

Dates To Remember

TERM ONE 2020

Wednesday 12th February

Preps NO SCHOOL

Book Club orders due

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

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 from 2:30pm

Friday 21st February

SDSSA Summer Sport

Wednesday 26th February

Preps NO SCHOOL

Monday 2nd March

Assembly 2:45pm

Wednesday 4th March

Preps start full time

Thursday 6 February, 2020

Principal's Report

CONGRATULATIONS RUSHILLQ

Congratulations to Rushillq who was selected to represent Australia at the Aikido Shudokan tournament in Japan.

Representing your country is an exceptional accomplishment and we wish Rushillq all the best for this competition over the next few weeks. We look forward to hearing about his achievements.



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.

We are extremely lucky to have two car parks and ample off street parking. A luxury that most schools are not afforded. Ensuring student safety is paramount and requires everyone to obey the rules. Please refer to the flyer which went home on Monday.

READERS

Readers will be sent home next Monday. Please note that students will be taking home readers from where they left off in 2019 until their assessment has been finalised. Unfortunately, if students have not been reading over the holiday period, they can drop back a few levels before they regain their confidence. We also know that there will be many students who have progressed and will be reading well beyond their 2019 level. The levels will be modified and adjusted as soon as the assessment has been completed. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

THANK YOU - ARRIVING ON TIME

It has been wonderful to have very few students late to school over the past week! There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class.

Did you know?

- The likelihood of success in learning, is strongly linked to participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.
- Lots and lots of learning! It ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- Early morning learning activities are often reading or writing. Your child receives the explicit teaching of skills and instructions for the morning activities/school day.
- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- Less likely to feel anxious about their learning and to develop positive relationships within the class.

Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

MEDICAL NEEDS

If your child has special medical needs – allergies, anaphylaxis, asthma etc. – please ensure the school has an up-to-date record of this. In particular with regard to anaphylaxis, asthma and allergies we require the Action Plan from your family doctor. It is vital that we meet our duty of care requirements and these medical plans are an important way to ensure your child's safety.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

At this time of year, I am asked to remind parents that the school doesn't have any student accident insurance and therefore parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. We strongly encourage families to purchase ambulance cover, as these expenses can be enormous compared to the initial outlay. Additional accident insurance policies can be purchased from commercial insurers. Can I also remind parents/guardians that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. We strongly recommend that students do not bring valuable items to school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mount Waverley Heights School Council guides the policy and budgetary decision making in the school. We generally meet on the third (mostly) Wednesday of each month. Please note that our first School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 February where the current (2019) School Councillors will reside. If you are interested in being part of the new 2020 School Council, we **are currently calling for nominations**. While it is an important part of school operations, School Council members do not need any special expertise, experience or skills. The most important thing is that you want to contribute to continually improving learning opportunities for all children at Mount Waverley Heights.

Our Council Constituting Order is: 8 Parent members, 4 DET (Teacher) members, 2 Community members. We have 4 Parent Member positions and 2 DET member positions vacant. Nomination Forms can be **collected as of Friday 7 February and must be returned by 4pm as of Friday 14 February**. On Monday 17 February a list of candidates and nominators will be posted. More information regarding School Council will be distributed on Monday.

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 with the notice.

2021 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Just as the school year has started for all our students, so has the influx of enrolments for 2021. Our Prep tours are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30am. Bookings can be made via the school office or phoning 9807-8120. For our families that will have siblings attending we recommend submitting your enrolment early on in the year.

SCHOOL SHOES: This is just a reminder that **only black school shoes or black sport shoes are to be worn in 2020.** Runners can be worn on sports days.



Let's celebrate...

- How well our preps have settled in to school life!
- Rushillq who will represent Australia in Japan over the coming weeks!

