

## Dates To Remember

### TERM ONE 2024

#### Friday 2nd February

School Council - Notice of Election and call for nominations

#### Monday 6th February

Preps begin full time  
Swimming Mon-Thu (Year 3-6)

#### Wednesday 7th February

Preps no school

#### Friday 9th February

Nominations for School Council close

#### Friday 9th February

Assembly 2.30pm

#### Monday 12th February

Swimming Mon-Thu (Year 3-6)

#### Tuesday 13th February

Information Night Years 1 & 2 - 5.30pm  
Information Night Years 3 & 4 - 6.30pm

#### Thursday 15th February

Information Night Years 5 & 6 - 5.30pm  
Information Night Prep - 5.30pm

#### Thursday 15th February

Classroom Helpers Course

#### Friday 16th February

Interschool Sport Years 5 - 6

#### Monday 19th February

List of candidates and nominations posted for School Council

#### Tuesday 20th February

Parent Teacher Chat 3.45pm - 7.30pm

#### Wednesday 21st February

Parent Teacher Chat 3.40pm - 5.30pm

**Thursday 1 February, 2024**

## Principal's Report

### WELCOME BACK! - Happy New Year and LUNAR New Year

We hope the holidays provided you with time to unwind, relax and enjoy your time with family and friends. My family and I managed to get away to my mum's holiday house in the country because the weather was so average. If it is hot in Melbourne it is boiling in central Victoria. Otherwise, we did day trips - Gumbuya World, Moonlit Sanctuary, PortArlington, Marysville, etc.

It has been a pleasure to visit the classrooms and to spend some time with the students this week. The classes are very settled and calm. Thank you to our teachers for preparing a great start to the school year.

We will be welcoming our preppies on Monday. I am sure they will be excited and a little nervous, as they begin their school journey. A warm welcome also to our many new families and students who have started in other year levels - Welcome to Mount Waverley Heights!

There is often lots of information that I convey through the newsletter, so please endeavour to read it each week. If you do have any questions, ideas or queries throughout the year, please see your child's class teacher, the office staff, Carolyn (Assistant Principal) or myself. We are only too happy to clarify or fill you in about your child's learning or other activities around the school. We look forward to working productively with each of you, throughout the 2024 school year.



9807 8120



9888 1921



Facebook.com/MtWaverleyHeightsPS



Mountwaverley.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



Mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au

## **INFORMATION NIGHTS**

Next week we will be holding Year Level Information Nights. These sessions offer an opportunity for parents to gain an insight into expectations of that year level, how we approach key learning areas and an overview of special events like camp, etc. We will be holding Level Information Nights on the following days: Please note a change in date for our Prep Information Night. We originally had Year 5/6 and Prep occurring on Valentines Day! We realised that there might be some loved up couples that may wish to spend the night out celebrating Valentines Day rather than attending a school event!

- Year 1/2      Tues Feb 13 from 5.30-6.30pm - Year 1 in the PAC, Year 2 in 2Fs portable
- Year 3/4      Tues Feb 13 from 6.30-7.30pm - Year 3 in 3Ds room, Year 4 in 4Ms room
- Year 5/6      Thu Feb 15 from 5.30-6.30pm - In the new double story portable
- Prep          Thu Feb 15 from 5.30-6.30pm - Prep parents in PD's room

For parents who are unable to attend, the slides will be shared with you after the information night has taken place. We won't be providing an online meeting link this year, as parents online found it very difficult to hear. It is also nice to meet other parents and the teachers in person.

## **CAR PARK REMINDER**

A car park fact sheet will be sent home on Monday. Please make sure that you read this carefully. Please slow down and follow the school rules. Solomon St Car Park should be utilised by P-2 families and Huntingdale Rd car park for Year 3-6 parents. If you have a child in both sections of the school, you may choose which car park to use.

## **MEDICAL NEEDS**

If your child has special medical needs – allergies, anaphylaxis, asthma etc. – please ensure the school has an up-to-date record of this. In particular with regard to anaphylaxis, asthma and allergies, we require the Action Plan from your family doctor. It is vital that we meet our duty of care requirements and these medical plans are an important way to ensure your child's safety.

