

Dates To Remember

TERM THREE 2020

Friday 4th September
SRC DIY Tutorial 12.30pm

Sunday 6th September
Fathers Day

Monday 7th September
Whole school assembly online
2.30pm

Thursday 10th September
RUOK? Day

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th September
Parent-Teacher Interviews
11am - 4:30pm

Tuesday 15th September - 7pm
Prep 2021 Parent Information Night

Friday 18th September
Last Day of Term 3

TERM FOUR 2020

Monday 5th October
First Day of Term Four

Thursday 8th October
School Photos (TBC)

Thursday 3 September, 2020

Principal's Report

REMOTE OR ONSITE?

I know that as the term creeps closer to its conclusion, we are all beginning to become more anxious about what Term 4 will look like. The Department of Education's message has been consistent - The government is tracking Covid case numbers and our return will be based around an acceptable number of cases and the health ministers recommendations. I will let the community know as soon as I know anything - however, it is usually at the same time as the broader community!

STAYING SAFE

It was recently reported that an incident occurred in our surrounding streets whereby a person encouraged two children playing near their home, to hop in their car. A timely reminder to have another chat about staying safe. Some key messages..

1. Don't say: Never talk to strangers. Say: You should not approach just anyone. If you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a store clerk with a nametag, or a parent with children.
2. Don't say: Stay away from people you don't know. Say: It's important for you to get my permission before going anywhere with anyone.
3. Don't say: You can tell someone is bad just by looking at them. Say: Pay attention to what people do. Tell me right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable, or tries to get you to go with them.

Some more tips
can be found at:



https://www.kidsmartz.org/~media/KidSmartz/ResourceDocuments/KidSmartz_Safety_Scenarios.pdf

SECURITY ONLINE

It came to my attention that during a specialist session last week, an inappropriate advertisement appeared. Whilst the teacher did everything they could to dismiss the advertisement, it was still seen by students attending the session. We have now reviewed our staff YouTube settings and increased the security level to hopefully avoid this situation occurring again. Unfortunately, not foolproof. Once again we apologise for this situation and completely understand the concern that was raised.

For Prep - 2 parents: Students have a high level of security and protection when logged in with their school's email account. Their account is the first 3 letters of their surname followed by 4 numbers e.g REI0001. This is the same as their student ID. Their full email account is studentID@mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au. If you are unsure of your child's student ID this can be found on Sentral or by contacting your child's class teacher. If they are logged in with their student ID then they are protected by our system. If they are logged in from your account they might not have the same level of security.

Chrome book advertisements. For those borrowing our chromebooks, you can switch off receiving advertisements by clicking on the following website address <chrome://serviceworker-internals/> and then click on the unregister button.

FACILITIES

- A recent arborist report identified that the two trees at the end of our car park needed to be removed. It also identified other larger trees within the grounds that needed to be trimmed back. These works were undertaken this week. The Solomon St car park looks very different!
- Due to the strong winds last Thursday, the shade sail over the prep playground was torn to shreds. This will go through insurance and will hopefully be replaced ASAP.
- Drainage and asphalt repairs. The Department of Education organises a school facilities audit every few years. As part of this audit, our asphalt area and drainage was identified as needing repairs. This has also been undertaken. The repairs will assist with dispersing water and hopefully eliminating pools of water gathered under the pavilion covering, adjacent to the new P-2 building. You will also notice the squiggly lines to repair cracks in the asphalt!

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

As per usual school protocols, teachers would usually have a Planning Day (to prepare for the following term) and a Professional Practice Day (to complete assessment, planning and reporting) each term. Rather than interrupting the learning over the upcoming weeks, we have decided to organise these days in the last week of school. Please note that online learning sessions will look different to accommodate interviews, planning, professional practice days and reporting. From Monday September 14, teachers will run one online session from 9am each and every day. Teachers will meet with their class, discuss tasks posted on the learning hub or google classroom and check whether students have any questions. Online specialist lessons will continue to be offered throughout the week.

RECORDING OF SOME ONLINE LEARNING SESSIONS

Our remote learning program has been a wonderful opportunity for teachers to extend their technology skills, as they look for new and innovative ways to engage children in their learning. We would love to capture these practices and use these videos to highlight our schools approach. We intend to record a range of lessons and put them into a small promotional video that we can use on our website, during our prep transition program and on various social media platforms.

If your child's group has been selected for this purpose, you will receive a letter outlining the session, day and times. Should you not wish your child to be filmed, please let your child's teacher know as soon as you receive this notice, so that other arrangements can be made. Please note that student names will be blocked out. Should you require any further information please don't hesitate in getting in contact with me.

PREP TRANSITION 2021

We will be running a special information night on Tuesday September 15 at 7pm for 2021 prep parents. During this session we will be discussing:

- The impact of Covid 19
- MWHPS readiness in the changing climate
- Routines
- Developmental milestones
- Language development
- Social & Emotional skills
- What you can do at home
- Our remote learning program

This flyer alongside a google form was sent out to enrolled students earlier this week.

