

Thursday 11 May, 2023

Dates To Remember

TERM TWO

Friday 12th May
Mothers Day stall

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Mothers Day Afternoon Tea - Prep - Yr 2

Friday 12th May
SDSSA Cross Country at Jells Park
Selected students

Monday 15th May
Assembly - 2.40pm

Tuesday 16th May
ThinkUKnow Year 3 - 6 Incursion

Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th May
Principal's Conference

Friday 19th May
PYJAMA DAY

Tuesday 23rd May
Year 1 Earth Crusaders Incursion

Friday 26th May
Curriculum Day

Monday 29th May
Assembly

Thursday 1st June
Grandparents Morning

Friday 2nd June
SDSSA Winter Round Robin

Principal's Report

THINK U KNOW? -

Thank you to Andrew Collins from Datacom for presenting at our cyber safe information session last Thursday. It was a great way to become more confident in managing the risks and understanding possible threats. Key takeaways:

- Devices should be in shared spaces, not bedrooms
- Look for changes in behaviour as signs that things might not be ok
- Talk to your child about what to do if they have a message that is mean or makes them feel uncomfortable. Encouraging them to seek help from an adult - parent, aunt, uncle, older cousin, etc.
- Teaching our children about privacy settings in different apps they use
- Remaining calm, so that your child feels comfortable telling you about a problem
- Listening and asking questions about the games they are playing. This will give you an insight into what/how they use social media and who they are interacting with
- Stressing how important it is for your child to only add people they know and who they have met, into their games/contacts.

The Think U Know incursion for students in Years 3-6 will be held on Tues May 16. The Victorian Police run this program, which teaches students how to be safe online.

MOTHERS DAY STALL - TODAY & TOMORROW

Thank you to PA for organising a great selection of gifts for our Mother's Day stall. Almost all students have had the opportunity to shop at the stall. Tomorrow 1G, 2F, 2E, 2T and 3J will be picking out their gifts. Please remember to **send your child with a reusable bag** to take their gift home in.



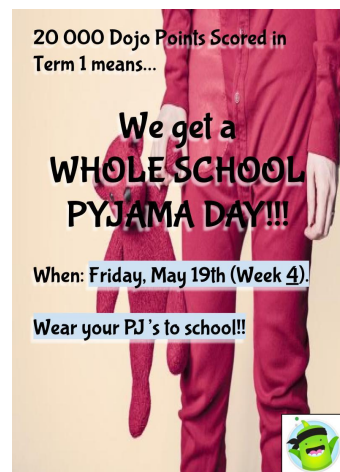
DON'T FORGET: P-2 MOTHER'S DAY EVENT TOMORROW

We are inviting all our P-2 mums or significant women in our students' lives to a special Mother's Day celebration.

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| Arrival - 2.30pm | Visitors to head into their child's class |
| 2.35 - 3.10pm | Activities in the classroom |
| 3.10 - 3.25 | Performance in PAC |
| 3.25 | Students will head back to the classrooms to pack up. |

PYJAMA DAY

Congratulations to the students on reaching 20,000 Dojo points. As a reward the students have chosen to have a Pyjama day. **Next Friday, May 19th** students can come to school dressed in their Pyjamas. Students are welcome to bring their slippers to school to wear in the classroom, but must wear shoes to and from school and have them for playtime.



EDUCATION WEEK - GRANDPARENTS DAY

In celebrating Education Week this year, we will be hosting one of our favourite events - **Grandparents Day**. This will be held on Thu June 1st from 9.30am to 11am.

- 9.30-10.15am - Grandparents/Special people will be invited into the classrooms to complete activities together
- 10.15 - 10.45 - Taiko/Musical performances in Dream Space (weather permitting) or PAC if raining
- 10.45-11am - Tea/Coffee and Scones

PORTABLE ARRIVING

GREAT NEWS! Our portable will be arriving on May 26! Woo hoo! Classes will move into their new space in week 8. This is fantastic news and we can't wait to have the classes sorted ASAP. Our library will finally be operational!

NETWORK PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

Just a reminder that Carolyn and myself will be attending our network conference and will be absent from May 17-19. Please see Emma Thomas if you have any pressing queries.

Let's celebrate...

- All our mums and significant women in our lives. Happy Mother's Day!
- PA and all our volunteers for organising and running our Mother's Day stall. Thank you!
- Our P-2 teachers for organising a fun activity tomorrow for our mums
- Alice(6V) who represented the state team at Nationals this week. She placed 2nd place overall and the Victorian Team claimed Gold. The second part of the competition will be happening tomorrow. Good Luck Alice!



Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

Assistant Principals News

WELLBEING

A huge congratulations to our Wellbeing team who were awarded a BRONZE award for our School Wide Positive Behaviour approach. We were awarded the bronze award for implementing with fidelity and having the approach embedded into everything we do. We have established a positive school culture, developed a behaviour curriculum and explicitly taught expected behaviours.

What is SWPBS?

The goal of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support(SWPB) at MWHPS is to create and maintain a positive and safe learning environment that enhances our school culture, where we maximise individual academic and social growth.

Research demonstrates that SWPBS improves a school's environment and helps keep students and teachers in safe and productive classrooms by:

- improving interpersonal relationships;
- improving attendance rates;
- increasing students' sense of belonging and safety; and
- supporting improved academic outcomes.

Clear sets of behaviour expectations are developed around our key school values – Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Inclusive.

The SWPBS matrix clarifies what our behaviours should look, sound and feel like. Our expected behaviours are explicitly taught in every classroom and are consistently reinforced throughout the school. You can find our matrix displayed and positioned in many locations around the school and are referred to and discussed regularly with all students at MWHPS. Teaching behavioural expectations helps students to develop better social skills whilst creating a friendly, safe and orderly learning environment for everyone.

