

## Dates To Remember

### TERM ONE 2023

**Friday 10th February**  
Nominations for School Council Close

**Friday 10th February**  
Book Club DUE

**Monday 13th February**  
Swimming Mon-Thu (Year 2-6)

**Tuesday 14th February**  
**Happy Hearts Day** wear something red to school. Gold coin donation

**Thursday 16th February**  
Classroom Helpers Course

**Monday 20th February**  
Assembly 2.45pm  
List of candidates and nominations posted for School Council

**Tuesday 21st February**  
Parent Teacher Chat 3.40pm - 7.30pm

**Wednesday 22nd February**  
Parent Teacher Chat 3.40pm - 5.30pm

**Friday 24th February**  
SDSSA Summer Sport Round Robin Year 5 & 6

**Tuesday 28th February**  
School Nurse Forms due - Prep

**Wednesday 1st March**  
School Council - 7pm

**Monday 6th March**  
Assembly - 2.40pm

**Thursday 9 February, 2023**

## Principal's Report

### INFORMATION NIGHTS

Thank you to those that attended the Parent information nights earlier this week. We hope that you found them informative and relevant. We will be sending out a form to collate your feedback shortly. Slides will be made available via Sentral.

### SOLOMON ST AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Please, please, please be respectful of our neighbours, other drivers and our families. Thank you for responding to my Sentral message about Monday's chaos and making the last few days a positive parking experience for all.

### ATTENDANCE

We are doing a big promotion on being at school on time. The class with the least number of late notices will be given Zooper Doopers. The competition will run fortnightly and the winning class will be announced at assembly.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nomination Forms can still be **collected but must be returned by 4pm tomorrow**. On Monday 20 February a list of candidates and nominators will be posted.

### PARENT - TEACHER CHAT

On **Tuesday February 21 & Wednesday 22** we will be offering parents an opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher to share vital information about their child's learning requirements and provide parents with an opportunity to discuss any concerns regarding their child's academic, social and emotional development. In some cases a parent sharing relevant background information such as a child's academic strengths, their social and emotional competencies, their family circumstances or medical/health

information, can be invaluable to a teacher catering for a child in their care. Details of how to book your parent-teacher chat **was sent out on Tuesday**.

### **READERS**

Readers will be sent home from Monday 13 Feb. Please note that students will be taking home readers from where they left off in 2022. Unfortunately, if students have not been reading over the holiday period, they can drop back a few levels before they regain their confidence. We also know that there will be many students who have progressed and will be reading well beyond their 2022 level. The levels will be modified and adjusted as soon as the assessment has been completed. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

### **ASSEMBLY – Begins Monday Feb 20**

Our first assembly for the school year will be held on Monday February 20 from 2.45-3.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. We also send out a meeting link, so people may view the assembly from home/work. You will receive a Sentral message if your child is receiving an award at the upcoming assembly.

### **SPORTS UNIFORM YEARS P-6**

We have expanded the sports uniform for all students this year. It will be far more comfortable for students during Physical Education lessons if they are dressed in appropriate wear. Items can be purchased from the PSW shop in Glen Waverley.

### **PRIVACY OF INFORMATION**

Annual privacy reminder for our school community.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the DET Privacy Policy.

Please take time to read the DET Privacy Policy, found on the department's website - <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy/technology Policy — information for parents.

### **JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.**

Working in your dream job is something that we hope everyone finds in their lifetime. As part of the Beacon School project and with our industry partners by our side, our teachers have been investing in their knowledge and understanding of the tech world. These skills are highly sought after not only in education but across multiple industries. So, it didn't come as much of a surprise when one of our teachers was offered a job at Datacom. As you are aware, Claire Furlong, our amazing Music teacher wears lots of hats - including being our Learning Specialist in IT. On Friday, Claire informed me that she had been offered an Education Specialist role in the Education Innovation Team at Datacom. She will also be leading the Beacon School Project nationally. An offer

too good to refuse! Like me, I know that you will all be devastated to hear that Claire is leaving, but also happy for her to take on this new adventure. The great news is that Claire will be our contact for the Beacon School Project, so we will still get to work with her.

