The Heights Happenings



Thursday 18 May, 2023

Dates To Remember

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Friday 19th May Principal's Conference

Friday 19th May PYJAMA DAY

Tuesday 23rd May Year 1 Earth Crusaders Incursion

Friday 26th May Curriculum Day EXTEND closed

Monday 29th May Assembly

Wednesday 31st May Cross Country Division - Selected Students

Thursday 1st June Grandparents Morning 9.30 - 11am Open Day

Friday 2nd June SDSSA Winter Round Robin

Friday 2nd June Year 2 Incursion - Hands on Science

Friday 2nd June Book Club DUE

Wednesday 7th June School Council - 7pm

Monday 12th June King's Birthday Public holiday

Principal's Report

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

Thank you to the PA for a great Mother's Day stall and to our Year P-2 parents for a fun event on Friday. I loved the poem and song the students performed - super cute! We hope all our mums and special women in our students' lives had a great day on Sunday.



PYJAMA DAY - TOMORROW

Congratulations to the students on reaching 20,000 Dojo points. Tomorrow 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 recess and lunch.

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AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Samudi for being awarded Aussie of the Month. Samudi displays our school values of respect, responsibility and inclusiveness at all times. She is a kind friend to everyone she meets and is always happy to include and accommodate others when she is playing outside or participating in classroom activities. Samudi will go out of her way to ensure that no-one is left without a partner or a group to join. She is also a thoughtful and reflective learner who demonstrates both compassion and insight when discussing issues faced by our First Nations People. These very special qualities not only make Samudi such a positive role model for others, they also make the world a better place. Samudi, we are all so proud of you at Mount Waverley Heights and you truly are a worthy recipient of this award.



OPEN DAY - 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

Tours will be offered from 11.30am - 1.30pm. If you know anyone within our school zone who might be interested in enrolling, please let them know of our upcoming Open Day.



CONGRATULATIONS



It is not every day that we can say that we have a National Champion within our school community - but as of last week, we do!

Congratulations to Alice J who represented Victoria at the National Gymnastics Championships last week. Alice took out the overall National Championship title and was also crowned National Champion on floor and bars. Incredible!





CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to Nela, Zoe, Talib, Farida, Alrazza, Ryan, Filippe & Vinudi for making it to the Division Cross Country event. Incredible to have 8 students make it through to the next round.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to this week's award winners -

Prep D - Leon S & Daphne S Prep K - Azaylea B & Riley K Prep M - Hailey N 1D - Lachlan E & Frederick O 1G - Julie P 1M - Mia Jane S & Senitha MH 2E - Beau J & Isla M 2F - Sawa N & Elijah L 2T - Charlotte C & Fung C

3D - Smera A & Kaasvi K 3J - Kian D & Zara T 3M - Connor G & Eryn J 4K - Nemitha MH & Besmir D 4R - Theo R & Ariana M-G 5D - Madison B & Jayden E 5S - Anthony S & JC M 6M - Saakhi B & Allen AJ 6V - Jessika A & Nam C

Art - Owen H & Eryn J Japanese - Melissa C & Nicholas L Music - Alia A, Yana G & Sebastian O PE - Christina D & Talib A

SCHOOL COUNCIL DECISION ON CAMPS

At last week's School Council meeting, we discussed the increasing costs of camps and the financial pressures on families. As camps are a highlight of a students' time at school, we want to do everything we can to make it happen for our students. We discussed many options and decided that a tiered approach would be best. To reduce costs we will...

- Run two major fundraisers
- Add an additional \$1-\$2 onto incursion/excursion costs

These two actions will help to keep the costs of all camps to a minimum, whilst covering the increase in expenses. School Council will also be writing to the Education Minister to encourage our government to cover costs associated with the new teaching agreement.



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GOOGLE FOR EDUCATION'S AUNZ K-12 ADVISORY BOARD

As a member of the Google for Education Advisory Board, I attended a very interesting meeting on Friday. We spent a few hours discussing AI and the implications for education. It is a really interesting debate - There are so many positives (Personalisation of learning, student directed and self paced learning, quickly meeting student needs, providing instant feedback, easily creating content, etc) and there are many negatives (what is quality? Credibility of information, disconnection, dumbing down expectations, etc). They are predicting that the wave of AI will be one of the world's biggest changes in history. However, it was also reassuring to have conversations around - just because we can - should we? What areas of our learning could AI help with? And what areas should we stay away from? No matter where we sit in the debate, it is important to start having conversations now, as the wave of change is just around the corner. It is great to be a member of this board, to better understand what education may look like in the future and therefore what we might want to adopt or oppose at MWHPS.

THINK U KNOW STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

On Tuesday, the Victorian Police Department ran our student Think U Know sessions. These sessions are part of our whole school cyber safety program, that helps teach students how to be safe online and what to do if they ever feel uncomfortable, worried or concerned.



CURRICULUM DAY

Just a reminder that next Friday May 26 is a curriculum day. Extend will not be operating on this day.

WET WEATHER

It looks like winter has started early and settled in! Just a reminder to pack a spare set of uniform items in your child's bag - particularly if they like to play on the oval. We are also encouraging students to bring a spare set of slippers, that they can keep at school.

Let's celebrate...

- All our award winners
- Our sporting stars
- Our students who represented MWHPS at the Sir John Monash Science Night
- Dolphins, who are definitely on a winning streak!

