th February

SDSSA Summer Sport – Jells Park

#### Monday 18th February

Assembly 2:45pm

#### Wednesday 20th February

Prep children do not attend School Council 7pm

#### Monday 21st February

Year Prep - 6 Info Exchange Night

#### Wednesday 27th February

Prep children do not attend

#### Monday 4th March

Preps start FULL TIME Assembly 2:45pm

#### Friday 8th March

Teddy Bears Picnic 2pm

## Monday 11th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

#### Monday 14th March

Twilight Sports 5:30 - 7pm

#### Friday 22nd March

SDSSA Athletics Carnival Year 5/6

#### 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/

#### PREPS START!

Congratulations to all our students who have made a fantastic transition to their new year level. Students have settled in beautifully to their new classes and there is a focussed yet relaxed vibe around the school, as students adapt to their new surroundings and expectations. Our preps have also settled in beautifully and should feel very proud of their smooth transition to primary school. The have demonstrated a readiness for learning and are beginning to form friendships.

#### **READERS**

Readers will be sent home on Monday. Please note that students will be taking home readers from where they left off in 2018 until their assessment has been finalised. Unfortunately, if students have not been reading over the holiday period, they can drop back a few levels before they regain their confidence. We also know that there will be many students who have progressed and will be reading well beyond their 2018 level. The levels will be modified and adjusted as soon as the assessment has been completed. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

#### **INFORMATION NIGHTS**

We will be holding 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 6.15-7.00pm

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

### **UPDATING OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have recently changed address or contact numbers, please ensure that we have your updated details.

#### **MEDICAL NEEDS**

If your child has special medical needs – allergies, anaphylaxis, asthma etc. – please ensure the school has an up-to-date record of this. In particular with regard to anaphylaxis, asthma and allergies we require the Action Plan from your family doctor. It is vital that we meet our duty of care requirements and these medical plans are an important part of this.



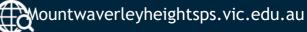




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#### **THANK YOU - ARRIVING ON TIME**

It has been wonderful to have very few students late to school over the past week! There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class.

#### Did you know?

- The likelihood of success in learning, is strongly linked to participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.
- Lots and lots of learning! It ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- Early morning learning activities are often reading or writing. Your child receives the explicit teaching of skills and instructions for the morning activities/school day.
- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- Less likely to feel anxious about their learning and to develop positive relationships within the class.

#### Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

#### THINK YOU KNOW

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Thursday Feb 28 (6.30-8.00pm) and all parents, carers and teachers 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

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are after some muscle! We need some parents (3-4) to assist with placing some old furniture in a skip. Unfortunately, we were unable to find a home for these items. If you are able to help, or can rally a group of parents, please let me know.















#### **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 %. If you attended our Industry partnership launch in 2018 this counts towards one session. Our Year % 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.

#### **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 today Thursday 7 February and must be returned by 4pm as of Thursday 14 February. On Monday 18 February a list of candidates and nominators will be posted.

#### **INFORMATION EXCHANGE NIGHT**

On Thursday February 21 we will be offering parents an opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher to share vital information about their child's learning requirements and provide parents with an opportunity to discuss any concerns regarding their child's academic, social and emotional development. In some cases a parent sharing 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. Information regarding the exchange night will be distributed next week. The online booking system will be used again this year and details regarding how to do this will be sent home with the notice.

#### STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

At this time of year, I am asked to remind parents that the school doesn't have any student accident insurance and therefore parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. We strongly encourage families to purchase ambulance cover, as these expenses can be enormous compared to the initial outlay. Additional accident insurance policies can be purchased from commercial insurers. Can I also remind parents/guardians that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. We strongly recommend that students do not bring valuable items to school.

#### 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

#### Let's celebrate...

A great week for the Preps!

Until next week,

## Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone







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#### **Classroom Helpers**

Helping in the classroom and with school events is a great way to become involved with our school. The literacy block generally runs from 9 – 11am and during that time students engage in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Our literacy block starts with 'read to self', which is ten minutes of reading where students work on developing their strategies and comprehension skills. We would love to have parents come and help during this read-to-self time by listening to students read but in order to be a helper in the classroom you need to complete our Classroom Helpers Program. Even if you attended this program last year, it is always important to refresh your memory and keep up to date with the latest requirements when volunteering within a primary school and the Child Safe Standards.

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. The program will be running on Monday Feb 18 from 2 – 2.30pm.

