

## Dates To Remember

### **TERM TWO 2019**

**Friday 14th June**

Prep Excursion – Chesterfield Farm  
SDSSA - Soccer Round Robin

**Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June**

Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

**Wednesday 19th June**

School Council 7pm

**Friday 21st June**

Piece Together Prep Session 2

**Monday 24th June**

End of Term Assembly 9am

**Tuesday 25th June**

Lynne Kuchta's last day!

**Wednesday 26th June**

Year 1/2 RACV Incursion  
PB BBQ

**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

**Monday 22nd July**

School Assembly 2:45pm

**Wednesday 30th July**

100 DAYS OF PREP

**Wednesday 31st July**

School Council 7pm

**Friday 2nd August**

Piece Together Prep Session 3

**Thursday 13 June, 2019**

## Principal's Report

### CANBERRA CAMP

Wishing all our travellers a safe and fulfilling visit to Canberra. Thank you to Mrs Douglas, Mrs Furlong, Helen and our two dads Richard Tapper and Aaron King for attending. Canberra camp is one of my all time favourites, with so much to experience and learn. However, it is one of the most draining with 3 action filled days and two days of travel. Rest up this weekend so that you are ready to take on a huge week!

Campers are expected to be at school **7:30am MONDAY** morning.

### COLOUR RUN

Thank you to everyone who has supported our major fundraiser. We have currently raised approximately \$18,000 which is absolutely amazing!

### LYNNE KUCHTA RETIRING

After 28 years at MWHPS Mrs Lynne Kuchta has decided to retire. Lynne has been an incredible member of staff and has brilliantly supported many students on the PSD program (Program for Students with a Disability). Lynne has not only supported those students on the PSD program, but all students and staff across the school. Her high expectations and dedication to the profession is second to none. We will miss her greatly.

We will be holding a special farewell celebration at the final assembly on Monday 24 June. Her last official work day will be Tuesday 25 June. I know that you will join me in wishing Lynne all the very best.

### DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Thank you to Ariella Aarons, Claire Furlong and all the parent helpers who assisted with last Fridays Dragon Boat celebrations. I would also like to thank Maggie and Kirsten (5/6M) who put together an informative presentation about the festival and to Merran Taylor (Mrs Furlong's sister) who kindly came along to share her experiences as a Dragon Boat racer. The kids loved learning about the festival and creating their own Dragon Boats to race.

### **PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE**

Last week Carolyn, Georgia and myself attended the Victorian Principals Conference. The sessions we attended confirmed our school's direction. We heard from Charles Leadbetter, a renowned speaker regarding social entrepreneurship and Education Innovation. Charles spoke about....

- The importance of learning to make a difference that matters and for students to search for what matters most
- Our students are faced with difficult issues to solve due to our actions (e.g. Climate Change)
- Technology: Due to more technology and its ability to learn (Artificial Intelligence), routine work will disappear. This means that it is even more important to teach students problem solving and 21st century skills
- Education needs to become more social, more personal and more differentiated
- With the changing technology, urbanisation, migration and significant issues it can be overwhelming for students. We need students to see themselves as powerful, with the ability to change the world.
- It is not about throwing out traditional practices, it is about combining traditional with progressive
- Developing grit, resilience and collaboration will allow for further possibilities

What we found reassuring is Charles Leadbeater's ideas regarding student agency and empowerment. Our inquiry topics and plans for our year 3-6 students epitomises the above concepts.

### **INQUIRY - TERM 3 - SETTING THE CHALLENGE**

We were super excited to introduce our Years 3-6 students to a new learning approach at MWHPS. Throughout Term 3 and part of Term 4, students will be given a choice out of the following 3 challenges to explore...

- With extinction rates ever increasing how can we make a difference?
- Putting humans on more than one planet would better ensure our existence into the future. How will we get to another planet and how do we set up a colony?
- Human population has seen exponential growth over the past few hundred years. How can we use technology to better produce food and feed our growing population?

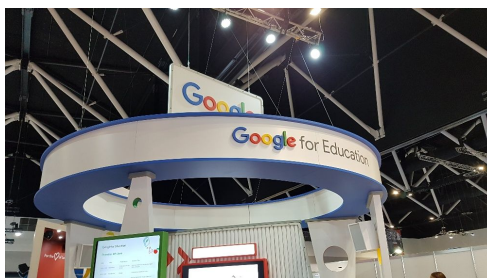
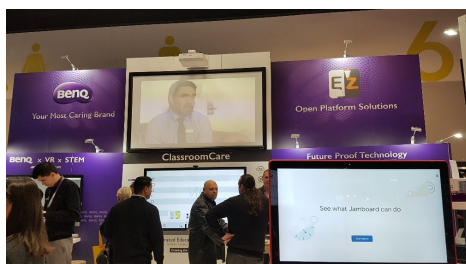
As you can imagine the above challenges are huge and the students will not only pick an area that inspires them, but will be expected to collaboratively decide on an angle to take. For example, the extinction problem can be broken down to many areas - Pollution, Over harvesting, Habitat loss, Introduced species, etc. Students will research to find out what is happening locally, globally and internationally. They will then plan some sort of action, collect and analyse the results and present their findings to others. A learning expo will be held in Term 4 where we will showcase their learning to our parent community.

