

## Dates To Remember

### TERM ONE 2026

#### Monday 16th March

NAPLAN - Conventions of language 9am-11am

#### Tuesday 17th March

NAPLAN - Numeracy 9am - 11am  
Book Club DUE

#### Wednesday 18th March

Twilight Sports - 5:30pm-7pm  
Year 6 Leaders Dream And Lead Excursion

#### Thursday 19th March

Year 5 Incursion Immigration 9am - 1:30pm  
Year 2 Excursion Mont DeLancey

#### Friday 20th March

Preps - Paramedic Visit

#### Monday 23rd March

Girls Basketball Clinic - 9am-1:30pm 5/6 girls

#### Wednesday 25th March

School Council - AGM - 6pm

#### Friday 27th March

Interschool Sport Gala Day 9am - 2:30pm

#### Monday 30th March

End Of Term Assembly - 9:30am

#### Tuesday 31st March

EMR Swimming

#### Wednesday 1st April

Easter Egg Hunt - 2:30pm

#### Thursday 2nd April

Multicultural Day  
End Of Term 1 - 2:30pm

**Thursday 12 March, 2026**

## Principal's Report

### NAPLAN

Our first lot of NAPLAN tests have been undertaken. Unfortunately, the online system crashed on Wednesday - all across Victoria. We had to postpone the Year 5 Writing assessment to today, as students were unable to log on. As such, the reading assessment (Yr 5 only) has been moved to tomorrow morning.

### TWILIGHT SPORTS - Next Wednesday

Information regarding Twilight Sports was sent out via Compass. We can't wait to see you all next Wednesday! Join in the fun and dress in your child's house colour. More information can be found in the Sports and PA section of the newsletter.

### STOP WORK ACTION - 24/3

You may be aware that Teacher Unions (AEU - Australian Education Union and the APF (Australian Principal Federation) are currently negotiating a new agreement with the state government and Department of Education for improvements to pay and employment conditions. Negotiations have been occurring over the last seven months without a resolution.

Currently, Victorian public schools are the lowest funded in Australia and there are significant staffing shortages across Victoria. Victorian public school teachers are also the lowest paid teachers in Australia, with many education support employees and school leaders paid less than their colleagues in other states and territories who do the same role.

As there has not been any offer, AEU members are undertaking a vote to endorse industrial action, with the union calling a statewide **24-hour stopwork on Tuesday 24 March**.

In circumstances where there are insufficient teachers available for the duration of any stopwork action, casual relief teachers (CRTs) can be used to replace teachers absent on stopwork action. As you can imagine, every

school will be looking for CRTs and there simply won't be enough to cover classes. In this case, we will notify parents that students will not be required to attend. If your child's classroom teacher is striking, we will let you know ASAP. However, depending on how things play out, parents may only receive a notification the day before the strike.

It is important that parents respect a teacher's decision to strike. Having participated in strikes before, I know how important it is for educators to stand together to address workload, school funding, and better pay. We need to make meaningful changes in education, or we risk losing the dedicated educators who make such a significant difference in students' lives.

## EASTER BONNET/CRAZY HAT DAY

This event is much cherished by our students and parents alike. We are encouraging all families to design and create either an Easter Bonnet or Crazy Hat. These are showcased at a parade prior to our end of term assembly.



On **Monday March 30**. Students will head into their classrooms before our Easter Parade.

**9.10am-9.25am** - The parade will begin outside on the basketball court. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their designs. They will then put their hats back inside their classrooms before attending assembly in the PAC. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**9.30-10.15am** - End of Term Assembly

Easter Raffle drawn at the end of assembly. Please see the PA section for more information regarding Easter Egg donations and Twilight Sports volunteers.

