

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 7 March 2019



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM ONE 2019

Friday 8th March

Teddy Bears Picnic 2pm

Monday 11th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 14th March

Twilight Sports 5:00 – 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

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/>

THINK YOU KNOW SESSION -

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our cyber safety session. We had a fantastic turn out.

Some key take away messages...

- Communication is the key. Making opportunities to talk about media alerts, how to keep safe and what to do if you feel uncomfortable or being threatened is the key to ensuring your child makes good choices.
- Remaining calm and not yelling at your child when they make a mistake online. If you over react, then they won't come to you again to discuss concerns.
- Checking settings and appropriateness of games/apps being used.
- Setting up routines. Such as not using devices in bedrooms.
- Checking searches, text messages and histories.



For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

ADJUSTABLE INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

Four new height adjustable interactive whiteboards have been installed in the Year ½ classrooms. Alongside these devices, the netbooks and ipads that were in the Year 3-6 classrooms have been distributed throughout the P-2 grades.



CHROMEBOOKS



Thanks to Miss Hannah's brother Andrew, for designing the skins for our 3-6 chromebooks. They are now easily identifiable and will help protect the devices. The Year ½ students began taking their chromebooks home this week. To say they were excited, was an understatement!



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Think U Know Student Session

Next Wednesday Year 5/6 students will participate in the student Think You Know Cyber safety session for students. These sessions provide students with important cyber safety education. ThinkUKnow youth sessions are delivered by all state and territory police and cater for Kindergarten to Year 12.

Students in 5/6 will have a session building on concepts of technology and online safety. Discussions will be held around usernames, passwords and privacy settings when using websites and apps. Further to this, students will learn about true and false information, safe searching and staying safe while using instant messaging. The presenter will also speak about sharing images or videos and what information can be gathered from these. Online gaming, staying safe when playing online games, cyberbullying and what help is available to students to support them staying safe online will also be discussed.

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.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC – Friday March 8 from 2.00pm

We will be holding our special 'Teddy Bear Picnic' event this Friday March 8 from 2.00-3pm. We are encouraging our preps to bring along their favourite teddy bear for an afternoon of fun and games. Our local pre-schoolers and kinder kids have been invited to participate! If you have a 3 or 4 year old child, you are welcome to come along too!

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Today we held our first Emergency Evacuation Practice. Each term we practice either an evacuation or lockdown. This ensures that students and teachers are well prepared should there be an emergency situation which requires us to move to our safety destination point. In these circumstances, Sentral will be used to inform parents regarding the situation. Please ensure that you are connected to Sentral and check it regularly for updates.

SENTRAL APP FIXED

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

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

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2019: #BalanceforBetter

This Friday is International Women's Day, so I thought it would be great to highlight some of the amazing girls who are making a change to better the world/lives around us.



Connecting Through Music

Abigail Lupi

Age 10, Stockholm, NJ

Lots of children like to put on shows. Few are as enterprising as Abigail. She performed her first musical revue three years ago at an assisted-living center, in honor of her great-grandmother's 100th birthday. "That's when I discovered many of the elderly didn't have visitors," she says. Abigail figured she could remedy that by inviting friends to perform with her at assisted-living residences, nursing homes, and children's hospitals throughout the state. Today, [CareGirlz](#), Abigail's ensemble of 13 girls ages 6 to 13, has a repertoire of more than 90 Broadway and pop songs, and they've performed in 20 different locales so far. "I like to brighten up people's days and help them have a fun time," says Abigail. "If I do my best, they'll have a smile on their faces by the end."



COURTESY OF CHARLIE COONS

Spreading World Peace, One Blanket at a Time

Charlie Coons

Age 13, Simi Valley, CA

In 2008 Charlie Coons's big brother volunteered at an orphanage in Jordan, and he returned with stories about dirt floors, children who had no shoes, and cold, cold nights. Charlie, 11 at the time, was so affected by this, she immediately decided to send them fleece blankets, creating one from a kit and inviting friends to make some, too. Soon the sixth-graders and other volunteers in her town had crafted 50 blankets to ship. The orphanage sent back a photo of a child with one of the gifts. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I made that blanket and now it's helping someone,'" Charlie says.

Still, she was pumped to do more. Her dad, Ron, a Rotary Club member, lined up speaking engagements in their area for Charlie so she could raise money for her new group, which she called HELP (Hope Encouragement Love Peace). Her goal: to send blankets to orphanages around the world. Ambitious, yes, but just a few years later, HELP has sent some 700 blankets to nine nations with the help of several international children's groups. Her next goal: to establish HELP chapters in all 50 states (Oklahoma, North Carolina, and California are already members). Want to get your state on board? All you have to do is drop Charlie a note at blanketwithlove@yahoo.com.



