

**Thursday 22nd July, 2021**

## Dates To Remember

### TERM THREE 2021

**Friday 23rd July**

ICAS competition to be paid for

**Monday 26th July**

Assembly - 2.30pm online

**Wednesday 28th July**

100 Days of Prep!

**Wednesday 28th July**

Book Club DUE

**Wednesday 28th July**

School Council - 6pm

**Thursday 29th July**

Olympic Day - TBC

**Monday 2nd August**

Mascot entries DUE

**Monday 9th August**

ICAS competitions begin

**Tuesday 10th August**

Back-up Olympic Day - TBC

**Thursday 12th August**

Scienceworks Excursion - Grade 1 & 2

## Principal's Report

### COVID UPDATE

As you are aware, the lockdown has been extended to next Tuesday. Students should return to onsite learning on Wednesday. As we are all well aware, there are no guarantees that we will be returning next Wednesday, so we have sent out the arrangements for the whole of next week - just in case. This way, everyone knows arrangements ahead of time. We are hopeful that we will return next Wednesday 28th July- fingers crossed! Please note that the online meet times have changed slightly to accommodate online specialist sessions.

Due to the infectious nature of the Delta variant, whereby students can be infected and also spread the infection, we have been far stricter on who can attend onsite, during lockdown. Most of our staff are still ineligible for the vaccine and by having more children and people onsite, we potentially bring greater risk of an outbreak to our community. We want to keep all members of our community safe.

If you are eligible to bring your child to school, however your child becomes sick or your work schedule changes, then please keep your child/dren at home with you. If one child is sick at home and you are caring for them, then your other children should be at home too.

Please be mindful of the amount of covid news your children are viewing. Keeping up to date and listening to the latest developments can become very overwhelming for children. Carolyn shared some great websites and resources via Sentral last week, that can assist parents in supporting their children who are struggling.

Thank you for your efforts in supporting your children through remote learning. We know that there are many challenges!



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## OLYMPIC FEVER

The Tokyo Olympic Opening Ceremony will take place from 9pm Friday. We are encouraging all our families to get involved in the excitement of the games - a nice distraction from covid! We had an Olympics Day planned for next Thursday 29th July. However, even if we return next Wednesday, we doubt that we will be able to run our incursion as planned. Our back up day will be Tuesday 10th August.

# TOKYO 2020



### **OLYMPIC DAY CELEBRATIONS: Either July 29th or August 10th. We will let you know via Sentral ASAP**

- Come dressed in your countries flag colours. E.g. If your family is from France, come dressed in Blue, Red and White.
- 9-11am Olympic Incursion for all students. Hosted by Kaboom Sports. Students will participate in a range of fun events including..



## **SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

**OUR UNIQUE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO ENGAGE AND AMAZE EVERY STUDENT, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR SPORTING ABILITY.**

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| ➔ Giant 4m Dart Board | ➔ Air Time           |
| ➔ Fruit Frisbee       | ➔ Random Relays      |
| ➔ Ping Pong World     | ➔ Pop Pop            |
| ➔ Balance Bonanza     | ➔ Mitten Mania       |
| ➔ Soccer Ghoulies     | ➔ Circus Skills      |
| ➔ Rocket Zone         | ➔ Team Building      |
| ➔ Wacky Wheel         | ➔ Barber Pole Fruits |
| ➔ Mini Golf           | ➔ Parachute          |
| ➔ Rollerama           | ➔ Jurassic Hoops     |
| ➔ Loopy Lacrosse      | ➔ Olympic Javelin    |

- 11.30-3pm - Olympic Day Activities
- 3-3.30 - Closing Ceremony

Students will be undertaking a range of Olympic Games activities throughout the next couple of weeks.

## **FAMILY MASCOT CHALLENGE: From Mrs Thomas**

*'Olympic mascots are the ambassadors of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.*

*They embody the spirit of the Olympics and play a vital role in welcoming athletes and visitors to the Games.'*

### **Design an Aussie Mascot**

The Olympics are coming back to Australia! The Olympics will be held in Brisbane in 2032. How cool will that be! Well to celebrate the Olympics this year, we would like you to imagine just that!

When you have finished imagining, we'd then love for you to have a go at designing a mascot that could be used for the Australian Olympics.

We will be asking everyone to submit their mascot designs on the 2nd of August so we can vote on the top 3 mascot designs.

When designing your mascot, you will need to think about how you want to represent the 'spirit' of Australia and give reasons for your design choices.

