



Dates To Remember

TERM FOUR

Monday 18th December

Yr 6 awards & Leadership 2024 assembly

Christmas Concert 5 - 7pm

Tuesday 19th December

Year 6 Fun Day

Wednesday 20th December

Last Day of school for 2024 - 1.30pm finish

2024

TERM ONE

Monday 29th January

Staff return - Curriculum Day for students

Tuesday 30th January

Year 1 - Year 6 commence 9am

Tuesday 30th Jan - Thursday 1st Feb

Prep students assessment interviews

Monday 5th February

Prep students commence

Monday 5th - Thursday 8th February

Year 3 - 6 Swimming program commences

Wednesday 7th February

Preps no school

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th February

Year 3 - 6 Swimming program

Tuesday 13th February

Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 Information Night

Wednesday 14th February

Prep, Year 5 and 6 Information Night

Thursday 14 December, 2023

Principal's Report

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Unfortunately, due to a fall then a sneeze, I spent graduation night in the Emergency Department of Monash Hospital with a fractured rib. I am so sad to have missed such an important night for our Year 6 students.

On all accounts, it was a fabulous night. A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers Mr Marini and Miss Vojovic for their organisation and coordination of the event. A big thank you also goes to the parent committee who assisted with this event. Thank you to Kelly who made the graduation cake and cup cakes, as well as set up for the event with Georgette and Mia, and to Anna who helped with sourcing decorations.

To our amazing Year 6 students. Congratulations on officially graduating from primary school. It feels like just yesterday that you commenced your journey here at MWHPS. We have felt privileged to share these years with you and thank you for your commitment, endeavour and passion for all that you have brought to MWHPS. We are so proud of you all.

We hope you look back through the years with fondness and remember the best days and experiences of your primary years. Enjoy your next challenge and embrace it with commitment and passion.













END OF TERM ASSEMBLIES

Our Year 6 2024 Student Leaders and Award winners assembly will take place on Monday from 9.15am. All parents are invited to attend.

Meeting link: https://meet.google.com/ecu-hssw-avg?hs=224

MEET YOUR 2024 CLASS

Students had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and classmates on Wednesday. Teachers take many weeks to form these classes and agonise over the friendship combinations.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

It was fantastic to recognise our end of term award winners on Monday. Congratulations to everyone who received an award.

Prep D - Selina C 3B - Lincoln T Prep K - Angelina L 3D - Elsie R Prep M - Eliana B 3M - Hugh M 4K - Elle L 1D - Amara C 4R - Harym K 1G - Reyaansh M 1M - Mika S 5D - Amaan H 2E - Isla M 5S - Mateja S 2F - Chloe C 6M - Nicholas L 2T - Elaine C 6V - Jayden K

Art - Trevor L, Arielle Y, James L, Pippa S, Ethan K, Caitin W, Lauren K Japanese - Andriana H, Mia Jane S, Harry C, Matthew L, Audrey C, Katarina P, Aksshat K, Music - Dyattan K, Ava C, Roseanne P, Mica P, Manami N, Lynn W, Vela R PE - Dimitri G, Evan G, Damian D, Krishna P, Zoe O, Sam C, Emma H.





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Prior to covid, we use to run a neighbourhood watch activity and it has been wonderful to see this initiative restart this year. Students in Years 1-4 researched how to be safe at home and in our community by looking through the Neighbourhood Watch website. They were then asked to produce a poster which communicated key ideas on how to be safe. Congratulations to our winners...

- Yr 1 Jaanvika
- Yr 2 Sreyash
- Yr 3 Anisha
- Yr 4 Ashley



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jennifer N for being our Aussie of the Month. Jennifer is a kind and caring member of her class who comes to school each day with a smile and ready to learn. She shows great courage in her learning, taking on challenges and working hard to achieve personal goals. Jennifer demonstrates our school values in everything she does and is a great role model for her peers. She is a helpful and empathetic member of Year 2, who looks out for others and is always ready to comfort them. Jennifer treats everyone with respect and is kind hearted. Jennifer truly embodies the Mount Waverley Heights spirit.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

I just wanted to acknowledge and congratulate Lauren K for achieving the Community Spirit and Leadership Award. Lauren and her family attended the ceremony on Tuesday.



