



Dates To Remember

TERM ONE 2023

Monday 6th March Assembly - 2.40pm

Wednesday 8th March

Sports Day at the Track - Whole School

Monday 13th March Labour Day Public Holiday - No School

Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th March Naplan Years 3 and 5

Thursday 16th March Light and Sound incursion Year 1

Monday 20th March Naplan Years 3 and 5

Monday 20th March Assembly

Thursday 23rd March School Nurse visits for Prep

Friday 24th March School Nurse visits for Prep

Tuesday 28th March Year 5 Immigration Museum Excursion

Wednesday 29th March Twilight Sports

Thursday 30th March School Nurse visits for Prep

Friday 31st March SDSSA District Athletics

Thursday 2 March, 2023

Principal's Report

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Well done to those who are getting their child to school on time. I understand that traffic has been pretty awful of late. So far this week we have more classes in the running for gold place (meaning less late arrivals = more learning)

1st place = PM, 1G, 1M 2nd place = 6M 3rd place = 2F, 3J

SPORTS DAY AT THE TRACK

Next Wed we have our very first school sports day at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve. Students need to be wearing a house colour t shirt (Blue, Red, Yellow or Green) and their sports uniform shorts. Students may wear house coloured socks and hair ties too, if they wish.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to assist on the day. Many hands make a great difference.

P-2 aths activities will run from 11.30-1 Yrs 3-6 activities will run from 10.30-2.30

P-2 students will have their play lunch and lunch at school but will bring their brain food and water bottles with them. Classroom teachers will organise students to bring these to the track.

Years 3-6 will need to bring their play lunch, lunch and drink bottle in a backpack.

Parents are invited to come along to watch and cheer the students on.















MULTI-CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

We will be running our first big multi cultural day celebration on Thu April 6. We are encouraging students to come dressed in clothes that represent their culture and heritage on this day. Students will participate in a range of activities from different countries/cultures. These countries have been selected based on our communities' make up. We have also selected countries from different continents and looked at a range of organisations to help contribute in making it a great day.

The community sub committee, of the School Council, is assisting with the day's organisation, but we do need your help. We are looking for the following....

- People who would like to assist with a Greek dancing activity
- Are there any henna artists within our community?
- Are there any groups in our community who would like to perform during our lunch break in front of students and parents? e.g. Dancing, singing, etc

If you are able to help, please either email/phone the school or send me a Sentral message.

MUSIC TEACHER

We have hired a music teacher! Woo hoo! Tessa Canning will be joining our team shortly. Tessa not only has a teaching and music degree but plays a variety of instruments herself. Tessa will be coming in this week to plan with Claire Furlong and will begin taking lessons from next week.

STUDENT TOYS

Just a reminder that we encourage students not to bring any valuable toys and items to school. We cannot take responsibility for them. Pokemon cards are particularly popular at the moment. As with all fads, they have positives and negatives. The positives is that it brings kids together that share a similar passion, it teaches sharing and resilience. The negative is that it can become overwhelming and some students take advantage of younger/other students. We have banned Pokemon cards for Prep & Year 1 students, as they can easily become upset or overpowered by others. Year 2 - 6 may bring Pokemon cards to school (at the moment) but they will be banned if students are fighting over cards and it is becoming an issue.

PORTABLE

Whilst the DET has allocated a portable we are currently waiting for the gas company to disconnect our gas and move the outlet. At the moment, this is what is causing the delay.

CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to all our award winners from last weeks assembly

Prep D - Selina C & Owen H 2E - Emma R & Patrick K Prep K - Reina T & Harry D 2F - Rachel B & Hunter L Prep M - Alexandra S & Sully P 2T - Sammy P & Aleah L 1D - Ethan H & Ava C 3D - Siddarth K & Zoe D 1G - Eko C & Adithi W 3J - Kimberly L & Romeo Z 1M - Victoria W & Ari R 3M - Logan S & Felix H











4K - Ryan B & Zara M

4R - Jess W & Jayden G

5D - Caitlin W & Joseph P

5S - Riza E & Jada T

6M - Owen M & Emma H

6V - Jayden K & Angel P

Specialist awards:

Art - Zoe A & Beau J

Japanese -Xavier S & Kimberley L

Music - Alina N

PE - Maxwell L, Charli M & Kivain E

CLASSROOM CONTACT LISTS

Just a reminder to contact Julie if you would like to be added to the classroom contact list.

