

The Heights Happenings

Thursday 16 May 2019



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates to remember

TERM TWO 2019

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
School Colour Fun Run!
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

Friday 14th June
Prep Excursion – Chesterfield Farm

Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June
Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

Friday 21st June
Piece Together Prep Session 2
SDSSA Soccer Round Robin

Monday 24th June
End of Term Assembly 9am
Year 1/2 Incursion

Friday 28th June
Last day of Term – 2:30pm finish

TERM THREE 2019

Monday 15th July
CURRICULUM DAY

Tuesday 16th July
First day of term three



Refer to the website for Notices
<http://mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/>

Principal's Report

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to all our parents who attended our special Mother's Day breakfast last Friday. Thank you also to our wonderful P-2 team for organising this event. Whilst the cooking was slower than expected, we hope that you enjoyed your hot bacon and egg roll. We also hoped you enjoyed the student performance and gifts your children made for you.

NAPLAN

The students in Years 3 and 5 sat the NAPLAN tests over the past three days. Thank you to the teachers in Years 3-6 who helped prepare the students for their assessment. Please remember that tests do not define nor predict a child's future success. Their enthusiasm, ability to set goals, persistence and passion will determine their achievements and future happiness.

Due to illness we have quite a few students who will be eligible to re-sit the tests tomorrow.

PIECE TOGETHER PREP SESSION – MAY 17

Tomorrow we will be holding our first Piece together Prep Session - 'Story Time' session from 2:15-3:00pm for any 4 year olds. Invite a friend and come along with your pre-schooler!

SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2020

Our two prep classes are quickly filling up. Please ensure that we have **sibling enrolment forms by May 17**. This way we can control class numbers.

YEAR 6-7 PLACEMENT

Forms must be returned to school by **Friday May 17**. The enrolment form may either be printed and sent back to the school or emailed to our school's address. Please note that almost all components of the form must be completed by the parent/guardian. If you are unable to complete this process online please see Louise up at the office.

Please Note: For those **outside Mount Waverley Secondary School's catchment**, please ensure that you submit a letter outlining the reasons why your child should be considered for enrolment. These letters should be submitted with the Year 6-7 enrolment form on Friday May 17. For further information please see Sandra, Carolyn or myself.



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COLOUR RUN - NEXT FRIDAY

Next week is our *School Fun-Run*!

The event will kick off next Friday at **2.30pm** near the **basketball courts**. We look forward to seeing all of our students get involved.

We have had a good response from our parents to help on the day...even if you can't help, we'd love to see you down there on the day cheering the kids on... everyone's invited!

HOW TO ORDER YOUR PRIZE:

Between **5th June** and **12th June** simply visit schoolfundraising.com.au and create / log into your Profile Page. Then click on the 'ORDER PRIZES' button and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun-Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist!

We are halfway to our fundraising goal and three weeks to finalise sponsorship. Thank you to everyone who has already set up their fundraising page and have begun to collect money.

Some tips to prepare you for next Friday's Colour Run Fun Day:

- Come dressed in white or clothes that you don't mind getting ruined.
- Students will be finished just before 3.30pm, where we will hand them over to you - coloured and messy. We would suggest you pack a towel or change of clothes (the students will get hot running around but when they stop they may get cold).
- Cover your car in old sheets/towels. They will be ready for their evening bath/shower at 3.35pm!

COLOUR RUN UPDATE



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.



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NUMBER SENSE AND NUMBER KNOWLEDGE

I am often asked by parents about what they can do to help their child learn times tables. One of the challenges for students is to gain automatic recall of basic number facts and times tables. They are best learnt in game situations. I have found that students have loved the app 'Hit the Button'. They try to beat their own times and it helps students learn times tables as both multiplication and division. E.g. $3 \times 7 = 21$, $21/3 = 7$, $21/7 = 3$. Hit the button is also great for Year ½ students who are ready to learn basic addition and subtraction facts.



We need....

- **Flood lights for Open Night.** Would any families kindly lend their floodlights?
- Parents who are happy to help Jane (librarian) or Georgia (Curriculum Coordinator) contact new books throughout the year.
- **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

Please see Louise, Carolyn or myself if you are able to assist.

Let's celebrate...

- That the election is almost over! Thank you to everyone who has baked goods for Saturday's election day BBQ or has offered to help flip some sausages.