#### Sentral (Parent Portal and App)

If you have any programs, logging on to Sentral please come and see the office. You need to log into the portal on your desktop computer and then link your account to the app. To log onto the parent Portal your username is your email address and the password is the one you created initially. If you have forgotten your password, please click on the Forgot Password section.



There may be a lag when resetting your password so we appreciate your patience.

If you are not set up with Sentral it is really important that you speak to the office about an account and linking the Sentral for Parents app as we send out reminders and notifications via this method of communication.

**Thanks** 

Carolyn Carolyn Datson **Assistant Principal** 

















## Being Responsible, Respectful and Inclusive.....

The 1/2's have had a great start to the year, discussing the school expectations of being responsible, respectful and inclusive. One of the students' favourites was this lesson 1/2 B did on being inclusive. The students used toothpaste to explore the effects of their actions. Students squeezed the toothpaste out of tubes and tried to put it back into the tube to demonstrate that even when we apologise and rectify a situation we cannot always undo what we've done.

We then discussed 'Sticky Words' and how when we say or do something (good or bad), it can leave a mark on someone's heart. Students then came up with their own 'Sticky Words' they can say to others to leave positive marks on their hearts.

"I like you just the way you are" - Milla "Do you want to play with me?" - Rens "You did a really good job" - Yui











# Toyota Dream Car Competition

As part of the Term One Visual Arts Curriculum, every child from Years One to Six will be completing a dream car design to send to Toyota as part of their world wide art competition.

Parent permission forms have been distributed to all student this week. If you could please complete, sign and return by the Tuesday 12th February to allow us time to submit to Toyota.

Thank-you in advance,

Mrs. Claire Furlong Specialist Level Leader









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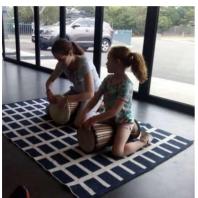


## **Extend OSHC at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School**

## **EXTEND UPDATE**

Hi everyone & welcome back to 2019! We hope you all got the chance to create some wonderful memories during the holidays, just as we did during our fun-filled holiday program. We look forward to seeing new faces join the evergrowing Extend family, and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to pop in any time.

#### What's Been Happening?







This week we began our trip around the world and landed in China. 'Around the world' is a service initiative created by the children, for the children. We visit a different country each fortnight, exploring their culture through cooking, science and art. In celebration of Lunar new year we made delicious vegetarian dumplings where the children were able to learn and develop their folding techniques and learnt how to make their very own red envelopes and the meaning behind them. What country should we visit next?

### Coming up next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cooking:	<b>Dream Time</b>	Science:	Art:	All about me
Banana	Program &	Scented Play-	Imagination	sheets &
Muffins &	Indigenous	doh & Skittle	Creation &	<b>Community:</b>
<b>Group Games</b>	Game - Kai	Soccer	Playground	Pen Pals w/ St.
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From Jayde & the children.

Enrol and book now: extend.com.au

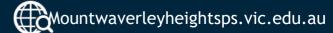
















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Genesis Music School provides a progressive curriculum for students of all ages. Our lessons are fun, educational and professional. Our Teachers are committed to sharing their passion for music and their love of learning. Reading music, theory and 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.



..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 Boonshaft - Teaching Music with Purpose 2006

#### **HOW TO ENROL:**

(Choose one of the following options)

Online Enrolments at www.genesismusicschool.com.au Scan & email to 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.

#### **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)

(PER WEEK, not including lesson books) Group (3 students) \$17.00 Shared (2 students) \$25.00 **Individual** \$30.00 Home Lessons Available on request

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









Instrumental music lessons will commence next Friday 15th February. If you would like to enroll your son or daughter there are still places available. Please see the office for enrolment forms.







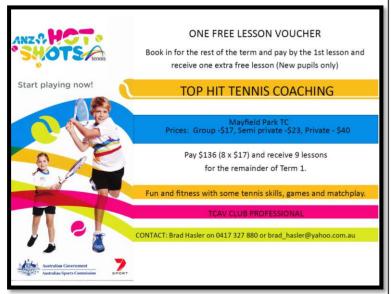
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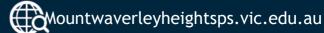






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CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT OUR NEW VENUE St Mary Magdalen's School 15 Bambil St, Chadstone CLASSES COMMENCE 4TH FEBURARY - ENROL NOW !!!!!!

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AFTER SCHOOL MON - THURS Our School is run in a fun, friendly, relaxed environment with NO pressure.

FREE TRIAL CLASS

For further information and class times,

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

Mob. 0411 065 947

Email: pamspeedydanceschool@hotmail.com

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







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# **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.



**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

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