



# Heights Happenings

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*We would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land and Waters and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.*



## 2022 Diary

### February

Mon 14 • Getting To Know  
You Chats start

Mon 21 • Dental Van Visit  
Week

Tues 22 • Information Night  
LT1 6pm  
LT3 7pm

Thur 24 • LT2 6pm  
LT4 7pm

### March

Mon 14 • Labour Day Holiday

#### Uniform Shop

#### Opening Hours

Monday: 8.30-9am

Wednesday: 3.15-3.45pm

## Welcome Back

Welcome back for the 2022 school year. I hope that you all had a fabulous holiday break and were able to spend quality time with family and friends. We have had a terrific start to the new year welcoming 243 children.

I would like to extend a very special welcome to the many new students and families who have begun their Primary School journey with us here at Ringwood Heights Primary School. Our new Prep students have commenced school with much joy and excitement.

Along with our new students and families we also welcomed several new staff members:

Mrs Donna Hey who is teaching Prep, Mr Harry Gore in LT4 and Mrs Michelle Freeman in LT2.

“Getting to know you Chats” will be offered during the week of February 14. The online booking information and process will be distributed via Xuno early next week and will be open until Friday 11 at 4pm allowing you to make appointments with your child’s teacher. These scheduled 10 minute WebEx chats are offered for parents of children who are new to a particular teacher, or who would like to touch base with their child’s teacher to update or provide information that will support their learning. The information may include their interests, special qualities, learning style, medical concerns or other general information that will support the teacher in getting to know your child.

These chats are not to answer questions regarding the class program – this is covered at the Online Information Sessions in Week 4 (Feb 22 or 24)

Our **Parent Information sessions** this year will again focus on communicating with parents the expectations we have of students at each particular Learning Level, ways you can help your child at home and outline any new or emerging curriculum initiatives.

The dates for these evenings are:

Tuesday 22nd February – LT1 (6pm) & LT3 (7pm)

Thursday 24th February – LT2 (6pm) & LT4 (7pm)

The teachers will communicate these dates, times and provide WebEx links prior to the evening.

**Staffing**

**2022 Team Leaders**

Specialists	Amanda Dean
Prep	Donna Hey
Year 1 & 2	Georgia Schumann
Year 3 & 4	Eliza Wood
Year 5 & 6	Jess Morgan

**2022 Staff**

**Specialists**

Performing Arts	Vicki Cunningham
Library	Karen Trease
Visual Arts	Class Teachers/Teams – weekly lessons in the Artroom
PE/Sport	Amanda Dean
AUSLAN	Karina Cove

**Classroom Teachers**

**Learning Team 1**

Prep H	Mrs Donna Hey
	Mr James Lumsden/Ms Katherine Butcher

**Learning Team 2**

2S	Ms Georgia Schumann
2RB	Mrs Donna Ramage
2RB	Mrs Katherine Butcher
2E	Ms Stephanie Eddington
2F	Mrs Michelle Freeman

**Learning Team 3**

3W	Ms Eliza Wood
3RL	Mrs Jude Ridley
3RL	Mr James Lumsden
3B	Mr Rob Bennett

**Learning Team 4**

4M	Ms Jessica Morgan
4DC	Mrs Hayley Davison
4DC	Mrs Alex Clark
4G	Mr Harry Gore

**Integration Aides**

Mary Clarke  
Carol Godden  
Cory van der Jagt  
Rebecca Hayes  
Jocelyn Lyons  
Sue Vanderree

**Office Staff**

Kay Gardner  
Michelle Stringer

**Assistant Principal**

Jo Parry  
(Wed, Thurs)

**Learning Specialist**

Mr James Lumsden

**Communication :  
XUNO / Email/ Website/Facebook/  
Instagram**

We currently use **XUNO** as our main form of communication. Regular notifications and reminders will be posted and will include all excursions, activities at school, reminders and the newsletter. Please be reminded about the use of the ‘absences’ form to alert teachers of your child’s absences (instructions are attached).

The **newsletter** is compiled fortnightly on a Thursday and then posted to XUNO and will contain regular features such as News from the Principal, Parents Club and OSHClub and Learning Team activities.

We are currently revising our Website and looking at ways to share through Facebook and Instagram. Our Community Liaison Committee will be focussing on this.

If at any stage information is missing from XUNO please alert the office staff who will very happily ensure that information is always as up to date as possible.

**COVID SAFETY  
Rules and protocols.**

Thankyou so much for your wonderful support in keeping everyone in the community safe. A list in dot point form below our requests/protocols and rules for clarity. If you are at all concerned or have questions, please don’t hesitate to make contact.

- All classrooms have air purifiers, are opening doors and windows for ventilation and taking frequent opportunities to utilise our beautiful playgrounds and learning outdoors.
- Masks are strongly recommended for all students but **mandatory** for staff, adults and students in Years 3-6.
- Rapid Antigen testing is requested to be undertaken twice weekly. You are best placed to know what days suit your family, I just suggest you get into a routine. Thankyou to those families who have already caught the virus early and have isolated quickly. Children will not always be ‘symptomatic’ which makes the regular screening so very important.
- Each day at about 10 am we will notify you of any new infections. The extracurricular activities which will be listed if required, may include –



OSHCLUB, Choir, Library lunchtime reading or Tennis – as examples only. The most helpful support is to monitor for symptoms (fatigue can be the first sign) and screen regularly.

- Please follow our requests for dropping students off to walk into the school grounds independently in the mornings and if your child is in LT3 or 4 they are asked to meet parents outside the school grounds.
- Parents are asked NOT to enter school buildings unless teachers have invited you in. If parents do enter school buildings, you MUST have proof of vaccination and QR check in on entry. Visitors and volunteers performing work on school sites (both inside and outdoors) are required to have received three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine by 25 February 2022 if they became fully vaccinated on or before 25 October 2021. For those that became fully vaccinated after 25 October 2021, the deadline is 15 March 2022, or have a valid medical exception.
- Large gatherings are not recommended, and density limits still apply. We will have assemblies with students and we may extend invitations for parents to attend if special awards or recognition are given. The weather will determine if these can go ahead – particularly in the first few weeks.
- Children who are symptomatic or unwell should not be at school. If Hay Fever is a concern, we would appreciate these symptoms be controlled as much as possible.
- If students are isolating – have the illness or are a household contact, support materials can be found on the Learning from Home site. Please contact your child’s class teacher if further support is needed.

**The most important news is:**

Icy pole and popcorn will begin next Friday – February 11. Breakfast Club will commence soon – we will advise you when this is stocked and ready to go.

**Kim Bride  
Principal**

**Office News**

Earlier this week every student should have received the Parent Payment Information. Thank you to the families who have already returned there forms. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of this information for your reference.

**CSEF Application**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

**Who can apply**

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Schools can receive applications from families over term one and two.

Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school.

**Eligible means tested cards**

Means-tested concession cards must now be valid on either:

- the first day of Term 1 (Monday 31 January 2022)
- the first day of Term 2 (Tuesday 26 April 2022)

CSEF application form is attached.

**Annual privacy reminder for 2022**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools’ Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school’s collection notice, found on our website under the policies section [[Ringwood Heights Primary School | Home](#)].

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools’ Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

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| Amharic  | Arabic      |
| Dari     | Gujarati    |
| Mandarin | Somali      |
| Sudanese | Turkish     |
| Urdu     | Vietnamese. |

