

Thursday 14 March, 2024

Dates To Remember

TERM ONE 2024

Friday 15th March

Naplan - conventions of language

Monday 18th March

Naplan - numeracy

Monday 18th March

Assembly - 2.30pm

Tuesday 19th March

Hot Cross Bun orders DUE

Wednesday 20th March

Twilight Sports 5.30 - 7pm

PA BBQ from 4.30pm

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day - wear a touch of orange with school uniform

Friday 22nd March

Interschool Sport Gala Day Year 5 & 6

Monday 25th March

End of Term Assembly 9am

Easter Bonnet/Crazy hat day

Monday 25th - Wed 27th March

School Nurse in for Preps

Wednesday 27th March

School Council AGM

Thursday 28th March

Multicultural Day Celebrations

End of Term 1 - 2.30pm

TERM TWO

Monday 15th April

Term 2 commences

Principal's Report

TWILIGHT SPORTS - (5.30 -7pm Dinner from 4.45pm)

Next Wed is Twilight Sports - A fun night of activity and sportsmanship! Also a great way to connect with others within our community. We hope to see you all there. Don't forget to wear your child's house colours!

NAPLAN -

NAPLAN, while providing valuable insights into a student's academic performance at a specific point in time, doesn't guarantee future success. Nor does it predict which students will be successful. Success is multidimensional and encompasses **various skills beyond those tested in NAPLAN** - such as creativity, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence.

Students' circumstances, opportunities, and personal development trajectories differ greatly - we excel and develop at different times and rates. To be honest, I am glad that NAPLAN didn't exist when I was young. School was hard for me and I didn't really hit my stride until university. But, I always had parents who believed in me, even when I didn't really believe in myself.

Putting great emphasis on your child's results can negatively impact their self belief. Their attitude, resilience and ability to never give up is a bigger factor of future success. So let's celebrate and focus on their tenacity, effort and determination. Let's acknowledge the countless hours of hard work, their positive attitude and optimism, and the obstacles overcome. Let's honour their resilience in the face of adversity and their unwavering commitment to their goals. Let's focus on all the elements of success - academic, personal, social and emotional. Most of all, let them know you believe in them! There are more opportunities than ever for our children to find a pathway (traditional and non traditional) to their ultimate profession. Their future is bright!

HUNTINGDALE RD SAFETY

CROSSING CARE

If you have a child walking home along Huntingdale Rd, please encourage them to cross with the crossing guard for additional safety. There has been a near miss reported at the crossing near the freeway exit ramp. Whilst there are traffic lights, people can be quite distracted navigating oncoming traffic, lights and people crossing. Thankfully the child was only bruised, as the car came to a screeching halt. Please...

- encourage your child to always use the lights with the crossing guard (even if that means it adds a bit of time onto the trip home)
- remind your child to wait till cars have stopped before crossing any road (regardless if there are traffic lights).

DANGEROUS BEHAVIOURS

It has also been brought to our attention that parents are stopping along Huntingdale Rd afterschool and asking their child/children to jump into the car. Huntingdale Rd is not a safe spot to stop! It is not safe for students to be navigating the movement of vehicles, alongside oncoming traffic.

AFTERSCHOOL DUTY -

Schools are positive places of learning where everyone has a right to a safe and healthy learning environment. Schools are also workplaces, and school staff deserve to work in an environment where they don't feel threatened or unsafe.

After school duty has become increasingly more challenging for staff. Please also remember that **teachers are not traffic wardens**. Whilst some teachers are comfortable in directing parents to move their vehicle, others are less confident to do so. Afterschool duty is generally given to more experienced staff however, it is not always possible. Regardless of their experience (and thickness of their skin), no staff member should be spoken to rudely, be threatened or sworn at. Rudeness and aggression aimed at staff (or other parents) will not be tolerated.

Staff are on duty to help students find their parents, prevent them from running onto or into parking bays and assist with the flow of traffic. **Mostly it is about keeping your child safe.**

I would like to remind parents about our Engagement policy and the responsibilities of parents/carers...

