

Dates To Remember

TERM TWO 2020

Monday 25th May

Curriculum day

Tuesday 26th May

Prep, 1 & 2 classes resume onsite
9am - 3.30pm

Friday 29th May

Year 7 Transition forms due

Monday 8th June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June

Years 3 -6 classes resume onsite

Friday 26th June

Last day of Term 2

TERM THREE 2020

Monday 13th July

First Day of Term Three

Thursday 30th July

School Photos - TBC

TERM FOUR 2020

Monday 5th October

First Day of Term Four

Thursday 21 May, 2020

Principal's Report

P-2 RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY

We will be welcoming our P-2 students back to school next Tuesday. Don't forget that Monday is a Curriculum Day.

May 25 Curriculum Day (Extend Open)

May 26 P-2 Students return

June 9 Years 3-6 return

REMINDER - KEY POINTS

- School hours - 9am to 3.30pm. We will not be staggering start and finish times.
- Online learning will cease when students return to school. E.g. Tomorrow Friday May 22 for P-2.
- Online learning will cease on Friday June 5 for Years 3-6.
- Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to return to school as normal.

ARRANGEMENTS - KEY POINTS

Our goal is to reduce the number of adults on school premises. These actions and your support will help keep our community safe:

- Carolyn and I will be supervising the entry points to the school. We are happy to watch over the students as they make their way to the line.
- Drop off bays can be used as normal.
- Students in Years 2-6 are to arrive and exit from our school on their own.
- Prep and Year 1 parents may come onto school premises, but must adhere to social distancing.
- If required, Year 2 parents may come onto school premises to pick their child up after school.
- Parents must drop off or pick up their child in a timely manner and leave the school grounds immediately.

- Parents are to contact teachers via Sentral if they need to discuss anything with the classroom teacher.
- Minimise office contact by emailing or calling. If you notice someone at the office window, please wait for them to leave prior to entering the building.
- If your child feels sick or unwell please do not send them to school. They must stay at home and you need to seek medical advice.

OTHER PRACTICES:

- Students will be required to either use the hand sanitiser or wash their hands before entering classrooms, prior to eating or using school equipment and when returning from breaks.
- If your child is allergic to hand sanitiser, please provide an alternative or let your child's class teacher know so that we can ensure that they are washing their hands.
- The DET have provided additional cleaning of classrooms, touch points and playgrounds. This means areas will be cleaned twice a day.
- The playground will be open during school hours but unavailable to the community after school.
- All adults, including staff, must adhere to social distancing. Social distancing rules do not apply to students.
- We have created 4 mini staff rooms, so that teachers can take a break whilst keeping their distance from one another.
- Please note that there will be **no lunch orders** for the remainder of Term 2.

READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS:

- Coronavirus can live on cardboard for up to 24 hours and on plastic for up to 3 days. As such we will be sending home three take home readers (on a Monday) which will be read by the students from Monday to Wednesday and returned to school on Thursday. Students will read online (MyOn) on a Thursday and Friday. This enables us to rest the books for 4 days, reducing COVID transferral risks.
- Only one library book will be able to be borrowed per week. Library books will be stored in a tub and returned to shelves a week later.

TOYS & SPORTS EQUIPMENT:

- Students will be unable to bring toys or sports equipment to school. We will have a range of sports equipment for students to use whilst at school.
- Sports equipment will be made available for lunch and recess time. These tubs will be rotated, providing time (3 days) between use.

STAFFING:

- As a result of the COVID-19 situation, Mrs Claire Furlong will not be able to return to on-site teaching for the remainder of Term 2. Mrs Furlong will continue to conduct an online Music lesson for our P-6 classes each week. Mrs Laura Weston (who currently takes Year 1-2 Art and Year 3/4P on a Tues) will take over teaching Prep to Year 6 Visual Arts for the remainder of the term. Mrs Playsted will take her class full time for the remainder of the school term.
- Mrs Marika Rac (ES) member is also unable to return to work for the remainder of Term 2.

We believe that if everyone follows these requirements we will be able to keep school as normal and familiar for our students as possible, whilst keeping everyone safe. However, if we find that there are too many adults onsite and social distancing is not being adhered to, then we would need to consider staggering drop off and pick up times. It really isn't ideal for anyone and would be considerably disruptive to your day and to ours. It would mean a massive change to timetables, different arrival and pick up times for different age groups and staggered recess and lunch breaks. I know that with everyone's support we can make it work.

RETURNING SCHOOL DEVICES

P-2 families who have borrowed a school device for home learning will be required to return these items by next Wednesday. Please make sure that you transport the devices in a suitable case and you have packed the chargers. Devices are to be returned to the school office (not to the classroom).