Protecting Canine Cops

Kayleigh Crimmins

Age 8, Chesapeake, VA

Kayleigh loved watching the police dogs train when she visited her police officer dad at work. So when the then 6-year-old saw photos of the dogs and noticed that only some wore bulletproof vests—at \$700 apiece, many departments can't afford them—she decided to raise the money herself by selling some of her toys. A local businessman learned about her plan and donated enough money for her to buy her first vest, in 2009. Since then, Kayleigh's organization, [Kids for K9s](#), has raised enough money to buy five more. At the ripe old age of 8, Kayleigh says she plans to stick with her project "until I'm forty, probably."



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TWILIGHT SPORTS - WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTING EVENT

Our annual House sports will take place 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. Please see the flyer insert in this newsletter to register your help.

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. Please see Mrs Kate Black's outline on the following page. 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.

SWIMMING CHAMPION

Congratulations to Huyga in 5% who represented our school at the district swimming competition. He came first in butterfly and was beaten by 0.3 of a second in breaststroke. Huyga will now compete in the Region Swimming Championships next week. Best of luck Huyga!



VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

Many of us have friends and family living in areas threatened by the bushfires over the past week. It must be exceptionally frightening and scary for all involved. A tragic event with potential life long consequences for individuals and communities. We would just like to send our thoughts to all the communities affected by the bush fires.

REMINDER

Public Holiday on Monday.

Let's celebrate...

- Huyga's success
- IWBs installed
- Year 5% students taking home chromebooks
- Great turnout at the Think U Know session last Thursday

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Primary Maths and Science Specialist

Last week, Georgia Despotellis and I attended the first block of professional learning around the Primary Maths and Science Specialist Initiative. Georgia and I will be working on our maths approach as part of the initiative for the next two years. The initiative aims to:

- Increase student engagement and achievement in maths
- Increase staff knowledge around how students learn maths
- Increase understanding of STEM
- Have an impact in schools beyond the life of the initiative.

We spent three days unpacking the maths curriculum and inquiring into our schools maths practices. We want our students to have deep learning experiences, time to ask questions about maths and experience real life problems that excite students. There were a number of engaging speakers, one speaker Natalie Thorne a Melbourne Genomics' Lead Specialist in Clinical Genomics, was very inspiring. She spoke about her journey from a country school to cutting edge maths/ science and how maths was a huge influence in her life and career. We also heard from Peter Sullivan a Professor of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education at Monash University. He has extensive experience in research and teaching in teacher education.

The three days of professional learning was very beneficial and we look forward to working mathematically!

Below is a link to Everyday Maths Animations that are targeted at families and students in the early years up to Year 2. The Everyday Maths animations show how each day is a learning opportunity to establish and reinforce foundational numeracy skills. It can be easier for children to understand maths concepts and practical applications when they relate it to something real and see it as part of everyday life.

<http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/Resource/LandingPage?ObjectId=1de5f877-104c-4f4f-b18a-73c698a2f233>



Thank you to everyone who attend the Think U Know session last week. I found the session very informative and relevant to my own family as I navigate through the digital world with my three children. Technology is a part of everyday life and it encourages interaction, expression and connectedness but it also comes with challenges. The session focussed on cybersafety in particular privacy, data, info sharing, bullying online and digital reputation. The below websites provide parents with some assistance when navigating the digital world.

Think U Know

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

eSafety

<https://esafety.gov.au/>

Kids Helpline

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Thanks

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Art & Music News

An enormous thank you to Ian and Ken from Musical Futures for the incredibly generous donation of 8 acoustic guitars and an electric bass guitar for our Music Programme. We are very excited to put these instruments to good use!



DRAMA CLUB

Due to Monday being a public holiday, a make-up Drama club session will be run at lunchtime on **MONDAY 18th MARCH** in addition to the usual after school session on the day.

Physical Education News

Thursday 14th March Mount Waverley Heights Primary School will be holding their Twilight Sports between 5:00pm - 7:00pm. The picnic will be held between 5:00-5:30pm and the events will commence at 5:45pm. Unlike previous years, the Twilight Sports this year will be a Tabloid Sports based around athletic events with students competing in their house groups. Students will be grouped in Prep - Year 2 and Year 3 - 6 with 8 different events running at the same time. Students will be actively involved in all 8 events and will be given the opportunity to work together as a team to gain points for their respective houses. At the end of the night there will be an overall winner with ribbons given out. However some things never change there will be a Mums Vs Dads tunnel ball event to conclude the night!

