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Mount Waverley Primary School



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2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: 30th January - 6th April (2.30pm dismissal)

14th February - Student Free Day

27th February - Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)

Term 2: 24th April - 23rd June (2.30pm dismissal)

Term 3: 10th July - 15th September (2.30pm dismissal)

Term 4: 2nd October - 20th December (1.30pm dismissal)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

28 Feb Year 6 Leadership Conference

14 Mar - 17 Mar Year 4 Camp

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

A large part of our vision at MWPS is to build students of **good character** so that they can reach their academic and social potential. Well crafted programs and our Respectful Relationships Program, support much of this. However, the 'icing

on the cake' is a united home / school partnership. Next week we have our **'Getting To Know You'** conferences. This is where you (as families) tell us about your child, so that your child's new teacher knows more about them as a person and as a learner. Please tell us about your child's, hobbies, sports, musical instruments they play etc; please tell us about what motivates them; what they are interested in and how you believe they learn best. Of course, our teachers pass on a lot of information about your child, but we want to know more from you...

'Getting To Know You' Conferences - There will be **no school** on Tuesday February 14th

Two Monday's with No School: Just a reminder that on February 27th & 13th March - **there is no school** (one is a 'Curriculum Day' and the other is a public holiday (Labour Day)).

Change of Recess & Lunch Times - Our new teacher agreement across Victoria has necessitated a change in our 'recess' and 'lunch' times. This means that students will have a shorter 'recess' and a longer 'lunch' to ensure our alignment with the new agreement. Given that 'recess' is shorter, we will now encourage eating in classrooms (with the teacher) before students go out for 'recess', so that they still have a full 20 minutes of play time. Hopefully this 'trial' works or we may have to make some changes at the end of Term One. As such 'recess' now runs from 11:00am - 11:20am and 'lunch' runs from 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Attendance – is important and I really want to highlight this for families and students in 2023. Whilst I acknowledge our student attendance is comparatively good, as compared to the rest of Victoria, I think we could do better. We'll be starting a conversation with students about good absences and not so good absences. Ideally less than eight days a year absent is what we are aiming for, this equates to over 97.5% attendance, better than twice the state average of Victoria. This is an achievable target and it needs to be achieved, for good reason - as is highlighted below.

The math on student attendance across Victoria, is frightening - The average student absence in Victorian schools is currently 15 days a year. This means that when the 'average' student completes Year 12 they will have missed 195 days of school - **in other words, one full year of school!**

Based on those statistics, students who have poor attendance are being set up for failure - as compared to students who attend regularly. The evidence shows that the vast majority of children who attend our school regularly, are ahead of expectation. And the responsibility sits firmly with all of us adults. Of course however, if your child is unwell, keep them at home. But if you have appointments, please do these after school (where possible) or on the twelve weeks of school holidays, we have every year.

Our MWPS Target for Attendance - We are aiming to have a minimum of two absences per term (less than 8 in one year).

New School Councillors - There will be several positions become available on School Council this year. If you are interested, please give me a call and I'll tell you all about it. You can also do your own reading at this link: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-council-overview/overviewx>

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Continued.....

Parents who have been on School Council really enjoy it and frequently comment on how much more they know about what's going on in their child's school. School Council nomination forms will be available from the front office from Friday Feb 10th, 2023.

Thanks for supporting such a great start to the 2023 school year.

Kind regards,

Campbell McKay

Principal

Mount Waverley Primary School

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Wellbeing Assistant Principal



Respectful Relationships at MWPS

Respectful Relationships is a Victorian Department of Education and training initiative that was developed in response to the Royal Commission into Family Violence. This identified the critical role that schools, and early childhood education have in creating a culture of respect, to change the story of family violence for future generations. There is a strong base of evidence showing the positive impact of social and emotional learning programs on student wellbeing and learning. Outcomes include increased academic attainment and reduced rates of bullying, harassment and violence, and reduced rates of mental health problems.