### **The nitty gritty:**

- Designs can be entered individually or as a family
- Complete your Mascot on a separate piece of A4 paper
- Mascots should be clearly and neatly drawn and accompanied by a short blurb explaining what your mascot represents and why
- Your mascot will require a name
- All entries due on the 2nd of August

Happy creating!

Here are some examples of Olympic mascots and the reasons behind their designs to help stimulate your ideas.

#### **2020/2021 Tokyo Olympic Mascot**

The Tokyo 2020/2021 Olympic Games mascot is styled with the Ai (indigo blue) Ichimatsu pattern from the Tokyo 2020/2021 Games emblem, a tribute to both the respected tradition and modern innovation of Japanese culture.

MIRAITOWA has a personality inspired by the Japanese proverb, "learn from the past and develop new ideas".

The name MIRAITOWA is based on the Japanese words "mirai", meaning "future", and "towa", meaning "eternity", representing the wish that the Tokyo 2020/2021 Olympic Games will lead to a future of everlasting hope in the hearts of everyone around the world.



**MIRAITOWA**  
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#### **2000 Sydney Olympic Mascots**

The three mascots are a duck-billed platypus (Syd), a kookaburra (Olly) and an echidna or spiny anteater (Millie). They symbolise the water, air and earth respectively. Their colours correspond to those of the Games emblem, and all three are typical examples of Australian fauna.

The name Syd is a reference to Sydney, Olly to Olympic and Millie to the new millennium.

### **STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY**

The Student Attitude to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist the school in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general. **There are also some questions about student health and wellbeing.** Understanding health and wellbeing needs is important to support students to learn and thrive at school. The survey is undertaken with all Year 4-6 students.

### **WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 percent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 6th, August**. If you are one of the randomly selected parents, you will receive an email with the website and login details.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

### **ASSEMBLY**

An online assembly will be held next Monday from 2.30-3.15pm.

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/eti-kdtu-pjx>

### **Let's celebrate...**

- The Olympic Games beginning this weekend!
- Brisbane hosting the Olympic Games in 2032

**Sharon Reiss-Stone**

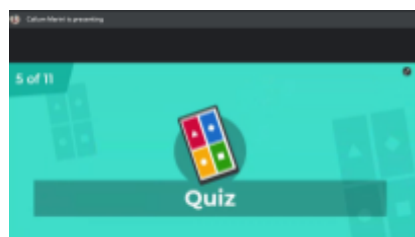
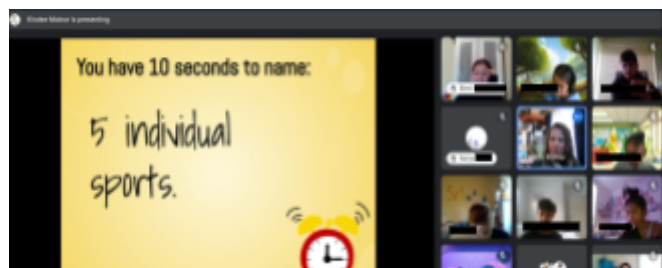
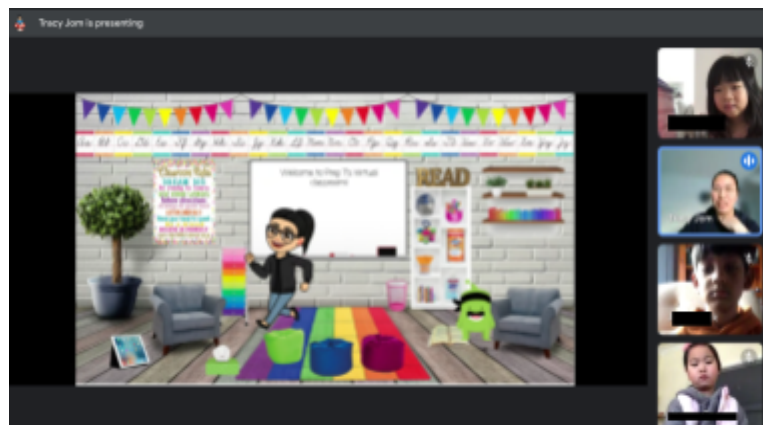
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# Assistant Principal's Report

## Remote Learning

Sharon and I have been popping into classes this week and we want to congratulate everyone on such a fantastic job! Our students and families are doing a great job, we know it is challenging but do what you can and please contact us if you need any support. Thank you to our staff who are doing a wonderful job juggling their own families at home and online meets with their class.



