

## Dates To Remember

### TERM FOUR 2021

**Friday 3rd December**  
Prep Transition 3

**Monday 6th December**  
Final Whole School Assembly  
9.15am

**Wednesday 8th December**  
Meet 2022 classes 11.30 - 12pm

**Wednesday 8th December**  
Prep Information Night 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Thursday 9th December**  
Grade 6 Graduation Night

**Friday 10th December**  
Prep Transition 4 - Orientation  
Morning 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Monday 13th December**  
Year 5-6 Camp Gundiwindi

**Tuesday 14th December**  
Year 1 RACV Road Safety

**Wednesday 15th December**  
Year 3-4 Camp Gundiwindi  
Year 5-6 return from camp

**Thursday 16th December**  
Year 6 Fun Day

**Friday 17th December**  
Year 3-4 return from camp  
Last day of school for 2021  
1.30pm Finish

**Thursday 2nd December, 2021**

## Principal's Report

### COVID CASES

Our local Secondary Schools have had a range of positive cases across year levels. Recently, a local Secondary School held an assembly with all students, which sparked a covid breakout. The school did nothing wrong - as guidelines from the Department of Education allowed whole school assemblies. It just meant that the whole school closed. As many of our students have siblings at Secondary School, the risk to our students testing positive increases. We do have older siblings who have returned positive test results, which means some of our students are isolating. Can I thank all families for responding so quickly by keeping their child at home. Can I please urge all families to ensure that they contact us ASAP if a family member tests positive. This allows us to put additional procedures in place to reduce mixing between cohorts.

We have some great end of year celebrations coming up including graduation, camps and our Year 6 Fun Day. By families reacting quickly and taking precautionary measures, we are hoping that all students will be able to attend. It would be devastating to have a covid case in Years 3-6 that puts our camps and celebrations at risk.

### FINAL WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Mon December 6 @9.15am

To reduce the risk of a covid outbreak prior to the upcoming celebrations, we have decided to only have Year 3-6 students at our final assembly. Children in P-2 will be watching the assembly from their classrooms. Vaccinated parents in Years 3-6 are welcome to attend the final assembly.

**At this assembly we will be handing out our Year 6 Awards and welcoming our new school leaders for 2022.**



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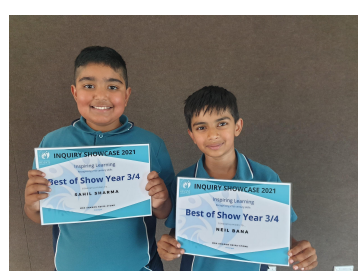
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## INQUIRY

A few weeks ago, I mentioned the amazing work of our year 3/4s in creating outstanding projects. I would also like to acknowledge our Year 5/6s. Their creative ideas - trialling biodegradable plastic, using algae as an energy source, finding ways to reduce waste, writing to the Prime Minister urging a response to the climate crisis were brilliant. At Monday's assembly we acknowledged those efforts and presented awards not just for the overall 'Best of Show' prize but also to the teams that collaborated well and showed excellent resilience skills. Well done to all involved.



## **PORTABLES**

We have been in discussion with the Department of Education regarding additional portables for 2022. Our application had been submitted earlier this term. With no definite response either way, we have a series of different plans depending on whether we receive 1 portable, 2 portables or no portables. Even if we are successful, the likelihood of receiving a portable prior to 2022 is slim. It is more likely to come at the beginning of Term 2. As such, we need to start the year in a similar way to 2021. With a classroom in the middle space of Building B and a classroom in the library. Not ideal but we can make it work. Having smaller class sizes is a much better option than having classes that start with 30 students.

## **MOVING WEEK - The next fortnight**

This week we have begun moving classes and teachers to their new spots for 2022. Whilst we are still awaiting news about portables, we have decided to set up (as if we will not be getting a portable) as there is not enough time to wait and see! The move will take a couple of weeks. Prep to Year 1 will remain where they are in the new building. Year 2's will be moving to Building B with the Year 3's. Year 4's will be moving to the library/classroom area and Year 5/6 will be moving to the portables.

## **PLANNING WEEK**

Teacher's have been released this week and will be released next week to begin their 2022 planning. It has been fantastic to have our new teachers participate in this planning day too.

