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Mount Waverley Primary School



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2023 TERM DATES

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

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

7th Nov - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (Student Free Day)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

Student Disco – Thanks so much to the families who came and helped make the disco such a success. I don't have official figures, but my guess is that about 600

children had a whole lot of fun. One student commented that, "It was the best day of my life". A special thanks to Shari Bhatt who has driven this idea from the start. So great to have these events happening again on site – with such a large number of parents involved.

Year Five and Year Six Camps – Thanks so much to the families and staff who made the two camps such a success. I know the students had an amazing time and came back with so many stories and new achievements.

STEM Afternoon – Although I write this before the STEM event, I'm sure it will be an awesome opportunity to showcase the work we are doing in STEM and highlight the opportunities for our young people, with our invited presenters showcasing their work as well.

Final Pupil Free Day for 2023: (Long Weekend for Melbourne Cup)

Monday 6th of November will be a pupil free day - this is the day before the Melbourne Cup public holiday. So, I trust families have plenty of notice to organise something for the long weekend, early November. Staff will be working at school on this day.

What are the school priority foci for the second half of Term Three?

School Priority Area	Weeks 6 - 10
Sustainability	Aboriginal Perspective
School Value Focus	Resilience
Respectful Relationship Program (F to Year Six)	Help Seeking
Curriculum Focus Extra Curricula & Excursions	Extra Curricula & Excursions

Parent Requests for Grades in 2024:

Can parents choose teachers?

- The short answer is no.

What can parents request?

- That their child might not be with another student as there may have been a past incident or negative history with another student. Parents may request something like, having your child separated from a good friend to help them focus or have the opportunity to make new friends.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Continued.....

Who do I send my request to?

Please send it directly to me – Campbell.McKay@education.vic.gov.au

No later than Friday September 1st, 2023

How do we make grades for 2024?

We start by asking students to identify five 'friends' they might like to have in their grade for the next year. When we say 'friend', we mean someone who they would work well with, not always their best friend. Students have ample time and opportunity to be with their best friend, outside of school and classroom hours. Importantly **we don't guarantee these 'five'** requests, usually students will get one or two of their 'friend' requests. Sometimes not getting requests upsets students and their families. Invariably however, we find that students meet new friends (in their new grade) that they wouldn't have met if we hadn't encouraged mixing the grades, across their years at school. So, this is a deliberate strategy that supports students building their friendship groups across the years.

Who makes the grades?

Classroom teaching staff and specialist teachers all contribute to making the grades. We use a software program that helps us manage all the data we input, including 'past incidents' (student clashes for example); as well as previous parent requests (which may be a request by a family to separate a child – e.g., twins or relatives).

The Principal Class Team decides on the final grades. As a rule, we never make changes after the grades have been made. So please make your request before September 1st – to me, via email above.

What factors do we consider when we make grades?

When we make grades, we consider things like: Academic capabilities / friendships / students' behaviour. We want to ensure that grades have an even spread of boys and girls – we do not stream grades.

I trust this explains how we do this process; this is consistent with most schools.

Staffing - The Principal Class Team (Tania Hunter, Danielle Bonacci, Jacinta Evans and I) are well underway with our planning for 2024, especially in relation to staffing. We make sure we do this process early, given the teacher shortages across Australia. Not only to ensure we have enough teachers but moreover, the best teachers. I did hear of a local school who have three relief teachers in classrooms, and it looks like they (and other CRT's) will cover these grades for the remainder of 2023. There is also a school in Victoria who were recently advertising for twenty-five teachers.

Work Life Balance - My point above being, we want to move early and effectively to get the best. Equally, I have been thrilled by the staffing indications of who want to stay at MWPS next year. We have worked hard at MWPS to create an environment, that addresses the many concerns as to why teachers are leaving the profession – these being over worked, and the stresses related to high accountability. I have again had '1:1 chats' with staff at the start of this Term, and I continue to hear that staff feel we have the work life balance right at our school. Staff tell me they are not needing to take work home because we have the collegial systems and collaborative supports right at MWPS, so that the work is done at school. This reflects the message we (the Principal Class Team) have been pushing around work life balance. Working hard at school and having a life outside of school. And if we get the balance right, then we are energised in both spaces, which is good for everyone.