Our goal is to inspire students to realise that they can make a difference - no matter how small the action. A range of IT skills will be incorporated into the project. All Year 3-6 teachers will take on one of the challenges and work with students across the Year 3-6 cohort.

Our industry partners are supporting our journey by providing the technology and supporting the excursions which will take place at the beginning of Term 3. These excursions and incursions will be the stimulus activity that will spark further ideas.

## EDUTECH CONFERENCE

It was a real pleasure to represent MWHPS at the edutech conference last week. I was asked to be part of a panel to discuss our IT journey (to about 800 people) and to present a further presentation to a much smaller audience at the Hp stall. I had the opportunity to attend a few other presentations and attend meetings with our industry partners. I felt very privileged to be asked to meetings with the CEO of Google Australasia and the CEO of WeVideo. Great contacts which will assist in further IT access for our students.



## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS NEEDED

Due to changes in family circumstances, two school councillors will need to resign from their positions. We are currently seeking volunteers to step into these roles. No previous experience is necessary. If you are interested in learning more about school operations and contributing to decision making, than this is the perfect opportunity for you. Please see Carolyn or myself if you are interested.

## DATES:

Curriculum Day: **Monday 15 July**

## Let's celebrate...

- Congratulations to Rick and Aaron who have gone on to represent MWHPS at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Cross Country
- A great Dragon Boat Festival Celebration on Friday
- Maggie and Kirsten who presented at the special ceremony outlining the festival
- Alignment of where education is heading and our school's direction

Until next week,

**Sharon**

Sharon Reiss-Stone

*Our Year 5/6 students from our school will be travelling to Canberra next week, for an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.*

*The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.*

*Thank-you, Mrs Sandra Douglas*



# Assistant Principal's Report

## Curriculum Update

Parent Teacher Interviews are on Thursday 27 June. Bookings are open online and are done through your Sentral Parent Portal. These interviews are such a valuable time to discuss your child's progress with the teacher. Please log onto Sentral to book your time and if you are having any problems please see the office. If your child is in 5/6M, as mentioned in last weeks newsletter you will have the opportunity for a get to know you interview next term. Further information will be coming home today.

## Student Reports Online

It is essential that you have access to your parent portal as reports will be online from now on. The office will be able to set up your parent portal for you if you are experiencing any difficulty. Portfolios for P - 6 will be handed out at your Parent Teacher Interviews this semester.

## Piece Together Prep

Next week is another exciting session of Piece Together Prep! If you know any kinder children who would like to participate, please encourage them to call the office to book in.

## Dragon Boat Festival

Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful day! As you can see from the photos the students had a wonderful time.



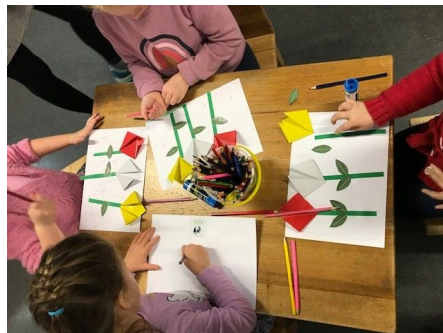
*Carolyn*

Carolyn Datson  
Assistant Principal

## Japanese News

This week Sensi and Helen taught the Nara Kinder students a new song "Tulip" in Japanese and they learnt three colours, あか aka (red), しろ shiro (white) and きいろ kiiro (yellow).

The students made a beautiful tulip picture with an origami tulip, in which they had to make the flower appear 3-D.



## Music News

Here are our Instrumental lessons in action! Geoff has created a woodwind ensemble with his beginner students Annabelle and Mia and they are sounding great! Watch out for their premiere performance in an Assembly soon!



## Art News

The Preps have been working really hard on their collage and colour matching skills to create these gorgeous rainbows!

Great job, Preps!!





## Sustainability News



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

We 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.

Thank you :)



***Students please don't forget to log your books that you have finished reading!***

***Currently **558** books have been read by our students – a FANTASTIC EFFORT!***

***If you have a book that you would like to recommend to others please let me know.***

***Keep reading everyone and well done!***

***Louise***



**DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY. WINTER**  
**EXTEND SQUAD**  
**FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences!**

Be enchanted these Winter school holidays with cool excursions, toasty incursions and a whole lotta chill!  
Join the Extend Squad for unforgettable adventures.

