

The Heights Happenings

Friday 26 April 2019



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM TWO 2019

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

Friday 10th May
SDSSA Winter Sport Round 2
Mothers Day Breakfast before school

Monday 13th May
Assembly 2:45pm

Tuesday 14th/15th/16th May
NAPLAN Language/Reading/Numeracy

Friday 17th May
SDSSA Cross Country Jells Park (Year 4-6)
Piece Together Prep Session 1

Thursday 23rd May
Open Night 6-7:30pm

Friday 24th May
Surprise School Event
SDSSA Winter Sport Round 3

Monday 27th May
Assembly 2:45pm

Friday 31st May
SDSSA Winter Sport Round 4

Friday 7th June
SDSSA Winter Sport Round 5 - BYE
Dragon Boat Festival Day

Monday 10th June
QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Refer to the website for Notices

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

Principal's Report

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. I spent most of the holidays painting our house, but loved the beautiful warm weather that remained with us throughout most of the holiday period!

There were lots of cultural and religious festivities over the break. The Hindu festival of Ramanavami, Jewish Pesach, Hanamatsuri (flower festival to mark the Japanese celebration of Buddha Shakyamuni's birthday), Songkran the traditional New Year's Day festival in Thailand and of course Easter. A time for families to rejoice or commemorate.

Today we will be celebrated Greek Easter. You may have noticed Greek music playing over the loudspeaker to get into the spirit of things. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to speak to the students about the upcoming festivities. Thank you also to "Greek Bakery" for supplying baked goods for each class. Students will have the opportunity to try Tsoureki - a traditional Greek bread shared during Easter.



Unfortunately, the holiday period was marred by the terrible tragedy in Sri Lanka last week. This event, like the tragedy in New Zealand only a month ago, continues to highlight the need for us to reinforce the notions of tolerance, understanding, respect and compassion. My deepest sympathies go out to our Sri Lankan families and all of those affected at this tragic time.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. We hope families took some time yesterday to discuss the importance and significance of Anzac Day.



Our Student Representative Council (SRC) will be recognising this historical day at assembly on Monday.



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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that School Photos will take place next Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

For families requesting a sibling photo – these need to be placed online before the **29th April**.



HERALD SUN AND LEADER ARTICLES

You may have noticed our school name mentioned in the Herald Sun on the 10 April as one of Victoria's most improved schools.



Just before the holidays I received a lovely email from ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) - 'On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Improvement in student literacy and/or numeracy of this magnitude, as measured by NAPLAN, is significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledging.'

The Leader newspaper also featured an editorial regarding our Industry partnership this week.

DIGITAL TO REDEFINE LEARNING

Mount Waverley Heights Primary School (MWHPS) is arguably one of the most digitally connected schools following its partnering with IT solutions company Datacom, Google, HP and BenQ.

It is the first school to take on the partnership through the Beacon School industry project.

Datacom Australia managing director Bob Peebles said the project was all about providing a greater enhanced learning experience. School principal Sharon Reiss-Stone said the students had greeted the news with excitement.

Since the announcement last October, MWHPS students have had



Students experiencing the world of virtual reality.

amazing... It was like I wasn't in this world. I was in a different world."

Ms Reiss-Stone said the staff were all excited.

"They are excited about changing the way they teach and learn and the opportunity to collaborate not just within our own staff but across the world and leading that innovation in curriculum design," she said.

the opportunity to try out new Chromebooks, interactive whiteboards and the world of virtual reality.

In a video capture of the launch Year 2 student Bradley said of his VR experience: "I was on the roller coaster. It was really cool and very real."

Darcy, Year 5, was just as enthusiastic. She said: "It was

Year 5 and 6 teacher Lindsay Hannah is keen with the opportunity to completely redefine what learning is.

"I don't want it to be just paper and pen and individualised. I want it to be collaborative and meaningful and I think this technology will achieve that," she said.

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HATS!

As part of our Sun Smart policy students must wear their hats from the 1 of September to the **30 of April**. Given the beautiful warm autumn weather we have been having, hats are a must!

PIECE TOGETHER PREP SESSION – MAY 17

On Friday May 11 we will be holding our first Piece together Prep Session - 'Story Time' session from 2:00-3:00pm for any 4 year olds. Invite a friend and come along with your pre-schooler!

ASSEMBLY MONDAY APRIL 29

Just a reminder that there will be assembly on Monday April 29 beginning at 2.45pm.

MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES

Thursday May 9	Mother's Day Stall
Friday May 10	Mother's Day Breakfast

EDUCATION WEEK - OPEN NIGHT (MAY 23) - WIN YOUR VERY OWN CHROMEBOOK!

We will be celebrating Education Week with an Open Night on Thursday May 23 from 6-7.30pm. We will be showcasing some of the outstanding work students have been involved in alongside technology challenges. On the night we will be **raffling off two brand new chromebooks!** One chromebook will be raffled to new families who tour on the night and the other to existing students who complete the activities! A huge thank you to our Industry partners who have donated the devices.

