

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 14 March 2019



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM ONE 2019

Thursday 14th March

Twilight Sports 5:00 – 7pm

Wednesday 20th March

School Council – AGM 6pm (All parents welcome)

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

Thursday 4th April

Year 3/4 Incursion

Friday 5th April

Last Day TERM ONE 2:30pm

Easter Raffle and Bonnet Parade

Assembly 1:45pm

TERM TWO 2019

Tuesday 23rd April

First Day Term Two

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday

Monday 29th April

Assembly 2:45pm

Tuesday 30th April

School Photos

Friday 3rd May

SDSSA Winter Sport Round 1

Wednesday 8th May

School Council 7pm

Thursday 9th May

Mothers Day Stall



Refer to the website for Notices

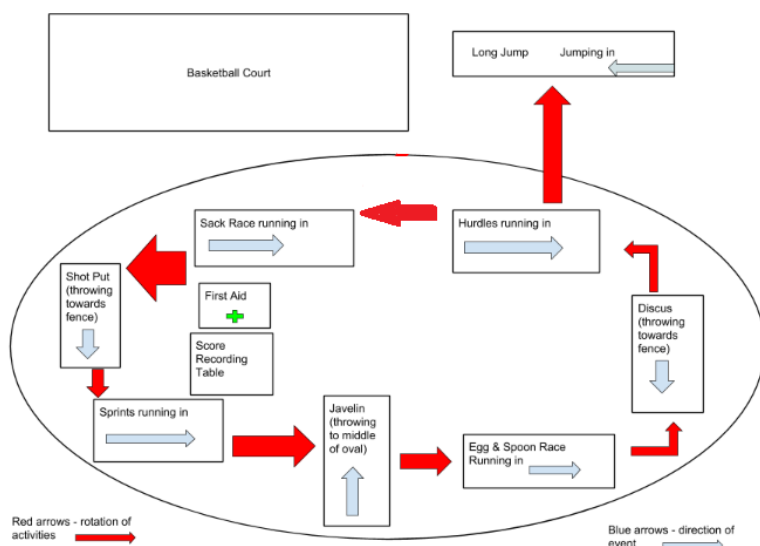
<http://mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/>

TWILIGHT SPORTS - WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTING EVENT

Our Annual House Sports will take place this Thursday March 14 from 5.00-7pm. We invite parents, grandparents, family and friends to our whole school event. This year the Parents Association will be selling sausages, hamburgers, drinks and icy poles. We are after parents to assist with the bbq. If you are able to help, even if it is only for 20min, it would be much appreciated.

Families are also welcome to bring their own food. The races and novelty events will take place from 5.45-7pm. We will conclude the night with a parent tunnel ball event. **We encourage all students and their families to come dressed in their child's House Colors.**

This year we will be running Twilight Sports differently. To encourage house spirit and to provide students with an opportunity to participate in a range of sports, we will be running a tabloid sports night. Students will compete in their houses (P-2 and 3-6) earning as many points in the time provided. These results will then be tallied to announce the Twilight Sports winners. Students will take home a ribbon (1st-4th) depending on where their house came. Not only will students earn points based on their skill, but they will also be awarded bonus points for team work, collaboration, resilience and sporting spirit.



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DIVERSITY

One of the many things I love about our school is our cultural diversity. Whilst we have so many countries represented, it was interesting to see the top 10 countries of birth.

Other Countries: Russia, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Spain, Greek, Netherlands, Japanese, Sth America, Albania, Vietnam, Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia.....

We have students from 25 different countries. 79 students speak a language other than English at home. This is 38.54% of the student body. 55 of these students were born in Australia, but speak a language other than English at home. They represent 26.83% of the student body.

Top 10 countries of birth - parents

	Name	Number	Percent
	Australia	160	40.40%
	India	32	8.08%
	China	23	5.81%
	Malaysia	19	4.80%
	Philippines	15	3.79%
	Korea, Republic of	14	3.54%
	United Kingdom	13	3.28%
	New Zealand	10	2.53%
	Indonesia	9	2.27%
	Taiwan, Province of China	9	2.27%

As a School Council we have been looking into ways we can better celebrate our cultural and religious diversity. As such we have identified a range of celebrations that we would like to embrace. We would love parents from these cultural backgrounds to help provide an authentic experience. For some celebrations we will be asking parent representatives to join their child's class and complete an activity. Other celebrations might include an assembly presentation or a whole school activity. Our goal is to broaden our students understanding and develop empathy and respect for all. Our first celebration will be held in the first week back after the April school holidays. We will keep you posted when all the details have been arranged.

Think U Know Student Session

Unfortunately our Think You Know Cyber safety session for students was postponed. We are currently rescheduling this event and will keep you posted.



Attending Two Information Sessions

We requested that parents attend two ICT information sessions, so that they can....

- understand our school's policies and the potential risks
- are able to develop a greater understanding of our school's expectations in the use and care of our equipment
- understand the ways we are using technology to enhance the learning and teaching at our school
- be informed of ways to help keep your child safe whilst online

We understand that it is not always possible to attend after school events. As such, we have developed a parent questionnaire. This enables those parents who were unable to attend the sessions with an opportunity to review some of the topics covered. The questionnaire can be collected from the office. These must be submitted prior to your child taking home a chromebook.