On Friday I advertised for a new Music teacher. The process will take up to a month to complete. We are hoping that the candidate will be able to begin late March - if everything goes well. I know that you will also be aware of the teacher shortage at the moment, so we have our fingers crossed that we are able to fill this position.

Claire has provided an outline of our Music program for the remainder of the term, so that the students' learning continues. Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs) will run the program until we can find our replacement.

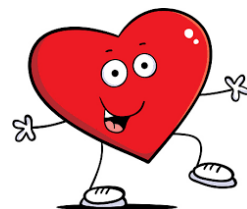
I would like to take this time to acknowledge and thank Claire for her contributions over the last 7 years. There is not much that happens at MWHPS without Claire's involvement. Her musical and artistic talents alongside all the additional clubs, productions, concerts, etc has meant that our students have had wonderful opportunities in the Arts. Claire completely transformed our Arts program over the 7 years she has been with us and has been a key leader of the beacon school project, over the past couple of years.

I know that you will join me, in wishing Claire, all the best for the next chapter in her career.

### **FROM JULIANNE MARSHALL - Happy Hearts Day - Tuesday 14th February**

On Tuesday 14th February, we will celebrate **Happy Hearts Day** by wearing something **red** to school. Bring a gold coin donation to help form a golden heart and contribute to purchasing an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for our school community.

Early defibrillation is the single most effective treatment for Sudden Cardiac Arrest, with defibrillation within three minutes of collapse significantly increasing the chance of survival.



Come to school wearing something red and help us celebrate Happy Heart Day!

### **HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES**

We had lots of questions about Healthy lunch boxes and ideas for children's lunches at our information nights. Some helpful websites are -

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/collections/healthy-lunch-box-recipes>

<https://www.taste.com.au/healthy/galleries/whole-school-term-healthy-lunchbox-ideas/o7hfes8pwww.healthy-lunch-boxweek.org.au>

<https://www.healthy-lunchboxweek.org.au/recipes>



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

- A great first week of swimming
- Our teachers for preparing such a great information night



**Sharon Reiss-Stone**

Principal

# Assistant Principal's Report

## CLASSROOM HELPERS COURSE

Thursday Feb 16 2:45-3:15 pm in the PAC

If you are interested in helping with reading in the classroom or volunteering as part of an incursion/ excursion or camp, this course will help outline your role. Requirements change year to year, so if you have done this course previously there will be some new information. It will also outline OHS and child safe requirements.



Please complete the following form to RSVP - [Classroom Helper RSVP](#)

## INFORMATION NIGHT

A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers who presented at our information nights. Thank you to the many families who attended our information nights. It was wonderful to see so many parents come along.



**Carolyn Datson**  
Assistant Principal



## Department of Education and Training



# School Nursing Program

Your VISITING PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSE is

**Hayley Beeston**

Mobile No: 0412 161 473

[Hayley.Beeston@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Hayley.Beeston@education.vic.gov.au)

The School Nursing Program will continue to provide:

- Distribution of a confidential **School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ)** to all parents of **prep** children. (The questionnaire provides parents/guardians with the opportunity to raise any concerns they may have about their child's health and development with the school nurse.)
- Response to parents/guardians concerns as identified in the SEHQ.
- Assessment of children in Grades 1-6 whom have been **referred by teachers** to the school nurse.
- Assessment of children who are **newly arrived from overseas**.
- **Follow-up of children** where school nurse intervention is required.

The prep SEHQ continues to cover general health and development, dental, speech, hearing, vision, behaviour, emotional wellbeing and family stress. It provides a clinical tool to assist nurses to prioritise those children who may require further assessment and support early in the school year, and enables teachers and nurses to work collaboratively with families to improve outcomes for children.

Referral forms for Grade 1-6 and newly arrived from overseas students are available from the school office and online:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/school/teachers/health/psnpreferallform.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me via email [Hayley.Beeston@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Hayley.Beeston@education.vic.gov.au) or mobile 0412 161 473.