Book 14 days in advance to receive the early bird rate.



Book online today [extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au)  
Enquiries 1300 366 437 [support@extend.com.au](mailto:support@extend.com.au)

## EXTEND UPDATE

### What's Been Happening?

Lately we have been exploring a range of indoor games through our weekly enrichment program 'Sports Clinic'. So far our students's Jocelyn K, Damien Y and Farida A have each taken a turn to come up with, and run their very own inclusive group game with clear unique rules and ways to play. Through this opportunity the children have been seen developing and showcasing their skills, while also being supported and rewarded by their peers pure enjoyment of the new games being introduced.



*"I didn't want to have a blueberry muffin because I didn't like them, but I tried it and fell in love with it. Mmmmmm Yummy!" - Harvey B*

*"Last week we made blueberry muffins and it tasted really good! We all would really like to make them again." - Saffron L*



### The Extend Superstar is...

Matthew Collins from 1/2 M, for always being so well mannered and kind to everyone you cross paths with. Thank you for setting such a great example, keep it up!

### Coming up next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Community:</b> Pen Pal Letter with St. Joseph's & Sports Clinic	<b>Bookworms &amp; Cooking:</b> Chocolate Zucchini Muffins	<b>Guinea Pig School &amp; Playground</b>	<b>Science:</b> Lila's Bottle Experiment & Group Games	<b>Fruit Smoothies &amp; Art:</b> Scented Play-doh

From Jayde & the children.

**Enrol and book now: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**



Genesis Music School  
discover the world of music



**MUSIC LESSONS**

We provide fun & educational 30 minute instrumental lessons at your school. 5% sibling discount applied to full term fees. Contact us now to enrol.

**Enrol Now**

0401 951 592 GENESISMUSICSSCHOOL.COM.AU

**WINTER**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Gymnastics, Hip Hop, Jazz,  
Ballet, Musical Theatre, Drama, PE Games, Trivia,  
Challenges, Board Games, Arts & Crafts, Movie Time, Disco,  
Storytime, Cooking, Singing  
& supervised excursions to JPark!

1-12 July \* Ph. 0412 504 054  
www.trybooking.com/BBPIU



www.infinitygymdance.com.au

**INFINITY**  
GYMNASTICS & DANCE

**Secondary School Information Seminar** VIC

**Look no further**  
Join us in an information seminar exclusively for primary parents


- **Date & Time:** 27<sup>th</sup> June Thursday 7:00PM & 30<sup>th</sup> June Sunday 2:00PM
- **Venue:** 184 Huntingdale Rd Oakleigh East
- **Tel:** 03 8524 0062
- **Email:** oakleigh.vic@newcollege.com.au

**TOPICS WE WILL COVER:**

<b>1</b> Differences in Public and Private Schools	<b>2</b> SEAL/ACER Program	<b>3</b> Private School Scholarship	<b>4</b> Selective High Schools
---	-------------------------------	--	------------------------------------

**ONLY LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE. BOOK NOW.**

Academic Success with  
**PRE-UNI NEW COLLEGE**  
ACEP, PSP, and SACE Coaching Specialists  
www.newcollege.com.au




**St John's Preschool**

**OPEN DAY**

**Saturday June 15, 10am - 12pm**

Call: 9544 5704  
2 Carmichael Road, East Oakleigh, VIC, 3166

St John's Preschool



CHILD + FAMILY CARE  
**bestchance**





**DIGIMAKER**  
Programming for young Makers

[www.digimaker.com.au](http://www.digimaker.com.au)

## 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 3 2019 is as follows:

**Room :** Class Room  
**Year :** 3 to 6  
**Fee :** \$171

<u>Batch – After School</u>	
Day	Tuesday's 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul to 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep (09 weeks)
Time	03:30pm – 04:30pm

---

### Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

*If you are interested in your child being considered for the programming club, please \*fill the form online @ [www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/](http://www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/) latest by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto:info@digimaker.com.au) Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

9807 8120 9888 1921 Facebook.com/MtWaverleyHeightsPS

Mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au Mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au

You are invited to an open day at

# NARA PRESCHOOL

**SATURDAY 15TH JUNE**  
**10.30AM - 12.30PM**

**2 Stanley Avenue Mount Waverley**

**Phone: (03) 9807 5250**



 9807 8120  9888 1921  [Facebook.com/MtWaverleyHeightsPS](https://www.facebook.com/MtWaverleyHeightsPS)

 [Mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)  [Mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au](https://www.mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au)