See you there!

Mrs. Kate Black – Sports Coordinator



Class	Class award	HOM Communicating with clarity and precision
Prep S	Olivia K	Sebastian O
1/2B	Milton S - putting in a lot of effort during maths groups to get the most out of his learning and working well with his group on the hundreds chart puzzle.	Nathan P - For finding different ways to communicate his ideas when others are unclear, including drawing pictures and writing his ideas down.
1/2G	Zoe A - Completing all tasks to the highest standard.	Dion S - always speaking clearly, at an appropriate volume
1/2J	Marissa H- For working hard during class and making responsible about where you sit during class	Joe L- For presenting his share and chat clearly and confidently. Using his pictures to support what he was saying.
1/2M	Charlie S- For her active participation in all class activities and completing all tasks to a very high standard.	Nela J- For thinking through her responses so that she is articulate and clear when she speaks.
3/4H	Geonui for being a respectful and considerate class member	Bradley C- for clearly and precisely defining his spelling words
3/4R	Savya - for always being respectful for his classmates and holding the door open for others.	Elias - For speaking clearly when sharing their contributions to class discussions
5/6D	Marianna Stamatopoulos for actively respecting the school environment by picking up papers during lunchtime and following through on classroom responsibilities.	Yemam Alhamed for clearly restating comments or expanding upon ideas during class discussion.

Award	Student	Reason
Specialist Art	Nikita H	For always following Art Room expectations and always being ready to learn.
Specialist P.E	Marianna S	For showing leadership and initiative in helping during set up and pack in PE.
Specialist Music	Geonui K	For always working hard and challenging himself in Music.
Specialist Japanese	Sofia N	For being a respectful and responsible learner in Japanese

Student Representative Council Applications

We would like to thank all students who have applied for the SRC for 2019. This week during lunchtime, students from Year 2 - Year 6 have had the opportunity to express their interest in becoming an SRC member. These students should be commended for the initiative, dedication and enthusiasm they are willing to offer to the school and wider community. We are now in the process of selecting the successful applicants.

Outlined below is the selection process for the SRC:

1. Students express their interest through an application detailing why they wish to participate, what personal qualities, behaviours, interests and experience they have to offer, and what they hope to learn from participating.
2. Students are shortlisted based on their application.
3. Previous involvement in the SRC is considered. We are keen to provide as many students with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and their genuine passion for supporting community programs.
4. We take into account students who consistently display our school expectations, always being responsible, respectful and inclusive.

Students who have been selected for the SRC will be informed as soon as possible so that we can begin organising events.

Kind regards,
Lucas Ryan and Amy Morris (SRC Coordinators)

Sustainability News



Message from Sustainability!

Have you got a green thumb and a keen interest for growing fruit and vegetables?

We are would like to revive our veggie patches and are looking for volunteers!

If you would like to be involved and share your expertise please contact Miss Spurling from Prep S.

Any students years 2-6 wishing to join the Sustainability club are welcome to attend lunch time meetings beginning the 13th of March.

Thank you :)

Extend Update

What's Been Happening?

The highlight of our week has been creating and using our brand new monitor lanyards. Our children love taking on different roles within the service, and we have found that this really aids children to build their confidence and skills. Some of our most popular monitors are 'Guinea Pig Guru', 'Dishwasher Diva', and lastly 'Board Game Boss'. Can you think of any other ones?



Last weekend Marshmallow and Brownie Slept over at Mikaela's house and while they were there, they had a little photo shoot. Mikaela and her family love them so much they wish they could have them all the time! Come to Extend and check out our Mascots

The Extend Superstar is...

Sophie Kuo from 3/4 H, for always voluntarily lending help where it's needed! Without even being asked, Sophie steps up and will assist the educators and her peers with any task, whether it be comforting a friend or helping to solve a slime disaster, she's a friend we can all count on.

Coming up next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LABOUR DAY	Dream Time Program & Indigenous Game - Wulijini	Science: Sustainable Milk Carton Plants & Ball Sports	Art: Imagination Creation & Playground	Cooking: Milo Balls & 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.

Enrol and book now: extend.com.au

TWILIGHT SPORTS 14TH MARCH, 5-7PM

Come along and watch the kids participate in some fun races and wear your runners to join in the adults tunnel ball comp! Don't forget to wear your team colours!

BYO picnic dinner or make it an easy night and grab something from our BBQ! Sports start at 5:30pm, so come and join in some social time before cheering on the kids!

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Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th April
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