

Thursday 30 January, 2020

## Dates To Remember

### TERM ONE 2020

**Friday 31st January**  
**Preps begin**

**Monday 3rd February**  
Assembly 2:45pm

**Wednesday 5th February**  
**Preps NO SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 12th February**  
**Preps NO SCHOOL**  
Year 5&6 Info Night 5:30pm  
Prep Info Night 6:30pm

**Thursday 13th February**  
Year 1&2 Info Night 5:30pm  
Year 3&4 Info Night 6:15pm

**Friday 14th February**  
SDSSA Summer Sport

**Monday 17th February**  
Parent Helpers Course 2pm  
Assembly 2:45pm

**Wednesday 19th February**  
**Preps NO SCHOOL**  
School Council 7pm

**Thursday 20th February**  
Info Exchange Night

## Principal's Report

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We hope the holidays provided you with time to unwind, relax and enjoy your family time. I had an amazing holiday with my family. The highlight was definitely Finland - riding snowmobiles, going on a husky and reindeer sleigh, dining in an ice restaurant and seeing the Northern Lights! Truly spectacular. Switzerland was also beautiful. It was the first time all of the cousins have come together (from Austria and Switzerland). A memory I will hold dear forever! A couple of pics...



I have visited the classrooms to welcome the children back to school and noted an air of excitement and enthusiasm for new learning, new friendships and new experiences. We have many new families joining us across the school. We will be welcoming our new Prep students (and their families) tomorrow. We have 62 new preps who will be excited and a little nervous as they begin their school journey. A warm welcome also to our many new families and students who have started in other year levels - Welcome to Mount Waverley Heights! We are pleased that you have chosen Mount Waverley Heights for your child's schooling and trust that together we will fulfil your expectations.

There is often lots of information that I convey through the newsletter, so please endeavour to read it each week. If you do have any questions, ideas or queries throughout the year, please see your child's class teacher, the office staff, Carolyn (Assistant Principal) or myself. We are only too happy to clarify or fill you in about your child's learning or other activities around the school. We look forward to working productively with each of you throughout the 2020 school year.

### **STAFFING OVERVIEW**

For your reference....

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Principal	Sharon Reiss-Stone
Assistant Principal	Carolyn Datson (M,W-Fri)
Learning Specialist	Emma Thomas (T-Thu)

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Administration	Louise Berry (Mon-Fri)
Business Manager	Lynn Gyuriak (Wed-Fri)

#### **CLASSROOM TEACHERS**

Prep S	(* Level Leader)
Prep M	Elizabeth Spurling*
Prep J	Melanie Johnson
1/2G	Tracey Jom
1 /2 J	Alicia Geddes*/ Julianne Marshall (Fri)
1/2 D	Melanie Jones
1/2M	Scott DeMarchi
3/4P	Amy Morris
3/4R	Lindsay Playsted* (Math Specialist)
3/4K	Lucas Ryan
5/6D	Sarah Kua
5/6M	Sandra Douglas*
	Kiralee Molnar

#### **SPECIALIST TEACHERS**

Art / Music	Claire Furlong * (Mon- Fri)
Art & Year 3/4P	Laura Weston (Tue -3-4P/Thu -Art)
Japanese	Masahiro Yamazaki (Monday, Wed and Thu)
Physical Education	Kate Black (Tue- Fri)

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Education Support  
Education Support  
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Education Support  
Education Support  
Education Support  
Library Technician  
Technician

Marika Rac  
Linda Longstaff  
Catherine Loria  
Helen Davies  
Jo Lewis  
Tania Bennell-Williams  
Louise Yaxley-Chan  
Jane Gough  
Logan McIntosh

### **Coronavirus Update**

Many of you will be aware that Coronavirus cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as in other Chinese cities and in other countries, including at least two confirmed cases at the time of writing in Victoria, Australia.

The Australian Government has advised that there is no cause for alarm with respect to the coronavirus and that the risk to the Australian public remains relatively low.

The Department of Education and Training has consulted with Victoria's Chief Health Officer and Department of Health and Human Services to provide advice to schools and local communities:

Everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow, dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards. Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating.