Kind regards,

Campbell McKay

Principal

Mount Waverley Primary School

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS

3A	Mariko K
3B	Tanvi L
3C	Anya O
3D	Lily R
3E	Sylvia H
2D	Eden P



4A	Nathan L
4B	Ranketh M
4C	Keon D
4D	Alex A
4E	Maddy D



Master of Counselling Placement – Monash University

Dearest Mount Waverley Primary School community,

I am Priyanka, the new member of your child/children's Wellbeing Team. After my Bachelor in Sociology and a Masters in Psychology, I am starting my career as a School Counsellor. It was rewarding to tackle issues like bullying, social isolation, and anxiety in collaboration with around 200 kids. Since then, I've actively worked to educate, encourage, and extend wellness support to the community through my wellness organisation, Firefly in India.



By pursuing Master of Counselling at Monash University, I'm learning to catapult my skills into a diverse spectrum of individuals. My placement at Mount Waverley Primary School is the exciting beginning of that journey!

In completing my Master of Counselling placement at MWPS I will be able to provide the following supports for your child/children:

- Individual mental health support through counselling.
- Developing student initiative and leadership to advocate for a culture of wellness and inclusivity in the school.
- Collaborating with the students and staff to create programs like anti-bullying, resilience building, strengthening social skills, etc.
- Helping the child cope and grow through personal and family issues.
- Integrating child-friendly techniques like art, play and storytelling to practice self-awareness and self-care.
- Continuously monitoring and supporting the wellbeing of all the children.

As a part of my dedicated effort to help your child/children, I will work closely with you as well! You will be asked to sign a consent form before the child commences counselling. Additionally, you'll be in the loop about any efforts towards your child's wellbeing.

You can contact Jacinta Evans jacinta.evans@education.vic.gov.au for further information or to request some counselling sessions. Alternatively, you may speak with your child's classroom teacher.

Looking forwards to meeting you all soon!



On **August 21st -25th** we celebrate **Children's Book Week** with many fun and engaging activities being planned by all year levels throughout the week.

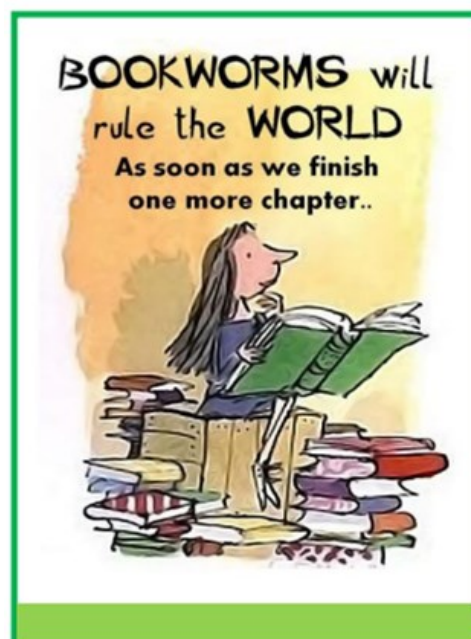
The annual celebration is a much anticipated event that ignites the love of reading among children.

Reading is a crucial lifelong skill that takes us on a journey of imagination, information and entertainment. Reading develops new vocabulary, phonemic awareness and comprehension skills. Exploring books of their choice, teaches children skills to become passionate readers. Book week is one way we can celebrate the wonderful journey our children are taking on the road to becoming proficient readers.

On **Wednesday 23rd August** it is **Australian School Library Day**, so please visit our school library and enjoy this wonderful resource and all of the amazing books we have to offer.

On **Friday 25th August** children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Students will participate in a **whole school book parade** (weather permitting). Children can stay in their costume for the day. This will take place on the basketball courts at **9am -10am** and families are invited to watch.

We look forward to this wonderful week of book celebrations and as Matilda would say..





Mount Waverley Primary School

ART Exhibition 2023

School gym

Tuesday 29th August 3.30-4.30pm

Wed 30th August 8.30-10.30am

All welcome!

Showcasing artworks from Foundation to Year 6 students
Including the auction of 6 AMAZING canvas artworks from each Foundation
class.



