

Dates To Remember

TERM THREE 2026

Friday 14th August
Curriculum Day

Monday 17th August
Whole School Athletics

Tuesday 18th August
Prep Inform & Empower Incursion 2:30pm

Friday 21st August
School Disco P - YR 2 5:30pm - 6:30pm
School Disco Year 3 - 6 7pm - 8pm

Monday 24th August
Book Week

Monday 24th August
Assembly P-2

Tuesday 25th August
Year 1 and Year 5 Incursion - Symphony Of
Stories 10am - 10:50am
Book Week - Book Stall

Wednesday 26th August
Dress Up Day - Book Week

Thursday 27th August
State School Spectacular Rehearsal - John
Cain Arena

Friday 28th August
State School Spectacular Rehearsal - John
Cain Arena

Monday 31st August
Assembly Year 3 - 6

Wednesday 2nd September
P-2 Fathers Day Stall

Thursday 3rd September
Year 3-6 Fathers Day Stall

Thursday 13 August, 2026

Principal's Report

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME

We have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late to school. We understand that mornings can sometimes be challenging, and there will always be occasions when being on time simply isn't possible. However, when lateness becomes a regular occurrence, it can have a bigger impact than we might realise.

The beginning of the school day is an important time. Teachers establish the day's routines, explain learning intentions, provide instructions and set students up for success. When students arrive late, they can miss this important information, making it more difficult to understand what they are expected to do which can impact their learning confidence.

It also helps the whole class. When a child arrives after learning has started, teachers need to pause to help them settle and catch up on instructions, which can disrupt the learning of others.

We really appreciate families making the effort to have children at school and ready to learn at the beginning of the day. **Those few extra minutes in the morning can make a real difference to a child's sense of belonging, readiness and success for the day.**

Thank you for your support in helping us give every child the best possible start to their school day.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATHS

On Monday the whole school will head down to Duncan Mackinnon Athletics Track in Murumbeena to undertake a range of track and field events which will lead to the selection of student representatives (9 - 12 years old) for the District Athletics Carnival towards the end of term. Not only do our senior students look forward to this event each year, but it is a great way for our future representatives to build their athletics skills.

It is a big day out for all involved. Thank you to all our parent volunteers for the day. We couldn't run this event without your support.

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our Year 3-6 Award winners -

3A - Christopher S & Diya N

3K - Emily Z & Owen H

3M - Angelina L & Sully P

4C - Junho M & William T

4M - Nysa P & Leo H

4S - Flynn T & Valerio J

5D - Tahlia D & Beau S

5J - Ariel A & Oliver C

5M - Alex J & Beau J

6D - Scarlett R & Yassir H

6G - Pippa S & Asya D

6T- Harry L & Claudette M

Art - Alex B

Japanese - Shourya N

Music - Dasha S

PE - Kamal A

Due to athletics, there will be no assembly on Monday.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026**. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / carers who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to the school directly for survey guides in your language.

The weblink and pin will be published on Compass on Monday.

BOOK WEEK

It is only 3 weeks away. Get your costumes ready! Our **dress up day will be on Wed Aug 26th!** We will hold a quick Book Week Parade at 9.15am on the basketball court. Parents are most welcome to attend! See our Library news (further down in the newsletter) for information about costumes from Lombards.

A big shout out to Kelly Poutney for once again organising the Book Stall. The **Book Week Book Stall** will be held on **Tuesday 25th August**.

We would love donations of pre-loved children's books. Books should be suitable for Prep to Grade 6 students, and be in good condition. Donations can be dropped at the office.

All classes will have a scheduled time to shop at the Book Stall. All books will be \$2, with no limits on the number of books each student can buy. All proceeds raised will go to MWHPS.

Closer to the date, we'll be looking for parent volunteers.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Whilst a new offer has been made, the AEU (Australian Education Union) have listed next Wed 19 August as a possible 'Stop Work Day'. Everyone is hoping to avoid this outcome, but I just wanted to give you the heads up. As soon as I know more, I will let you know.

SCHOOL DISCO

PA (Parents Association) has been busy coordinating our school disco. It will be held on Friday Aug 21.

When: P-2 (5.30.6.30pm) Yrs 3-6 (7-8pm)

Where: PAC (Our hall)

Bookings must be made **via the 'Canteen'** option on Compass. Tickets can not be purchased at the event. Please note that students need to attend their year level disco.



Book Week Book Stall

TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST

book donations needed

Books should be in good condition, and suitable for Preps to Grade 6s.

Please drop donations to the office.

