Dates to remember:
Friday 13 May
SDSSA Winter Sport R4
Yr 1/2 Melbourne
Zoo Excursion
Departs 9.00am –
return 3.15pm
Sunday 15 May
School Working Bee
9.00am – 12.00pm
‘Please come along and
help on the day’
Monday 16 May
Grandparents –
Special Friends Morning
Tea 10.00am – 11.15am
Tuesday 17 May
Technology
Challenge put your
racing car to the test!
Yr 4J - Nara Visit
11.30am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 18 May
OPEN DAY -
Student Learning
Showcase
John Monash Science
School – Selected
students
Thursday 19 May
Yr 4S - Nara Visit
11.30am to 12.30pm
Refer to the website
for Notices
http://mountwaverleyheightsps.vic.edu.au/parent-
information/
REPORTS
Over the past years, the DEECD funded the reporting system (that generated school reports) to be used by schools. However, this year the funding ceased. As a result we are using a new system called ‘Sentral’ to generate our reports. As this is a new system, we are still working through the challenges and becoming familiar with a completely different operating system. We still anticipate distributing student reports on Thursday 23 of June.

What will the new report look like? The new report will look very similar to previous years. Teachers will still be writing a comment on what your child has achieved in English and Maths. However, these comments will appear in separate boxes. Teachers will still be writing learning goals in these areas too. Teachers will be writing a general comment (as per previous years) which may include the effort your child puts into their learning, their behaviour, the way they demonstrate our school expectations, other areas they excel in or other areas which need future focus.

What has changed? An additional student wellbeing page has been added to the reports where teachers will be reflecting on your child’s attitude to their learning in relation to our school expectations. A behaviour and attitude graph will be included for each subject. As you may be aware, students can vary greatly depending on how they feel about a particular subject area, so it is great to be able to see how they are applying themselves in all areas of their learning. The ‘What you can do to support your child’s learning’ section has been removed. After much discussion amongst staff and by the parents on School Council, we felt that we could provide more meaningful advice on how you can assist your child in learning areas via other means.

Further information to come.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT
Mrs Sandra Douglas will be taking leave from Friday May 13 to the end of term. During her absence 5/6D will be taken by Ms Petra Groll. Petra is a regular Casual Relief Teacher at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School. She has previously taught in the class, knows the children well and is familiar with school processes. I know you will join with me in wishing Mrs Douglas all the very best and a super speedy recovery. We also extend a warm welcome to Ms Groll.

WORKING BEE
DATE: THIS SUNDAY - 15TH MAY 2016
TIME: 9.00AM—12.00PM
Your school needs you!!! Volunteer!!

NAPLAN
Well done to all our Year 3 and 5 students. Despite our efforts in reassuring them that it is just another day at school, they do feel the pressure of NAPLAN. I just wanted to remind them that this is just a snapshot in time – a one off test that will not determine their success in life. Beautifully summed up by this cartoon!

LET’S CELEBRATE
- Thank you to the P-2 team for putting on a great Mother’s day morning tea
- Congratulations to the Rangas family – they welcomed baby ‘Ari’ into the world last Friday! We look forward to meeting him!

Until next week,
Sharon
Sharon Reiss-Stone
Principal

Our Education System
“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”
- Albert Einstein
Mother’s Day Morning Tea.
To all our Mums, those present and those who could not make it -
Thank You Mum For All You Do!
Awards issued 9 May 2016

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<td>Livynia H</td>
<td>For being kind, caring and a conscientious friend.</td>
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Artists of the Week: Maggie and Isabella in Year 3/4!

Freshly painted with water-soluble crayons, these doughnuts look delicious! And what appetizing names as well! The Year 3/4s have been learning about the elements of Art, including form, which are 3 dimensional objects. Inspired by the work of artist Wayne Thiebaud, they attempted to make their doughnuts look 3-dimensional, using shading, shadows and curved lines. I think the girls have done an incredible job!

