The Heights Happenings



Thursday 1 June, 2023

Dates To Remember

TERM TWO

Friday 2nd June SDSSA Winter Round Robin Year 2 Incursion - Hands on Science

Friday 2nd June Book Club DUE

Wednesday 7th June Year 2 Koala Reserve Excursion

Wednesday 7th June School Council - 7pm

Friday 9th June Year 3 Zoo excursion

Monday 12th June King's Birthday Public holiday

Wednesday 14th June Prep Chesterfield Farm Excursion

Friday 16th June SDSSA Soccer Round Robin - Selected students

Monday 19th June End of Term Assembly - 9am

Friday 23rd June End of Term 2 - 2.30pm

TERM THREE

Monday 10th July Curriculum Day

Tuesday 11th July Term 3 commences 9am

Principal's Report

OPEN DAY - GRANDPARENTS' DAY

WOW! What a morning with close to 200 grandparents in attendance! Our students loved sharing their learning and classroom spaces with their families. Thank you to Ms Canning for organising our musical performances. We hope all the special people in our students' lives enjoyed their time at school.



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MWHPS BAND'S FIRST PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to all our students who are part of the MWHPS band. They performed beautifully at Monday's assembly. The band will perform our anthem each assembly, alongside individual performances as the students are seated. Well done again to Ms Canning and all the students involved.



BRONZE MEDAL

Congratulations to the wellbeing team for achieving a bronze medal award for our School Wide Positive Behaviour program (SWPB). Only 10% of schools have achieved this award. The team are busy working on the Silver award!

SCHOOL REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

Please note that school reports will be published on Sentral, on Monday June 19. Please read these prior to interviews.

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on June 20th and 21st. Tuesday's interviews will take place from 3.45-7.30pm. Wednesday's interviews will take place from 3.45-5.30pm. Interviews can be booked via Sentral and details will be distributed shortly.

Should you wish to do an online interview, please book on Sentral and notify your child's classroom teacher. The classroom teacher will send you a meeting link.

KOALA SANCTUARY

We have established a partnership with the Phillip Island Koala Sanctuary and we are intending for our Year 2s to visit the sanctuary and our sponsored koalas each year. Our sustainability team (Years 3-6), will also attend and will have the incredible opportunity to work in the eucalyptus fields with the sanctuary's ranger. This is something quite exclusive to our school. I will be attending with the Year 2's next Wednesday and I look forward to seeing Paddington, our sponsored koala.





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DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

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Congratulations to all 8 of our students who qualified for district. Particularly I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Nela J on winning her age group. Nela is off to the Regional competition. Good luck!

BEACON SCHOOL GRADUATION

On Friday June 23rd we will be holding a special tech day, which will involve students exploring a range of new programs and applications. Our Industry Partners will be assisting with activities. At 1.30pm we will be hosting a special graduation ceremony. Key leaders within Datacom, Google and Hp will present and we will officially graduate from the program. Whilst we will still have our Industry partnership and the numerous benefits, our role will shift as we move into more of a support and mentor role for schools across the county.

CURRICULUM DAY - JULY 10

The first day back after the July holidays is a Curriculum Day. We have booked Dr James Russo who will work with staff around developing students' critical thinking, problem solving and reasoning skills in mathematics.

CARPARK HOLE REPAIRS

Over the holiday break, the holes in the Solomon St Car Park will be repaired. Please note that Extend patrons may need to park out on Solomon St, whilst the repairs take place. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners -

- Prep D Ethan K & Hazel K Prep K - Audrina L & Ethan G Prep M - Advit S & Eliana B 1D - Jaanvika A & MAxwell L 1G - Reyaansh M & Aavrin B 1M - Carter H & Amelia P 2E - Ryan B & Aisha M 2F - Roseanne P & Aidan N 2T - Lea B & Christina D
- 3D Scarlett R & Francesco G
 3J Yassir H & Lincoln T
 3M Hunter M & Phoenix G
 4K Ashley S & Jacob S
 4R Eden C & Janus G
 5D Aliyana R & Rishita S
 5S Sid D & Nitpreet J
 6M Gurjap P & Nela J
 6V Angel P & Vela R

Art - Ella A & George S Japanese - Alina A-N & Matthew C Music - James H-H & Kadhir B PE - Kody K & Logan S

Let's celebrate...