## PE News



### PE NEWS



We have had a great start to our PE program. Swimming is well underway and it is great to talk to the students about what they have been working on. (Please see some photos on the next page)

Our House Athletics day will be held on March 8th at Duncan Reserve. This week students have been introduced to or are continuing to develop their athletic skills. For the year 3-6 students we have looked at triple jump, discus, and shotput.

It has been great to see students persevering at the triple jump learning to coordinate the hop, step and jump. Next week we will be working on the hurdles. The Prep-Year 2 students have been working on learning to throw the discus (with frisbees) and hurdles - practising to always lead with the same leg over the hurdles.

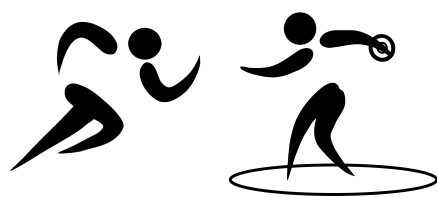
Please make sure that your child is wearing their PE uniform and sneakers/runners on their PE days as it makes it easier to participate in the program.

Thank you

Mrs Molnar







## PE NEWS - Cont'd

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Years involved</u>
February 6th - 16th	Swimming Program	Year 2-6
February 24th	Summer Sport Round Robin	Year 5, Year 6
March 8th	Athletics Sports	Whole School
March 29th	Twilight Sports	Community Event
March 31st	District Athletics	Selected Year 3-6
April 28th	Cross Country	Whole School
May 19th	District Cross Country	Selected Year 3-6
June 2nd	Winter Sport Round Robin	Year 5, Year 6
September 8th	Basketball Round Robin	Year 5, Year 6
September 15th	Footy Day	Whole School
October 2-12th	Swimming Program	Prep and Year 1
November 10th	Summer Sport Round Robin	Year 5, Year 6

In week 1 of Term 2 will be our Whole school House Cross County. We have just started working on our running stamina.

If your child enjoys running and you would like to do some training the distance that we are working towards are:

10 Year olds - 2km

11/12 Year olds - 3kms

If you are able to help out on any of the above events can you please complete the google form

[PE Parent Helpers Form](#)



## PA News

Welcome to 2023! The Parent's Association (PA) is looking for this year's group of volunteers to assist with the coordination of events for our students. If you have a little time to spare, we meet about twice a term to review the calendar of upcoming events and make sure there are some fun activities planned for our little ones! You don't need to participate in all events or meetings, and we will open up volunteering at events to the wider school community when events are on. The PA is simply our core organising group.

Events coming up this year include:

- Twilight Sports BBQ
- Easter Raffle
- Mother's/Father's Day stalls
- Bunnings BBQ
- School Disco
- Movie Night
- Anything else we come up with!

The PA is a great way to be involved in school life, meet other parents and help support the school by raising funds. If you'd like to come and help, we'd love you to join us at the first PA meeting of the year at 2:45pm, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Please email Lisa Wong (PA Secretary) on [itslisawong@gmail.com](mailto:itslisawong@gmail.com) to express your interest, or talk to Lisa or me in the yard after school.

Have a great week and a wonderful 2023!

Kind regards,

*Bec Rangas*

PA President

## Extend News



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT GROUP

You are invited to come and join the fun, vacancies now.

**Joey Scouts:** Monday 6.30 to 7.30pm. Enrolled at school to 7.6 or 8 years.

**Cub Scouts:** Wednesday 7pm to 8.30pm. Age 7.6 years to 11 years.

**Scouts:** Thursday 7.30 to 9pm. Age 11 years to 15 years.

Venturers and Rover positions also available.

Join the Scouting Adventure. Activities encouraging teamwork and friendship in a fun filled program. You are welcome to give it a try.

Scout Hall: laneway access Salisbury Road, Ashwood (between houses 22 and 24). Contact: Glenys mobile 0425825725



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**TWILIGHT**

# CARNIVAL

**2023**

**SATURDAY 4TH MARCH**  
2PM-9PM  
Malvern Valley Primary School  
Abbotsford Ave, Malvern East

**FEATURING**

RIDES | MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT  
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