**All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei Province, China.**

Exclusion of well children or staff from school who have travelled to other provinces or any other areas where there have been reported cases is **NOT** required, unless the following applies:

- the person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus; or
- the person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days.

As a precaution we have asked that families contact the school if they travelled to China over the school holidays to discuss student return to school dates, to help reduce the risk to our community.

### **CAR PARK REMINDER**

With an increase in student numbers and restricted parking, please be respectful and mindful when entering the school grounds. To avoid the stress of the car park, we strongly encourage you to park in the surrounding streets. Can I also ask you to reduce the speed you are travelling along Solomon St and when

entering the school grounds. The pedestrian crossing (whilst marked) is not manned which means students decide when it is safe to cross. If you are travelling down Solomon St you are required to stop for pedestrians. Please be alert, travel at only 5km and stop to allow our students to safely cross the road.

### **CURRICULUM DAYS**

The first two days of the school year, staff were busy undertaking Professional Learning (PL). The focus on the first curriculum day was around our school goals and expectations. We also undertook SeeSaw PL. Due to the fabulous uptake and terrific parent feedback regarding specialist posts in 2019, we will now be using this app to replace portfolios. Parents will now receive regular feedback regarding their child's learning across the year, rather than at the end of the semester. This will help to keep parents up to date with their child's progress and achievements. A huge thank you to Mrs Molnar and Mrs Furlong for organising this session.

The second day was used to plan our inquiry units. In 2019, we moved to an approach which allowed students to pursue their interests. We will be continuing with this focus in 2020. In preparation for our 3-6 inquiry units, Year 1-2 students will continue to pose questions and find answers. Our big inquiry units in Years 3-6 will take place in Term 3-4. Students will once again be able to choose a topic of interest, explore the topic and find a solution.

Through inquiry-based learning, students build their comprehension, critical thinking and communication skills. Continuous use of their cognitive skills helps not only in class, but in day-to-day life. Research shows that students who learn about global issues are more than twice as likely to see the importance of personally taking social action.

Pur P-2 team undertook PL in our new online literacy tool - Renaissance. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter. A link has been provided for those that would like to know more...<https://www.renaissance.com.au/practice/accelerated-reader/>

In 2020 we will be...

### **MAIN FOCUS:**

- Continuing to develop a more consistent and differentiated approach to the planning, delivery and assessment of mathematics. Continuing to use Learning Intentions and Success Criteria with the students. This assists them in identifying what they can do and where to next.
- Consolidating the use of our whole school writing approach ( 6 + 1 Traits)
- Updating our School Wide Positive Behaviour Approach to achieve accreditation.
- Incorporating new IT strategies into the curriculum to enhance the teaching and learning across the school but in particular the Year 3-6 classes.

### **CONTINUING...**

- to embed our reading practices
- with our whole school phonemic spelling program

## **START UP PROGRAM – SETTING UP OUR LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

The first few weeks of the year are dedicated to building relationships within the school community. The emphasis of these activities is on getting to know each other, developing good working relationships, developing cooperative skills, and building a thorough understanding of school and class routines and expectations. This program has assisted us in developing proactive whole school systems to define, teach and support students in developing harmonious relationships. Our three school wide behaviour expectations are:

### **Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Inclusive**

## **INFORMATION NIGHTS**

We will be holding a Level Information Nights for the first time this year.

- Year 5/6      Wed Feb 12 from 5.30-6.15pm
- Prep          Wed Feb 12 from 6.30-7.30pm
- Year 1/2      Thu Feb 13 from 5.30-6.15pm
- Year 3/4      Thu Feb 13 from 6.15-7pm

At these sessions, information regarding Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, Wellbeing and Inquiry will be discussed. Homework, camps and other information will also be shared.

## **INFORMATION EXCHANGE NIGHT**

On **Thursday February 20** we will be offering parents an opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher to share vital information about their child's learning requirements and provide parents with an opportunity to discuss any concerns regarding their child's academic, social and emotional development. In some cases a parent sharing relevant background information such as a child's academic strengths, their social and emotional competencies, their family circumstances or medical/health information, can be invaluable to a teacher catering for a child in their care. **Information regarding the exchange night will be distributed next week.** The online booking system will be used again this year and details regarding how to do this will be sent home closer to the date.

