

Dates To Remember

TERM FOUR 2019

Thursday 12th December
Christmas Concert

Friday 13th December
Year 6 Community Sports Day

Monday 16th December
Final Whole Assembly 9am

Tuesday 17th December
Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 18th December
Year 6 Excursion

Friday 20th December
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 1:30pm finish



TERM ONE 2020

Tuesday 28th January
Teaching Staff return

Wednesday 29th January
Curriculum Day for students

Thursday 30th January
Year 1-6 students begin

Friday 31st January
Preps begin

Monday 3rd February
Assembly 2:45pm

Wednesday 12th February
Year 3&4 Info Night
Prep Info Night

Thursday 12 December, 2019

Principal's Report

XMAS CONCERT - TONIGHT

Just a reminder that our school Christmas concert will be held tonight from 5:00pm for the family picnic. The performances will begin at 6pm. The students have been busy rehearsing and we hope you can bring along your whole family to this community event. Parents and children are more than welcome to come dressed in festive colours - Red, Green, Silver, Gold and wear Santa hats, Reindeer ears etc. As we are no longer able to fit our community into the PAC, we may need to cancel in the event of poor weather. A back up date for the concert will be held during school hours on Monday 16 December from 2.30pm.

STAFFING 2020

It is with happiness for Georgia - as she aspires in her career path - that we announce that Mrs Georgia Despotellis has gained a leadership position with the Department of Education for the next two years. Whilst we know how much Georgia will be missed, we also know that this is a fantastic opportunity - too good to refuse. Georgia has been an outstanding leader and a big part of our school's success. She will be missed!

Needless to say, the timing of her promotion (knowing officially only last week) has presented a few challenges. Last week we held interviews. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tracy Jom to our teaching team. Tracy will be coming from Glen Waverley Primary School and is highly regarded within the community.

On behalf of the MWHPS community, we would like to extend our congratulations to Georgia and wish her all the very best with her promotion.

CLASS STRUCTURES

Next year we will have 12 classes. We expect to have around 260 students. With the addition of two classes we have also needed to employ an additional Art teacher. We welcome Mrs Laura Weston who currently teaches Art at Ashburton Primary School. We will also be welcoming back Mrs Emma Thomas who will be working in a leadership role (Tue-Thur).



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3 X Prep	Miss Elizabeth Spurling Mrs Melanie Johnson Miss Tracy Jom
4 X Year 1/2 classes	Mrs Alicia Geddes (M-Thu) /Mrs Julianne Marshall (Fri) Mrs Amy Morris Miss Melanie Jones Mr Scott Demanchi
3 X Year 3/4 classes	Mrs Lindsay Playsted (4 days a week)/ Mrs Laura Weston (one day - Laura will release Lindsay for her leadership role) Mr Lucas Ryan Miss Sarah Kuo
2 X Year 5/6 classes	Mrs Sandra Douglas Mrs Kiralee Molnar
Specialist Classes	Mrs Claire Furlong (Art for Preps, 3-6) Mrs Laura Weston (Year 1-2) Mrs Kate Black (PE) Mr Masa yamazaki (Japanese)

ICAS - ENGLISH AND MATHS

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the ICAS English and Maths testing. We had some outstanding results.

English ICAS

Merit	Yr 2- Lauren K Yr 4- Lara H, Elisabeth O
Credit	Yr 2- Zoe P Yr 3- Jisan P Yr 4- Ameer B, Annabelle H, Bethany O, Theo R, Yun W Yr 6- Anna K
Distinction	Yr 3- Zoe A Yr 4- Sophie K, Mia P Yr 5- Emma A, Jocelyn K

Maths ICAS

Merit	Yr 2- Lauren K, Reet S Yr 3- Soma O, Jenny O
Credit	Yr 4- Ameer B, Theo R, Yun W Yr 5- Maheer S, Hyuga W Yr 6- Maggie N
Distinction	Yr 3- Jisan P, Yug P Yr 4- Annabelle H, Mia P, Yr 5- Jason Q
High Distinction	Yr 2- Robert H

REPORTS

Just a reminder that student reports will be posted to Sentral on Wednesday 18, December. Please make sure you contact the office if you have issues downloading the report.

END OF TERM AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We extend an invite to family and friends to join us at our special end of term assembly on Monday 16 December at 9am. At this assembly the end of term awards, Year 6 Awards and the 2020 school student leadership team will be announced. It will be a big one!

