

Dates To Remember

TERM ONE 2020

Friday 13th March

Prep and ¾ year olds' Teddy Bears Picnic 2:30pm

Wednesday 18th March

School Council AGM 6pm

Thursday 19th March

Twilight Sports **CANCELLED**
Prep Incursion - Fire Ed

Friday 20th March

SDSSA Athletics Carnival

Monday 23rd March

Assembly 9am

Friday 27th March

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:30pm

TERM TWO 2020

Tuesday 14th April

First Day of Term Two

Wednesday 15th April

Dental Van

Thursday 23rd April

School Photos

Wednesday 29th April

School Council Subcommittee 6pm

School Council 7pm

Friday 13 March, 2020

Principal's Report

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC –Today from 2.30pm

We will be holding our special 'Teddy Bear Picnic' event today from 2.30-3.30pm. We are encouraging our preps to bring along their favourite teddy bear for an afternoon of fun and games. Our local pre-schoolers and kinder kids have been invited along too! If you have a 3 or 4 year old child, you are welcome to join in the fun!

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Olivia Kumschick who was selected for the 'Aussie of the Month Award' for February. Olivia was selected for the kindness she shows others, her ability to show great initiative and her willingness to give everything a go. Well done Olivia!



NEW STAFFING APPOINTMENT

We have now concluded the process for securing a teacher for 3/4R. We are very excited to introduce you to Mrs Lee-ean Teoh. Lee-ean comes as an experienced teacher and is currently working at Glen Waverley Primary School. Mrs Teoh will be coming in today (Friday) to meet the class and to spend time with Mr Ryan. She will then take up the position as of Monday 16 March. I know you will join me in wishing Mr Ryan all the very best.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Yesterday the Premier, Minister for Health and Victorian Chief Health Officer announced that preparations are well underway to manage the growing risk of an emerging COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in Victoria.

Victoria is well-prepared to deal with an outbreak, and the Department of Education and Training is working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to plan for and respond to the likely impact on schools.

This week media have reported the closure of a couple of Melbourne Schools. There is a possibility that schools could be closed at some point. In preparation for such an event, students in Years 3-6 will be able to access learning tasks and connect with their teacher and peers via Google classrooms as per normal. Remember any device can be used. Students will just need to log in with their usernames and passwords via the following site: <http://home.mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au>. We are currently establishing a google site whereby P-2 parents will be able to access daily activities with an emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy. Information regarding this site will be distributed once established and if required. We are lucky to be so technologically advanced, that we can easily provide continuous learning for our students.

TWILIGHT SPORTS CANCELLED

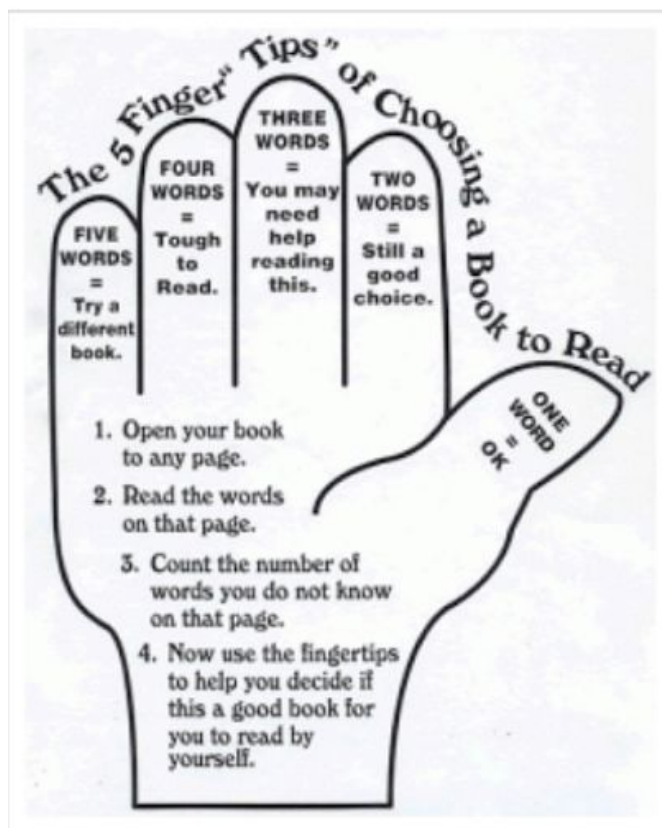
Due to the COVID-19 risk, we have decided to cancel Twilight Sports next Thursday. I know the students will be disappointed but we feel it is the right thing to do, given the situation.

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOK!

I often get asked by parents - 'How do I choose the right book for my child?' We choose books for different reasons - Sometimes for the pure joy of hearing a great story. Other times to find specific information, to read a favourite author's new book, to be entertained, etc, etc.

Often kids will choose books that they want to read by themselves. This usually begins around Year 3. However, if the story is too difficult, whereby so many mistakes are made that it slows down or affects comprehension, the book is best read with support or to the child. So how can you help your child select a 'good fit book' that they can read independently? I find this strategy (pic beside) helps parents and kids to make good choices.

The love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our kids which helps to promote life-long learning.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We will be holding our AGM for School Council next Wednesday from 6-7pm in the staff room.. At this meeting the 2019 school's Annual Report will be presented and results discussed. This is an open meeting and parents are welcome to attend. Please confirm your attendance with Louise via email or phone.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2020

Next week our new School Council will meet for the first time. I would like to welcome our new members Ariella Aarons, Catherine Collins, Bingang Duan and Claire Furlong. Welcome back to Adam Graham, Airlie Anderson-Weir and Sandra Douglas.