Mount Waverley Primary School delivers the program using an outstanding curriculum developed by Melbourne University called Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships. The 8 areas covered are: Emotional Literacy, Personal Strengths, Positive Coping, Problem Solving, Stress Management,

Help-seeking, Gender and Identity and Positive Gender Relationships.

These age-appropriate and evidence-based materials are designed to enable teachers to develop students' social and emotional capabilities to promote positive, healthy and respectful relationships. They provide teachers with handouts and activities for students that guide classroom discussion.

Further information about Respectful Relationships is available on the Department of Education and Training website: www.education.vic.gov.au/respectfulrelationships

This term, all levels are focusing on topics 1 (Emotional Literacy) and 2 (Personal Strengths) of the Respectful Relationships curriculum.

Topic 1: Emotional Literacy

Emotional literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, build empathy, and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others.

Family Activity: Emotional Statues

As a family move around the house to music. Stop the music and name an emotion to show; happy, sad, angry, devastated, terrified, etc. Children learn to identify the ways in which emotions are shown in body language.

Topic 2: Personal Strengths

Children and young people need a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. Research in the field of positive psychology emphasises the importance of identifying and using individual strengths.

Family Activity: VIA 24 Character Strengths

A free survey to highlight your top character strengths which your family can complete and share discussions of your top character strengths: <https://www.viacharacter.org/>

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Continued.....

Parent Wellbeing Committee – Monday February 13th 9:00am

Mount Waverley Primary School is dedicated to continuously improving our educational standards and promoting health and wellbeing throughout our community. We would like to invite any interested parents to join our Parent Wellbeing Committee. This committee meets a couple of times a term to discuss current wellbeing and education needs as well as putting into action new initiatives. We would like your valuable thoughts and ideas as to how we can best support you and your children at our school.

This will take place in the school staffroom. If you could please email Jacinta Evans with your attendance. We look forward to meeting with you all to make this school the best it can be.

Jacinta.Evans@education.vic.gov.au

Warmest Regards,

Jacinta Evans



Wellbeing Captains

Hey, I'm Drew and I'm one of the wellbeing captains for 2023. I've always looked up to and wanted to be like the captains, because wellbeing among students is really important, coming from someone who's struggled with it before. Working with Diyanka (she's awesome) I hope to achieve a more respectful and inclusive school and improve other students wellbeing. Remember to take care of yourself and others around you as school starts.



Hi, I'm Diyanka, one of your Wellbeing Captains for 2023. As a prep, I looked up to the captains. Near the end of grade 3 I moved to MWPS. Later, in grade 5 I joined SWAT to improve my wellbeing. Furthermore, I never had this opportunity in my old school. Term 4, grade 5 came like a bullet train in Japan. Applications for captaincies arrived. I had no idea what to choose. Then it hit me. Wellbeing. I had joined SWAT so if I got the role, I'd have an idea of what I need to do. Successfully, I got the role. I look forward to work with the Student Wellbeing Action Team, Miss Evans and Miss Antonio. I hope with Drew, (who's amazing) we'll help the school's wellbeing as well as our own. Everyone please take care of your wellbeing and stay positive! I look forward to brighter year of 2023!



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

2023 Sports Captains



| | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Softball A | Adhrit Nadagouda |
| | Hunter Zhou |
| Softball Girls | Matilda Rugman |
| | Grace Yang |
| Hot Shots Tennis Boys | Daimen Merei |
| | Haohao Sun |
| Hot Shots Tennis Girls | Charlotte Taing |
| | Suzie Sung |
| End Zone | Vinuk Jayawardena |
| | Claire Duncan |
| Rounders | Ann Savva |
| | Ian Lee |
| Volleyball Girls | Kayden Ng |
| | Aiden Shen |
| Volleyball Boys | Grace Fu |
| | Eliza Scott |
| Cricket Boys | Seth Jayalath |
| | Ashane Wijesuriya |
| Cricket Girls | Shreyank Dasi |
| | Nimitha Jayathilake |
| Cricket Mixed | Simran Rajendra |
| | Kyra Bhote |



School Fundraising



MWPS BEANIES

As part of our ongoing school fundraising we are selling school beanies. The beanie (knitted acrylic) is monogrammed with the school logo and costs \$12. Please come to the office and purchase using Cash/EFTPOS.



