

Dates To Remember

TERM THREE 2021

Friday 6th August
Soccer Round Robin

Monday 9th August
ICAS competitions begin

Tuesday 10th August
Olympics Day

Wednesday 11th August
Olympic Mascot entries Due

Thursday 12th August
Scienceworks Excursion -
Grade 1 & 2

Friday 13th August
Chesterfield Farm excursion -
Grade Prep

Monday 16th August
Assembly - 2.45pm

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th August
Book Week!

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

Monday 6th September
Year 3 - 6 swimming program
commences

Thursday 5th August, 2021

Principal's Report

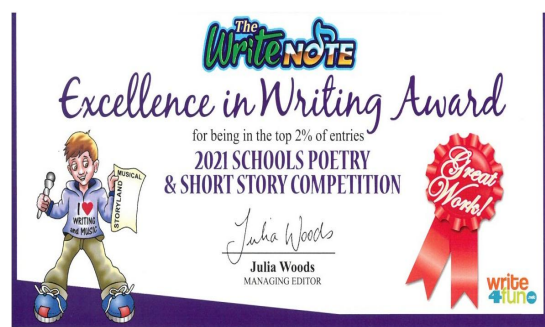
SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE

Apart from the brilliance of our Olympic athletes, I would like to also celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our students.

WRITE4FUN

Write4fun encourages young student writers and artists with fantastic competitions. This is an open competition with students from Prep to Year 12 applying. Students have to write either a 500 word story or maximum 16 line poem.

We had 13 students participate and I am thrilled to announce that all of our students passed the first round. Well done to all our participants. I am even more thrilled to announce that we had one student who made the top 2% out of more than 7000 entries. Congratulations to Lara H (5/6C)



VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM - English

The Student Excellence Program is delivering a range of initiatives to support government schools to provide a great learning environment and build teacher capability to support and extend their high-ability

students. Six of our students had the opportunity to participate in a 10-week online extension and enrichment program, in English. These students were selected by the DET based on previous NAPLAN results. Congratulations to Mia, Zoe A, Bradley, Jisan, Annabelle and Elisabeth.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Joshua for being crowned our 'Aussie of the Month'. Josh was selected because

- he is kind, caring and empathetic towards other students in our school
- he enthusiastically embraces new learning experiences and loves a challenge
- he is a great role model for younger students out in the schoolyard
- he always gives his best in anything he does
- he responds well to feedback from his teachers and his peers



Congratulations Josh!

OLYMPICS AT MWHPS!

Get dressed for success at the MWHPS Olympics day next Tuesday! Come dressed in your country's colors as we enjoy the experience of an Olympic Day. Don't forget to enter the Mascot challenge. Entries are due back by **Wednesday 11th August**. All entries will be on display at the office near the Olympic medal tally.

EXCURSION/INCURSION FORM

You will see some changes in the excursion/incursion notices as a result of complying with new Department of Education requirements. The following paragraph is one of the most important inclusions...

***NEW* Contact tracing**

Some excursion venues are required to collect contact details and are responsible for managing record keeping for contact-tracing in line with current public health directives.

Most venues are required to use electronic record keeping that connects with an Application Programming Interface (API) linked provider or a digital system provided by Services Victoria.

The Department of Health has ***strongly recommended*** that a contact number for each individual student is provided. A school phone number alone is not considered sufficient. Providing contact details for individual students will expedite contact tracing so that individuals can be contacted by the Department of Health if required.

Parents/carers/guardians are advised that, when required, the school will be providing excursion venues with contact details for students. The phone number on school file for the student will be provided as the nominated contact number.

Venues will be collecting student names and contact phone numbers for a legitimate purpose and are subject to Victorian privacy laws so will handle the information securely and only retain it for the required 28-day period.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

If you have been selected to complete the Parent Opinion Survey you have until this Friday to do so. We really appreciate your feedback.

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.

TREES REMOVED

Each year we employ an arborist to check the health of all the trees on our property, as part of OHS procedures. This year the arborist identified 5 trees that required removal and others which required pruning. Whilst we love our beautiful big trees and intend to keep as many of them as possible, we are obliged to follow the arborists recommendations. This is to ensure the safety of all. You will have noticed the last of our beautiful big gum trees in the Solomon St car park has been removed. It looks very bare!

CAR PARK

A few points to note..

- We have decided to make the grass area alongside the driveway entrance a '**NO PARKING**' zone for four reasons. 1. It is not safe for families and our precious students to be weaving in between traffic to get to their cars. 2. Cars parked here are causing traffic jams. 3. People are swinging car doors open - which is also causing traffic to stop 4. It is creating major divots in the grass



- We expect parents to also follow our school expectations - **Be Responsible, Be Inclusive and Be Respectful** whilst on school premises. Being Responsible by parking in parking bays and being patient and discussing matters with respect.