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

PE News

Some photos of our fantastic cross country!



ICAS - Years 2 - 6

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is a skill-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. Students from over 20 countries participate in ICAS. As usual, MWHPS is offering testing in English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies for students in **Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**.



All students receive a certificate with merits, credits, distinctions and high distinctions being awarded to top performers. These competitions are completely optional and are in an online format. They will be conducted at school during class time within the date ranges listed below.

The cost of each competition is \$19.25. You will need to pay for the competitions you wish your child to complete via the online parent payment system. Please complete these payments by Friday 22nd July.

Testing Dates:

Digital Technologies: 7 Aug – 11 Aug 2023

English: 14 Aug – 18 Aug 2023

Science: 21 Aug – 25 Aug 2023

Mathematics: 28 Aug – 1 Sept 2023

Please pay via the website <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Type in the school's access code **XCH180**

Callum Marini

ICAS Coordinator

Japanese News

Join Sensei at the Box Hill Japan Festival next weekend, Sunday 21st May.



JAPAN FESTIVAL 日本祭り **結々 TSUMUGU**

JAPAN

FESTIVAL 2023 Box Hill Town Hall
1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
SUN 21 MAY 10AM - 5PM

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

- **CHUEI YOSHIKAWA**
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Japanese sake free tasting
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Around the Classes

Year 3 Reptile Encounters Incursion

Last Thursday our Year 3's were visited by some friendly animals from Reptiles Encounters. Aracelli, our fantastic host, treated us to an entertaining but also insightful incursion, where we learnt about some of Australia's endangered animals.

We've been learning a lot about how some Australian animal species are becoming extinct and what we can do to help save them. In our session, we met some of those animals, such as the brush tailed bettong, the squirrel glider, and the barking owl. We also saw two (friendly) pythons and a baby freshwater crocodile.

The session helped us learn more about our native wildlife, what's causing some of these animals to become endangered, and some of the ways we can help to prevent this.

It was an awesome experience, and we are looking forward to making a difference in our upcoming big inquiry project.



Lunch time Clubs

Activity	Day	Time
Basketball Club Year 3 - 4	Monday	recess
Art room for Art club all years	Monday	1st half lunch
Chess - run by Kids unlimited	Monday	lunchtime
Basketball Club Year 5 -6	Tuesday	recess
Sustainability members to take compost bags to the bins at lunchtime	Tuesday	1st half lunch
Music Club Years 4 - 6	Tuesday	1st half lunch
Taiko - Year 5 & 6	Wednesday	1st half lunch
SRC	Thursday	1st half lunch
Sustainability	Friday	1st half lunch

Recycle your Bread bags!!

Send in your empty bread bags and place them in our Wonder Pink collection box. The more we collect, the more points we earn to redeem new sports equipment! Our Pink box is up in the school office.

RECYCLE, EARN & PLAY

Our school is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school earns!

Collections close 7th July.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?
Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag @wonder.australia #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!

Wonder
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Extend News

KIDS CLUB COMPETITION 2023

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COMPETITION DATES

Entries Open
Thursday 18 May

Competition Closes
Friday 2 June

ENTRY CATEGORIES

Individual Entry
Junior Entry: Grade 2 & under
Senior Entry: Grade 3 & over

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Activity Incursion Excursion

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SPACE EXPLORERS

<p>MONDAY 26 JUNE</p> <p>Build Your Own Space Helmet & Rocket Launcher</p> <p>Do you want to be an Astronaut? Let's build your very own space helmet so you can go to the moon!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee Only</small></p>	<p>MONDAY 3 JULY</p> <p>Blubber Experiment & Balloon Tennis</p> <p>Learn how animals with blubber stay warm even in the icy ocean water, using a simple science experiment!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee Only</small></p>
<p>TUESDAY 27 JUNE</p> <p>Trivia Gameshow</p> <p>With real-life buzzers, a game wheel to spin and ridiculous minute to win it challenges the kids will be belly-laughing on the floor screaming for more!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee + \$20</small></p>	<p>TUESDAY 4 JULY</p> <p>Sunscreen Handprints & Indoor Hopscotch</p> <p>We can't see ultraviolet light with our eyes, but with this experiment you can see it in action!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee Only</small></p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE</p> <p>Plunge Painting & Newspaper Towers</p> <p>Take a plunge into painting! Smock up, it'll get messy.</p> <p><small>*Session Fee Only</small></p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 5 JULY</p> <p>Bounce</p> <p>Bounce is the perfect playground to develop your freestyle tricks these school holidays!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee + \$14</small></p>
<p>THURSDAY 29 JUNE</p> <p>Laser Tag</p> <p>Gather your friends and put on your high-tech gear. Get ready to tag your opponents in a game of laser tag and then head to the arcade for even more fun!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee + \$48</small></p>	<p>THURSDAY 6 JULY</p> <p>Make A Galaxy Pinwheel & Protect The Kingdom</p> <p>Hold the entire milky way in your hands by building a galaxy pinwheel!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee Only</small></p>
<p>FRIDAY 30 JUNE</p> <p>Skip To The Moon & Dancing Raisins</p> <p>Do you have what it takes to become an Astronaut? Put your endurance to the test!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee Only</small></p>	<p>FRIDAY 7 JULY</p> <p>Space BrickWorks</p> <p>Aim for the stars as you build a space station, moon buggy or rocket!</p> <p><small>*Session Fee + \$25</small></p>

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- Wed, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- Starts on 3 May
- Run for 8 sessions
- For Years 1-6
- Room: Art room

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