Please note, that the prep transition program in Term 4 will continue, either onsite or remotely. We have some engaging and fabulous activities planned!

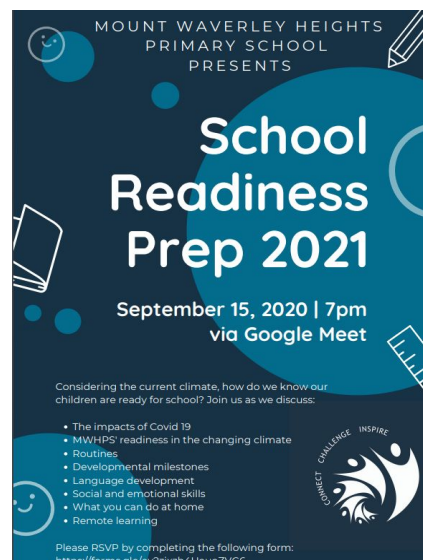
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY


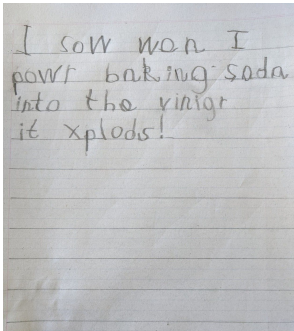
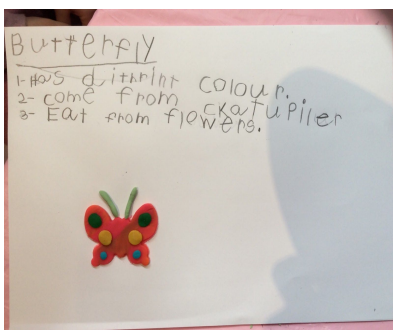
On Monday September 7 we will be hosting our final assembly for the term. We hope you can join us at 2.30pm. Here is the link details: meet.google.com/vwp-hqgn-ddp

INCURSION/EXCURSION and SPORTS LEVIES

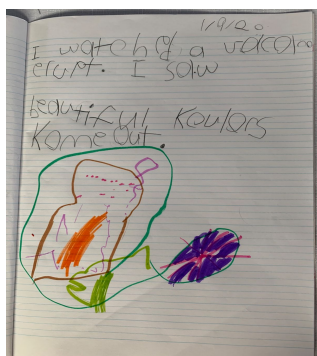
If/When we will be returning to onsite learning or whether our students will be able to attend incursions or excursions is still unknown. Please note that as we get closer to the end of the year, we will calculate monies not spent and work out a refund or a translation to 2021 levies (P-5).

SHARING OF SOME LOVELY WORK ACROSS THE SCHOOL

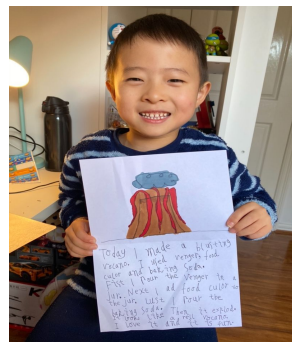


<p>Samuel conducting a volcano experiment</p> 	<p>Writing about his Volcano experiment</p> 	<p>Lara's favourite minibeast Prep T</p> 
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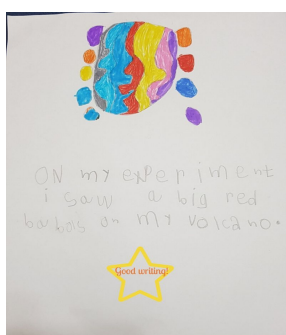
Siena writing about her Volcano erupting- Prep S



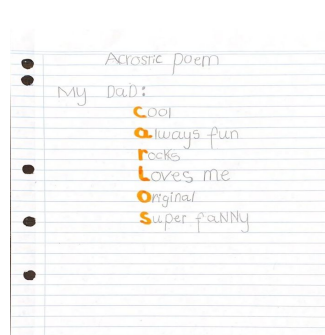
Lincoln's wonderful volcano - Prep S



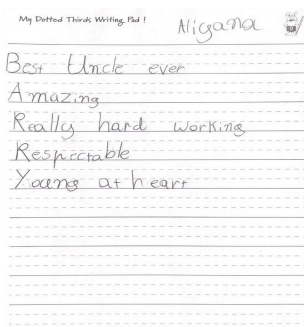
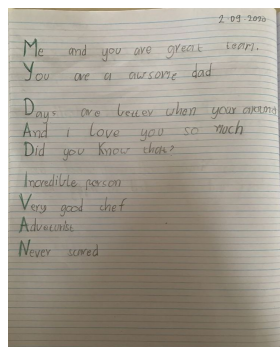
Jhade's writing - Prep S



Grade 1/2 Poems for Fathers Day



1/2 Poems for Fathers Day



Let's celebrate...

- The range of dress up days undertaken - Book Characters in 5/6M, Superheroes in 1/2D
- The last day of winter! Bring on Summer!
- All our wonderful dad's and special men in our lives - Happy Father's Day

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Today information on how to book your interviews went out via Sentral. Below is a summary of the information. It is really important you read and follow the steps outlined. It is an easy process but it is different to last time.