Sharon Reiss-Stone
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Classroom Helpers

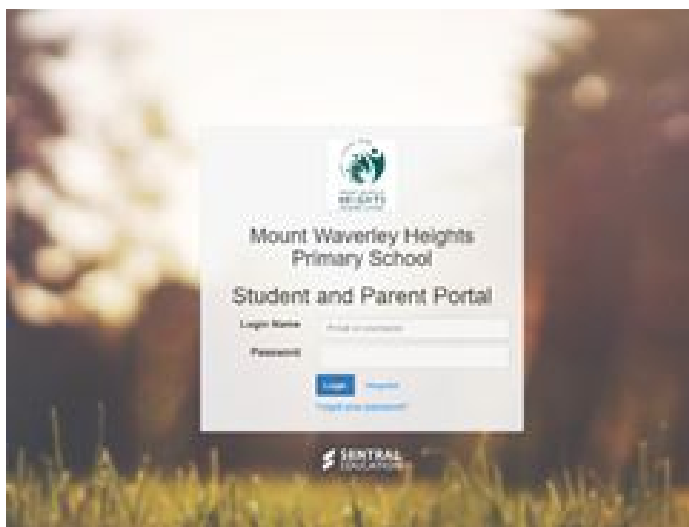
Helping in the classroom and with school events is a great way to become involved with our school. The literacy block runs from 9 – 11am and during that time students engage in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Our literacy block starts with 'read to self', which is ten minutes of reading where students work on developing their strategies and comprehension skills. We would love to have parents come and help during this read to self time by listening to students read but in order to be a helper in the classroom you need to complete our Classroom Helpers Program. Even if you attended this program last year, it is always important to refresh your memory and keep up to date with the latest requirements when volunteering within a primary school and the Child Safe Standards. To volunteer at a school you need to have a working with childrens check and a signed copy of our Child Safe Code of Conduct. The program will be running on Monday February 17th from 2 – 2.30pm before assembly.

Sentral (Parent Portal and App)

We use Sentral to send reminders and notifications of events and other things happening around the school. It is also where we post newsletters and your child's report, so it is important that you have registered to access the Parent Portal. We advise you to set up your account via a web browser on a computer. You need to set up the portal account first to access the app.

You will need a family specific code to access the portal. Letters were distributed to new families with their code this week. The easiest way to link your app is to log in to the portal from your desktop computer and then link to the app.

If you have any programs, logging on to Sentral please come and see the office.



Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

Physical Education News

At the end of last year the school was given a grant through Sporting Schools. Along with the program run by Softball Victoria we were also able to spend money on sports equipment. We were able to purchase 12 teeballs, 12 softballs, 3 foam bats, 15 wiffle balls and 3 teeball tees.



Some of the amazing equipment we are able to purchase!



Students enjoying the new equipment during P.E.

Thank-you,

Mrs. Black
PE Co-ordinator

EXTEND UPDATE

What's Been Happening?

Here at Extend, our family is growing. With it only being the second week into our brand new year our numbers have risen and along with that, so has the fun. Over the summer holidays the students and I created so many new unforgettable memories but I must say my most fondest was the Gruffalo Trail and Picnic just located in Elsternwick. We truly got to have an absolute blast in mother nature's elements, exploring through the trees, ferns and gardens while it drizzled giving us a chance to breath in the freshest air you could ever breath!

I look forward to continuing meeting many more families, please feel free to pop in and say hi anytime!



The Extend Superstar is...

Nathan J from 1/2 for his inclusive nature and ensuring his peers and new friends feel welcomed.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	Indoor: Playdough Pictionary Outdoor: Curious Minds	Indoor: Mindfulness Outdoor: Ball Game - Dodgeball	Indoor: Cooking - Fruit Smoothies Outdoor: Free Play	Indoor: Construction - Lego Masters Outdoor: Group Game - Mad Chicken	Indoor: Yoga Outdoor: Hide & Seek
ASC	Indoor: Free Play Outdoor: Sport - Squash	Indoor: Science - Lunar New Year Slime Outdoor: Playground	Indoor: Art - DIY Puffy Paint Outdoor: Group Game - Rob the Nest	Indoor: Enrichment Program - Wellbeing Outdoor: Free Play	Indoor: Cooking - Mini Veggie Pizzas Outdoor: Ball Sports

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Tennis Open Day

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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
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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.
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