## **NUMBERS 2022**

We are expecting to have around 350 students next year. Another big increase from 2021. In 2023 we will be looking at reducing our prep intake and only accepting in zone enrolments and siblings. Whilst we love 3 classes at each year level, the Department won't support our growth until we hit 80-85% of preps in zone. In 2022, we had 72% of preps in the zone. In 2022 (as per 2021) we will only be accepting in zone enrolments in Years 3-6.

## **CHROMEBOOKS - YEARS 5-6**

We have had a number of chromebooks returned from remote learning with screens broken, keys missing, headphone connections jammed and in a filthy state (crumbs wedged between keys and screens and keyboards filthy.) As you are aware, devices are expensive. Parents will be asked to contribute to the costs of fixing the devices when returned in this manner. All chromebooks will remain at school from Friday and assessed by our technician. Please ensure that the chromebook and the charger are returned.

## **INTERNAL TRANSITION**

Next Wednesday, students will be meeting their classroom teacher and peer group for 2022! This will take place between 11.30 and 12.15pm. We are lucky to have all our new staff join us for the day too!

## **PREP TRANSITION SESSION 3 - FRIDAY DEC 3 (2.30-3.15pm)**

Our third session for our new preps will be held this Friday. At this week's parent session, Extend will speak about the OSHC program and we will discuss uniform options. I will also be taking parents for a quick school tour.



### **SCHOOL LEVIES**

An outline of school levies and your families credit amount has been distributed this week. Levies are due by 17th February 2022. Please get in contact with Louise should you like to establish a payment plan.

### **What has changed?**

Due to the global pandemic we will be asking parents to '**pay as you go**' for extra curricular activities for the 2022 school year. This will avoid the school needing to pay back the cost of cancelled incursions/excursions or sporting events. In 2022, payments and permissions for extra curricular items and activities will be done through Sentral.

### **SPORTS UNIFORM YEARS 3-6**

We have decided to expand the sports uniform to Year 3/4 levels from 2022 onwards. P-2 will follow the following year. It will be far more comfortable for students during Physical Education lessons if they are dressed in appropriate wear.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

We currently have a lot of school jackets and containers in lost property with no names on them. Please come and have a look through to see if any might belong to your child. We will also have items on display at the final assembly on Monday 6th December and on the last day of term.

### **MASKS**

Just a reminder that primary School students (years 3-6) are still required to wear masks indoors. We have had a lot of students coming to the office to request masks. We have a small supply of masks but cannot always be available to hand out extras to students. Please remember to pack a mask for your child each day.

### **WHAT AM I GRATEFUL FOR?**

My positive for this week...

- Finally seeing my son's school production on Monday, after being postponed three times. It was fantastic!
- That I will be finally seeing the hairdresser on Saturday after 3 cancellations! Woohoo!

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

- Our Inquiry 'Best of Show' teams. Congratulations to Year 3/4 Neil B, Sahil S and Milton S and Year 5/6 Aayati D, Lara H, Stephanie N and Sophia R
- All the wonderful inquiry projects
- Wishing all those families celebrating Hanukkah a "Happy Hanukkah".

**Sharon Reiss-Stone**

Principal



# Assistant Principal's Report

## ASSEMBLIES ARE BACK!

Another week and another assembly done and dusted. Although we had to make some changes to our assembly this week, given a number of covid outbreaks around us, our students, staff and community took this all in their stride and delivered yet another amazing assembly. Our captains did a fantastic job and it was great to see them presenting in person again. Also for those of you who have been asking, Mrs Reiss Stone and I would be happy to bring back our polls should there be a large amount of requests for it!!



## PARENT HELPER THANK YOU

Around this time of year we usually hold our Parent Helpers Morning Tea to say thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and helpers that we have come into our school to help the students. Unfortunately due to covid we will not be running the morning tea this year, however we do want to say thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help around our school. From the parents who have helped with reading, to community events and with watering our gardens and planting...



*Thank you!!*

*Carolyn Datson*

Assistant Principal



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/schools/communities/parents/csef>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



In conjunction with Officeworks our sustainability team has started a new initiative to recycle old pens and markers. Students and families are able to bring in their old pens and markers and place them in the collection bin in the office. These will then be recycled and kept out of landfill. Items that can be recycled include highlighters, pens and markers/textas.





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## MOUNT WAVERLEY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 20 December  
Thursday 23 December





8.00am – 6.00pm

Session Fee \$78.00\*  
Pay from \$11.81 after CCS  
\* Early Bird Rate – Book 14 days in advance.



## 2021 SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM - DECEMBER

DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY. SUMMER  
**EXTEND SQUAD**  
FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences!