## **ASSEMBLY – Begins Monday Feb 3 (Prep Students will not be attending)**

Our first assembly for the school year will be held on Monday February 3 from 2.45-3.30pm. Parents, families and friends are most welcome to attend. Students will walk back to their classrooms before being dismissed. In the last week of term, a special awards assembly will take place at 9am. This special morning assembly will be held on March 23rd at 9am.

**SCHOOL SHOES:** This is just a reminder that **only black school shoes or black sport shoes are to be worn to school**



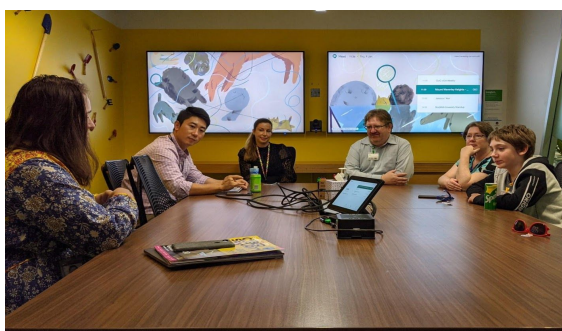


## BOOK BOXES

A reminder that 2020 book boxes were to be collected on Wednesday 30 January from school (Year 3 – 6 students only). Payments or a Levy Payment Plan were to be set up prior to collection of your child's requisites. Please see Louise or Lynn up at the office if you haven't paid and collected your items ASAP.

## Let's celebrate...

- A productive and informative first week of school that has enabled staff to undergo professional learning and establish a good basis in which to build and grow.
- Thank you to Wayne (Jacob's dad) who took down the balls and cleaned our roofs last week. Your ongoing support with this is very much appreciated and valued.
- Max Arthur who not only won the 2019 Year 6 IT award, but was flown to Sydney's Google Offices and recruited as a technician for the day.



- Asbestos removal in Building E over the holidays. We are almost completely asbestos free! Thank you to Jane for organising the pack up of the library - again!
- **Chinese New Year** - The Year of the Rat. Rats are clever, quick thinkers; successful, but content with living a quiet and peaceful life.

*Sharon Reiss-Stone*  
Principal



# Assistant Principal's Report

## Welcome Back!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful break and is refreshed and excited about starting a new school year. I had a very relaxing time with family and friends, even squeezing in a few trips to Phillip Island. Mrs Reiss-Stone and I visited the classrooms this morning and it was great to see lots of smiling faces this morning. We are looking forward to lots of fantastic learning.



## Beginning a new year

Its always hard to go from a summer holiday schedule to a school schedule so try to be organised for the day by getting into a school morning routine. For example set an alarm to help everyone get up, making sure you have enough time to get ready and to avoid a stressful morning rush, leave enough time to get to school. Routines will help your family establish a good morning routine and make the school year go a lot smoother.

## Hot weather

With such a hot start to the year please ensure your child brings a drink bottle and sunscreen to school and always remembers their hat.

*Carolyn Datson*

Assistant Principal



# Tennis Open Day

MCC Glen Iris Valley and Vida Tennis would like to invite you to try tennis with us at our **FREE** Tennis Open Day.

**Sunday 9th Feb 11am - 2pm**



Kids Hot Shots Lessons  
Intro Lesson for all  
Juniors from 4 years old & Adults

Club Membership Specials  
Jumping Castle for kids  
Sausage Sizzle

If you can't make the 9th, then try a FREE intro lesson on Sunday the 2nd Feb. 2.00pm to 2.45pm or 3.00pm to 3.45pm or 4.00pm to 4.45pm. Contact Angelo to book your place 0407 477 798 [angelo@vidatennis.com.au](mailto:angelo@vidatennis.com.au) [www.vidatennis.com.au](http://www.vidatennis.com.au) [www.mccglenirisvalley.org.au](http://www.mccglenirisvalley.org.au)



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**DATE:** Every Monday

**TIME:** 10am to 11pm

**ADDRESS:** 1350 Dandenong Rd, Hughesdale, Vic



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