![Artists of the Week](image-url)
Assistant Principal’s Report:

CURRICULUM UPDATE
Take home readers are an important aspect of your child’s schooling. The Preps, for example, have a satchel which contains their reader, a record book to record their reading and a word list exercise book. It is important that students read each and every night. Research suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day develop a wider vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Take home readers are an ‘easy read’ for students. This is to encourage and foster a love of reading while they practice reading strategies. At school they work at their ‘instructional’ level to develop the next stage of their reading skills, supported by their teacher.

Things you can do at home to develop your child’s love of reading:
- Encouraging good reading habits by listening to your child’s take home reader. Listen to your child read as often as you can, every day if possible, even if only for a short time.
- Read to your child so they get to hear what a good, fluent reader sounds like.
- Reading aloud to your child helps them to learn about the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Make reading enjoyable and talk about books, magazines and computer stories that you have read together.
- Turn off the TV. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruptions.

Things to remember about reading:
- The goal of reading is to gain meaning from the text.
- Show interest, be supportive, positive and enjoy reading together.
- Read with your child anywhere and at any time; don’t forget that many everyday experiences provide opportunities to put reading and writing into action.
- Visit and use a library near you. Borrow books for yourself as well as for your child.

We value the work you do with your child’s reading at home and appreciate your support of our reading program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NOTES:
- Round 4 V Burwood East PS. Soccer Rounders and Girls Netball will be at Burwood East PS. AFL 9’s and mixed netball at MWHPS. The bus will be leaving at 9am so please be on time.
- The school cross country is Friday 20th May from 11.30 – 1.30. Students will be asked to wear their house colours. The District Cross country is Friday May 27. We need parents to assist on the course. The District requires schools to supply a parent to help on the course. If we have more than one parent interested we can roster parents on for different times of the day and share the load. Please let me know if you can help out.
- Monday 23rd May is District Athletics. If you are available to help out on this day please let me know. Even if you can do an hour, it all helps.
- Running Club: Thank you to Brett Thurston for assisting with Running Club. The rain this Tuesday made it a little tricky so after looking at some alternatives here is what will happen in the event of rain, hail or shine! Every Tuesday will be Running Club at 8.30 – 8.45am. Students are asked to meet at the office on Tuesday mornings at 8.30am. Students will be required to sign in for running club with me. If it is raining, or I am absent, students will meet at the office at 8.30am for further instructions.

Thanks
Carolyn
Mount Waverley Heights PS is working towards gaining our eSmart accreditation. Alec McPhee has been working on and collecting the information we need for accreditation. Thank you, Mr McPhee! Each week we will have an eSmart section in our newsletter. An eSmart school is a school where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm. Students, teachers and the wider school community are equipped to embrace the best these technologies can offer, while being savvy about the pitfalls. This week we are looking at protecting your personal information.

Primary: Worth the risk

It can be surprising how much information about you can be available online when you do a lot of stuff on social media.

What’s the issue?
The internet and mobile electronic devices have changed how we live. You can contact people you know, and meet lots of new people online who share your interests. Because it all seems so natural, you can feel like you know people better than you really do.

Why does it matter?
• Whenever you interact with other people you share things about yourself—some of it on purpose, and some of it without meaning to.
• Online, the other person can be whoever, and however, they want you to think they are.
• It can be surprising how much information about you can be available online when you do a lot of stuff on social media. Companies buy and sell this information.
• Scammers work very to trick even cautious people into giving away personal details.

Advice

Personal should be private
• Your personal information is valuable. Keep it protected on social networks by using a pseudonym (like a codename) when possible.
• When you register for many online competitions you are often asked to provide a lot of personal information—often on non-secure sites. These sites are not respecting your privacy. Before you type in all that stuff, think about what information is being asked for and why.

Some people are trying to trick you
• Many people make their living from scamming other people online. You will be much safer from their scams if you talk openly about your activities with trusted older people, and don’t keep secrets.

Enjoy the social networking world—safety
• Use sites that are designed for people your age.
• Know and use the protection provided in the security settings of the sites and apps you use.
• Learn about social networking by interacting with people you know offline.
Fundraising Greeting Cards – Overdue
Fundraising Greeting cards should have been returned by now. There are 6 boxes of cards for each family with a cost of $10 for each box (Total $60.00), each box contains 10 cards. If you haven’t already returned these, then please return any unsold boxes of cards and/or the money from sold boxes to the office.