STEM Afternoon

Greetings MWPS Families and Friends,

Happy National Science Week! We're thrilled to share some highlights from our annual STEM Afternoon, which took place on Tuesday the 15th of August. The event was filled with wonder, excitement, and a fantastic array of hands-on experiences that brought the magic of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to life!

Our Senior Learning Areas and STEM Lab were abuzz with energy as students, parents and community members gathered to celebrate the marvels of STEM. With a line-up of engaging activities and enthusiastic professionals, the afternoon delved into the realms of discovery, aligning with the National Science Week theme of Innovation.

The captivating world of chemistry came alive, as scientists from Thermo Fisher Scientific led budding young chemists through the art of creating colourful and gooey slime. Many were fascinated as they blended ingredients, observed chemical (endothermic) reactions unfold and left with their own squishy creations.

In another corner, engineers from WSP guided students through a hands-on water filter activity. Participants learnt about the importance of clean water and put their engineering skills to the test as they investigated the different layers in the filter, exploring each of their function/purpose. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience real-world problem-solving in action!

At the heart of scientific exploration, we were fortunate to have a Postdoctoral fellow from CSIRO highlight the importance of sustainability in their thermoplastics research. Through captivating demonstrations, students uncovered the intriguing properties of these versatile materials and the process through which they are generated, whilst learning about different types of plastics (such as PET, PVC and Polypropylene).

Meanwhile, a biostatistician captivated curious minds with an interactive activity that delved into the world of medical research, whilst raising awareness of the multitude and vast range of career paths/jobs that involve mathematics. The chewing gum trial aimed at reducing nausea left us hopeful for the potential impact of mathematical analysis on improving health and well-being.

The Melbourne Space Program showcased the cutting-edge wonders of space technology with mesmerising displays of drones and robots (which even gave out free hugs!). Our young space enthusiasts were thrilled to interact with these technological marvels and gain a glimpse into the future of space exploration.

World of Maths added an extra layer of excitement with a range of mind-boggling mathematical challenges that left students and parents alike engrossed in thrilling puzzles and games. Miss Choo's quizzes were a hit, encouraging friendly competition and stimulating our love for learning all things STEM.

Adjacent spaces were buzzing with activity as students engaged in Robotics and Media (Claymation) workshops. Guided by knowledgeable mentors, participants explored programming, design and media creation. These workshops provided valuable insight into the ever-evolving world of technology.

Our MWPS STEM Afternoon was an extraordinary event that ignited curiosity, inspired innovation, and fostered a love for learning. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the professionals, volunteers, and participants who made the afternoon a resounding success.

Stay curious, stay inspired, and keep exploring!

Miss Choo and Ms Deepak



Your Outside School Hours Care at Mount Waverley Primary School

Meet our new coordinator 'Thet' who has joined our team. Thet will be working along side Marisa and Hoa at the service.

At *Your OSHC* we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends. In any one week, children could be participating in science experiments, active play, creative expression and more.

Our exciting and varied *Rocketeer's* programs ensure that your child has the best school holidays. Any given day could see your child competing in a sport carnival, cooking up a storm, experimenting with science and getting hands-on with construction.

Visits Welcome

Please feel free to stop by the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.

Your OSHC.

Tailored Out of School Hours
experiences your children will love



ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday
Adventures with Rocketeers



Get to know your new coordinator 'Thet' with these fun facts:

- I am from Myanmar (Burma), I speak fluent Burmese.
- I have two children.
- My hobbies are cooking, gardening, bush walking and traveling.
- I love to see children learn new skills, and I am always willing to help them achieve their goals.
- I have a diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care. I am currently studying towards a Bachelor of Education in Primary and Early Childhood

Registration is free

To register and book, visit us at www.campastralia.com.au and use the school finder on our homepage to search for the name of your school.

To attend *Your OSHC* or *Rocketeers*, you first need to register your child and book.

We recommend families to register so that if you ever need us, we have all the information and documentation we need to best care for your child.