## MULTICULTURAL DAY - THU APRIL 2nd

Notification of this event was uploaded to Compass today

9-10 am	Parents are welcome to attend Dream Space (weather permitting)	Whole School Performance by <b>Bhangra Beats</b> - Classical Indian to Bollywood Music and Dance
10.30-1.00 pm	Classroom Activities	Students will rotate through a range of activities: <b>P-2</b> -Indigenous Activity, Exploring lanterns across a range of cultures & Greek Dancing <b>Yr 3-5s</b> - Mangrook Game (Indigenous culture activity), Netherlands Activity, Mexican Art <b>Yr 6s</b> - Chinese Dragon Boats (Double session)
SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER DAY	Parents are welcome to attend	Student performances on the deck in the Dream Space
1.00-1.50 pm	Classroom Activities	(As above)

2.00-2.30 pm	<p>Parents are welcome to attend</p> <p>Dream Space, then we will move to the oval</p>	<p>Performances from Chinese Dance Performance Group (Grandparents of the Zou family)</p> <p>Dragon Boat Race on the oval</p>
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### **SCHOOL COUNCIL - OPEN MEETING**

Our new school council members will reside at our next meeting on Wed March 25. From 6-7 pm, we have an open meeting where I will be sharing our Annual Implementation Plan and Annual Report. Members from our community are welcome to attend during this period. From 7-8 pm, we will be having our normal School Council meeting.

### **LATE PICK UP OF CHILDREN**

If you are running late to collect your child we ask that a courtesy call is made to the office so they are aware you are on your way. If you are going to be more than 30 minutes late to collect your child, they must be booked into Team Kids. Please make sure you have completed an application for Team Kids so that their services can be used if needed. Registration can be done via the following link - [Team Kids Registration](#)

If you are late in collecting your child from the office, please make sure you speak with office staff on arrival so that they know you have collected your child.

### **Let's celebrate...**

- The following class who had all students arrive to school on time, last week: Prep D
- All the amazing women in our students' lives! (I forgot to highlight International Women's Day in my last newsletter!) Strong women play an incredibly important role in shaping the lives of our young people. We are thankful for the mothers, grandmothers, carers, teachers, and mentors who guide, support, and inspire our students each day.



*Sharon Reiss-Stone*

Principal

# Assistant Principal's Report

## WELLBEING

With our Multicultural Day coming up we thought it was a good time to revisit our school expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Inclusive. At Mount Waverley Heights PS we value the diversity of culture, ethnicity, and faith of all our students. We are proud of our diversity, and everyone is welcome at our school.

Celebrating the diversity of our community makes us stronger, kinder and more innovative. We are committed to making sure that students from all backgrounds feel accepted, supported and able to learn. We teach all students according to our school expectations and wellbeing approach. This includes education around diversity and inclusion.

To achieve our expectations and aims, everyone at MWHPS plays an important role.

This week, we have reminded students of our expectations of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Inclusive and the importance of using these in everything we do. In the lead up to multicultural day students will participate in activities around diversity and inclusion.

To help us make MWHPS a place where everyone feels welcome, respected and supported, we encourage you to also speak to your child about these values, as well as the importance of:

- understanding that we celebrate diversity and multicultural inclusion
- understanding the importance of everyone at school being treated with respect.

For more information, please see [Racism: talking with children and teens](#), [Raising Children Network](#).

We expect families to also display our school values when dealing with other members of our school community.

*Carolyn Datson*  
Assistant Principal



## PE News

### Twilight Sports

Our whole school community event this term will be the Twilight Sports. This will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March between 5:00pm -7:00pm. 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. Students will be asked to get dressed up in house colours for the night.

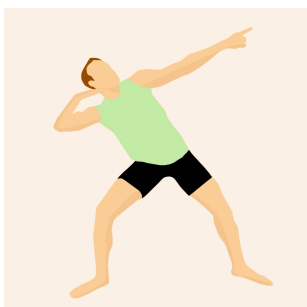
Students will spend some class time going through these different events so that they know what to expect on the night.

Families are welcome to arrive from 5:00pm 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.

The Parent's Association will be running a sausage sizzle on the night selling sausages in bread for \$3, icy poles for \$1 and soft drinks and juices for \$2.

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

Thanks  
Mrs Kate Black



## Music News

Change in rehearsal timetable:

Wednesday - Junior Choir 1.40pm

Thursday - Senior Choir 1.40pm

Friday - Band 1.40pm

This year I am excited to announce the participation of our choirs in the following events:

Victorian State School Spectacular - Senior Choir

KMEIA Junior Choral Festival - Junior Choir

Members of our choirs will be busy performing in school and community events throughout the year. Weekly attendance is required to participate in these events. All enquiries via Compass only.