All proceeds will go to MWHPS.



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL



We understand this may mean making multiple trips to school, but the older students would really value having their dance as a special event just for them, without the younger students attending.

Volunteers: Must have a Working With Children Check. Please note that if you are volunteering no little ones can be in tow. Volunteers do not have permission to film or take pictures at the event.

Photos: If you take pics (prior to them entering the PAC) which include other children, please ensure that you don't post these to social media, unless you have direct permission from the parent. This includes those in the background.

Checking in and Out: Please scan the QR code at the event to check in your child. Parents and volunteers will be checking your child out when you come to collect them at the end of their disco session.

Further information to come!

Let's Celebrate:

- House and School Captains for working out how to run multiple assemblies
- Parents/families who have already donated books for our book stall

Sharon Reiss-Stone

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

WELLBEING - Creating a respectful school environment for everyone

Our school expectations Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Inclusive play an important role across our school community. Positive school environments are important because everyone has the right to be safe and play a shared role in being respectful. Everyone at school, particularly staff and parents/carers, play a role in making school a better place for learning and work.

Respectful behaviours are important in building strong, healthy and thriving school communities.

Parents/carers can create a positive environment for learning and work by:

- Parents and carers can really help out by modelling positive behavior and communicating respectfully with everyone in our community.
- Working together constructively, following our school processes for raising concerns
- Treating staff and students with kindness, we can ensure the best outcomes for every child.

By treating everyone with respect, parents/carers and schools can make sure students feel supported and cared for.

We value our partnership with you and always welcome your feedback and ideas to help our school grow. Open dialogue is a vital part of our community, ensuring we continue to provide the best possible environment for every student. If you have a complaint there is a process to follow. For more detailed information on how we manage this process, you can refer to our website for our complaints policy

<https://mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au/parents/>

If you would like further information please see <https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-behaviours-school-community>

Working with families over the many years of primary school is a wonderful opportunity for us to work together in the best interests of every child. By building this relationship on trust and respect, we create a supportive environment where our students can truly thrive and feel a real sense of belonging.

Carolyn Datson

Assistant Principal

PE News

Whole School House Athletics Carnival

Monday will be our Whole School House Athletics Carnival!! The weather looks great especially for winter with the chance of some sunshine. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out on the day, an email will be sent out very soon via Compass with the information that you will need for the day. Please check and read through this information and if you have any questions please feel free to send me a message via Compass.

Students are able to come wearing their house colours on Monday. It is suggested that girls wear either shorts, leggings or tracksuit pants rather than school dresses or tunics. Grade 5/6 students are reminded to be at school no later than 8:45am so that rolls can be marked and students can get on the buses promptly. The buses will be running a shuttle service throughout the day so if we are late on the first run that will have a knock on effect throughout the day and might mean we won't be able to get through all the planned events.

Students from years 3-6 will be timed and measured in all events as these results will be used to help select the team that represents the school at the Gardiners District Athletics Carnival held later this term.

Kate Black

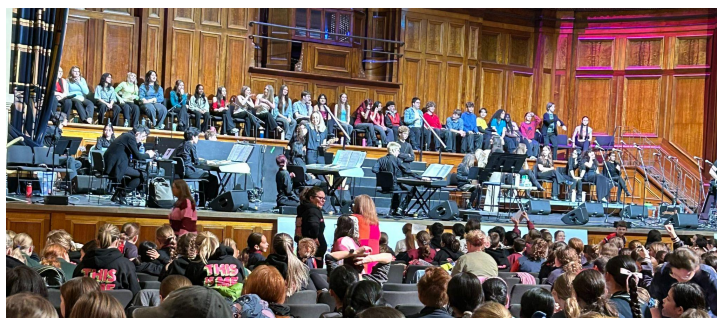
PE Teacher

Music News

The Junior and Senior Choir have had a brilliant week in performance.

Monday 10th Senior Choir performed in 3 - 6 Assembly and attended their second rehearsal at The Melbourne Town Hall of Victorian State School Spectacular 2026.

Tuesday 11th Junior Choir performed in the Kodaly Junior Choral Festival with 12 Primary choirs. The opportunity to sing with other choirs from different schools has left a lasting impact.



Elli Hardie

Music Teacher

Around the Classes

PREP'S BILLY CART INCURSION

Billy Cart Incursion. Name: Kailash

on Tuesday we went to the PAC. First we listened to Jordin's instructions. Second we were splitting into groups. My group was doing the wheelbarrow with the pipes and the connectors, with the crab claws. Third I made a car then I put it down the ramp. Forth I went on the billy carts.