20 Monday	21 Tuesday	22 Wednesday	23 Thursday
Textured Paintings & Tennis Go on a scavenger hunt around the service to locate all things natural. Upon return create a stunning textured painting.	Construction & Dodgeball Build a tower, build a bridge, what will you design and build with your friends at Extend?	Party Games & Buttermilk Pancakes Time to party with your friends! Join us in a day filled with games, laughter, and fun.	Float a Boat & Confetti Biscuits Can you make a boat that can float? Test your skills in this fun and creative experiment.
			
Session Fee Only	Session Fee Only	Session Fee Only	Session Fee Only



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## MOUNT WAVERLEY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 10 January  
Friday 28 December

8.00am – 6.00pm









Session Fee \$78.00\*  
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Incursion Excursion Activity



## 2022 SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM - JANUARY

DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY. SUMMER  
**EXTEND SQUAD**  
FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences!

10 Monday	11 Tuesday	12 Wednesday	13 Thursday	14 Friday
Hip Hop Get down with the latest move that encourage expression, creativity, and improvisation! Drop off by 8am.	Eureka Skydeck Explore the Eureka Skydeck with a guided tour, identify landmarks and see Melbourne from the world's only glass cube!	Plant People & Tacos The children will decorate a cup filled with soil and grass-seed then water it and see it grow.	Treasure Hunt & Honey Cakes X marks the spot! Join us in the best Treasure Hunt and find some wonderful little treasures along the way.	Pop Up Card & Multi Sports Challenge your craft skills, by making a cool 3D character card for your friend.
				
Session Fee + \$20	Session Fee + \$33	Session Fee Only	Session Fee Only	Session Fee Only
17 Monday	18 Tuesday	19 Wednesday	20 Thursday	21 Friday
Dream City What will you be when you grow up? Be inspired as you explore a range of different occupations!	Portrait Painting & Outdoor Games 2 Draw your friend, a still life scene, or from your imagination.	Handprint Flowers & Ball Sports Get a bit messy with us and make beautiful art with your hands. Will you be the next Van Gogh?	Splashtastic fun Cool down these school holidays at your Vacation Care program with Proactivity's Splashtastic Fun day! Drop off by 8am.	Volcanoes & Beading Volcanos are fascinating so let's learn about them as we explore the afternoon away!
				
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## 2022 SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM – JANUARY

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**EXTEND SQUAD**  
FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences!

24 Monday	25 Tuesday	26 Wednesday	27 Thursday	28 Friday
<p>Indicator Blues &amp; Drama Games and Activities</p> <p>What is an acid and what is a base? Explore chemistry with colour changing solutions!</p>  <p>Session Fee Only</p>	<p>Lamingtons &amp; Mini Experiments</p> <p>You might have had lamingtons before, but this will be the best you've ever tasted. Why? Because we'll use a secret recipe.</p>  <p>Session Fee Only</p>	<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>Cricket &amp; Bookworm Bookmark</p> <p>Create your own back to school bookmark.</p>  <p>Session Fee Only</p>	<p>Pinata &amp; ZappyZoomer</p> <p>Uno, dos, tres, vamos! Let's have fun with a Spanish tradition and get some sweet treats in the process.</p>  <p>Session Fee Only</p>



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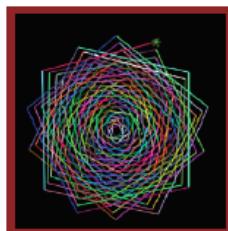
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In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



### 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 1 2022 is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$171 + GST

#### AFTER SCHOOL

3:40pm – 4:40pm

#### BATCH

Tuesday's 1<sup>st</sup> Feb to 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022

Fill out the form online by  
**Thursday 16th Dec 2021**



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

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

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**Waverley Community Learning Centre  
invites local parents and carers to  
register in for a free child car  
restraint fitting or safety check!**

**WHERE** 5 Fleet Street, Mount Waverley

**WHEN** Saturday 11 December 2021 between 9.00am and 1.00pm

**HOW** Parents and carers (including grandparents!) are invited to book online for a free child car restraint fitting or check by registering via:  
<https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/events/mount-waverley-11-december-2021/>

**WHY** 70% of child car restraints are incorrectly installed or used, posing a serious safety risk to children travelling in those restraints. For peace of mind, have a professional fitter check your restraints so you know your child is safe. For more information about the program, please visit  
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