SRC & SUSTAINABILITY

Leadership comes in many forms and it is always interesting to see those students who offer to step into a broad range of roles over the time at MWHPS. Congratulations to the following students for taking on new opportunities.



Sustainability Representatives -

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Iris D	Harvey C	Julie P	Nathan D
Maia RD	Yasmine H	James L	Ivy P
Tooba S	Tahlia D	Sammy P	Harrison T
Connor G	Samuel T	Pippa S	Sidd D
Lincoln T	Rickson L	Sebastian O	Farida A
George S	Janus G	Nicolas RG	Rishita S
Matthew C	Talib A	Owen M	Vinudi R
Vela R	Sylvie G		







SRC Representatives -

Ava C	Maxwell L	Allegra K	Flynn T
Ari R	Aalia E	Taliya N	Guranjas
Aidan N	Camellia G	Oliver C	Fung C
Lara A	Eryn J	Sun Woo K	Max D
Kimberley L	Zara T	Kavish S	Zara M
Theo R	Shihanah F	Neil B	Emma T
Anthony S	Maddie C	Zoe A	Allen A

Junsu M

Jayden K



STAFF UPDATE

Sarah K

I was informed on Monday that Mrs Julianne Marshall had successfully picked up a teaching position at St Andrews PS. I was aware that Julianne was exploring new opportunities to further enrich her skills, seeking diverse experiences to enhance her professional growth. I would like to thank and acknowledge the wonderful work Julianne has done at MWHPS for the past 7 years. Julianne is an exceptional teacher and will be missed by all.

Knowing that Julianne was looking to further her teaching experiences, I had advertised a position - just in case Julianne was successful (To be honest, I knew that she would be snapped up). On Tuesday we interviewed and appointed Mr Courtney Chan. Courtney currently teaches at Balwyn PS. He has 12 years teaching experience, excellent tech skills and a great understanding of student wellbeing. I believe that he will be a great fit for our students and staff. Courtney was also able to attend yesterday, to meet his Year 2 class.

XMAS CONCERT

Our school's Xmas concert will be held on Monday Dec 18 from 5-7pm. Please see details from Miss Canning further in the newsletter. There will be sausages and hamburgers for sale for \$3 and cold drinks for \$2. Eftpos facilities will be available, as well as cash.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If any families who are leaving us at the end of the year have uniforms they would like to donate to our 2nd hand store, it would be much appreciated. We do ask that uniforms are washed and not torn. All donated uniform can be dropped to the office, or sent via the tubs.

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a lot of jackets and containers in lost property with no names on them. Please come and have a look through to see if any might belong to your child. These will be in the PAC at the assembly on Monday for parents to look through. Any containers not collected will be thrown out and jackets donated to the 2nd hand store.











Let's celebrate...

- Our students for their achievements this year. So proud of you all
- Our amazing staff for the incredible efforts this year! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful team.
- Our incredible parents for your support, generosity and commitment to your child's education, which greatly contributes to our school community's success and growth.
- Only 6 more sleeps to the end of the year and the beginning of our summer holidays!

Wishing everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal









Assistant Principal's Report

Thank you to our students, staff and community for all your work and support this year. Congratulations on a great year everyone! We had such an amazing year! Here are some highlights... to put a photo in of everything would have meant a 20 page newsletter!

























Have a wonderful Christmas and see you in the new year!

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal













Music News

Christmas Concert 2023

Monday 18th of December at 5 pm

The Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 18th. The students have been working very hard to learn their items and are extremely excited about performing for you!



Details for the concert will be as follows:

4.45 pm: Enjoy a sausage sizzle in the Dreamspace and bring a picnic rug/ camping chair to sit on. Please note: chairs must only be placed on the asphalt area and cannot be used in the blue area of the Dreamspace as students will be using this space. Cash or card will be available.

5:15 pm: Students are to report to their class teacher in the Dreamspace near the stage. The children will remain in their class groups for the entire concert. If you would like to provide your child with a sausage, please do this before the concert starts or after their musical item within the transitional music (see running order below).

If the weather is deemed unsuitable, we will reschedule the performance to Wednesday, December 20th at 9.15 am. A notification will be sent out via Sentral by 3.30 pm if this should occur.