Rights and Responsibilities for Parents/Carers
<p>Parents/carers have a responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote positive educational outcomes for their children by taking an active interest in their child's educational progress by modelling positive behaviours ● Ensure their child's regular attendance and that they arrive on time for learning ● Treat all members of the school community with respect ● Engage in regular and constructive communication with school staff regarding their child's learning ● Support the school in maintaining a responsible, respectful and inclusive learning environment for all students

We have amazing staff! Let's treat them with the respect they deserve.

MULTICULTURAL DAY- Thursday March 28

Parents are welcome to join us for lunch. Paella for parents can be ordered at the office. Please bring a chair or picnic rug to join us from 1-2pm.

MULTICULTURAL DAY
Thu March 28th

Come dressed in clothes that represent your culture!

9.10-10.00 -WALA - African Drumming whole school show

10.15-1pm P-2 Activities - Irish Dancing, Spanish Castanets, Rangoli Art

3-6 Activities - Korean Art, Canadian Lacrosse, Indigenous Games

1-2pm Special lunch - Paella

2-2.30pm Performances:
 Taiko Drummers
 Cultural Day Fashion Show
 Student Performances

PEACE
 COMMUNITY
 INCLUSIVE

INCLUSIVE
 COMMUNITY
 PEACE

RESPECT
 DIVERSITY
 HARMONY

SECONDARY SCHOOLS - YEARS 5&6 FAMILIES

Just a reminder to Year 6 families in particular, to ensure that you have been on a school tour or attended some secondary school Open Days/Nights if you haven't already done so. Tours and days are currently being advertised. We would also highly recommend **Year 5 parents to begin visiting secondary schools this year**, rather than waiting until your child is in Year 6. This helps to make an informed decision and provides families with enough time to look for alternatives, should you wish to do so.

CAMPS

This year all our Year 3-6 camps have been booked for Term 4. This was mainly due to seeking out alternate destinations after campsites closing. We understand that this can place financial strain on families with more than one child attending camp and it being so close to Christmas. As such, we will be providing families with an opportunity to slowly contribute to camp payments from Term 2, to ease the financial burden.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS - INTRODUCING STAFF

This week our School Captains, Neil and Katarina, interviewed Jessica May, our new Year 4 teacher and they have put together the following bio.

- Do you have a favourite childhood memory: ***Playing the role of the witch in lion the witch and the wolves***
- What are your Hobbies: ***Basketball coaching***
- What is your favourite colour: ***Pink***
- Have you had any different jobs: ***Many! I have worked as a basketball ref, bartender, waitress, at a regrowth hair centre, food technician, art technician, and in student reception.***
- Do you have any pets: ***I have 2 Tamarukes (dogs), Macy & Albert***
- What is your greatest achievement: ***Making it into the Melbourne Boomers basketball team after a knee injury***
- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up: ***PE teacher, hairdresser, interior designer, chef, teacher***
- What is your favourite food: ***Fruit***
- Do you have a favourite TV Show/Movie: ***Watching Basketball/the movie Aladdin***
- What is your favourite book/series: ***Atomic Habits***
- What is your background: ***I was born in Australia in Tara Valley near Gippsland***
- Favourite subject at school: ***Art and PE***



Let's celebrate...

- Our Parents Association - Great organisation for the BBQ at our upcoming sports event

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

WELLBEING

Resilience Project and Resilience Survey

Resilience and wellbeing are key factors to ensure a happy and fulfilling future for our young people. We are proud to partner

with The Resilience Project to assist our students in their wellbeing journey. In order to gain an accurate understanding of our students' strengths and challenges, we will be conducting a resilience survey developed by Resilient Youth Australia and the University of South Australia.



In recent years, they have surveyed more than 500,000 Australian school students. We will administer the Resilience Survey this year online in class time. Students typically take 30-50 minutes to complete the survey. The data from the survey will be reported in aggregate descriptive form only, by year level and gender, and no individual student responses can be identified. The survey is completed by students in year 3 - 6. The Resilience Survey is completely voluntary and anonymous.



The survey will provide valuable information to assist us to create and maintain the best culture of wellbeing and resilience that we can.

If you have any questions please contact your class teacher.