PREP 2021 ENROLMENTS

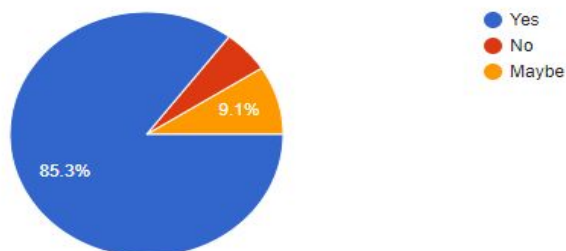
The beginning of Term 2 is usually our busiest, as parents of 4 year old children, begin to look for a primary school. Moving to remote learning this term means that we haven't been able to run our transition program or hold our usual events. As such we are seeking your help. We will be posting a range of things on our Facebook page and we ask that you not just 'like' our posts but 'share' them with your connections. This way we can spread the word to even more people.

REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

Thank you to the 143 parents who filled in the Remote Learning Survey. Here is the analysis of the 'Video Conferencing' and 'Communication' section of the survey.

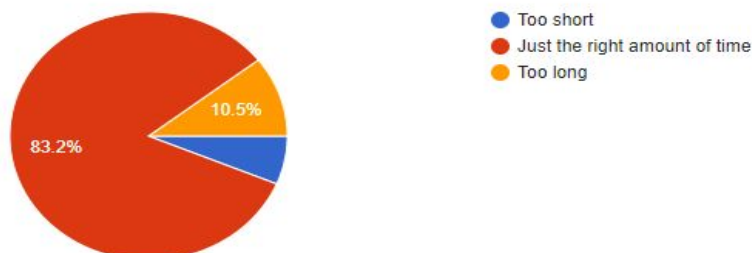
Have you found the online sessions useful for your child?

143 responses



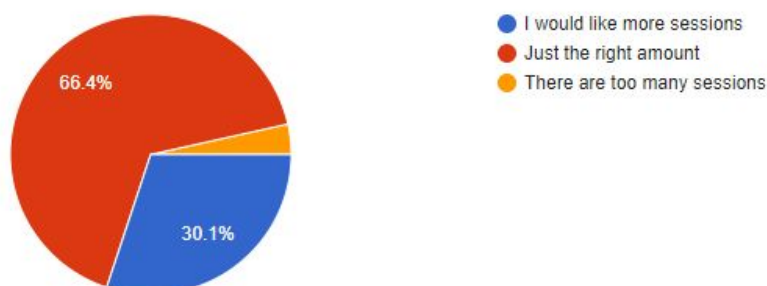
Do you find the sessions to be

143 responses



In terms of the amount of sessions

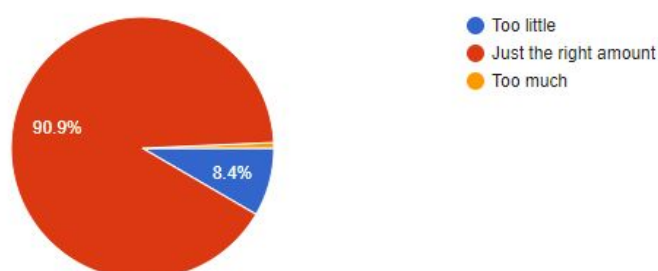
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Communication

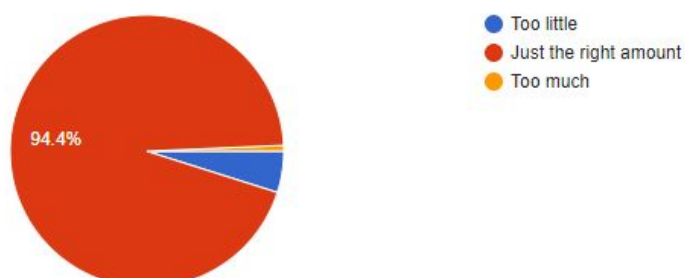
How have you found the level of communication from the teachers?

143 responses



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143 responses



Last week, the teachers reflected on the parent survey alongside their own observations. Staff feel that the benefits of online learning have been:

- the ability to reflect on their own teaching (by viewing themselves online)
- developing new teaching skills by watching others online
- seeing students utilise technology to ask more clarifying questions without judgement of others
- seeing many students who are easily distracted in class complete more work than ever
- witnessing students taking greater responsibility for their learning
- moving to a 'flip' classroom approach - students watching, reflecting upon and applying that learning prior to meeting up with their teacher online
- developing a range of new tech skills both as teachers and seeing this development in our students.

Whilst remote learning is not the same as being part of a class, there have been many benefits. Given the article in the Age this week about reducing the technology gap, it is imperative that we continue to utilise technology to enhance the learning. The staff recognised many transferable skills that we will utilise once we have returned to onsite learning. I am sure the students have also gained many skills whilst learning remotely. Having said that - we can't wait to return!

REPORTS

As always you will receive a report for your child outlining their progress in Semester 1, 2020 against the Victorian Curriculum. The report may look different however, as it is not possible to implement our standard report writing process.