5.30 pm: Concert will begin - sit back and enjoy and feel free to sing along!

7 pm (approx) The concert will conclude with a special visitor!

Costumes:

On the night the students will need to wear green, red, or a Christmas-themed **T-shirt**. They are welcome to come dressed in Christmas costumes if they have them and a Christmas hat or headpiece that will be secure while singing and dancing. Students are required to wear closed-toed shoes on the night.









Running Order

1	Music Club	
2	Prep	
3	Grade 1	
4	Grade 2	
5	Grade 3	
6	Grade 4	
7	Grade 5	
8	Grade 6	
9	Staff Number	
10	Principal Speech	

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an evening full of Christmas spirit!

Tessa Canning

Music Teacher







Japanese News

UNKO Museum is coming to Melbourne in January!

Tickets for this Japanese Kawaii Poop Museum are now on Sale!

https://unkomuseumexperience.com/



Unko Museum, translated as the "Cute Poop Museum" is a delightful and interactive exhibit adorned with super adorable and colourful Kawaii decor. The installations, displays, and immersive attractions within the museum revolve around the theme of 'adorable poop', creating a world where this unlikely subject becomes a work of the eccentric genius.

Date: From January 2024

Duration: 30-60 minutes depending on your pace

through the experience

Location: 360 Bourke St Melbourne 3000,

Melbourne

Age requirement: All ages!



Sensei

Japanese language teacher







Around the Classes

Reading

- We have been learning about Story Elements; characters, setting and plot.
- We have been learning digraphs and trigraphs. A
 digraph is 2 sounds that come together to make 1 sound,
 like 'sh'. A trigraph is 3 sounds that come to make 1
 sound like 'tch'



<u>Math</u>

- We are learning about place value. 1 of these is 10 of these.
- We set up our own shops when we learnt about money
- We explored time and duration.
- We explore partitioning with halves.



Prep

Writing

- We have been working really hard on including conjunction in our sentences like 'and' and 'because'.
- We have been working on story structure for example beginning, middle and end. We started to write our own picture books using this structure.





<u>Inquiry</u>

- We have been learning about how to have a healthy lifestyle. To have a healthy lifestyle you need to exercise, eat healthy foods and have good hygiene.
- Road Safety incursion
- MCG excursion
- Fire Safety incursion





Reading

- Fiction and Non-fiction text
- Who was telling the story
- Why characters behave the way they do
- Collecting facts throughout the book
- · Non-fiction text features



<u>Math</u>

- Measurement-Length
- Multiplication- Arrays
- Place Value
- Addition/Subtraction
- Word Problems
- Fractions





- Poems
- Sentence Fluency
- Word choice
- Making our writing interesting
- SMART Spelling





Inquiry

- Victoria
- Parks and how to look after our parks
- Excursion to Scotchmans Creek



Presented by Lachlan and Freddy 1D





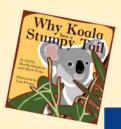






Reading

- Dreamtime stories
- Moral/ themes of stories
- 'Uh oh.. PHEW' strategy
- Author's purpose



Maths

- Digital and Analogue clocks
- Addition/ Subtraction
- Multiplication/Division
- Fractions of collections



Year 2

Inquiry

- Designing and creating 3D towns
- Learning about different climate zones
- Exploring the 'World we Live in'
- Excursion to 'Earth Experience'





Reading

Sentence structure/Interesting

Poetry

Writing

Narrative

Persuasive

sentences

SMART spelling

- Identifying language features in fiction
- Comparing and contrasting characters in books
- Adding up the facts in non-fiction books to **determine the main ideas**
- Using text features, such as diagrams and the **glossary** to deepen our understanding of new words

Maths

- Fractions
- Time to the minute
- Angles
- Calculating change



- Multiple concept project designing a profitable farm
- Area

Year 3

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Writing

- Poetry patterned writing
- writing about Australia Poetry (Inquiry)
- Persuasive patterned writing
- The Day the Crayons Quit creating our own version → The Day the 3-6 Playaround Quit

Inquiry: Australia and our Neighbours

- States & Territories
- Culture
- Food
- Traditions
- Language
- Music
- Landmarks Presented by



















Reading

- Poetry
- Identifying persuasive features in texts such as Let's Save Antarctica
- Comparing and Contrasting texts
- Analysing information on Websites
 Madagascar, South Africa, Nelson
 Mandela
- Finding engaging books that we love to read (we love Tom Fletcher!)