Kind regards,  
Ellie

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

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*Eleanor Hardie*

Music Teacher

## Parents Association News

### Twilight Sports BBQ - Wednesday, March 18.

*Volunteers Needed – Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser*

Please sign up to help at the Twilight Sports BBQ!

Volunteering won't mean missing much of the action! While some volunteer time slots are slightly longer, you'll only miss around 30 minutes of the Twilight Sports event itself.

We appreciate all the help we can get.

[www.signupgenius.com/go](http://www.signupgenius.com/go)



### Parents' Association Meetings - Everyone Welcome!

The Parents' Association warmly invites all members of our school community to come along to our meetings throughout the year. These gatherings are very relaxed and informal, and they're a great way to stay connected with what's happening at the school, share ideas, and hear about upcoming events and initiatives.

Whether you're able to attend regularly or just drop in occasionally, everyone is welcome. Your involvement helps support our school community.

To make it easier for more people to attend, we have also scheduled a number of evening meetings this year. Further details, including locations and times, will be shared closer to each meeting.

Please see the meeting dates below to add to your calendar. We would love to see you there.

## Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

Our ever popular Easter Raffle and Easter Hat Parade are back again this year!

Raffle tickets are now being sent home with students, so please keep an eye out for them over the coming days. We are also collecting donations of chocolates and Easter goodies to help create our raffle hampers.

Both raffle tickets (with money) and any Easter hamper donations should be returned to the school office by **Wednesday, March 25**. If you require more raffle tickets, please see the lovely office staff.

The raffle will be drawn at the **school assembly on Monday, March 30**, following the Easter Hat Parade.

Big thanks to Leanne Robertson for managing the raffle.

With thanks,  
Kerry Tan  
PA President

[mwhpspa@gmail.com](mailto:mwhpspa@gmail.com)



### Parents' Association Key Dates

TERM 1	
Wednesday March 18	Twilight Sports BBQ
Wednesday, March 25	Final day to return raffle tickets and money
Wednesday, March 25	Final day for Easter Donations
Monday, March 30	Easter Hat Parade 9:10am - Parents Welcome
Monday, March 30	Easter Raffle Draw - Assembly, after Easter Hat Parade
Monday, March 30	PA Meeting - 2:30pm - Location, MWHPS
TERM 2	
Monday, April 27	PA Meeting - 7:00pm - Location, Matthew Flinders Hotel, Chadstone
Wednesday, June 3	PA Meeting - 2:30pm - Location, MWHPS

Mount Waverley Heights Primary School

# Easter Hat Parade



Join us for our Easter celebration and let your creativity shine!

Design and make your own Easter hat at home and wear it in the parade.

No time to craft?

No problem!

You can also rock any funny, wild, or crazy hat.

We can't wait to see your amazing creations!

**Monday March 30th, 9:00am**

# Team Kids

## Mount Waverley Heights P.S NEWSLETTER



### COMING UP ...

Next week is **Harmony Week** at Team Kids !

Join us as we celebrate the diversity that makes us unique! There will be a range of different nations food experiences, our Art Attack Hello Handprints, Lego Master Flags & of course endless Active Games from Around the World. Everyone Belongs!

The End of Term **Golden Easter Egg Hunt** date has been decided so put it in your diaries !

At BSC & ASC on *Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April* you will be able to join in on an adventure around the school for our easter eggs! There will be 6 colourful eggs to collect, only 1 of them being the golden egg but all will have prizes. I'm excited!

As we say at TeamKids, 'Let the fun begin'!

### IMPORTANT DATES



 **16 – 22<sup>nd</sup> of MARCH**  
Celebrate Harmony Week at Team Kids

 **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of April**  
Join us for our Golden Easter Egg Hunt!

 **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL**  
Last day of Term 1  
After School Care open from 2:30 – 6:30pm

### TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK: 8



**MONDAY**  

S.T.E.M & Epic Games

**TUESDAY**  

Cooking Club & Musical Games

**WEDNESDAY**  

Indigenous Games & Boardgame

**THURSDAY**  

Super Sports Club & Lego Masters

**FRIDAY**  

Art Attack & Group Games



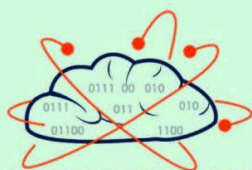
**Service Mobile:** 0402 18 077

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## Term Three Activities



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**TERM 2 2026 - 8 weeks**

Years: 3 to 6

Day: Tuesdays / Wednesdays

Time: 3:40PM – 4:40PM

Fees: \$320 (incl. GST)