Billy Cart Incursion. Name: Kailash

Wednesday with The pipes and The connectors with the crab claws. Third I made a car then I put it down the ramp. Forth I went on the billy carts.

On Tuesday we went to the PAC. First we listened to Jordin's instructions. Second we were splitting into groups. My group were doing the wheelbarrow with the pipes and the connectors, with the crab claws. Third I made a car then I put it down the ramp. Forth I went on the billy carts.

-Kailan, Prep T-

On Tuesday we went to the PAC for the billy cart incursion and first I did the billy cart. My partner was Hayley. It was so much fun riding the billy cart. It was my first time. Then I did the tube blocks. It was so much fun making the wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow was so big. We made it out of tube blocks then we took a picture with the wheelbarrow.

-Nirvaan, Prep T-

Billy Cart Incursion. Name: Nirvaan

On Tuesday we went to the PAC for the Billy Cart Incursion and first I did the billy cart. My partner was Hayley. It was so much fun riding the billy cart. It was my first time.

Billy Cart Incursion. Name: Nirvaan

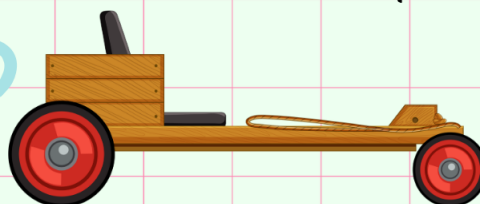
then I did the tube blocks. It was so much fun making the wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow was so big. We made it out of tube blocks then we took a picture with the wheelbarrow.

Billy Cart Incursion. Name: Billie

On Tuesday we went to the PAC. We went on the billy cart. Brooklyn was pushing me. I was the driver and steering. Next I did the wheel barrow. I was the third group to be finished.

On Tuesday we went to the PAC. We went on the Billy Cart. Brooklyn was pushing me. I was the driver and steering. Next I did the wheel barrow. I was the third group to be finished.

-Billie, Prep T-





Book Week

24th - 28th August

To celebrate Book Week, we are once again hosting a **Book Week Book Stall** on **Tuesday 25th August**.

We would love donations of pre-loved children's books. Books should be suitable for Prep to Grade 6 students, and be in good condition. Donations can be dropped at the office.

All classes will have a scheduled time to shop at the Book Stall. All books will be \$2, with no limits on the number of books each student can buy. All proceeds raised will go to MWHPS.

Closer to the date, we'll be looking for parent volunteers.

Any questions, please speak to Kelly Pountney (mum of Ivy, 5J), or ask at the Office.

Kind regards,
Kelly



Book Week Book Stall

TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST

book donations needed

Books should be in good condition,
and suitable for Preps to Grade 6s.

Please drop donations to the office.

All proceeds will go to MWHPS.



MOUNT WAVERLEY
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parent Association News

It's nearly time for our School Disco! Get ready for a fun night of music, dancing and disco fun!

Friday, August 21



Prep - 2
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Yr 3 - 6
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Tickets & Lucky Door Prizes

Be sure to purchase your child's ticket through Compass by Wednesday, August 19 to be in the draw for one of our lucky door prizes!

Please make sure you book your child into the correct year-level session. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate younger or older siblings in a different session.

Song Requests

Want to hear your favourite song at the disco? Submit your request here: [Request a song](#)

Volunteers Needed

Join in the fun and help make the night a success Volunteer registration is open. There are a few spots remaining, but if your preferred role is already full, be sure to join the volunteer waitlist in case a spot becomes available. [Disco Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

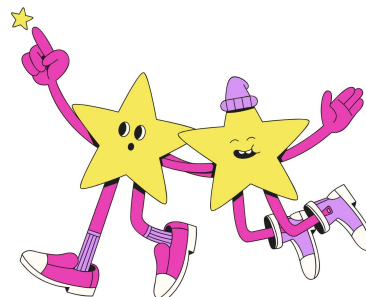
Volunteers must have a current WWCC (working with children card) on file with the school and have signed the 2026 Code of Conduct (please see our friendly office staff if you need to complete this).

A Few Important Things to Know

- The PA will be using Compass digital sign-in and sign-out, so please bring your phone on the night.
- BYO named water bottle.
- No food or drinks will be permitted inside the disco.
- Parents/carers will not be permitted inside the disco.

Kind Regards,

Kerry Tan



2026 MWHPS SCHOOL Disco



LUCKY
DOOR
PRIZES!