Let's celebrate...

- The procedure and processes in place for a smooth evacuation practice today. Well done to all!
- Our Captains for running House competition activities at lunchtime for Year 3/4s. We look forward to seeing the results at assembly on Monday
- International Women's Day this coming weekend. Thank you to all the wonderful and inspiring women in my life.

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal











Assistant Principal's Report

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Student safety at Mount Waverley Heights PS is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised at 8:45am. After school: School grounds are supervised until 3:45pm.

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity). Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

Families are encouraged to contact Extend on 1300366437or refer to www.extend.com.au for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

WELLBEING

Last week, I mentioned the department's booklet of activities and conversation starters for parents of primary school-aged children.

This week I will highlight one of the strategies: Understanding Emotions.

Understanding emotions helps your child to understand themselves and others. We do this by focussing on recognising, expressing and managing emotions. Understanding our emotions is key to building empathy and self awareness. These are examples of P - 2 activities.



Understanding emotions

Goal: Understanding our

Activity: With your child, name the different emotions that characters in your favourite TV show or story book are feeling. How many can you name? Ask: How can we work out what emotions other people are feeling?

Understanding emotions

Goal: Understand our

Activity: Play emotional charades with members of your family. Each person acts out an emotion and family members guess the emotion/ feelina

Goal: Understand situations that can trigger different

Activity: Your child asks a family member how they would feel if:

- They were starting a new school or job
- Their friend had told everyone a secret they shared with them
- They had won a prize

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/parents/family-health/parents-wellbeing-activities-primary.pdf













We went into the lab room and started by writing what came to mind at the thought of chemistry, for example, elements and molecules. Then we started looking at acidic and basic liquids. We also saw that if the pH is lower than 7, it's acidic, and if it's higher than 7pH, it is basic, and if it's 7pH, it is neutral, but then the fun begins.

We were making liquids to see if they were acidic or basic. We boiled a hundred mL of water, and then added pieces of red cabbage, and it turned out blue. Then the year tens gave us eight test tubes, and we filled them each with a different liquid, and labelled them. We had to estimated the pH level, and then test to see if our predictions were correct. We got six out of eight, which can be rephrased as three quarters.

Then it was time to go home. We had a good time and we learned a lot from the session. I would rate it a 10/10!

By Angel

Today at John Monash we were in awe of what we were doing. IT WAS CHEMISTRY, my favourite type of science! Everyone in our group was really enjoying it!

First we boiled some "red" (it was purple) cabbage which turned white and for some reason then turned green. Anyway the purple colour drained and WE HAD **BLUE** LIQUID we were puzzled and amazed. We poured some of the liquid in sodium hydroxide which I think was pink, and we poured some into milk. When we poured it into the sodium hydroxide it turned into a lovely lavender colour! My favourite was when we poured some into the milk. It turned into a beautiful colour of a nice sun set. (It really looked tropical!)

By Junsu









PA News

Volunteers required for Twilight Sports on Wed, 29 March

The twilight sports is a whole school community event, where students and their families are all welcome to come and have a fun evening together.

The Parents' Association (PA) will be running a BBQ on the night to fundraise for the school and is looking for volunteers to help out. If you could spare an hour of your time that evening then please complete the sign-up sheet link: https://volunteersignup.org/XYQ99.

The PA will be in touch nearer the time.

Easter Baskets/ Raffle Tickets

Easter is only a few weeks away and it's Easter raffle time!

We are asking each family for donations to make up Easter Baskets for the raffle.

Please donate to this Fundraiser as the more donations we have, the more prizes there will be.

Donations can be left in the big box in the office.

Stay tuned for more information



From the Parents Association















Icy poles will be sold every Thursday lunch time for 1 dollar each at the PAC! All the money will go towards graduation.

> how you can pay:













Extend News





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