## Wellbeing Tips for Families

When children participate in regular physical activity, it boosts their physical and mental health and improves academic performance. Physical activity throughout the day also improves concentration, and the ability to retain information and solve problems. There are many benefits to being active and getting your move on, but a lot of children aren't moving enough, particularly while learning from home. 15 minutes 4 times a day is all it takes.

To help support your children to stay active while learning from home, families can access a range of free COVIDSafe ideas to stay active and games through Get Active Victoria or any activities from our Learning Hub/ Wellbeing and PE pages.

### **Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) for Preps**

Previous newsletters have had information about the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) and all prep families received a letter regarding the census two weeks ago. We also sent the letter to prep families via Sentral. Prep teachers will begin the AEDC from this week. During the census, teachers will record information, including children's names and dates of birth, based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. Teachers answer questions relating to the five key domains of early childhood development including; Physical health and wellbeing, Emotional maturity, Social competence, Language and cognitive skills (school-based) and Communication skills and general knowledge. You can see all the questions at <https://www.aedc.gov.au/avedi>.

### **You can be confident that your child's privacy will be protected.**

We understand how important it is to keep your child's information private. This is why they use a secure site to collect and keep your child's information. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and data about each child is de-identified. Children's names, ages, addresses and schools are not included when AEDC information is made publicly available. Individual children cannot be identified when AEDC information is linked with information from other organisations (such as health departments). You can see how data is collected and presented by visiting [www.aedc.gov.au/data](http://www.aedc.gov.au/data). Data from the 2021 collection will be presented in a similar way.

The department seeks your consent to collect personal information about your child from our school, for the purposes of the AEDC. This includes known information about your child's health.

If you consent to the collection of your child's information, you do not need to do anything.

If you do not consent to the collection of your child's information, please contact **Julie at the office by Friday 23 July by phone or email the school. You can also send a Sentral message to your class teacher.**

### **Piece Together Prep**

Unfortunately we have had to cancel this Friday's Piece Together Prep session. These sessions are for kinder students and provide children and families an opportunity to develop school readiness skills.

We have another schedule for 3rd September

*Carolyn Datson*

Assistant Principal

## ICAS Reminder

Last term students in Years 2-6 received a notice about ICAS (The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). This is a skill-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. Our school is offering testing in English, Mathematics and Science for students in Years 2-6 and Digital Technologies for students in Years 3-6. The tests will be completed at school towards the end of Term 3.

The competitions are optional and there is a cost involved. If you wish for your child to participate you will need to **pay via the online parent system by Friday 23rd July and you can return the form when we are back onsite**. If you require a new form (which contains the information regarding the payment process) please message the ICAS coordinator Mrs Amy Morris over Sentral portal messaging and a form will be sent to you digitally.



COMING UP . . .

## MWHP'S SECOND HAND BOOK STALL

DONATIONS WANTED!

CBCA BOOK WEEK  
2021

Accepting  
donations at the  
start of Term 3.  
Make sure all  
books are  
appropriate and in  
good condition.



## Extend News



Extend is the place for your children to thrive, learn and play, so what are you waiting for? Book and enrol at [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)



Hi there! My name is Jayde and I am the Service Coordinator at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School Extend OSHC. Our philosophy is for all children to have *Fun* in a *Safe*, *Supportive* and *Collaborative* environment. My team and I live and breathe these values and cannot wait to see more families join the Extend Family and for what our little Extenders and my team of educators and I make of 2021! I am excited to plan engaging activities including all the children attending Extend OSHC.

Jayde Young  
Service Coordinator



Come along to Before School Care for a healthy breakfast and a great start to the day. Then join us for After School Care and enjoy a range of different activities and be nourished with yummy, healthy food! Make new friends at Extend! Enrol and book now via [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au).

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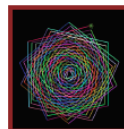
### COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB! @ Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

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 coding club running at the school.



#### DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



#### LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming  
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

#### PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- ... and many more



#### MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

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 computer during the lesson.

#### 9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 3 2021** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6  
Term Fee: \$171 + GST

#### AFTER SCHOOL

3:40pm – 4:40pm

#### BATCH

Tuesday's 13<sup>th</sup> Jul to 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 2021

Fill out the form online by  
**Thursday 24th June 2021**



[www.digimaker.com.au/enrol](http://www.digimaker.com.au/enrol)

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email\*\*

\*\* All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from [info@digimaker.com.au](mailto:info@digimaker.com.au). Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

#### HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

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