

Thursday 12th August, 2021

Dates To Remember

TERM THREE 2021

Friday 13th August
Challenge Program forms DUE

Monday 16th August
Assembly - 2.45pm

Friday 20th August
Return to onsite Learning

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th August
Book Week!

Wednesday 25th August
Book week dress up day

Thursday 26th August
Challenge program excursion -
Yr 3-4 students

Monday 30th August
Assembly - 2.45pm

Wednesday 1st September
School Council - 6pm

Thursday 2nd September
Challenge Program - onsite

Friday 3rd September
Piece together Prep

Monday 6th September
Year 3 - 6 swimming program
commences

Principal's Report

LOCKDOWN EXTENDED

The announcement on Wednesday extending the lockdown, probably came as no surprise, given the number of cases. A new lockdown timetable was shared via Sentral this afternoon. Please note that this timetable will continue whilst we are learning remotely.

Please just do what you can. If you or your child are struggling, please let your child's teacher know, so that we can adapt/change learning requirements and provide additional support (where we can). Hang in there. We will get through this lockdown together - one day at a time!

GOOD NEWS!

I feel like we need some good news stories (with no mention of covid) So here are a few to celebrate..

- **The South Australian parliament has passed laws banning the use of plastic straws, cutlery and stirrers.** South Australia is the first Australian state to ban single-use plastics. The ban came into effect this year and prohibits the sale, supply or distribution of plastic cutlery, straws and beverage stirrers.

- **Rare cockatoo chicks emerged from burnt bushland on Kangaroo Island.** Glossy black-cockatoo chicks hatched last May on Kangaroo Island despite the summer's devastating bushfires, boosting hopes the endangered species can be saved from extinction.

- **New record set for world's largest ocean clean-up.** A dedicated clean-up crew from Hawaii has set a new record for the largest ocean

clean-up event in history. A total of 103 tonnes of fishing nets, debris and consumer plastics were successfully hauled out of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch by the Ocean Voyages Institute (OVI).

- **Pakistan government provides green stimulus package for unemployed.** The national government of Pakistan has expanded an innovative scheme aiming to reforest the nation to provide work for those unemployed. The government has created more than 63,000 positions for unemployed labourers by relaunching an ambitious national tree planting scheme.
- **After over a century as Australia's coal capital, Newcastle is going renewable.** The Australian city, long notorious for being home to the largest coal exporting harbour in the world, has announced it will embark on a complete transition away from dirty energy.
- **Critically endangered orange-bellied parrot population shows signs of recovery.** Over one hundred orange-bellied parrots will fly north from Tasmania for the winter this year after numbers fell to just three adult breeding females in 2017.

SENTRAL

There are still quite a few families not connected via Sentral. This is the platform that teachers are using almost daily to communicate. Regular learning updates (what curriculum areas are being covered), items that need to be brought to school, reminders, reports, school notifications, etc are all provided through Sentral. It is now easier than ever to get connected. Please speak to Julie or Louise up at the office, should you need any assistance.

2ND HAND UNIFORM

If any families have any 2nd hand uniform they would like to donate to the school it would be much appreciated. It is always helpful to give parents another option to source uniform pieces.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

We will be commencing our school swimming program in week 9 this Term for our Years 3 - 6's. Due to the size of our school and current covid restrictions, Huntingtower is unable to fit all Year levels in at the one time this year. Our Prep - Year 2 program will take place in Term 4 and details will be sent out shortly.

Mrs Kate Black

Let's celebrate...

- Ariana's rainbow drawing, especially after yesterday's rain
- The beautiful sunny days

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal



Assistant Principal's Report

WELLBEING

To assist families, DET has advice, tips and resources to help you manage your child's learning from home. We understand the challenges of remote learning as many of us are also juggling full time work and our own children. Please just do what you can and contact your class teacher for help. Taking a break with your child is also a great way to focus on you and your child's wellbeing. I encourage everyone in our community to access these resources if needed and take care of yourselves during this time.

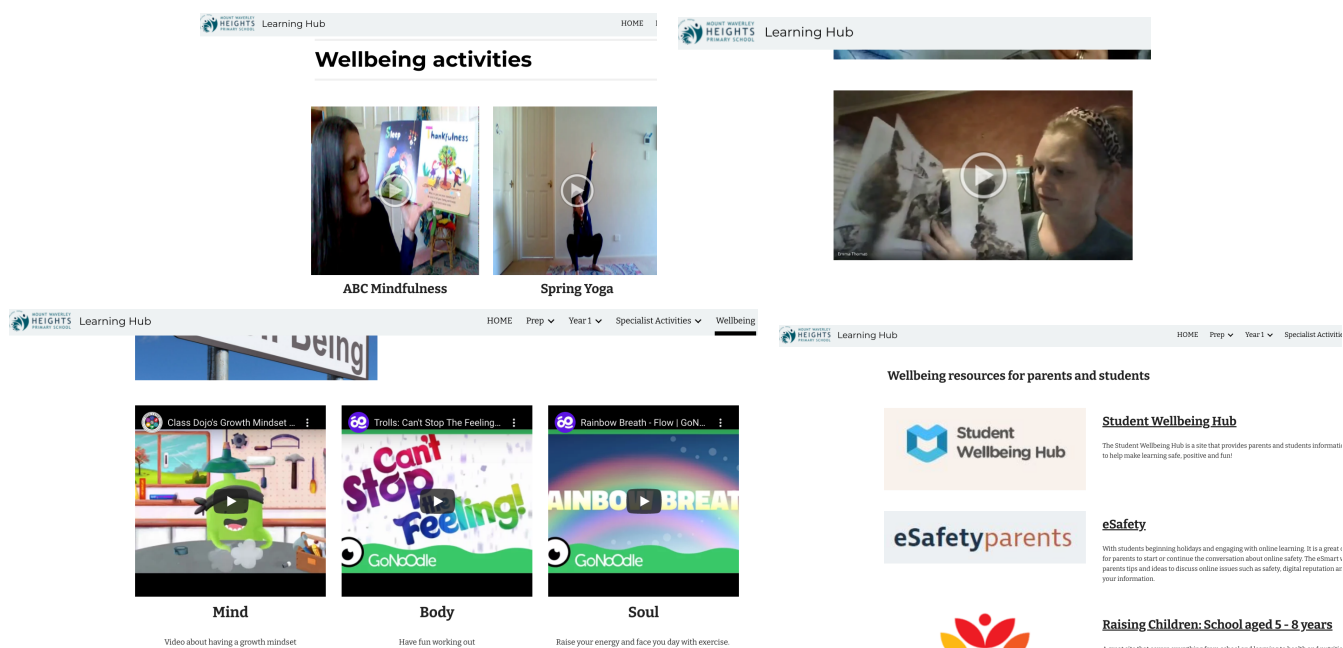
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx>