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

PE News



Opals

Twilight Sports

Dolphins

Wednesday 20th March



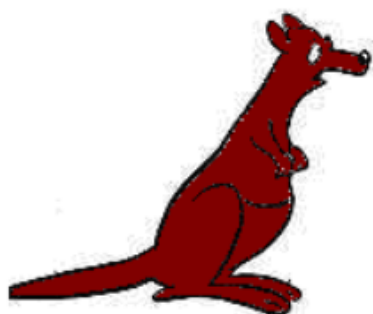
Twilight Sports is coming up on Wednesday 20th March, with events running from 5:30 - 7:00pm. It will involve students competing in running races, hurdles, discus, javelin, relays and novelty races in their house teams.

Families are welcome to arrive from 4.30pm to have a picnic prior to the events. Each student has a designated house and it is suggested that students wear their house colours on the night. Please ask your classroom teacher if your child is unsure of their house colour.

The Parent's Association will be running a sausage sizzle on the night. Please see the PA section about signing up to help out.

If you have any further questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask us. We are looking forward to a night filled with fun and active kids!

Thanks
Mrs Black & Mrs Molnar



Wallabies



Kookaburras

PE News

CROSS COUNTRY

On the first Friday of Term 2 we will be having our Whole School House Cross Country. Thank you so much to those parents who have offered to help. More information about the event will be sent to you soon.

Our Year 3-6 students will be running outside of the school ground but not crossing any major roads and the Prep to Year 2 students will be running within the school ground.

If you would like to get in some practice before the day, these are the run lengths for each year level.

Preps run - .5km

Year 1 run - 1.0km

Year 2 run - 1.5km

8,9,10 Year olds run - 2km

11 and 12 Year olds run - 3km

Please keep an eye out for more details in later newsletters.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

The Year 5/6 students are looking forward to our Gala Day at Jells on Friday 22nd where they will play their chosen sport against all of the other schools in our District. The students will participate in Hot Shot Tennis, Kickball, Cricket, T-ball and Volleyball.

Parents Association News

Twilight Sports Help

Sausage sizzle catering numbers

Twilight Sports will be held next week on Wednesday, 20 March, with our sausage sizzle starting at 4:45pm. If you plan to grab some sausages for dinner, please remember to help us with catering numbers and dietary requirements by going to this link:

[Sausage sizzle catering](#)

Feel free to BYO picnic.

We need YOU to help fundraise!

Help us fill in the remaining slots to run the sausage sizzle stand, from selling, cooking, prepping and everything in-between. We appreciate all the help we can get. Think about all the \$\$\$ that we can raise to help the school and once all the slots are filled, you won't see anymore Sentral reminders about it ;)

Please sign up ASAP [here](#).

Thank you to those that have signed up. We will be in touch shortly. Remember the Working with Children Check is required.

menu

SAUSAGE IN BREAD \$3.50
Meat or Veggie sausages
Gluten free bread available

DRINKS \$2
Water, soft drinks and juice boxes

ICY POLES \$1
Assorted flavours

Cash and card accepted



A BIG thank you to those that have donated Easter gifts! The office has been overflowing with goodies.

You can continue to donate treats at the school office up until the morning of Thursday 21 March.

Remember to return your tickets and monies to the school office by the end of next week (Friday 22 March). Winners will be announced at the end of term assembly.

Lisa

PA President

Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

EASTER HAT PARADE

It's time to get creative at home and create an Easter hat to wear during the parade!

It's easy to find simple to complex ideas online if you're stuck for ideas - from simple cut, print, colour templates to paper plate bunny ears to going all out! Anything goes!

Alternatively you're welcome to bring any crazy or funny hat to wear instead. Participation is optional and just for fun.

Monday
25 March

9.05am

prior to end of term assembly

**PARENTS
WELCOME
TO ATTEND**



SRC News



Australia's
Harmony Day,
celebrates the
country's
cultural
diversity.

Mount Waverley Heights PS

HARMONY DAY

»»»»» Thursday 21st March «««««

Wear some orange!

