

Dates To Remember

TERM ONE 2024

Thursday 15th February

Information Night Years 1 & 2 - 4.30pm
Information Night Years 5 & 6 - 5.30pm
Information Night Prep - 5.30pm

Friday 16th February

Interschool Sport Years 5 -6

Monday 19th February

Assembly 2.30pm

Monday 19th February

Information Night Years 3 & 4 - 4.30pm

Tuesday 20th February

Parent Teacher Chat 3.45pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st February

Parent Teacher Chat 3.40pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 21st February

School Council Meeting 7pm

Friday 23rd February

Interschool Sport Years 5 -6

Monday 4th March

Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 8th March

Interschool Sport Years 5 -6

Monday 11th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 28th March

MultiCultural Day celebrations

Thursday 28th March

End of Term 1 - 2.30pm

Thursday 15 February, 2024

Principal's Report

WOW! WHAT A STORM!

We are usually well trained for the 3.25pm downpour, but Tuesday's sudden storm was something else! I don't think I have ever experienced such strength. It definitely gives me a greater appreciation for those that live in cyclone areas!

There were many students quite traumatised by the storm. Not only through the experience at school, but also seeing the damage to surrounding areas or the damage to their own home. We hope that you are all ok, but please reach out if you are dealing with issues and need our support.

Whilst we were without power or internet, we tried to utilise our personal devices and connections to email our community. At times we were unable to get access to our email due to coverage issues. We also know that your providers may have been down and you were unable to receive our messages. Thank you to everyone who shared messages with others and tried to get the word out. During this challenge we have also reflected and refined our practices.

Given everything and knowing that some families have had to deal with their homes being ruined, we got off fairly lightly. We have been dealing with flooding in the PAC (and electrical issues), lots of trees down and flashing from the roof being torn off. You will see a range of workmen over the next few weeks repairing the damage.

The water damage in the PAC will be a long term project. You will notice a dehumidifier in there at the moment which is beginning to draw out excess water. The VSBA (Victorian School Building Authority) will then take up the floor and deal with the water damage. Then finally, they will lay new flooring to the damaged areas. During this time we will be unable to use the PAC. It could take up to a month for all works to be completed. OSHC will utilise the library during this time. Works haven't started yet, so we will keep you informed when the PAC becomes unavailable.

INFORMATION NIGHTS

As you are aware, we had to cancel the Parent Information Nights for Years 1-4, due to not having power after Tuesday's storm. Firstly, thank you for your understanding.

As you can imagine, organising night events requires staff to rearrange their own family commitments. As such we will be running **Year 1 and 2 Information Nights tonight from 4.30 to 5.30pm**. This will allow parents who have multiple children to still attend the other information nights scheduled. We know that this is very short notice and many of you may not be able to attend. So, **we will be filming the Year 1 and 2 presentation and providing a link** so that these presentations can be viewed by parents in their own time. We feel like this is a good compromise. We hope to still see as many parents as possible tonight.

Years 3 & 4 Information Nights will be on **Monday from 4.30-5.30pm**. We will also be **filming these presentations and offering the link** for those unable to attend. Please note that footage will only be recorded and made available for Years 1-4.

Please also note a **CHANGE IN LOCATION** for some Info Nights

Thursday 15 February

Year 1 (4.30-5.30pm) - 1Ds classroom

Year 2 (4.30-5.30pm) - 2Fs classroom

Prep (5.30-6.30pm) - PDs classroom

Year 5 (5.30-6.30pm) - New portable - 5Ms classroom

Year 6 (5.30-6.30) - New Portable - 6Vs classroom

Monday 19 February

Year 3 (4.30-5.30pm) - 3Ds classroom

Year 4 (4.30-5.30pm) - 4Ms classroom

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to Katherine Anderson, Priyanka Agarwal, Anuja Joshi, Kaye Keegal and Jennifer Chan who have successfully attained a position on School Council. We look forward to welcoming you at the first School Council meeting for new representatives, on Wed March 27.

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.

For how to book please see Carolyn's section below.

Parents will have the opportunity to decide whether they come in person or complete the interview online. We ask that you please **complete the following Google form** with some information about your child, before the

meeting. On this form you will also be able to **indicate whether you will be joining us online or in person.** **Classroom teachers will send out a link** for online meetings to those who indicate this is preferred.