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal



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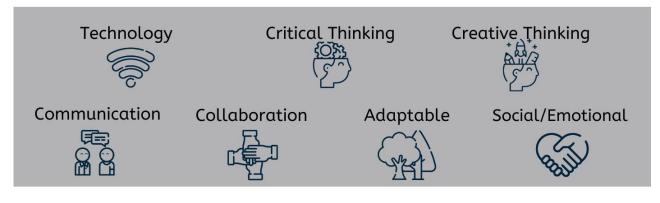
- the IT Beacon School Project
- how we inspire students to address global goals and take action
- how we incorporate 21st Century learning skills to enable our students to thrive in an ever changing world
- our 'Challenge' program
- our academic success
- our nurturing environment
- our fabulous specialist programs

See...

- our STEAM Program in action
- how we are providingour students with an edge



MWHPS Learning Skills





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PE News



Last Friday we were lucky enough to have another beautiful Autumn morning, where 46 students along with Mr Marini, Mrs Douglas, Mr Jelley and Mr Tia attended the District Cross Country. The students competed against 11 other schools and did an incredible job.

I would like to thank all the parents who came and supported the students on the morning.

We came 8th overall and 2nd in our Division.

A big congratulations to the following students who made it into Division which will be held on the 31st May at Mirrabooka Reserve.

Nela - 6M	Filippe - 6V	Vinudi - 6M
Alrazza - 6V	Zoe P - 6M	Talib - 5S
Farida - 4K	Ryan - 4K	



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In the classroom

Students have been working hard on their skipping skills and practicing each session on jumping forward and backwards with consistency and now we are adding a few skills. We have been learning the cross over, side to side, skier and bell. Each week they are introduced to a new skipping skill.

The year 3/4 students have been focusing on the skills to play Target games. We have been learning about the different types of throws, which ones are more accurate. We have learnt about other factors that influence our throws such as wind and speed.

The year 5/6 students have continued on from last term with their Invasion games unit and focusing on creating and making space. They have played many small structured games to develop their skills.

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JMSS

EXHIBITION NIGHT AT JMSS

Yui, Junsu, Lauren and Angel, our JMSS Little Scientists, have been busy conducting an experiment over the last couple of weeks. During Term 1, they collaborated with Big Scientists from John Monash Science School to support them in brainstorming experiment ideas and to learn about Lab Report features.

Our Little Scientists have been observing slices of sourdough bread and white bread in four different environments including the classroom, outside, the freezer and the fridge over ten school days. The aim of their experiment was to investigate which environment causes the most mould and least decomposition to the bread samples. They wrote observations daily on the changes they were seeing in the bread and predicted there would be no mould on the refrigerated or frozen bread. Yui, Junsu, Lauren and Angel initially planned to run the experiment over five days but quickly realised they needed to extend the experiment as there was no mould to be seen on any of the bread samples on day five! By day nine, the bread samples in the classroom were covered in a bluish grey coloured mould.

Yui, Junsu, Lauren and Angel worked hard last week on creating their lab report posters and displays for the Inquiry for the John Monash Exhibition Night. On Tuesday the 16th of May, our Little Scientists got to present their results to students and families from other schools along with the John Monash Science School community. This would mark the conclusion of their JMSS Science Program that began last term. They did a marvellous job at presenting their findings and spoke passionately about the procedure they followed.

Well done Little Scientists, you had some big science ideas!





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Premiers' Reading Challenge

Our school is excited to be once again participating in the Premiers' Reading Challenge this year. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8th September 2023.

Students from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or experience 30 books, including at least 20 books that are classified as Challenge books. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 need to read 15 books, including at least 10 Challenge books. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To log in, go to the website <u>vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au</u>. Click 'Sign In' then click 'VPRC login'. Each child has been sent home this week with their unique username and passcode. This will take you to your child's challenge dashboard. Here students will be able to search for and add books that they have read and track their progress.



Happy reading!

Penny Fathers

Reading Challenge Coordinator



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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



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Japanese News

Join Sensei at the Box Hill Japan Festival this Sunday 21st May. Come and enjoy Japanese food, music and lots of entertainment from 10am - 5pm.

Sensei will be performing Miyake Taiko at 14:20 on the outside stage if it does not rain.





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Around the Classes

The Year 1s have been learning about mass. Students ordered items they found in the classroom from heaviest to lightest. They were very proud of their efforts!



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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.



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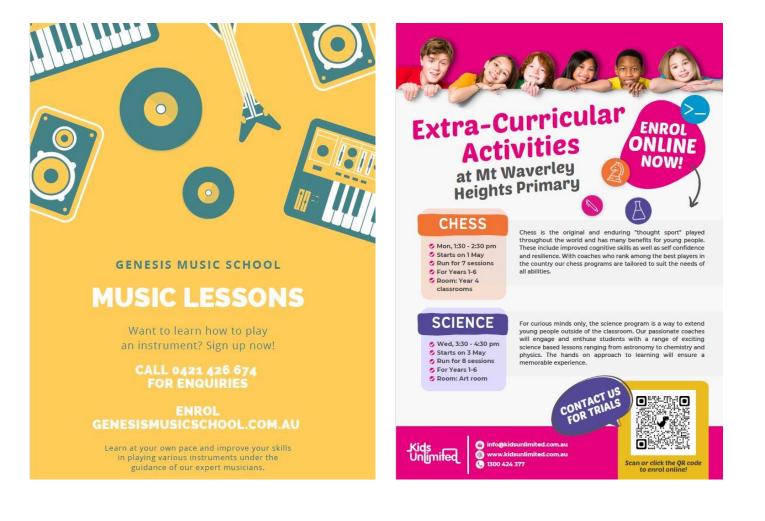




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