Writing





Maths

- Fractions & Decimals
- Angles Identifying and measuring
- Money Making a shop and going shopping!
- Time Time duration
- Probability & Analysing Data Smartie Data
- Mass Using playdough
- Capacity Making potions
- Combo Tournament Finals



Year 4

- Poetry Haikus, Cinquains, Limericks
- Persuasive Writing Let's Save Madagascar
- Persuasive Posters Camp Gundiwindi
- Sentence Structure Varying sentence length and structure to create impact
- Revising and editing for punctuation, bold words and sentence structure

Presented by Ariana and Mark

Inquiry

- Similarities and differences between Africa and Australia
- Geographical Features of Madagascar
- Rainforests
- Camp Gundiwindi
- Coding Expo









Reading

We have been focussing on:

- Understanding figurative language in texts
- Reading Number the Stars an story inspired by true events during WW2.
- Completing a Google Lit trip for our book.



Maths

We have been focussing on:

- Negative numbers
- Division
- 3D shapes
- Length, area and volume
- 3D views



Year

Writing

We have been focussing on:

- Using subordinating conjunctions to make complex sentences
- Revision of the 6+1 traits
- We made a travel blog about going on a virtual holiday to our chosen European nation.

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Inquiry

- We have been learning about European nations and comparing them to Australia.
- We have researched landmarks, landforms, flags, currency, similarities and differences.

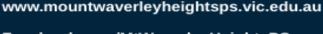


Presented by Maddie & Riza

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Reading

- Floodland by Marcus Sedqwick
- Literature Circles
- Drawing Conclusions & Making Inferences



Writing

- Fractured Fairytale
- Persuasive Advertisement
- Factual Narrative
- Slam Poetry Graduation Writing
- Graduation Song

Year 6

Maths

- Order of Operations
- Patterns & Algebra
- Financial Maths
- Numero
- Bidmas Tournament

Inquiry

- Physical Science
- Camp to Warra Gnan







Preps visit to the MCG

The Preps had an amazing day on their excursion to the MCG and Fitzroy Gardens. After arriving at the MCG, we had a tour of the Australian Sports Museum and we then had great fun playing on the interactive sports games. We were so lucky to have a tour of the MCG and stand out on the ground. We then walked to the Fitzroy Gardens, where we ate lunch, saw the Fairy Tree and had a play on the playground. It was such a fun and exhausting day!











SRC & Sustainability 2023

SRC - Congratulations and Thank You to...

1M Ava C Aidan Allegra Ari Maxwell Flynn Aalia Camellia 2E **2T** 3D 3M Oliver C Sun Woo K Taliya Lara A Fung C Max D Eryn J Guranjas 4R 3B 4K Kimberley L Kavish S Theo Shihana Zara Tran Zara M Day 5D **5S** Book Week Neil Anthony S Emma Maddie C 6M 6V Zoe A Sarah Allen Jayden Reconciliation Week Junsu Presented by Mrs Teoh R U OK Day













Second Hand Uniform Shop

Did you know you can purchase 2nd Hand Uniforms at Mount Waverley Heights PS?

The 2nd hand uniform shop provides a valuable service to our school community, and to the environment. If your child/ren have outgrown their uniform and don't have siblings to pass them on to, please consider donating them to the 2nd hand uniform shop where they can be purchased at a heavily discounted price by other families in our community.

Simply send your clean items to school with your child and they will be sent to the office via the class tub each morning.

To Donate Uniform Items:

- Send items to school via the tub system or, drop them into the office
- All donated items should be freshly washed and in good condition
- Items should be free from stains, rips and tears
- Items should not be missing buttons and zips must work

To purchase 2nd hand Items:

- All items for sale are \$10 each
- Join the Mount Waverley Heights Primary Community FB page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2926654220921706/
- View the weekly post showing all available items
- Comment on the post if you would like to purchase Child name/class/item/size
- Make payment via:
 - Bank Transfer (contact the school office and details can be given), use your child's name and class as reference.
 - Cash payment (correct amount please, no change given) in an envelope in the Tub. Include name and class on the envelope.
- Payments must be received by school no later than specified in the facebook post. Items not paid for by due date, will be returned to the available list for the following week.