- MWHPS achieving a Bronze Model for SWPB program
- Nela for her amazing first place at District
- A great grandparents' day.
- Our wonderful grandparents.

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal



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Assistant Principals News

WELLBEING

A few newsletters ago, I gave an overall snapshot of SWPBS. SWPBS helps to improve student behavioural, wellbeing, and academic outcomes. It emphasises prevention-focused activities and the efficient use of school resources. It is our overarching approach to student wellbeing. Below shows what it looks like at our school.

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Teaching and learning	Engagement	Leadership	Assessment	Support and resources
Planned explicit instruction promoting social competence for all students. Effective Teaching and Learning practices to maximise learning time and engagement.	Evidence- based practices are shown to maximise 'on-task', engaged student behaviour.	The school-based leadership team and internal coaching capacity.	Ongoing monitoring of student academic, well-being and behavioural progress.	Continuum of supports for all students. Professional learning and coaching to support staff skills.

It is all underpinned by our school expectations Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Inclusive. These expectations were created by our wellbeing team as three expectations that are applicable across all school settings.

You can use the school expectations at home to help reinforce our school expectations. For example, what does it mean to be responsible at home? Does it mean you have to empty the dishwasher or keep your room tidy. Teachers will reference our school expectations when giving students specific praise such as "thank you for being responsible and picking up the rubbish on the floor".

Defining schoolwide expectations, non classroom and classroom behaviours/ rules and procedures creates a full curriculum to proactively teach success.

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

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PE News

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In the 3-6 PE classroom

As part of our Target unit the year 3/4 students were given the opportunity to learn to play the game Boccia from Jessica Hooper who is a Victorian Champion. Jessi and Monika worked with the students teaching them how to play and score the game and the strategies that are used to win. It was great to hear the students working as a team and giving each other advice on where and what type of throw. A big thank you to Jessi and Monika from Boccia Victoria for coming and sharing their knowledge of this great target game.





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In the 3-6 PE classroom

As part of our invasion unit the year 5/6 students will be participating in several Lacrosse sessions over the next couple of weeks. Students will be learning to throw and catch and also the strategies to play the games. Keep an eye out for some videos on Seesaw.

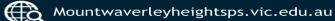
DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Division Cross Country yesterday, Alrazza, Filippe, Ryan, Vinudi, Farida, Nela, Zoe and Talib. The 8 students from Year 4,5 and 6 went to the event with their parents and from all reports did an amazing job.

A big congratulations to Nela 6M for coming first in the 12 Year old age group and will compete at the Regional Cross Country on Tuesday 13th June at Yarra Valley Race Course.



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SRC News

The SRC will be holding a Hero dress up day on Friday 16th June. Students will be able to come dressed up as someone who is a hero to them.

More details will come out next week!







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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 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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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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Extend News

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WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

THURSDAY 29 JUNE

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PROGRAMMING

DEVELOP SKILLS

Creativity
Logical thinking
Problem solving

LANGUAGES

- Scratch
 Python
 Javascript

. and many more

Digimaker structured program runs each term and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRA Program for Term 3 2023 is as fo	Year levels: 2 to 6			
AFTER SCHOOL	BATCH 1			
3:40pm – 4:40pm	Tuesdays 11 th Jul to 5 th Sep 2023			
AFTER SCHOOL	BATCH 2			
3:40pm – 4:40pm	Wednesdays 12 th Jul to 6 th Sep 2023			
Fill out the form online by Thursday 22nd Jun 2023	www.digimaker.com.au/enrol Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email			
All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from <u>info@</u> ail filters or added as a Trusted contact.	figimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk			
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