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### INFORMATION



#### Mount Waverley

- Saturday 21st of March
- 10.00am - 12.00pm
- 2-6 Hardner Road,  
Mount Waverley
- (03) 7503 0568

#### Burwood

- Saturday 28th of March
- 10.00am - 12.00pm
- 1 Sparks Ave,  
Burwood
- (03) 7036 3389



## SPORTS ACADEMY INFORMATION EVENING

If you're currently researching secondary school options for your son, come along to our **Sports Academy Information Evening** to learn more about our Sports Academy program, important enrolment guidelines and how your son can apply for our **2028 Sports Academy class**.

Date: Monday 30 March, 2026

Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: 10 Bosco St Chadstone 3148

Register: [www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/](http://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/)  
or via the QR Code



# BE SAFE AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS



- Ensure you use a designated school crossing when dropping off or picking up children
- Always use the school crossing when flags are displayed
- Some children's crossings have a supervisor - always follow their instructions
- If there is no supervisor, look and listen for traffic before crossing
- Only cross the road when safe to do so, and keep looking and listening while crossing.

## IF YOU'RE A DRIVER/RIDER:

- Always watch out for children near schools
- Do not overtake a vehicle stopping/stopped at a crossing
- Stop if someone is about to cross or is crossing - even if there is no supervisor
- Stop if a hand-held 'Stop' sign is displayed
- Only proceed when all pedestrians, including the supervisor, are clear of the crossing
- Approach the crossing at a speed slow enough to stop safely if needed
- Always be aware of all parking signage and park legally.





**ENROL NOW**

# MUSIC LESSONS

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 KEYBOARD      CALL 0401951592  
 SINGING      DON'T MISS OUT

[www.genesismusicschool.com.au](http://www.genesismusicschool.com.au)

ASHWOOD WOLVES BASKETBALL CLUB



## PLAY BASKETBALL

### WINTER SEASON 2026

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YEAR 1, 2 OR 3 GIRLS WHO MIGHT WANT TO JOIN A BASKETBALL TEAM.

COME TRAIN WITH US TO HELP YOU PREPARE!

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# COME & TRY

## OAKLEIGH DISTRICT RAIDERS

### 5TH MARCH

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

- meet the coaches
- all football abilities welcome
- bring your friends and family

UNDER 10 MIXED 4:30 - 5:30 PM  
 UNDER 8 & UNDER 11 MIXED 5:00 PM - 6:00 pm

WANT TO JOIN THE RAIDERS?



nab AFL Auskick

## GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

### Oakleigh District Auskick Centre

Princes Highway Reserve, Oakleigh East

Starting Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
 9:00am - 10:00am

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE



AFL PLAY



LIONS CLUB OF WHEELERS HILL INC.

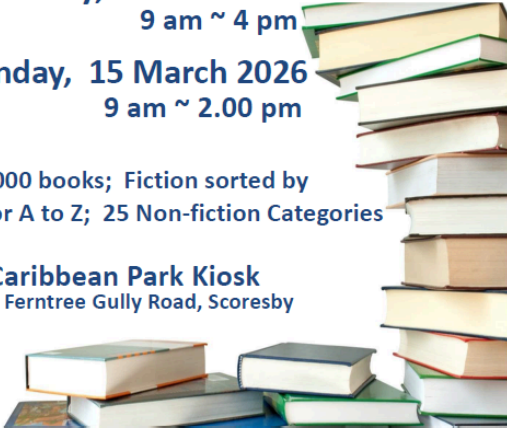
# LIONS CLUB BOOK SALE

\* Saturday, 14 March 2026  
9 am ~ 4 pm

\* Sunday, 15 March 2026  
9 am ~ 2.00 pm

\* 12,000 books; Fiction sorted by Author A to Z; 25 Non-fiction Categories

\* At Caribbean Park Kiosk  
1280 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby



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