

Thursday 8 February, 2024

Dates To Remember

TERM ONE 2024

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

Tuesday 13th February

Book Club **DUE**

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

Assembly 2.30pm

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

Wednesday 21st February

School Council Meeting 7pm

Principal's Report

PREPS BEGIN

Our new preps have made a brilliant start to their schooling. Having the testing days at the beginning of the school year means that we not only have the data we need to better cater for our students, but each child has the opportunity to spend time with their classroom teacher prior to beginning. Building relationships and connections is essential for school confidence.



SWIMMING!

Thank you to Kiralee and Kate for organising our Year 3-6 swimming program. The kids have loved attending and it is a great way to bond with new classmates. I look forward to seeing the program in action early next week.

INFORMATION NIGHTS

Just a reminder that our information nights are scheduled for the following times...

- 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.

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**.

Nomination Forms can be still be **collected but must be returned by 4pm as of Friday 9 February**. On Monday 19 February a list of candidates and nominators will be posted.

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.

The online booking system will be used again this year and details regarding how to do this will be sent home shortly. 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.

TOILETS

Some of you may be aware that we had many students misuse the toilets last year, creating a very dirty environment. We trialled a few things last year and have refined our approach for 2024. This year we have the following processes in place...

- Students in Years 2-6 will have toilet monitor duties. They will check the toilets twice a day (10.40am and 1.10pm) and report issues to the office. Each class will be responsible for this task once a term.
- Students will need to record when they leave their classroom to go to the toilet, so that if there are any major problems, we can talk to all the students who used them within the timeframe
- We are also going to ensure that the outdoor toilet doors are open at all times (better air circulation) but will also allow yard duty teachers to check them at recess and lunch.

What you can do?

- Practise using shared/community facilities
- If you have a boy, practice aiming!
- Teach your child how to clean up after themselves if they do accidentally make a mess
- Talk to them about respecting these spaces so that they can be confidently used by others



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Deylen and her husband Luke who are expecting their first child this year. I would also like to congratulate Mr Luke Marrone and his wife Anna who will also be expecting their first child in June. Lovely to add to our growing family!

INTRODUCING STAFF

Each week I will be including a photo and short bio of our teaching staff, starting with our new teachers. A great way to help you identify and get to know who everyone is. I would like to introduce our community to Miss Angela Marsland. Angela has stepped into a Learning Specialist role at MWHPS. Angela will be teaching problem solving and critical thinking in maths for Years 3-4 and leading maths across the whole school.



Our School Captains, Neil and Katarina, interviewed Angela and they have put together the following bio.

Have you had any different careers: ***I have been a personal tutor for primary and high school students, a makeup artist and ball kid supervisor for the Australian Open.***

What are your hobbies: ***Loves playing Tennis, doing pilates, travelling to Tasmania to visit family, trying new recipes & growing indoor plants, and working at the AO.***

Do you have any pets: ***No, but puppysits her best friend's dog. I am planning to get a dog.***

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up: ***Either a Ballet dancer or vet.***

What is your favourite food: ***Savoury: Pizza. Sweet: Berries & Ice-cream***

Do you have a favourite childhood memory: ***My Dad built a tyre swing and all of my friends would come over to have a turn.***

What is your favourite colour: ***Pink***

A favourite thing to do on summer holidays: ***Working at the Australian Open***

Do you have a favourite TV Show/Movie: ***Harry Potter***

What was your favourite subject when you were at school: ***Math, Science, French***

Let's celebrate...

- **Happy LUNAR New Year!**

To all our Chinese families, Happy New Year! It is the year of the dragon this year. People born in the Year of the Dragon tend to be ambitious, confident and charismatic. They possess an abundance of energy and enthusiasm while also displaying exceptional intelligence and power. They are naturally lucky and gifted, often accomplishing their endeavours with exceptional standards of excellence.

- Our amazing preps who began their schooling this week! Congratulations on a fantastic start!



Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

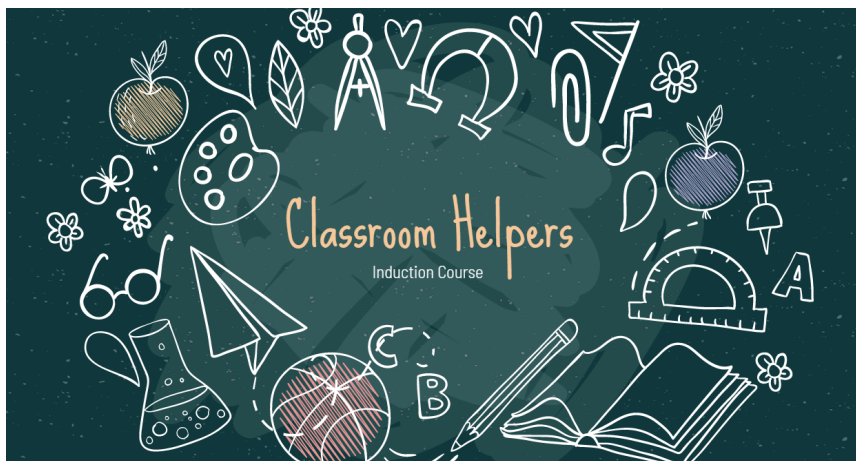
CLASSROOM HELPERS

Don't forget to pop the Classroom Helpers Course in your diary.

Thursday 15 February
2:45-3:30 pm in the PAC

Not only is it essential so you understand your role in the classroom but it is a great way to meet new families.

Please complete the following form to RSVP
- [Classroom Helper RSVP](#)



Anyone who plans to help in the classroom, around the school or assist on excursions or camps needs a Working With Childrens Check. You can start this process prior to the course.

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

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

PE News

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](#)

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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!



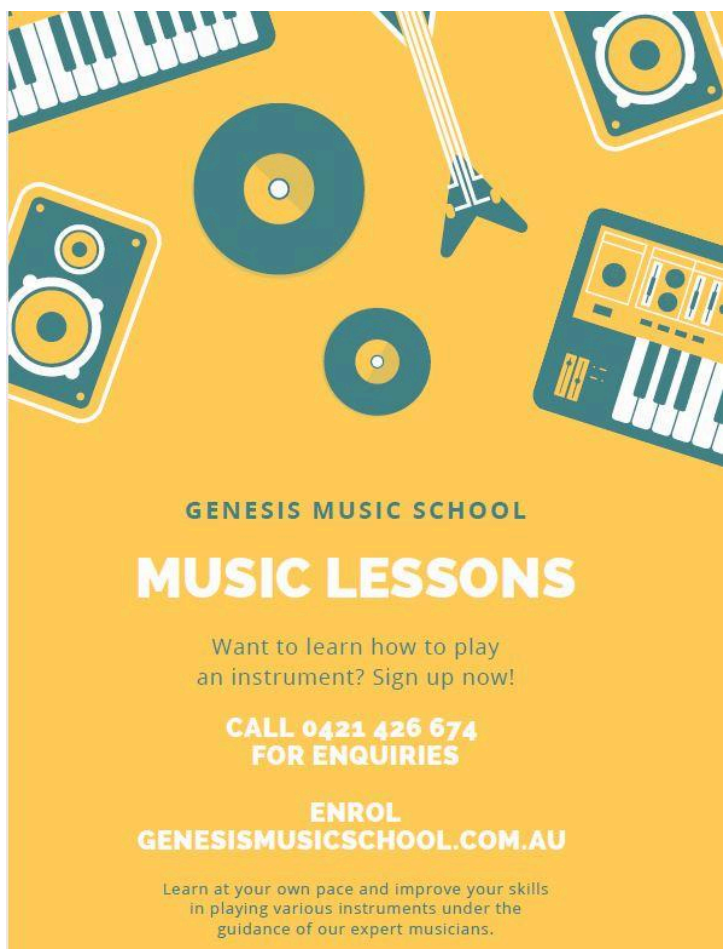
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