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

Following the end of term assembly we will be holding a special morning tea for all our parents who have assisted at a class or school level. We invite you to stay back and enjoy the refreshments.

SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

Council has decided that school fees and levies will remain the same for 2020 except for Essential Education Items. This levy has been increased to cover additional IT resources. School fees were sent home last week. Please note that payments can be made now or in the New Year. P-2 parents **will not need** to pick up a child's book box as all items have been ordered in bulk and will be delivered to the teachers. If you would like to pay using the 'Levy Payment Plan', please contact the office by Monday 16 December.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 2020

On Monday, Carolyn and I had the opportunity to listen to our Year 5 students' leadership speeches. It was great to have so many students apply for the highly sort after positions. Next year we will be having two School Captains and one representative for each House. Congratulations to the following students who were shortlisted for the School Captain position. These students were selected by their peers in Years 3-6. Well done to Maheer, Hyuga, Aaron, Emma, Angela and Vicki.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Just a reminder that school will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 20 December. A special farewell assembly (to our Year 6 graduates) will take place from 1pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

From January 2-9, the DET will be removing the remaining asbestos from Building E. This will require us to once again pack up the library, prior to the end of the school year. If you have...

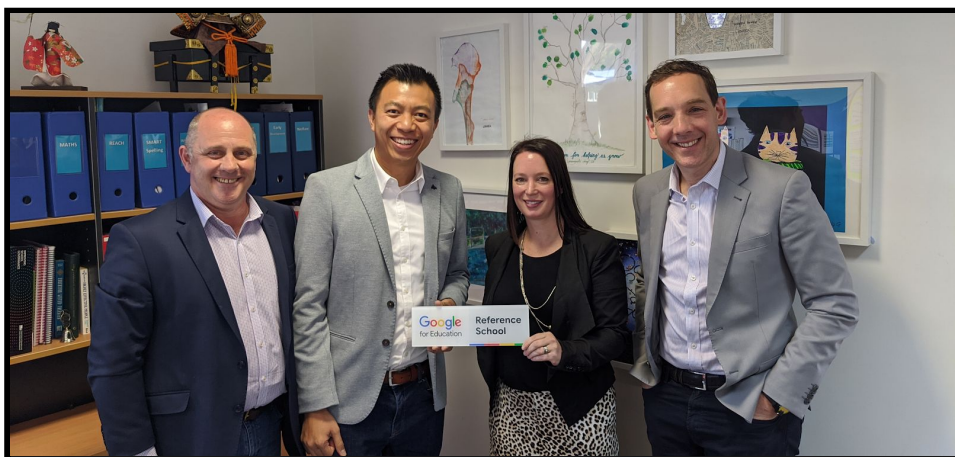
- any packing boxes you could donate or
- time to assist with the packing up books

we would love your assistance. More hands make light work - We would be very grateful for any amount of time you have, even if you only have 15-30mins. Please let Louise up at the office know if you are able to assist.

Please note that there will be no one allowed on school premises between Jan 2-9

Let's celebrate...

- Our Reference School Award



- A mention in the Herald Sun on Tuesday regarding our school's great growth.
- December: A Month of Multicultural Holiday Celebrations - Christmas (Christian/Catholic), St Nicholas Day (Christian), Hanukkah (Jewish), Kwanzaa (Africa), Omisoka (Japanese), Yule (Pagan), Saturnalia (Pagan). Wishing everyone a happy holiday.
- One more sleep till my overseas trip. Have a wonderful holiday everyone! Thank you to our wonderful staff and community for a fantastic year!

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal



Assistant Principal's Report

Telstra Grant

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a \$1,200 grant from Telstra. Telstra Kids helps kids thrive in their connected world. Our Telstra Kids grant will be used to implement a Lego Masters inquiry unit for our year 1/2 students in 2020. Our inquiry units focus on developing students 21st century learning skills such as critical and creative thinking skills, communication, collaboration and social and emotional skills. Our inquiry units engage students to develop big questions and solve problems while they consider options, challenge their thinking and make connections. Lego is part of the Australian curriculum in mathematics, science and technologies. Lego provides engaging, hands on experiences for students to explore STEM concepts and link them to real life. We would like to send a huge thanks to Justin (Audrey's Dad) and Shing Sam from Telstra, who is the referrer, for applying for the funding for us. We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids connect to a digital future.