You will need to complete one form for each child.

[Getting to know your child form](#)

MULTICULTURAL DAY- Thursday March 28

On the last day of Term 1, we will once again be celebrating our diversity by hosting a Multicultural Day celebration. Last year was amazing! The kids absolutely loved learning about different cultures and proudly shared their own. To build understanding, we try to select countries our community represents and to pick cultures from different continents. Last year we had our Indian, Egyptian and Greek families run activities and performances. If you would like to be involved in the planning of this day, run an activity or host a performance we would love to hear from you. Please fill in the following form..

<https://forms.gle/AAa6AnCJadQXL7Hx5>

PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING FEEDBACK

At the end of last year, PA sent out a feedback form to gather ideas for 2024. We only had 10 people complete the form and would love more people to do so. If you didn't get a chance due to the craziness of Dec, please do so by completing the following form...

<https://forms.gle/yE8oBLzTKjQYJsXY6>

This feedback helps us to refine and better meet the needs of our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all the students who won our first awards for the year at last week's assembly. Our next assembly will be this Monday, 19th Feb at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to join us in person or online. An online link will be sent on Monday

1B- Leni S & Wesley N

1D - Reina T & Cash M

1S - Dyattyan K & Bridget D

2C - Jaanvika A & Eko C

2E - Allegra K & Junho M

2F - Mika S & Quentin I

3D - Olympia O & Viyaan P

3M - Harrison T & Kay-Li Y

3O - Sreyash S & Harry C

4C - Romeo Z & Lara A

4M - Kimberly L & Yassir H

4R - Jeremy C & Kamal A

5D - Anthony A & Jessica W

5M - James T & Zoe O

6M - Sid D & Anthony S

6V - Zara E & Jack L

Specialist Awards -

Art - Tia A & Veera B **Japanese** - Selina C & Zara T **Music** - Senitha MH & Olivia K **PE** - Yichen X & Aliyana R

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to Romeo(4C) and his sister Emily(1D) who will be competing in the Run for the Kids on Sunday March 17th with other members of their family. An amazing effort! If you would like to support them please use the QR code. This Fun Run supports the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS - INTRODUCING STAFF

Our School Captains, Neil and Katarina, interviewed Megan Savell our new Prep teacher and they have put together the following bio.

- Have you had any different careers: ***I have been a swimming teacher, netball umpire, I used to run a chocolate shop and been a tutor.***
- What are your hobbies: ***I am Obsessed with owls! I enjoy lettering, reading, playing netball, teaching and babysitting.***
- Do you have any pets: ***I have one cat, Stoli.***
- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up: ***A Paediatrician, child psychologist or teacher.***
- What is your favourite food: ***Apple crumble and rhubarb, coconut ice cream***
- Do you have a favourite childhood memory: ***When I touched a shark in Western Australia***
- What is your favourite colour: ***Blue***
- A favourite thing to do on summer holidays: ***Camping, shopping (buying clothes), escape rooms, mini golf.***
- Do you have a favourite TV Show/Movie: ***How to Train Your Dragons, The Big Bang Theory.***
- What was your favourite subject when you were at school: ***Maths and Science***



Let's celebrate...

- A great swimming program - Thanks Mrs Molnar and Mrs Black
- Sunshine!

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

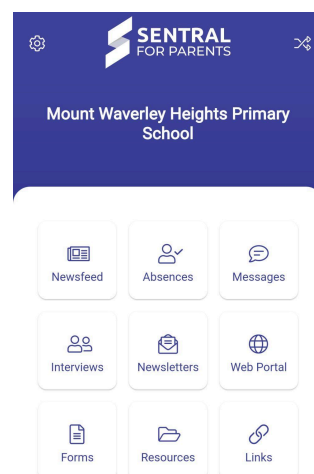
PARENT TEACHER CHATS

Bookings are now open for our Parent teacher Chats. These can be made via the Sentral for Parents app, using the interviews button on the home screen and then selecting your timeslot.

You could also log onto your Parent Portal account on Sentral via a computer. Your parent portal log on details are your email address and whatever password you set for the account during registration. Once logged into your account, click on the Parent Teacher Interview tab on the left hand side of the screen and 'select timeslots' to book your interview.

Chats are only 10 minutes in length.

Should you have any issues with the process then please contact the Office on 9807 8120.