Parent's Association News











Extend News

MOUNT WAVERLEY **HEIGHTS PRIMARY** SCHOOL

Monday 8 January to Monday 29 January 8.00am - 6.00pm Session Fee \$90.95*

Please provide morning tea and a healthy, nut free packed lunch for your child. *Early Bird Rate – Book 14 days in advance



EXTEND SQUAD

PAY FROM JUST \$9.10 AFTER CCS!

*CCS is applied to the full fee, including incursion and excursion costs, making it affordable for all families!



Get ready for the tabloid olympics! Compete in a range of challenges and games to see who wins!

🖔 Session Fee Only



Treasure hunt with a twist! Find the missing LEGO blocks and match them with the correct colors, collect them all and you win!

Session Fee Only



Gather your supplies and create your own beautiful kite, once it's complete, head outside and take to the skies!

Session Fee Only



SLIMY SEA CRAFTS

Explore the ocean depths with the gooey goodness of slime and let your creativity flow by creating layered sand art!





Grab a fistful of clay, it's sculpting time! Create your very own pinch pot for home!

Session Fee Only



Dip straight into the paint with your Lego pieces and make your best art work!

Session Fee Only



SCHOOL

Start the school year in style! Bring your creative flair and design a lunch box, sustainable sandwich wrap and bag tag!

Session Fee + \$15



Make a car ramp! It's an amazing STEM activity that teaches through play

Session Fee Only



INFLATABLE WORLD

Join us for a day at the Biggest Indoor Inflatable Playground in Australia! It's all about having fun with your

Session Fee + \$45.25



& GUITAR CRAFT WORK

Glitter makes everything special. Create your own glitter artwork with the help of

Session Fee Only

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Unleash your inner athlete in the ultimate test of fitness with events such as hurdles, running races and much more!

Session Fee Only



Take after your favourite footy stars and join your friends for an exciting game of AFL!

Session Fee + \$22



playground to develop your freestyle tricks these school holidays!

Session Fee + \$49.45



Grab some hula hoops and head outside! We're having a relay race.

Session Fee Only



PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Put your brain and body to the imate test with this game of reaction and fitness fun!

Session Fee Only



















WHAT DO I NEED TO **KNOW FOR SUMMER VACATION CARE?**





What food should I pack for my child?

Please pack a healthy, nut free morning snack and lunch as you would for a normal school day. The service will provide a delicious and healthy afternoon snack.

Please ensure a refillable water bottle is packed for your child.

What should my child wear to

Your child should wear long pants (trackies or leggings), a shirt that covers their shoulders (no singlets), a hat and a warm jacket if it is cold. Your child must also wear closed shoes (no thongs or sandals).

If the children are doing art or a messy activity, please wear old clothing or pack an art smock.

What if I have a question about Child Care Subsidy?

We are approved to process your Child Care Subsidy payments from the federal government. However, we are not in control of how much subsidy is paid by the government to each family.

If you have questions about Child Care Subsidy please contact Services Australia on 136 150.

If you are enrolled with Extend, you can attend an Extend service anywhere in Australia where a service is available

You do not need to regularly attend the school itself to attend a holiday program. All primary school aged children are welcome.

Where do I find excursion bus

If you have already booked your vacation care sessions, log in to your LookedAfter account, go to your booking calendar and click on the excursion session. Information regarding the session will pop up and you will find the bus time listed under 'Service'.

If you are booking a session, follow the usual booking process. You will find the information under 'Service'.

How will CCS help you save money during vacation care? oney during va

CCS covers up to 90% of the session fee incursion fee and excursion fee based on the household income

For example, a family eligible for 64% CCS will only pay 36% of the remaining session fee. This means for a 10 hour session costing \$100, the family will pay the gap fee of \$36 with the remaining \$64 covered by CCS. That's \$3.60 per hour!













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