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

A Friendly reminder

- If your email details have changed can you please let the office staff know
- NO right hand turns from the Huntingdale Road Carpark. This is for the safety of students, families and the general community
- Can families of Junior school children (Prep – Year 2) please pack a spare change of clothes. With Winter approaching and wetter conditions in the school yard there may be a need to change. Unfortunately the school doesn't have the resources to supply a change of clothes.

Let's celebrate...

- A gentle start back to Term 2 with a three day working week!
- Oakleigh Bakery for their kind donation to help us celebrate Greek Easter
- The Kourtis family for baking enough "Koulorrakia" Easter Cookies for all our students!

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone



Wellbeing

Last term Miss Hannah and I attended the first two days of the School - Wide Positive Behaviours Support (SWPBS) professional learning. MWHPS implemented SWPBS a number of years ago and we are now working towards refreshing aspects of our approach to gain our accreditation. To assist us with our journey, schools implementing SWPBS are allocated a coach. Research has shown that a coaching model is the most effective way to assist teachers and staff in developing their skills and knowledge around SWPBS. Our coach, Jo will work closely with our school wellbeing team to refine and embed SWPBS consistently across the school. We have established a team of teachers who will be working on implementing SWPBS and refreshing the fantastic practices we already have in place.

The SWPBS framework or approach, supports the wellbeing of all students here at Mount Waverley Heights Primary. It also assists in other ways like:

- Establish a positive school culture
- Collaboratively develop a behaviour curriculum and explicitly teach positive behaviours across multiple school locations
- Offer a consistent approach to and a common language for 'visible' behaviour expectations
- Provide specific, positive and frequent acknowledgement to students for displaying expected behaviour
- Effectively use behaviour data to assess and inform decision making
- Maximise academic and social behaviour outcomes for students

Mount Waverley Heights School Expectations:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Inclusive

Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal



Art News

Toyota Dream Car Competition update!

Wow! Faber-Castell have just delivered a huge parcel of art supplies because we were one of the schools that submitted the largest number of entries into the competition!

Congratulations and thank you to all of the students in years 1-6 who have contributed to us receiving this awesome prize!



Icy Poles

The SRC will be selling Zooper Dooper icy poles at lunchtime on Monday the 29th April and 6th May.

Cost: 50c Limit of 1 per person



Mothers Day Stall

This year we will be holding our Mothers Day gift stall on Thursday 9th May. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Mother/Grandmother/Special person.

Gifts will be between \$1-\$5 and parent helpers are encouraged to come along to assist with wrapping gifts for the children to bring home.

If you have half an hour or so to spare between 8.30 and 1 pm, please text Charmaine on 0419395605.



Mother's Day Breakfast

There will be a Mother's Day breakfast for the Prep - Year 2 Mums before school on Friday 10th May.

Notices will be sent home soon with further details, but for now please save the date.



2019 Photo Day Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Mount Waverley Heights Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 30-04-2019

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 29-04-2019 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Step 1: [CLICK HERE: Easy Access Link](#) - Click on this link if you are using a supported device
- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [RCC Y8R QXK]
Step 2: Enter your student's details
Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**** Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [RCC Y8R QXK]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 29-04-2019
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a \$25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

Please note: that we do not photograph every family within the school.

Sibling photographs are by **request** - that is, only families that have placed an order online **or** via an order envelope by day of photography, will have a photograph taken.



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Extend Update

Hi Everyone and welcome back! While most of you were enjoying a well deserved break with your family and loved ones, we were here having an extraordinary holiday program! Some of our highlights from these holidays was going to Zone Bowling and Laser Tag, becoming Mad Scientists for a day, exploring the Big Goose Farm and lastly, creating our very own scented candles. There were so many photos to choose from but here are a few of our favourites!



I would like to say a very big and special thank you to Aliyana and Danielle Reeves for their very generous donations over the holiday program. Thanks to them we were able to run a smooth and engaging DIY scented soy candle experience which all children (and educators) loved to do and cannot wait to do again!

Coming up this Term:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC: Free Play	BSC: Bookworms	BSC: Group Games	BSC: Mindfulness	BSC: Fruit Smoothies
ASC: Sports Clinic	ASC: Cooking	ASC: Guinea Pig School	ASC: Science	ASC: Art

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

Batch – After School	
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.

ASHWOOD REVEALED

Location:
Ashwood High School, Vannam Drive Ashwood

Tours & Information Sessions:

9:15am	School Tour
10:15am	Principal's Address
11:15am	School Tour
5:00pm	School Tour
5:30pm	School Tour
6:00pm	School Tour
6:30pm	Express Tour
7:00pm	Principal's Address

Book online or phone us today

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Ph: 03 9807 1333

Discovery

Mount Waverley Secondary College warmly invite you to join us for

OPEN DAY

— Thursday 2 May 2019 —

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