LYNN GYURIAK RETIRING

At the end of term assembly we will be acknowledging Mrs Gyuriak's contribution to the school. We hope you can join us at this special assembly.

Let's celebrate...

- Jake who was offered a place in the Under 12's Squad for 2020 with Villarreal CF Melbourne. Villarreal is a Spanish Club that has recently merged with Monash City FC.
- Fadi (Anthony's dad) who donated his plastering skills and repaired holes in our new music room. Thank you also to Mrs Furlong who spent Sunday at school assisting with the working bee!
- International Women's Day 2020 last weekend. 'An equal world is an enabled world'.

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal



Year 1/2 Multicultural Day Celebrations.

On Tuesday, the Year 1/2s had a "Multicultural Day" to celebrate their inquiry topic, "Multicultural Families". During the day, parents came in to speak about their countries of origin, including Greece, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong and Canada. The students were enthralled, and learned a lot. The Year 1/2s were also lucky enough to watch a play, *Around the World and Back Again*, which generated a lot of laughs. Thank you to all the wonderful parents, as well as *Two Friends Productions*, for contributing to the fantastic day that was had by all.



Assistant Principal's Report

School grounds

We are super lucky to be able to provide a car park on school grounds... especially two of them! But it is also important we consider the safety of all our community and follow basic road rules to ensure we all get to and from school safely.

- Please walk your child to school using designated pathways, do not walk up the driveway.
- If you park behind the gates, please be aware they are shut from 8.45 - 9am and 3.30 - 3.45pm.
Teachers are on duty during these times and will not open the gates during these times
- Please follow the arrows and park in designated car park spots

We can all play a part in keeping our students safe.

Curriculum

Please ensure that your child is completing their reader every night and the homework set by teachers. The learning that students can do at home compliments what they are doing at school and there are lots of things parents can do to help. The following link takes you to: LITERACY AND NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY A GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 0-12

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/english/literacy/LiteracyandNumeracyTipstoHelpYourChild_Final.pdf

This guide is a great resource for parents. The booklet provides handy tips and ways you can help your child develop literacy and numeracy skills. It provides fun, inexpensive, accessible and practical activities you can do with your child at home. The booklet also provides questions you can ask your child to help them learn. Doing these practical activities will help your child develop excellent reading and writing skills, and help them speak well and be a good listener.

Through everyday activities at home you can also help them develop their numeracy skills, such as calculating and using numbers, recognising patterns, and using language to develop mathematical understanding. These literacy and numeracy activities are excellent opportunities for you to model key learning values such as enthusiasm, persistence and curiosity.

If English is not your first language, you can always involve your child in these activities in your first language instead of English. Research shows that learning two or more languages from a young age can benefit children in many ways, and help them succeed at school in all subject areas.

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

Parents Club News - Twilight Sports

Due to the current situation with the Coronavirus, the school has taken the decision to postpone next weeks' Twilight Sports (March 19th).

We will advise the school community at a later date if/or when it will be rescheduled. Thank-you to the Parent's Club who have spent a considerable amount of time in planning the event and thank-you in advance to the school community for your understanding.



**All families are
welcome to
Nara Preschool**

Open Day

Japanese Program
Social Emotional Wellbeing Program
School Readiness Program
Music Program
Nature-based Learning

**22 MARCH 2020
SUNDAY
2-4:30PM**

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MOUNT WAVERLEY
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EXTEND UPDATE



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Hours of Operation

Before School Care: 7:00am – 9:00am

After School Care: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Holiday Care: 8:00am – 6:00pm

Contact Details

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC: Playdoh Pictionary & Curious Minds	BSC: Sudoku & Dodgeball	BSC: Fruit Smoothies & Student Choice	BSC: Lego Masters & Marco Polo	BSC: Yoga & Hide and Seek
ASC: Student Choice & Sport - Sardines in a cage	ASC: Science - Box Challenge & Ball Sports	ASC: Art - Natural Creations & Camouflage	ASC: Wellbeing Project - Emotions & Student Choice	ASC: Cooking - Fruit Pops & Playground

DISCOVER



Natasha challenged herself this week with a 3D puzzle!

LEARN



"On the weekend we cuddled the guinea pigs a lot" - Elsie R

PLAY



Asya enjoyed his first day of ASC constructing with lego!

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK!

NATASHA

For her continuous enthusiasm to run activities at BSC and ASC. You are setting a great example!

What's Been Happening?

We've been having a wonderful time down at Extend. Students have been engaged in the creative process of making our very own bubble blowers using straws. We are also currently working on our term project which is an emotions booklet. We aim to aid students in learning how to identify and manage their emotions.

From Jayde & the Children

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Computer Programming Club!

@ Mount Waverley Heights
Primary School

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 our 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 see participants:

- Build games, animations, and stories utilizing the pupil's creative thinking
- Develop logical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Express ideas & boost confidence working in a collaborative environment
- Be enabled to grasp 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 will use school laptop during the sessions.

The program for Term 2 2020 is as follows:

Room: School Classroom

Years: 3 to 6

Fee: \$171 + GST

After School

3:40pm -4:40pm

BATCH

Tuesday's 21st Apr to 16th Jun (09 weeks)

If you are interested in your child being considered for the programming club, please:

Fill out the form online by
Friday the 27th of
March 2020



www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/
Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**.

* Existing students need not fill out the form

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