How to book an interview

Bookings will be open until Friday September 11. Please read the instructions thoroughly and complete all steps to ensure you have completed the booking process correctly.

Booking process

1. Open the link you have received via Sentral
2. Read the 'How to Book' on the form
3. Select your child's class (homegroup) and you will be taken to your child's teachers calendar

Note: If you are not logged into a Google account (either your own personal account or your child's @mountwaverleyheightsps account) you will be asked to either sign in or create a google/ gmail account.

4. Click on any interview time slot you wish to book.
5. Fill in the information as follows:

What: Enter your name and your child's name

Where: Your contact number for the night just in case

Description: If you require a translator, enter your request here.

Please include which language you require. If we do not have a translator available for your chosen time, the school will contact you to reschedule.

6. Click 'save'.

You will receive an appointment confirmation message. To view details of your booking, you can click 'View/edit in Google Calendar'. **You do not have to click 'yes' or 'accept' the invitation in the email. We will assume you are attending based on your appointment booking. If you do click 'yes' or 'accept' in the email, you may find the email disappears from your inbox. You will still be able to find the meeting link on your [Google Calendar](#).*

There are two helpful new resources to help you support your children during remote and flexible learning.

Raising Learners podcast

The Department of Education and Training has funded a 10-episode podcast series through the Raising Children Network called 'Raising Learners'. It features parenting experts from organisations including the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Career Education Association Victoria, as well as the Australian eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman-Grant.

Raising Learners provides parents with practical advice, tips and ideas for supporting children's health, wellbeing and engagement at school and at home. Topics include how to connect with your child's school and community, how to best support your child's learning, what to expect for VCE and VCAL students and how to keep your child safe online. These topics were drawn from common questions that parents raised with the Department's coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline and Parentline. The first three episodes will be available on 1 September, and the rest throughout terms 3 and 4. Raising Learners can be accessed via podcast apps and [Raising Children Network website](#).

Managing the Coronacoaster webinar

Renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is back by popular demand to repeat his Coronacoaster webinar. On 15 September, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will again present Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era. His first webinar in August booked out in three days, with more than 12,000 registrations.

In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown period and remote learning. Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- more resources and where to get help.

Webinar details

When: 7.30pm, Tuesday 15 September

Duration: 45-minute presentation, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session

Format: online via live stream

Cost: free

[Register for the Managing the Coronacoaster webinar via Eventbrite](#)

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

SRC News

RUOK day



The SRC recognises that 2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and circumstances have made it even more important for us all to stay connected. On 10th of September remember to ask those around you RUOK? To show that you care.

Appreciation day for a Special Male figure in your life

On the 6th of September is a special day where we show our appreciation to the special male figures in our lives, whether they are our dad, step dad, grandfather, brother, uncle or friends. To support everyone with this the SRC has decided to include some craft activities you can do at home and give as a gift to your special male figure.

Surprise message card: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg421On6ruQ>

Coupon gift idea: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RozdWLEwvAc>

Special Card: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ws-T6woESc>



SRC Tutorials

Origami crane and folding art work Tutorial

This week's SRC tutorial is 'How to make origami cranes and folding artwork'! It will be on **Friday 4th September at 12.30pm**. The Google Meet join code is **dbu-xpwx-bnp**.



This tutorial will be hosted by Mia, Cerise and Vivian and is open to anyone in our school community who wants to join! Younger students may need some assistance from a parent/guardian.

If you will be joining us, please prepare the following materials:

- Square piece of paper
- An A4 piece of paper
- A texta



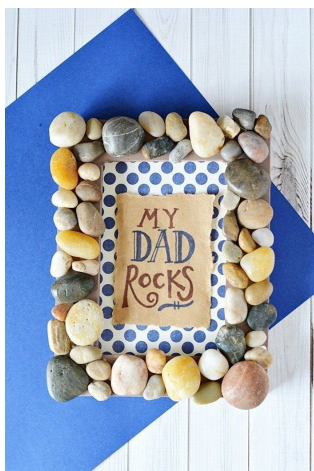
Chatter box Tutorial

The **third** SRC tutorial will be teaching you how to create a chatterbox. This tutorial will be run by our SRC representatives Sherlyn, Yuan and Matthew more info in the next Newsletter.

From the SRC.

Fathers Day

With no onsite learning this term, we unfortunately have no Father's Day stall for the children to do their Father's Day gift shopping. Below are just a few ideas that could help you find the perfect gift for dad, or that special person in your child's life.



Make a rock
Photo frame



Desk Organiser



Tin of Tokens for Dad



Painted cork coasters

Other ideas:

- Make a voucher booklet, offering a car wash, help in the garden, a back rub, to help cook dinner
- Write a special poem for dad
- Make him a powerpoint of special pictures
- Make a gift basket full of dads favourite treats
- Have a look on the below links for more ideas

<https://www.parents.com/holiday/fathers-day/crafts/desk-organizer-for-dad/>

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/649644314978409906/>

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/292593307039161928/>