MWPS Water Bottles

We have water bottles for sale at the school office.

- \$2 bottles that change to pink colour in the sun
- \$5 plastic bottles. Available in Red, Blue or Green.
- \$5 metal bottles. Available in Red, Blue or Black.



Dear Parents and students,

Lessons for **keyboard, guitar, sax, clarinet, flute and trumpet** are available for students from grades prep-6. Lessons are held at school during the week through Online Music Solutions (OMS).

Group lessons cost \$17.50 with 1:1 lessons also available from \$25.

Other instrumental lessons are available for **Violin, Cello** with Peter O'Shea (0409 193 004) and **Drums** with Jim Nash (0413 041 381).



Parents of students wishing to participate in these programs will need to email oms@bigpond.net.au for an ENROLMENT FORM. Further enquiries phone 9874 6667.



Get To Know Your Camp Australia Team



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TERM COORDINATOR:
MARISA

My favourite food is:

Stir fries and Sushi

My favourite movie is:
Harry Potter sequels and movies containing Martial Arts

My favourite colour is:

Mostly dark colours

On the weekends I love to:
Catching up with my family and friends, shopping, spending time with my dog - Chloe who is a Jackabee

My favourite activity to do at OSHC is:
interacting with the children, having laughs and watching children learn new things



HOA

My favourite food is:
Vietnamese spring roll & Vietnamese pho (beef noodle soup)

My favourite movie is:
Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Arc

My favourite colour is:

Light pink

On the weekends I love to:
Going for walks, visiting relatives and friends, watching old movies, sports.

My favourite activity to do at OSHC is:

Doing arts and crafts with the children



Get To Know Your Camp Australia Team



CHRIS

My favourite food is:
Sri Lankan rice and curry



My Favourite movie is:
The Good Dinosaur



My favourite colour is: Yellow

On the weekends I love to: spend time with family and friends.

I love to do gardening and to workout at the gym.



My favourite thing about OSHC is:
Seeing children learn new things, being active and seeing children being happy.





2023 Photo Day Online Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Mount Waverley Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 09-03-2023

Your school prefers orders to be placed online.

It is important that the order instructions (below) are followed. All student's photos are taken regardless of purchase.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 08-03-2023 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase only

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: [Click Here](#). - Click on this link if you are using a supported device

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [J4T JG8 A41]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

****Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.**

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS

EASY ONLINE FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [J4T JG8 A41]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 08-03-2023

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for **Year 3 and 5** students begin on Wednesday 15th March, 2023. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and administered by the Year 3 and 5 teachers in the school.



NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in Numeracy and Literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that **NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.**

This year we continue to participate in the online version of the testing. The online tests are now adaptive and allow students to access the testing at their level and potentially go higher than the paper versions have allowed in the past. We will undertake a practice test which will allow us to adjust how we run the testing to suit our systems and requirements.

Later in the year parents will receive their child's personal report. The report will describe the child's particular skills in reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy. The report will also show how the child performed in relation to national benchmark standards. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/f-10assessment/naplan/Pages/parents/index.aspx> or the NAPLAN website at <https://www.nap.edu.au/>

Our testing schedule

| Date | Test |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 15 th March, 2023 | Writing (Year 3 Paper, Year 5 Online) |
| Thursday 16 th March, 2023 | Reading – all online |
| Friday 17 th March, 2023 | Conventions of Language – all online |
| Monday 20 th March, 2023 | Numeracy – all online |

Disability/special considerations

If your child has a learning disability which needs special consideration, or has been learning English for less than one year, you should discuss with your child's teacher whether or not your child should undertake the test. Under these circumstances we can arrange for an exemption. For more information please visit <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/school-support/adjustments-for-students-with-disability>

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