TICKETS
\$10

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

PREP - 2
5:30pm - 6:30pm

YR 3 - 6
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Good vibes.
Great music.
Awesome memories.

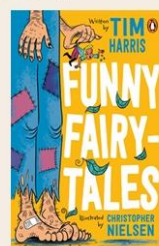
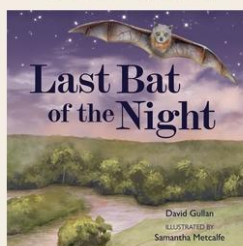
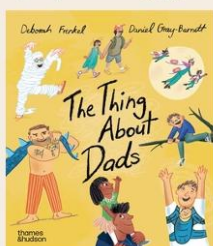
Tickets available now
through Compass.

Library News

FROM THE LIBRARY...

NEW BOOKS ALERT!!!

THE FOLLOWING TITLES HAVE ARRIVED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BORROW SOON!



THE THING ABOUT DADS (PICTURE STORY)

FROM AN AWARD-WINNING DUO COMES A RHYMING ODE TO THE DADS WHO MAKE LIFE EXTRAORDINARY. BIG HUGS, BAD JOKES AND ENDLESS LOVE: THIS IS DAD-ING

THE LAST BAT OF THE NIGHT (NON-FICTION 500s)

FOLLOW AUSTRALIA'S BATS AS THE COLONIES FLY OUT ON THEIR NIGHTLY JOURNEY TO FEED, DRINK AND POLLINATE. 'THERE IT IS! THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE LAST BAT!' '... OR COULD IT BE THOSE ONES?' 'OR THIS ONE, OR THAT?'

AMIRA SWIFT (FICTION)

AMIRA SWIFT IS A CHATTY, ENERGETIC 7-YEAR-OLD WHO LOVES TO DANCE. A SERIES CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY AND LEBANESE-AUSTRALIAN CULTURE WITH HIGHLY APPEALING STORIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

FUNNY FAIRYTALES (FICTION)

FIVE CLASSIC FAIRYTALES - FIVE RIDICULOUS TWISTS - ONE VERY FUNNY BOOK
JACK'S MAGICAL BEANS ARE REALLY NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED, GOLDILOCKS IS CHASING INFLUENCER FAME, HANSEL AND GRETEL MEET TROUBLE HEAD-ON AND RED RIDING HOOD'S BIG BAD WOLF IS A PUN-LOVING VEGETARIAN.

URBAN LEGEND HUNTERS: THE HIDEOUS MRS MORTIMER (GRAPHIC NOVEL)

SOMETHING MONSTROUS IS PROWLING IN THE WATERS OF LAKE DESPONDENT. SOMETHING SO FEARSOME IT CAN TURN HUMAN FLESH INTO STONE. SOMETHING SO HIDEOUS YOU MIGHT JUST WANT TO PACK AN EXTRA PAIR OF UNDIES OR SOME TOP-QUALITY DETERGENT. BUT, DO NOT FEAR, OUR THREE URBAN LEGEND HUNTERS ARE HERE. OKAY, YOU MIGHT STILL WANT TO FEAR A LITTLE BIT. WHY? WELL, THEY'RE NOT GREAT. BUT THEY DO MAKE A GOOD EFFORT.

JOIN SAMANTHA SMALL, BAD BORIS AND JEREMY JUBAYA IN A BONE-CHILLING, PULSE-RACING, SKIN-PRICKLING MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURE

UPCOMING: BOOK WEEK - WEEK 7

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "A SYMPHONY OF STORIES"

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EVENTS:

TUESDAY - BOOK STALL - ORGANISED BY OUR WONDERFUL P.A.

WEDNESDAY - DRESS UP DAY - COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER
(IF YOU'RE ON THE HUNT FOR A COSTUME LOMBARDS WILL GIVE US 5% OF BOOK WEEK SALES MADE BY OUR COMMUNITY TO BUY NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY!)

THURSDAY - LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT - ORGANISED BY SRC

Team Kids News

Mount Waverley Heights P.S

NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

A fun-filled week of Tail Tag Wrestling, Aboriginal Games of 40/40 + Hide & Seek, and lots of moments for teamwork and laughter! ☀️ We also celebrated Principal Appreciation Day, giving children a chance to show gratitude & celebrate the wonderful people who help make our school community special. ❤️



IMPORTANT DATES

📅 Monday 17th of August

National Science Week Begins!