We have received advice from the Department of Education and Training regarding modifications to the Semester One reporting that takes into account the limitations on the ability of teachers to accurately assess student progress during the remote learning period. We will be sharing these changes with you over the coming weeks.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY!

We will be holding another online Assembly on Monday June 1 at 2.30pm. Students at school will watch via their IWB and our Year 3-6 students will join us online from their homes. Google meet links will be shared via your child's teacher. We hope you can join us online too!

SICK?

If your child is unwell and unable to complete online learning, then please report them as unwell through Sentral as per normal practice. If a teacher is unwell, then they will send the parents of their class a message through Sentral, to say that they are unable to run video conferencing sessions. Online work will continue to be posted.

REMINDER: PLATFORMS

CLASS SEESAW is for students to post completed tasks

FAMILY SEESAW is for parents to view work on.

GOOGLE CLASSROOMS (3-6 only) is for all class work.

SENTRAL is for contacting staff.

SHARING FOR OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER & FACEBOOK PAGE

More than ever it is important to be able to remain connected. If you would like to share a picture or video of something your child has completed or been doing whilst at home, we would love to include them in our school's newsletter and/or Facebook page. We have created a separate email address for this purpose (otherwise our school's email would become unmanageable). If you would like to share a picture, some artwork, notable event, fun idea or video please send it to..

submission@mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au

YEAR 6 to YEAR 7 2021 TRANSITION - APPLICATION IF OUT OF ZONE

Next week is the last week for applications to be returned. Information has been emailed to families regarding the Year 6 to Year 7 transition process (and an application form within that pack). Please be aware that if you are applying for Mount Waverley Secondary College and you are out of their zone, you also need to provide a letter outlining why your child should attend MWSC. Reasons listed need to demonstrate that they offer something your zoned Secondary School can not provide. E.g. Japanese. You also need to highlight your child's talents. Should you need support with this please don't hesitate to contact myself, Louise or Carolyn. If you do not provide a letter, then you will not be offered a place. Applications need to be returned to school by **this coming Friday 29th May**.

Let's celebrate...

- An imminent return to school for our P-2 classes

Sharon Reiss-Stone
Principal

Home Learning Creations



Dion (3/4T) has built his Dark Covid19 wrecker with his dad's help.

Assistant Principal's Report

Preparing for returning to school

As teachers and staff busily prepare for your child's return to school, there are few things that you can do at home to help make the transition back to school a positive one. With all the changes in our lives because of COVID-19, this is a challenging time for many families. Some children will experience feelings of anxiety about going back to school after a period of disruption and change. Helping children adjust takes time and patience plus reassurance from us. Some children may find all the changes confusing especially when they don't understand. Children will show their feelings in different ways so check in with how they are and take time to listen. It can be helpful for children to discuss how they feel.



Re-establishing your daily routines may be a challenge and families should take a day to practise the morning routine of having breakfast, packing school bags and getting dressed in school uniform.

Tips for returning to school:

- Reassure your child that you are looking forward to them returning to school/work and it is safe
- Let your child know that school may look a little different as there are health and wellbeing measures in place to keep everyone safe.
- Discuss all the positive things they are looking forward to about returning to school. You may like to acknowledge any negative feelings they are having and provide strategies to work through them with your child.
- Practise getting ready for school by a certain time
- Make checklists so that your child can see what they need to get organised for a school day
- Discuss good hygiene and explain the importance of hand washing to reduce the spread. Remind them that we always wash our hands before eating, playing outside, playing with others, and after playing on hard surfaces.
- Have a wind down time at the end of the school day, your child may be tired from the return to school

If you need any help with returning to school please message your class teacher, Sharon or myself through Sentral

Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal

Music News



For Sale

Thurmer upright piano in very good condition.

Our Piano technician has checked it over and other than a couple of minor cosmetic repairs it is a very good instrument which will have at least another 30 years life.

We are asking \$400 for the piano and removal costs and re-tuning will be at the cost of the purchaser.

The school piano tuner is happy to be contacted for tuning services and we recommend Network Pianos as a removalist service.

Any questions please contact the school office.



SRC News

HOME LEARNING *fashion*

Calling all fashionistas.

The very first fashionista chosen by the SRC is **Christopher from 5/6 M**, for his funky Mario costume.



The SRC Community Challenge: The Healthy Meal



Don't forget about the first MWHPS Community Challenge: **The Healthy Meal Challenge!**

To enter you will need to **send a picture of yourself with your healthy creation** to your SRC representative of your class, if you are in years Prep to 2 please send it to your classroom teacher.

If your creation gets a mention in next week's newsletter, you will be **awarded 5 dojo points!** We have already received a few submissions and these meals are looking great.

The SRC are excited to uncover the healthiest master chefs of Mount Waverley Heights Primary School.