SENTRAL APP FIXED

At our Information Nights we reported an error that seemed to effect iphone users. Sentral has informed us that this error has now be fixed. If you are having any troubles with connecting to Sentral please see Carolyn or Louise.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Thank you to the Prep teachers and Helen (ES member) for organising the 'Teddy Bear Picnic' last Friday. It was such a fun afternoon and it was fantastic to have so many parents in attendance.



EASTER BONNET PARADE

On the last Friday of this term, the end of term assembly will be at 1:45pm. At this assembly we will be drawing the Easter Raffle and holding an Easter Bonnet parade. **Families are asked to make a bonnet at home for this event.** Students will not be working on their bonnets during class time. We do not expect you to purchase items but rather to recycle and create using items you have at home. A student from each class will be awarded a prize for the best use of recycled material. We look forward to showcasing the bonnets at the final assembly on Friday 5 April. Here are some examples to get you thinking!



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

Let's celebrate...

- A great Teddy Bear's Picnic event

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Monash Council Junior Advisory Group

The Monash Council has offered four of our Year 4 students the opportunity to be a part of their Junior Advisory Group. A number of schools take part in this group and it gives an opportunity for students to understand what a council does and how to be an active member in our community. The Junior Advisory Group (JAG) gives students the opportunity to share their thoughts/ concerns/ questions regarding their community with one of the councillors.

Last week, a project officer from the council visited all the Year 4's and spoke to them about 'What do councils do?'. Claire, the project officer also spoke about council activity and the purpose of the Junior Advisory Group. Students looked at what is happening in the community and raised their awareness of how they can take part. This informative discussion was aimed at expanding the students understanding of what their local Council does – a chance to apply the conceptual discussions had in class regarding local government into real life. It was great to see how excited our students were to be involved in the wider community.

The Year 4's students will now develop a set of questions they would like to ask the councillors. The teachers and I will identify four, Year 4 students who regularly demonstrate our school values, have a willingness to get involved and are enthusiastic participants to represent our school at the JAG meeting at the council offices in the last week of term.

School Council

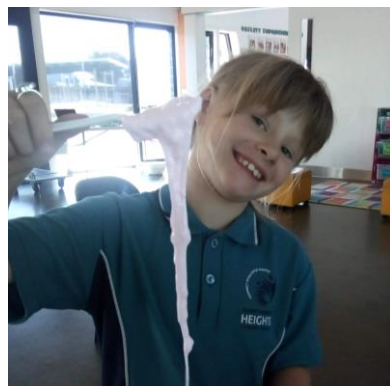
School Council AGM will be held next Wednesday 20th March. Parents are invited to attend from 6pm-7pm

Thank-you

Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal





What's Been Happening?

This term our sustainability project was focused on reducing, reusing and recycling, and a part of that we decided to turn our used milk containers into pot plants to grow a range of vibrant flowers. We look forward to see our seeds germinate and sprout and will keep you updated!

Kara L and her Dad Michael are very talented when it comes to creating with loom bands. Last week they created two small replicas of our guinea pigs using only loom bands!

The Extend Superstar is...

Natasha S from 5/6 M, for helping lead our cooking activities. Whether we are cooking something we are familiar or unfamiliar with, I love the enthusiasm and joy you have when we bring the recipe to life. Keep it up and continue encouraging our friends to give it a try, just as you do every week.

Coming up next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Around the World: Italy! Cooking: Veggie Pizza	Dream Time Program & Indigenous Game - Tektyerrain	Science: DIY Leaning Tower of Pisa w/ straws & Ball Sports	Art: Clay Creations & Playground	Wellbeing: Emoji Feelings & Group Games

Aftercare Open Afternoon!

In a couple of weeks Extend will be having an open day for all families to come in, have some tea, ask any questions you may have and experience the service with all the activity stations set up. Keep an eye out for next week's newsletter as we will be announcing the date and time that this will be taking place.

From Jayde & the children.

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Computer Programming Club

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting Computer Programming club running at the school.

The aim of the club is to provide students with exposure to the fundamentals of computer science concepts. Run by external consultants from Digimaker, this program will:

- Build games, animations, stories utilizing pupil's creative thinking
- Develop logical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Express ideas & boost confidence working in a collaborative environment
- Enable the grasp of computational thinking which combines math and logic

For details on the course, visit <http://www.digimaker.com.au/courses/>

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students work on school computer during the session.

Program for Term 2 2019 is as follows:

Room : Class Room
Year : 3 to 6
Fee : \$152

<u>Batch – After School</u>	
Day	Tuesday's 30 th Apr to 18 th Jun (08 weeks)
Time	03:30pm – 04:30pm

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If you are interested in your child being considered for the programming club, please *fill the form online @ www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/ latest by Thursday 4th April 2019. Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via **email.

*Existing students need not fill the form

**All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.



U12/13 MALE PLAYERS WANTED

Expressions of interest
Helen 0409 530 383
helenk65@hotmail.com

Where:
Edward St,
Oakleigh

Training Tues & Thurs 6.00 - 7.20pm
Friendly Community Club, Excellent Facilities

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ANNIVERSARY

LIVE OUTDOOR CONCERT
TWILIGHT MARKET AMUSEMENTS
HISTORICAL PHOTO DISPLAY FOOD TRUCKS
FRIDAY MARCH 15 5PM-9PM

GOLD COIN DONATION
ENTRY VIA HEATH ST



2 DAY JUNIOR
BASKETBALL CAMP

\$175

WAVERLEY BASKETBALL STADIUM

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th April
Corner Batesford Road & Power Avenue, Chadstone