To register, visit campastralia.com.au



Champion Award for KIDS HOPE Program

The KIDS HOPE program from Mt. Waverley Uniting Church recently won a National award for their work. Kathy Ferguson, Coordinator/Mentor, proudly accepted the award from Tim Costello on behalf of the congregation and their twelve Mentors: Fran, David, Christina, Danny, Margaret, Pam, Shirley, Diane, Semisi, Ruth and Ralph. Kids Hope has been running at Mt. Waverley Primary School for the last 13 years. Kids Hope is Australia’s largest early intervention, school-based mentoring program for children experiencing vulnerability. The model is simple: One child, One Mentor, One hour a week. Through care and support many children have gained increased confidence, resilience and joy. We thank the school for their support and look forward to many more years working together.

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Ashwood Cricket Club Registrations now open for the 23/24 season

Your local family club for
Ashwood, Mount Waverley
and surrounding areas

Junior boys'
All girls'
Blasters



Register now at
PlayHQ.com

Any enquires call 0413 512 199



COME HAVE A BLAST!

Come have a blast with us at Ashwood CC!
Friday night sessions throughout the
summer at Essex Heights Reserve!

REGISTER TODAY: www.playhq.com



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OPEN DAY

BAMBINI EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Mount Waverley

Saturday 9th of September 10am to 12pm

35 Park Lane, Mount Waverley VIC 3149

COME ON DOWN!!

Come down to our Mount Waverley Centre and meet our amazing team.

There will be some fun activities for the children, a sausage sizzle and maybe even some special guests!! So bring the whole family and enjoy an exciting morning at Bambini, Mount Waverley.

We can't wait to see you there!!

for more information
please contact us on
(03) 9017 3700

BOOK A WEEKLY MONDAY MORNING SCHOOL TOUR



**SOOSHI MANGO
STEPHEN GREENE**
2023 HALL OF
FAME INDUCTEES

MILA JUMA
2023 YOUNG
ACHIEVER
ANNOUNCEMENT

WEEKLY MONDAY MORNING SCHOOL TOURS

Guided by our approachable Principal, welcoming Registrar and Informative Tour Guides, our weekly Monday Tours provide families with the opportunity to learn more about our outstanding 2022 Results, College facilities and our broad curriculum and program offerings.

Book an in-person Monday tour via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/

Come along to our Hall of Fame evening where we will formally recognise and celebrate the contributions of Salesian College Chadstone Alumni who have achieved significant success in their chosen fields of service and who act as positive role models for current and future students.

Date: Friday 1 September 2023

Time: 6:15pm

School Tours: 5:30pm

Location: Salesian College Chadstone, 10 Bosco Street, Chadstone 3148

Tickets: \$80.00 per person, including canapés, a three course meal and drinks

Dress: Semi Formal/Business

RSVP: Friday 25 August 2023

Purchase Tickets: events.humanitix.com/2023-hall-of-fame

KICK OFF THE FUN AT OUR LIVERPOOL FC SCHOOL HOLIDAY SOCCER CLINICS!

Keep active during the Term 3 holidays at our upcoming Liverpool FC school holiday clinics. Players will spend three half days learning to play 'The Liverpool Way' via the technical development of areas such as ball control, dribbling, passing and shooting clinic training, and games.

Ages: 6-14 years
Boys & Girls

Date: 18 Sep - 20 Sep, 2023

Time: Morning and
Afternoon Clinics

Location: Salesian
College
10 Bosco St
Chadstone

Don't miss out and book your spot today via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/about-us/community-partnership/



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YEAR 7, 2025 ENROLMENT DATE CLOSING SOON

If your son is currently in Year 5, applications for Year 7, 2025 will close on Friday 18 August, 2023. Apply online today via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/enrolment/apply/



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7, 2024

We are mindful that deciding on a high school is a big decision. If you're still considering your Year 7 options, approach our Registrar Michelle Collins, mcollins@salesian.vic.edu.au to chat about your son's enrolment at Salesian College.

View our full 2022 Highlights and Results via salesian.vic.edu.au

ST PAULS CC JUNIOR REGISTRATION EVENING



Registration is \$20 for
the 2023/24 season!

When: Thursday the 14th
of September, 3:30pm-6:45pm

Where: West Waverley Scout Hall
40 Fairway Ave, Mount Waverley

Any questions contact our Junior
Coordinator, Owen Colley,
at 0491 119 616



Friendship in Sport