A big thank you to Bec and other parents for organising the event.

Mother’s Day stall Thursday 5th May
The Mother’s Day stall was a great success again last Thursday. The children enjoyed coming along and selecting a present for their mums, grandmas and someone special. Thank you to the parents who helped in setting up or manning the stall. A special thank-you to Amy, Charmaine and their helpers for organising things as a lot of work goes on behind the scenes.

We hope you all enjoyed your gifts!

School Disco on Friday 3rd June
Our most anticipated event of the year – the school disco will be held in the PAC on the 3rd June.

More details will come out in the next few weeks.

Extend OSHC at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School
Last week at after school care we had no theme, we did lots of random things. I made a puppet show with some of my friends at after school care, we had seven people give us feedback about our puppet show. We made banana bread, I didn't get to eat it, because I wasn't there that afternoon, but it smelt delicious!! It was May 4th last Wednesday so we had STAR WARS DAY (May the 4th be with you). We made Yoda ears and Chewbacca puppet and his arms and legs moved and he looked like a real Chewbacca! We also did a bit of Mothers Day craft, I wasn’t here for it, but everyone’s creations looked marvelous! - Jake 3/ 4 J

COMING UP NEXT WEEK --- SPORTS WEEK!! → Planned entirely by Brad in 1/ 2 M
M - Crab Soccer and Cricket
T - Popsicle stick construction – sports theme and soccer drills
W - Sports game banners and Volleyball
T - Cupcake decorating – sports colours and markers-up
F - Indoor bowling and playground

AND OUR EXTEND SUPER-STAR OF THE WEEK IS.......

NATASHA S FROM 1/ 2 A
FOR: Being so positive at after school care last week, and doing everything she can to make it easier for other people at school care by helping them whenever she can! Well done Tash, keep it up!!

“ I like coming to school care because its awesome and I like to play at the playground!!” - Mea 1/ 2 M

“ I like coming to school care because we have pancakes in the morning once a week for breakfast, YUMMY!!” - Natasha 1/ 2 A

From Rylie and the kids at Extend. :)
Come along and enjoy a Japanese cultural event. See Masahiro sensei performing at the 2016 Japanese Festival in Box Hill.

**Japan Festival**

Sunday 15th May
10:00am - 5:00pm
Box Hill Town Hall & Box Hill TAFE

**Main Attractions**
- Maid Café
- Try on Samurai Armour
- Japanese cultural exhibitions
- Japanese food & goods stalls

**Raffle Prizes**
- Kimono / Cosplay & Karaoke Contest

**Entry Fee**: $5.00

**Free Entry**
- Children up to Grade 6
- Disabled Persons (1 attendant) / Pensioners & Seniors (and carer / spouse) / People in KIMONOFUKUYA (full cosplay)

**Sponsors**
- JCV-AU
- Japan Airlines
- JCV-AU

**Organiser**
- JCV-AU (Japan Cultural Volunteers Australia)

http://www.jcv-au.org/wordpress/japan-festival/

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**Family Fun Day**

Sunday 22 May
10am - 2pm

Waverley District Netball Association
Corner Cassinia Ave & Farmer Street, Ashwood

- Jumping castle
- Market stalls
- Face painting
- Food
- Petting zoo
- Raffle
- Carnival games
- And lots more...

Pre-purchase your all day activities tickets (includes jumping castle, face painting and petting zoo) for just $15 at http://www.trybooking.com/19998 or buy on the day for $20

**Facebook**
www.facebook.com/WDNAfunday/ wdnafunday@gmail.com

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**Ashwood Memorial Kindergarten**
17 Arthur St, Ashwood

**Open Day**

Saturday 14th May
10am - 12pm

www.ashwoodkinder.org.au

Enrolling now for 2017/18
**Spaces available for 2016**

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**Open Day**

Saturday May 21st
9.30am – 11.30am

Come and explore our beautiful, well-resourced indoor and outdoor learning environments and talk with our experienced team of Early Childhood Educators

**Places available for 2017**

Offering both 3 and 4 year old classes. Session times run as follows:

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