📅 Friday 21st of August

ASC will be in the library due to the School Disco in the PAC 3:30pm - 6:30pm

📅 Thursday 27th of August

World Rock Paper Scissors Day

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

BSC & ASC WEEK: 6

MONDAY

BSC – Group Game & Community
ASC – Epic Games Club & Boardgame

TUESDAY

BSC – Playground & Fine Motor
ASC – Aboriginal Game & Community

WEDNESDAY

BSC – Epic Games Club & Cooking
ASC – Playground & Art

THURSDAY

BSC – Sport & Art
ASC – Group Game & S.T.E.M

FRIDAY

BSC – Aboriginal Game & Boardgame
ASC – Sport & Sustainability



Service Mobile: 0402 188 077

Office Phone: 1300 035 000

Service Email: MountWaverleyHeightsPS@teamkids.com.au

Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au

SUPPORT YOUR
SCHOOL LIBRARY THIS

BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY of
COSTUMES



THIS BOOK WEEK RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Lombard will donate 5% of all costume sales
TO YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY TO HELP SUPPORT READING AND LITERACY
SIMPLY ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO SHOP THEIR COSTUMES AT LOMBARD

COSTUMES
FROM
\$20

6 JULY - 6 SEPTEMBER

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Register Your School**
Join the Lombard Fundraising Club
- 2 Share With Families**
via newsletter, social media or school app
- 3 Families Shop at Lombard**
6 July - 6 Sept 2026
Parents mention the school when purchasing Book Week costumes in store.
- 4 Lombard Gives Back**
Lombard donates 5% back to your school library

WHY FAMILIES LOVE IT

- Over 1000+ costumes under one roof
- Easy and affordable shopping

WHY SCHOOLS LOVE IT

- Simple fundraising opportunity
- Supports literacy and school libraries
- No cost to participate
- Easy to promote
- Marketing material provided by Lombard
- Sales tracking managed by Lombard
- Everything ready to share with families

*Terms & Conditions apply. In store only.
See website for more details.



JOIN NOW!

LOMBARD
FUNDRAISING CLUB



SEE OUR RANGE OF
BOOK WEEK COSTUMES



SUPPORT YOUR
SCHOOL LIBRARY THIS





ENROL NOW

MUSIC LESSONS

GUITAR ONLINE ENROLMENTS
KEYBOARD CALL 0401951592
SINGING DON'T MISS OUT

www.genesismusicschool.com.au



ASHWOOD WOLVES #JoinThePack

SUMMER SEASON 2026/27

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

CLOSES SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026

OVER 50 YEARS HISTORY IN ONE OF VICTORIA'S MOST PROMINENT DOMESTIC BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS.

GIRLS AND BOYS TEAMS FROM UNDER 8 THROUGH TO UNDER 19. OUR FOCUS IS ON FUN, FRIENDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT.

MORE INFORMATION:
Follow the links or go to
www.ashwoodwolves.com.au

Joon No's Taekwondo
Grandmaster Joon No 9th Dan

Bentleigh Doncaster
Brighton Nunawading
Kew Vermont



FUN FITNESS SELF-DEFENCE
ALL AGES - 3 YEARS TO ADULT

2 free introductory lessons

Enquire now:
Email: joon.no.gm@gmail.com
Website: www.jno-tkd.com




MOUNT WAVERLEY CRICKET CLUB

FORMED IN 1906, ONE OF THE LARGEST CRICKET CLUBS IN VICTORIA.

BRAND NEW CLUB ROOMS!
ON CHARLES STREET, MOUNT WAVERLEY

PLAY CRICKET!

BELONG. PLAY. GROW.

★ ALL WELCOME!
GIRLS & BOYS
ALL AGES
ESPECIALLY UNDER 11s!

GIRLS ALL AGES
BOYS ALL AGES
ESPECIALLY UNDER 11s!

MAKE FRIENDS BE PART OF A GREAT TEAM	LEARN & IMPROVE DEVELOP SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE	PLAY & COMPETE WEEKEND GAMES IN A FUN & FAIR ENVIRONMENT	GREAT FACILITIES ENJOY OUR BRAND NEW CLUB ROOMS	ALL ABILITIES EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
--	---	---	---	--

NEW PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

➤ **REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!** ⬅

GIRLS: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/8c41a6>
BOYS: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/cdd339>

A CLUB FOR EVERY PLAYER. ★ A PLACE FOR EVERY FAMILY.



Mount Waverley Heights Primary

**CONTAINER
DEPOSIT
SCHEME ...
HAS
ARRIVED!**



Zone ID: C2000010735

CDS NUMBER