Students across the school have a variety of allergies. You will receive a notice early next week, if there is a child in your child's/children's class that has a particular allergy, please ensure that you avoid sending these foods to school, so that we can reduce the possibility of a reaction.

**REMINDER: NO NUTS AT SCHOOL PLEASE.** This includes peanut butter and nutella spreads.

## **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

At this time of year, I am asked to remind parents that the school doesn't have any student accident insurance and therefore parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. We strongly encourage families to purchase ambulance cover, as these expenses can be enormous compared to the initial outlay. Additional accident insurance policies can be purchased from commercial insurers.

Can I also remind parents/guardians that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. We strongly recommend that students do not bring valuable items to school.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Mount Waverley Heights School Council guides the policy and budgetary decision making in the school. We generally meet twice a term. Please note that our first School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 Feb where the current (2023) School Counsellors will reside. If you are interested in being part of the new 2024 School Council, we **are currently calling for nominations**.

While it is an important part of school operations, School Council members do not need any special expertise, experience or skills. The most important thing is that you want to contribute to continually improving learning opportunities for all children at Mount Waverley Heights.

Our Council Constituting Order is: 8 Parent members, 4 DET (Teacher) members, 2 Community members. We have 4 Parent Member positions and 2 DET member positions vacant. Nomination Forms can be **collected as of tomorrow, 2 February and must be returned by 4pm as of Friday 9 February**. On Monday 19 February a list of candidates and nominators will be posted. More information regarding the School Council will be distributed tomorrow.

### **SETTING UP OUR LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

The first couple of weeks of the year are dedicated to building relationships within the school community. The emphasis of these activities is on getting to know each other, developing good working relationships, developing cooperative skills, and building a thorough understanding of school and class routines and expectations. This program has assisted us in developing proactive whole school systems to define, teach and support students in developing harmonious relationships. Our three school wide behaviour expectations are:

## **Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Inclusive**

### **PARENT - TEACHER CHAT**

On **Tuesday February 20 & Wednesday 21** we will be offering parents an opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher to share vital information about their child's learning requirements and provide parents with an opportunity to discuss any concerns regarding their child's academic, social and emotional development. In some cases a parent sharing relevant background information such as a child's academic strengths, their social and emotional competencies, their family circumstances or medical/health information, can be invaluable to a teacher catering for a child in their care. **Information regarding the exchange night will be distributed next week.** The online booking system will be used again this year and details regarding how to do this will be sent home shortly.

## READERS

Readers will be sent home from Monday 12 Feb. Please note that students will be taking home readers from where they left off in 2023. Unfortunately, if students have not been reading over the holiday period, they can drop back a few levels before they regain their confidence. We also know that there will be many students who have progressed and will be reading well beyond their 2023 level. The levels will be modified and adjusted as soon as the assessment has been completed. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

## ASSEMBLY – Begins Friday Feb 9 @ 2.30pm

Our first assembly for the school year will be held on Friday February 9 from 2.30. It is on the Friday due to the swimming program over the next couple of weeks. Parents are welcome to attend. We also send out a meeting link, so people may view the assembly from home/work. You will receive a Sentral message if your child is receiving an award at the upcoming assembly.

## UNIFORM UPDATE

Just a few reminders...

- Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back
- Black shoes must be worn unless it is your child's PE day
- We are encouraging all students to wear their sports uniform on PE days.
- No jewellery or nail polish
- Tights or long sleeve tops worn underneath logo items must be navy blue
- White or navy socks only

Items can be purchased from the PSW shop in Glen Waverley.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE


Families who are eligible for CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) are asked to contact the office to obtain an application form. Families are eligible if they hold a valid means tested concession card. Applications need to be made by next **Friday 9th February**.

Let's celebrate...

- A very smooth start to the year
- Calm, focussed classes throughout the school.

**Sharon Reiss-Stone**

Principal



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**  
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.  
CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.  
If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.