BOOKINGS OPEN - MONDAY 12 FEB @ 6 pm
BOOKINGS CLOSE - MONDAY 19 FEB @ 4pm

SENTRAL FOR NOTIFICATIONS

We use Sentral to send reminders and notifications of events and other things happening around the school. It is also where we post newsletters and your child's report, so it is important that you have registered to access the Parent Portal. You will need a family specific code to access the portal.

If you have any problems logging on to Sentral please come and see the office.



Carolyn Datson
Assistant Principal

Japanese News

St Kilda Festival this weekend!!

There are many performances and Sensei will be on stage performing Taiko on Sunday.



Stage : Rhythm Quarter at Alfred Square

Time: 1:15 pm

Festival Day: Sunday 18 Feb

For more information see -

<https://www.stkildafestival.com.au/artists-bands/japanese-drumming-by-taikokoro-inc>

Extend News

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 1!

School is back in session, and we're excited to offer another term of extraordinary Outside School Hours Care!

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SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

ROBOTICS

- ✓ Mon, 3:35 - 4:35 pm
- ✓ Starts on 5 Feb
- ✓ \$210 for 7 sessions
- ✓ For Years 1-6
- ✓ Room: To be confirmed

The Lego WeDo program is an engaging introduction into the world of robotics and a great way to develop interest in maths, science and engineering. This hands-on program will see students working together to solve a range of real problems all with the support of experienced robotics coaches. Students will develop the confidence to ask questions and find answers at the same time.

SOCCER

FULL

- ✓ Thu, 3:35 - 4:35 pm
- ✓ Starts on 8 Feb
- ✓ \$195 for 8 sessions
- ✓ For Years 1-6
- ✓ Room: Oval

Why try out one of the fastest growing sports in Australia? Football or soccer is truly a world sport loved by fans all over the globe. Coaches will take the time to introduce students to the sport or provide drills and skills to improve established players, all in a supportive environment.

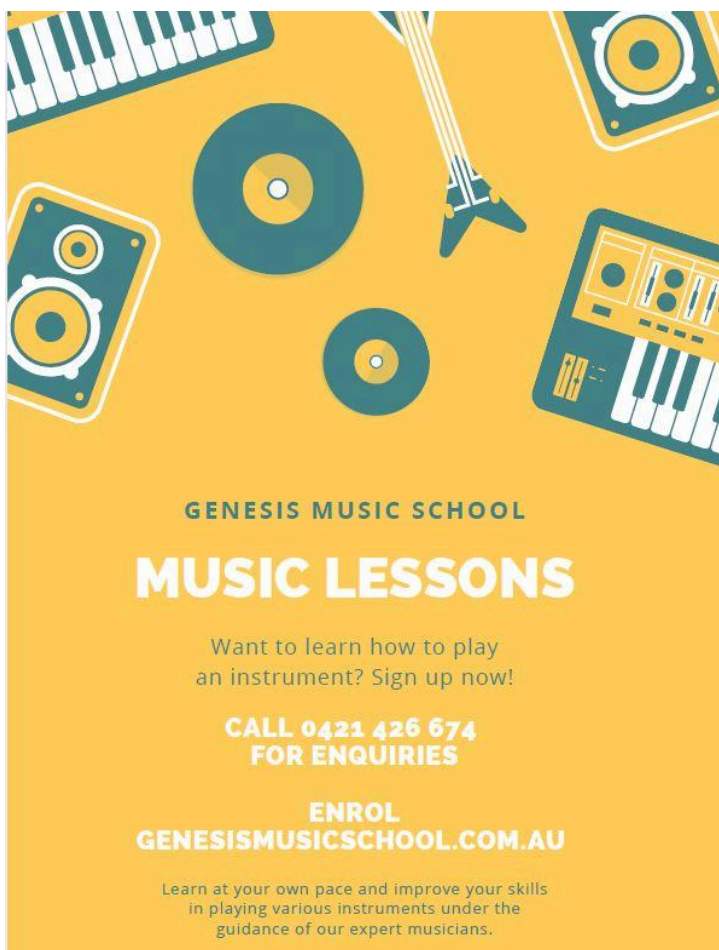
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Enrolments for 2024 are now open
to boys and girls from 8 years of age.



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- musicianship; choral repertoire
- confidence
- self-esteem
- new friendships



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