Until next week,

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone



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Curriculum Update

This week at assembly, 1/2B presented how they persist and work through different tasks. They spoke about the strategies they use for reading, writing and maths. Being persistent is a great skill for our students to develop. It helps students stay on task and develop strategies to keep going if the task becomes more challenging. To develop students' persistence at school we:

- Gives students the language around a growth mindset, "I can't do this . . . YET."
- Help students with strategies for dealing with frustration.
- Encourage students to ask for help from their classmates.
- Build reflection into the learning process.



Carolyn

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal



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Music News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Specialist team is delighted to see the way that the MWHPS community has embraced the new Seesaw Family app with almost every family now connected with their child's digital learning journal. In this world of ever-expanding digital technology and online access to social media platforms it is our responsibility as adults to lead by example and teach our children the appropriate and responsible ways to use social media.

Please remember that it is not ok to post videos or photos which include children other than your own. You are most welcome to re-post on your own social media pages individual photos or videos of your child only, but it is illegal to post any images which contains other children without the explicit permission of their parent. This applies to not only images and videos from Seesaw, but also to photos and videos taken at school events and school sporting carnivals.

Seesaw is a private closed viewing system with the facility for parents to save their child's images and videos. If we are made aware of families abusing the trust of this system and reposting images of children other than their own without permission, then we will be forced to remove those families from Seesaw.

It is easy to inadvertently make a mistake so please ask yourself these questions before you post to your own account:

1. Is the photo/video of just my child? If it is then this is ok.
2. Are there other children visible in the photo/video? If there are, then it is not ok to post without permission.

We thank you for respecting the rights and privacy of other families and your responsible digital citizenship. If you have any questions about what is acceptable and what is not, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Claire Furlong
Specialist Team Leader.

Japanese News

Our visit to Nara Pre-school this week saw the kinder children making carp fish streamer for Children's Day. Lots of beautiful and bright colours were used to decorate the carp. The children loved this activity and seeing their carp floating in the breeze!



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Physical Education News

Our wonderful new footy jumpers have arrived! Many thanks to our hard working Parent's Association for your hard work to raise much needed funds!

The students were very proud to be modelling these and are looking forward to their next game.



Mrs. Kate Black
Physical Education Specialist Teacher



Extend Update

What's Been Happening?

Have you ever heard of or eaten cauliflower pizza before? Well that's what we cooked this week and it was the perfect dish to warm ourselves up with as the cold weather approaches. Cauliflower Pizza is not only a delicious new dish to try, but it's also a very healthy alternative compared to your regular pizza dough. By finding and trialing new healthy dishes, this benefits our children to grow their healthy minds into healthy bodies, so if you have a family recipe you'd like to share with us, feel free to pop in and we can add it to your 'Extend Cook Book'!



Last weekend Dhruthi and her family welcomed our furry friends into their home and were spoilt with a feast of different fruits and veggies that they've never tried before, such as brussels sprouts and oranges.

The Extend Superstar is...

Ariana Ali from 3/4 P for your continuous help and honesty. Because of you, we were able to return valuable belongings back to their owner, and we are all very thankful. Keep it up!

Coming up next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Imagination Creation & Sports Clinic	Bookworms & Cooking: Banana Chips	Guinea Pig School & Playground	Science: Slime & Group Games	Fruit Smoothies & Art: DIY Bracelets

From Jayde & the children.

Enrol and book now: extend.com.au



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In Support of Japan Earthquakes Appeal

JAPAN

FESTIVAL Box Hill Town Hall
1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
2019 **SUN 19 MAY** 10AM - 5PM

20th ANNIVERSARY

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

TUNA-FILLETING DEMONSTRATION
Only 40 people per session: 11am & 1:30pm, booking essential.

SUSHI DEMONSTRATION
Famous Japanese chef making sushi for free tasting (limited to 300)

PARTICIPATORY ENTERTAINMENT
Japanese Calligrapher "Gyokuran Fujita" from Japan
Many performances, demonstrations, food & stalls and more!

RAFFLE PRIZES 2 PAIR AIRTICKETS to Japan flying with JAPAN AIRLINES **FIRST PRIZE**

TRIP to JAPAN!

FREE ENTRY
Dress up with kimono or yukata or full cosplay
People with disability (+1 Carer), pensioners/seniors card holders

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