(socks, ribbon, tie, shoelaces, headband, t-shirt)

Theme:
Everyone
Belongs.

Harmony
Activities
in class.



Around the classes



On Wednesday, the Year 1 students enjoyed the Swinburne Light and Sound Incursion. Through participating in lots of different hands-on experiments, students explored how light and sound travel.



Icy Poles

Icy poles will be sold
every thursday at
lunch 1st half.



All the money raised
will be for the year 6
graduation.



Extend News



MOUNT WAVERLEY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Additional Details
 Tuesday 2 April to Friday 12 April
 8:00am – 6:00pm

Please provide morning tea and a healthy, nut free packed lunch for your child.

PAY FROM JUST \$9.10 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE \$90.95**

**With the maximum Child Care Subsidy*
***Without Child Care Subsidy*

Monday 1 April



Public Holiday

Tuesday 2 April



Initiative Games & Treasure Hunt
 Take on a variety of unique and challenging objectives with the powers of friendship, trust and teamwork!

PAY FROM \$9.10 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE ONLY**

Wednesday 3 April



Myuna Farm & Heaps of Activities!
 Take a trip to farming country, where you'll see all sorts of friendly farm animals and discover the fascinating world of agriculture!

PAY FROM \$13.09 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE + \$39.95**

Thursday 4 April



The Mystical Magic Show! & Heaps of Activities!
 Magic is in the air! Join us for an enchanting experience like no other with an entertaining magic show!

PAY FROM \$11.40 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE + \$23.00**

Friday 5 April



Multi Sports & Sushi
 Bring your A-game and teamwork to navigate through team games! Remember to stay SunSMART, keep hydrated, and have fun!

PAY FROM \$9.10 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE ONLY**

Monday 8 April



Mad Science Mania & Heaps of Activities!
 Dive into a myriad of cool experiments designed to astonish and inspire. Don't miss this chance to unleash your inner mad scientist!

PAY FROM \$11.40 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE + \$23.00**

Tuesday 9 April



Minigolf & Heaps of Activities!
 Putt your way to victory in a fun-filled game of minigolf. Navigate through wacky courses and compete to achieve the best score!

PAY FROM \$13.09 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE + \$39.95**

Wednesday 10 April



Nature Plate & Pinata
 Embark on a hunt for natural treasures around our service. Then, channel your discoveries into creating a stunning work of natural art!

PAY FROM \$9.10 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE ONLY**

Thursday 11 April



DIY Dreamcatchers & Team Games
 Get ready to weave dreams, add bursts of colour and create something magical to hang by your bedside!


PAY FROM \$9.10 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE ONLY**

Friday 12 April



Obstacle Course & Indicator Blues
 Create an exciting and physically engaging obstacle course that challenges you mentally and physically!

PAY FROM \$9.10 AFTER CCS*
SESSION FEE ONLY**



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW FOR AUTUMN 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 vacation care?

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.

Can my child attend services in a different state?

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 times?

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?

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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Digimaker



DIGIMAKER

Programming for young Makers

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.

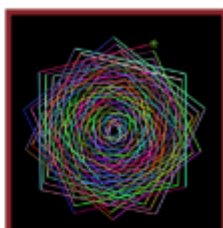


COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

@ Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- .. and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

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 PROGRAM

Program for **Term 2 2024** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$270 incl GST

AFTER SCHOOL	BATCH 1
3:40pm – 4:40pm	Tuesdays 16 th Apr to 11 th Jun 2024
AFTER SCHOOL	BATCH 2
3:40pm – 4:40pm	Wednesdays 17 th Apr to 12 th Jun 2024

Fill out the form online by
Thursday 28th Mar 2024



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

** All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)

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SOCIAL SKILLS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Run by Speech Pathologists

Group 1
5-7 years

Group 2
8-11 years

64 Glenferrie Road, Malvern
Mon 8th and Weds 10th of April

Gasworks, Albert Park
Tues 9th and Thurs 11th of April

Topics Covered

- Conversation Skills
- Perspective Taking
- Forming and Maintaining Friendships
- Handling Teasing and Bullying
- Problem Solving and Reasoning
- Resilience and Managing Feelings

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