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

THANK YOU - ACTS OF KINDNESS

Thank you to the Kourtis and Robertson family, who kindly allowed us to place some old furniture on their nature strip for council collection. A huge help! Thank you

Let's celebrate...

- All our students and their incredible achievements!
- Lara for qualifying in the top 2% for the writing competition
- All our wonderful award winners
- Our Olympians for history making performances

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

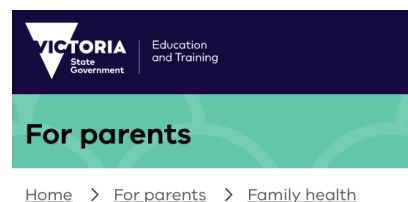
Assistant Principal's Report

WELLBEING

This week's wellbeing update is from the Vic.Gov website. It has great resources to help your children balance their time spent using digital devices for learning with physical exercise and offline learning tasks.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/managing-screen-time-health-and-wellbeing>

Physical activity will boost your child's physical and mental health and help improve their wellbeing. It also helps with concentration, memory and solving problems. Keeping active is also a great way to support your child's learning.



<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/family-health/Pages/healthy-eating-physical-activity.aspx>

Eating well is another way we can help maintain our physical and mental health and wellbeing. Making lunches with your child can help to teach them healthy eating habits.

The Raising Children website has nutrition and fitness guidelines.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/nutrition-fitness>

What I found particularly useful is their winter activities to keep kids active when it's cold and wet outside. It has great activities that are free or low cost that you can do around your neighbourhood.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/nutrition-fitness/physical-activity/winter-activities>

Stay active

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

World Principal's Day

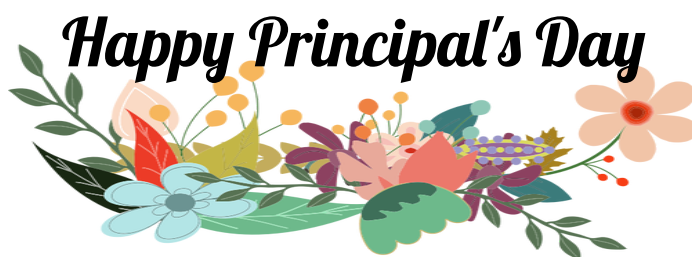
Tomorrow, Friday the 6th of August, is World Principal's Day. A day dedicated to celebrating the pivotal and amazing roles of the Principals in our school.

How lucky are we to have two of the best in Sharon and Carolyn!? *(Insert a collective 'So Lucky!!!!')* Yep, we think so too!

So we just wanted to say to Sharon and Carolyn a very big thank you.

As Principals, you have created a nurturing, safe and ideal teaching/learning environment for our teachers and students to learn and succeed, and we are forever grateful for your impact on our wonderful little school.

So tomorrow, I ask that as you pass by Sharon or Carolyn, to give them a shout out and thank them for all that they do.



Emma Thomas
Learning Specialist

Sustainability News



The Sustainability team have been busy since lockdown ended!

We have planted Royal Blue potatoes; please see below for a sneak peak of what's to come (these potatoes were from a previous crop that we dug up today)!

We have also almost finished clearing out both composts, and our banana bins are in full swing in the P-2 area. Don't forget to put your banana peels in them and we will put them into the compost!

We will be selling grapefruits and different seeds to raise money. Nude Food will now be announced once per month, but we are keeping an eye on how our classes are going. Mrs Geddes is very impressed with the nude food in her class: home-made popcorn, cakes and slices, and chopped fruit and veggies are appearing in students' lunch boxes with no wrappers in sight.

Stay tuned for more news later!



Around the classes

Our Grade 1 classes have been learning about Limericks and have written some of their own.

Orian's Limerick (1S)

*There once was a dog named Fred.
Who always chewed on his bed.
So he ate the whole thing
And then started to sing
That silly old dog named Fred*

Yassir's Limerick (1S)

*There once was a girl called Sigh.
Who always liked to lie.
So she made cake
And threw it in the lake
That silly girl, Sigh*

Amelie's Limerick (1S)

*There once was a guy called Lemy
Who wanted his friend Semy
So he yelled so loud
The he touched the clouds
That Lemy and Remy*

Apratim's Limerick (1G/M)

*There once was a boy called Tim
Who said "I am Apratim"
So he said 'I am mad
and very glad"
That he comes from Lim.*

Julius's Limerick (1G/M)

*There once was a vet called Brett
Who always said "I want a pet!"
So he found a pet
and went on a jet
That is why he was a vet*

COMING UP ...

MWHPS 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.





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