Over the last few weeks I have been including lots of great ways for families to stay active during this time. During COVID-19 restrictions, it's important that students stay active and get moving. Staying active while you are learning from home is important for your mental health and wellbeing. The Heart Foundation site has activities for parents and children that help you get moving.... all from home.

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/covid-19/staying-active-at-home-during-covid-19>

Wellbeing guidance for parents and carers is also available on the Department's website, or through the confidential parent support hotline, Parentline, available 8am to midnight, seven days a week. Phone: 13 22 89.

Don't forget our Learning Hub Wellbeing page has mindfulness, active videos and stories for students and families to engage with if you want to. <https://learn.mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au>



Carolyn Dalton
Assistant Principal

SRC News

Book Week!!

Have you ever been sucked into the world of a book? Sometimes reading does that to us!

We are excited to celebrate Book Week this year on **Wednesday the 25th of August!** Students are asked to come to school dressed up as a character from one of their favourite books.

This year's Book Week theme is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.' As we grow up in this world, we are dreaming and hoping for a new world that has been restored to be beautiful and sustainable. Therefore, we would like to encourage everyone to try to use recycled materials for your costumes - this is called upcycling! Think of any old clothes, fabrics or materials that you can incorporate into your outfit...be creative!

We can't wait to see your brilliant, out-of-this-world costumes!

From the SRC.



Sustainability News



We might be back in lockdown but the Sustainability team has some exciting news!

Our school has been accepted into the *What'll Happen to the Wattle??!* Program! We will receive wattle seeds that have flown to space, plus seeds that have not. All the seeds are from the same seed lot. Students will germinate and grow their seeds, recording data about the germination and seed growth. Data will be uploaded to the *What'll happen to the wattle??!* app. The two-year project will result in the creation of a nationwide map identifying the location of Australia's 'space wattle' trees. The project is an historic opportunity for Australian schools and students. It is the first time this has ever been done in our country! Thank you to Dave Bell who donated the fee and helped in our success.



In other news, our grapefruit sale was a roaring success and we raised money to buy more seeds to grow in our veggie patch. Thanks to all those who bought and sampled our home-grown fruit!



Miss Spurling was excited to try our grapefruits!



Extend News



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<p>Monday 20 September Friday 1 October</p> <p>8.00am – 6.00pm</p> <p>Session Fee \$78.75*</p> <p>Pay from \$11.81 after CCS.</p> <p>* Early Bird Rate – Book 14 days in advance.</p>		<p>20 Monday</p> <p>Hip Hop</p> <p>Get down with the latest move that encourage expression, creativity and improvisation!</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee + \$20</p>	<p>21 Tuesday</p> <p>ARTVO</p> <p>Interact with the beautiful artwork and take selfies with your favourite place - or all of them! Drop of by 8.30am.</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee + \$26</p>	<p>22 Wednesday</p> <p>Cat in the Hat Biscuits & Dodgeball</p> <p>Havent you heard? Didn't you know? We are making Cat in the Hat biscuits!</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee Only</p>	<p>23 Thursday</p> <p>Bubbles & Drama Games and Activities</p> <p>"Happiness is blowing bubbles." Let's enjoy this Autumn by blowing some bubbles. It's not messy, it's amazingly silly and stretchy</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee Only</p>	<p>24 Friday</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>
		<p>27 Monday</p> <p>Games Galore & Mini Experiments</p> <p>Neverending fun with these games...which is your favourite? Duck, Duck, Goose? I Like, Tigger or Ship, Shark, Shore? You choose</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee Only</p>	<p>28 Tuesday</p> <p>Soccer & Confetti Biscuits</p> <p>Let Steve teach you some tricks and soccer skills that will put you to the test and discover your inner soccer legend!</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee Only</p>	<p>29 Wednesday</p> <p>The Big Goose</p> <p>From tiny fluffy chicks to greedy geese and cheeky lambs, we've got so many animals for you to see.</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee + \$28</p>	<p>30 Thursday</p> <p>Mad about Science</p> <p>An awesome combination of crazy chemical reactions and mad science fun. Fun for mad scientists of all ages!</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee + \$20</p>	<p>1 Friday</p> <p>Party Games & Float a Boat</p> <p>Ready, Set, Freeze! Slip along to the groovy tunes as the Extend Disco and show off your best moves with a variety of party-themed games.</p> <p></p> <p>Session Fee Only</p>



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