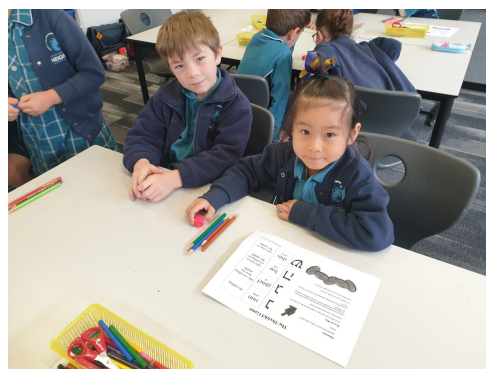
English as an Additional Language program (EAL)

Our EAL is planned and implemented by our wonderful ES staff member, Marika. Marika takes EAL students for weekly lessons in english, literacy and culture. The program has grown over the past few years and Marika now runs the program for preps, year 1/2 and 3 - 6 students. It is always amazing to see how EAL students grow over the year and how much their english improves. We would like to thank Marika for this wonderful program and the lovely break up party she threw for the students.

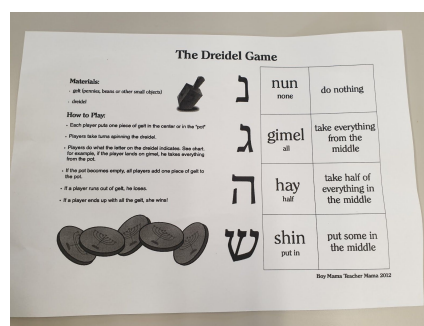


Hanukkah

Thank you to Ariella and Zoe for speaking to all the classes about Hanukkah and playing traditional games. It was great to see the students so engaged while learning about Hanukkah. Thank you to Ariella for organising the wonderful donuts, they were a huge success and delicious!



Carolyn
Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal





Please note the last day for lunch orders is

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

Thank-you for your support during 2019.

SRC - New Fruit Juice Icy Poles!

The SRC will continue to sell icy poles for 50c every Wednesday lunchtime. Due to the popularity of the new range, we will continue to sell these, which contain mostly fruit juice. These icy poles are a healthier alternative as they contain considerably less sugar than Zooper Doopers.



29th November 2019 - Last day to order your rewards

13th December 2019 - Last day for school banking

Thank-you for supporting the school banking program for 2019!

EXTEND UPDATE

What's Been Happening?

On Tuesday I packed away all of our donatable goods into boxes and delivered them to the Food Bank. One of the boxes were so heavy with cans that the scales couldn't determine just how much it all weighed. Back at Extend our 'Compliment-Tree' has been decorated with so many kind words and messages. Watch out as we will begin delivering these kind messages over the next week to continue spreading joy and happiness!



The Extend Superstar is...

Jacob S from Prep S for role modelling continuous kind manners and inclusive behaviour with all your peers.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	Indoor: Wellbeing - Mindfulness Outdoor: Hide & Seek	Indoor: Cooking - Fruit Smoothies Outdoor: Curious Minds	Indoor: Construction - Lego Masters Outdoor: Ball Games	Indoor: Community - Bookworms Outdoor: Free Play	Indoor: Playdough Pictionary Outdoor: Group Game - Bingo!
ASC	Indoor: Science - Sink or Swim Outdoor: Playground	Indoor: Art - Painting Gilbert the Gecko Outdoor: Group Game - Camouflage	Indoor: Free Play Outdoor: Sport - Basketball	Indoor: Cooking - Savoury Muffins Outdoor: Ball Sports	END OF TERM PARTY! Scavenger Hunt @ 1:30pm Movie @ 3:45pm

END OF TERM PARTY!

To celebrate the end of the school year, Extend is throwing a special party on the final day.

For BSC we will be playing a game of bingo with prizes to be won, then at ASC we will be doing a Christmas themed scavenger hunt from 1:30 - 3:30, lastly at 3:45 we will begin our voted upon movie.

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 1 2020 is as follows:

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

<u>Batch – After School</u>	
Day	Tuesday's 04 th Feb to 24 th Mar (08 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/ latest by Thursday 19th Dec 2019. Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via **email.

*Existing students need not fill the form

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