

## Dates To Remember

### TERM FOUR 2019

Friday 6th December  
SDSSA Summer Sport Round 6

Monday 9th December  
Assembly 9am - Google Reference School  
Hannuka Celebrations

Tuesday 10th December  
Year 1/2 Healthy Eating Incursion

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

Thursday 5 December, 2019

## Principal's Report

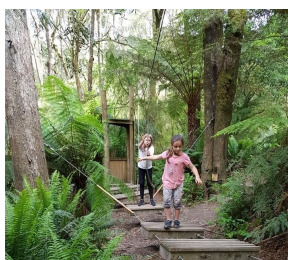
### PREP TRANSITION - ORIENTATION DAY

A huge thank you to Bec, Catherine and Judy who assisted with the uniform shop last Friday. It was well organised and ran smoothly.

A big thank you also to our prep team. The new prep classes worked beautifully and the students left with a big smile on their face!

### YEAR 3-4 CAMP!

What a fun filled and active 3 days we had at Camp Rumbug with the Year 3-4 students last week. We certainly did more than the 10,000 steps per day as we climbed up and down the mountain 2-3 times a day! The kids particularly enjoyed the flying fox, giant swing and low ropes course. Camp is a brilliant way students develop their independence and resilience skills.



A huge thank you to Mrs Playsted for organising the camp. Thank you also to Tania (First Aid extraordinaire) and to our parent helps Kyle and Niralli. Without parent assistance we would be unable to run our camping program.

### ICAS - ENGLISH AND MATHS

ICAS results will be handed out at the assembly on Monday 9 December from 9am.

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On Monday 9 December, Google will be acknowledging our recent Reference School Status. We will also be handing out ICAS certificates and celebrating Hanukkah.

## **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.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

At this time of year we are often saying goodbye to teachers or welcoming new staff members to MWHPS. I would like to congratulate Ms Riley Bolton in picking up a position at Berwick Lodge Primary School for 2020. Many of you are aware that Rylie has been travelling great distances to work at our school over the past 4 years. As a result, Rylie made the difficult decision to look for employment closer to home. Rylie has been an exceptional Year 1-2 teacher and we are all coming to terms with saying goodbye! I know that you will join me in wishing her all the best. Moving schools provides new challenges and opportunities.

As we are growing by two classes next year we have employed Ms Sarah Kuo (currently working at Camelot Rise Primary School) and Mrs Melanie Johnson (Karoo Primary School). Melanie will be working in our Prep team and has already been introduced to the 2020 prep families. Both teachers come with experience and are highly regarded within their school communities. We will also be welcoming Mr Scott Demarchi to our team. Many of you will know Scott as he worked with the Year 1-2 team on placement this year. Scott fitted in beautifully with our staff and the students loved having him in their class.

## **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.

## **CULTURAL CELEBRATION - HANUKKAH**

On Monday 9 December we will also be celebrating Hanukkah. You will have the opportunity to order a delicious jam donut made by a local jewish bakery. Sufganiyot are deep-fried jelly doughnuts that are traditionally eaten during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. The oil used to fry the doughnuts are reminiscent of the oil that miraculously burned— according to the Hanukkah story—in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. Notices were sent home last week. Thank you to Ariella for organising the donuts and the event!



## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Just a reminder that our school Christmas concert will be held on Thursday 12 December from 5:00pm for the family picnic. The performances will begin at 6pm. The students have already begun rehearsals 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 10am.

Sharon

Sharon Reiss-Stone  
Principal



# Assistant Principal's Report

## Helpers Morning Tea

Please join us as we say 'thank you' to all the parents, carers and grandparents who have volunteered their time to our school. Our teachers value and enjoy having your support on excursions and/ or in the classroom and to say thank you, we are hosting a helpers morning tea after the final assembly on December 16 in the PAC.

## 1/2 Sleepover

A huge thank you to the 1/2 team and ES staff who ran the Year 1/2 Late Stay/ Sleepover last Friday night. It was a fantastic evening and the students had a great time. Our wonderful staff arranged some amazing games, food and a movie. Thanks everyone!



*Carolyn*

Carolyn Datson  
Assistant Principal



Borrowing from the library has now closed for the year.

**Please return all library books at your earliest convenience!**

If you believe you may have lost one, or you are having trouble locating it, please let Jane (in the library), or your classroom teacher know.

Thank you!

*★Merry Christmas★*

## 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?

Down at Extend we've been having an awesome time! In case you didn't know, we've been having a food drive and we reached our goal of filling up 5 baskets worth of donatable goods, we couldn't have done it without our incredible community of families who donated, thank you!



Extend don't believe that Christmas is about giving or receiving gifts which is why this festive season we kick started our 'Compliment-Tree'. Our tree will spread joy and happiness through kind words so if you feel like leaving a special message for someone please feel free to come in and decorate the tree with compliments!



### The Extend Superstar is...

Nicolas R from 1/2M for his generous and consistent help when it comes to our big pack ups. Nico always manages to put a smile on everyone's face and we love having you at Extend. Keep it up!

### Coming up next week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	<b>Indoor:</b> Wellbeing - Mindfulness <b>Outdoor:</b> Hide & Seek	<b>Indoor:</b> Cooking - Fruit Smoothies <b>Outdoor:</b> Curious Minds	<b>Indoor:</b> Construction - Lego Masters <b>Outdoor:</b> Ball Games	<b>Indoor:</b> Community - Bookworms <b>Outdoor:</b> Free Play	<b>Indoor:</b> Playdough Pictionary <b>Outdoor:</b> Group Game - Memory Game
ASC	<b>Indoor:</b> Science - Erupting Volcano <b>Outdoor:</b> Playground	<b>Indoor:</b> Art - Imagination Creation <b>Outdoor:</b> Group Game - 40/40	<b>Indoor:</b> Enrichment Program <b>Outdoor:</b> Free Play	<b>Indoor:</b> Cooking - Icy Poles <b>Outdoor:</b> Ball Sports	<b>Indoor:</b> All About Me <b>Outdoor:</b> Sport - Tennis

### \* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*

→ Breakfast @ Extend closes at 8:30

→ Friday the 6th of December is the last day to donate to our Food Drive

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 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar (08 weeks)
Time	03:30pm – 04:30pm

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### 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 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019. Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via \*\*email.*

\*Existing students need not fill the form

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