The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

**HOW TO APPLY**  
New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.  
If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.  
You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



**MORE INFORMATION**  
For more information about CSEF visit:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programspages/csef.aspx>





## PE News

Welcome to 2024 we have an exciting year ahead for PE. We are looking forward to our swimming program for the Year 3-6 which starts next week.

Below are the times that the students are attending their session. Just a reminder for the Year 5 students to be at school at 8:45am.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Leave school</u>	<u>Arrive at pool</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Pick up from the pool</u>	<u>Arrive at School</u>
Year 5	9:00am	9:15am	9:30-10:30am	10:45am	10:55am
Year 6	10:00am	10:15am	10:30-11:30am	11:45am	12:00 noon
Year 4	11:00am	11:15am	11:30-12:15pm	12:45pm	1:00pm
Year 3	12:20pm	12:35pm	12:45-1:30pm	1:45pm	2:00pm

Please make sure that your child has a hat and a drink bottle, sneakers/runners and PE uniform on their PE days as it makes it easier to participate in the program.

Thank you

Mrs Molnar and Mrs Black



Below are some of the dates of PE events for the year. If you are able to help out at any of these events can you please click on the attached google form.

Date	Event	Years involved
February 5th - 15th	Swimming Program	Year 3-6
February 16th	Weekly Sport - Home game	Year 5, Year 6
February 23	Weekly Sport - Home game	Year 5, Year 6
March 8th	Weekly Sport - Away game	Year 5, Year 6
March 20th	Twilight Sports	Community Event
March 22nd	Summer Sports Gala Day	Year 5, Year 6
April 19th	Cross Country	Whole School
September 15th	Footy Day	Whole School
October 8-17th	Swimming Program	Prep, Year 1 and Year 2

In week 1 of Term 2 we will have our Whole School House Cross Country. We will be working on our running stamina and having the students run the course here at school.

If your child enjoys running and you would like to do some training the distance that we are working towards are:

Preps - 500m

Year 1 - 1km

Year 2 - 1.5km

9/10 Year olds - 2km

11/12 Year olds - 3kms

## [PE Parent Helpers Form](#)

## PA News

**Happy 2024 from the Parents' Association!**

Hello to all new and current families,

We would love to invite those in our school community to join the Parents' Association (PA). It's a great opportunity to contribute and be involved in fun and rewarding experiences for our children.

By joining the PA, you'll get to:

- Connect with the other members/parents and the school.
- Share your ideas - discuss and explore options that directly impact your child's educational experience
- Support school events - organising and participating in various activities, from fundraisers to fun events for the children
- Stay informed of upcoming events.

It would be fantastic to have more active participants join us so if you think you can help then we'd love to hear from you.

To join the PA or learn more about how you can get involved, please contact me via email (which will be shared on Sentral).

We look forward to welcoming you to the Parent Association and working together to create a positive and engaging school environment for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication,

Kind regards,

*Lisa Wong*

President



# Extend News



## EXTEND IS HERE FOR YOU!

### BALANCE THE DAILY JUGGLE WITH GREAT SERVICE!

Life can feel like a circus sometimes! Whether you're juggling work, home-life or anything inbetween, Extend is here to make things easier on your family with safe and inclusive programs where children can thrive!

We have amazing things planned for Term 1, and we want you to join in on the fun and games!



Engaging programs designed to encourage expression while learning through play.



Delicious and healthy breakfast and afternoon snacks supplied at every service.



Professionally trained and hand-picked Educators who create nurturing and safe environments.

**BOOK NOW AND JOIN US FOR TERM 1!**



Enquiries 1300 366 437 Book online today [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

## HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE FOR TERM 1?

### WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Extend wants you to start the year off right. Join us for a term full of laughter and excitement!

Join us for sunsmart outdoor activities, creative crafts that tickle your brain with new ideas, and interesting new ways to make use of recyclables with an artsy twist!

We look forward to welcoming your children back into the new term!

CREATE SOME ARTISTIC ATTIRE!



WHIP UP AMAZING COLOURFUL SANDS!



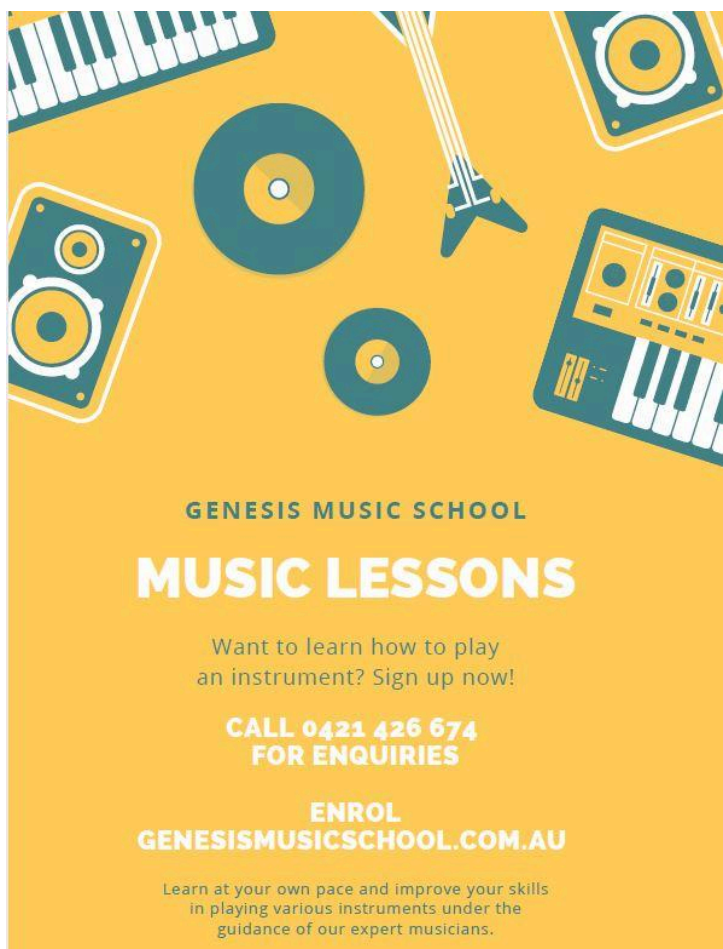
DRAW A CHALKFUL OF COOL STREET ART!



COME JOIN THE FUN AT EXTEND TODAY!



Get involved in a fun-filled term at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)



**GENESIS MUSIC SCHOOL**  
**MUSIC LESSONS**

Want to learn how to play an instrument? Sign up now!

**CALL 0421 426 674 FOR ENQUIRIES**

**ENROL**  
**GENESISMUSICSCHOOL.COM.AU**

Learn at your own pace and improve your skills in playing various instruments under the guidance of our expert musicians.

YOU CAN BE A  
**KARATE**  
BLACK BELT!



**KIDS AND ADULT CLASSES AVAILABLE NOW!**

**PROMOTING:**

- Self Confidence
- Family Friendly
- Safety Conscious
- Self Defence
- Discipline
- Flexibility
- Fitness

Begin your journey with our friendly & committed instructors

**BATTISTELLO SHUKOKAI OAKLEIGH KARATE SCHOOL**  
[www.oakleighkarateschool.com.au](http://www.oakleighkarateschool.com.au)  
Unit 11a, 104-106 Ferntree Gully Rd  
Oakleigh East



**CALL/SCAN FOR TWO FREE LESSONS!**  
**0 4 2 0 7 3 6 7 3 4**  
**LOOK FOR THE YELLOW KARATE SIGNS!**

**TOP HIT TENNIS COACHING**



**OPEN DAY—FREE CLINIC**  
For All Mount Waverley Heights PS Students  
**SUNDAY 11th of FEBRUARY**  
30min free coaching session  
(New Pupils Ony)  
Choose one from below:

2.30pm to 4.30pm AT Mayfield Park TC, Mayfield Drive, Mount Waverley

**To Book: - Call Brad on 0417 327 880**

TENNIS AUSTRALIA CLUB PROFESSIONAL—BRAD HASLER—Your School's Local Coach