



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.



2023 Diary

February

- Mon 20 • Dental Van Visit week
- Fri 24 • LT4 Sport Gala Day
- Mon 27 • District Swimming

March

- Thur 9 • Division Swimming
- Mon 13 • Labour Day Holiday

Welcome Back

Welcome back for the 2023 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 241 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 back both Mrs Cacciopoli and Mrs Goodman from leave.

“Getting to know you Chats” will be offered during the week of February 13. The online booking information and process will be distributed via Xuno today and will be open until Monday 13th at 9am allowing you to make appointments with your child’s teacher. These scheduled 10 minute chats on site 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 Information Sessions again, onsite in Week 4 – see details below (Feb 21st or 23rd)

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 the curriculum for 2023.

The dates for these evenings are:

- * Tuesday 21st February – LT1/Prep (5.45pm) & LT3 (6.30pm)
- * Thursday 23rd February – LT2 (5.45pm) & LT4 (6.30pm)

The teachers will communicate these dates, times and provide further reminders closer to the dates.

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Monday: 8.30-9am

Wednesday: 3.15-3.45pm



Staffing

2023 Team Leaders

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

2023 Staff

Specialists

Performing Arts	Vicki Cunningham
Library	Karen Trease
Visual Arts	Zena Goodman-Junior School Katherine Butcher-Senior School
PE/Sport	Amanda Dean
AUSLAN	Karina Cove

Classroom Teachers

Learning Team 1

Prep 1H	Mrs Donna Hey
Prep 1S	Ms Georgia Schumann

Learning Team 2

2B	Mr Rob Bennett
2CB	Mrs Stephanie Caccioppoli
2CB	Ms Katherine Butcher
2RG	Mrs Donna Ramage
2RG	Mrs Zena Goodman

Learning Team 3

3F	Mrs Michelle Freeman
3RL	Mrs Jude Ridley
3RL	Mr James Lumsden
3W	Ms Eliza Wood

Learning Team 4

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

Integration Aides

Mary Clarke
Carol Godden
Cory van der Jagt
Rebecca Hayes
Jocelyn Lyons
Stephanie De Vos

Office Staff

Kathryn Hands
Michelle Stringer
Carolyn Manning

Assistant Principals

Jo Parry
(Wed, Thurs)
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.

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 news and activities.

Please find us on Instagram which has regular snapshots of happenings at school that we will share with you.

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.

Office News

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

Kim Bride
Principal

Lunchtime Clubs

We are excited to pick up where we left off at the end of 2022 by offering lunchtime clubs for students to participate in. All of these activities are completely voluntary for students to attend. Clubs aim to help students build social connections with their peers, offer playtime alternative activities and also give students the opportunity to engage with other members of staff who may not be in their year level. For Term 1, the clubs that will be on offer include:

- * Monday – Running Club
- * Tuesday & Wednesday – Library Club
- * Tuesday – Choir (currently for existing members and will be conducted during school hours)
- * Friday – Dance Club
- * Friday – Kitchen Garden Club

The Language of Friendship

Through our connection with the Maroondah Positive Education Network, we are able to offer our RHPS community with an invitation to a workshop run by URStrong into the Language of Friendship. Our students have been engaged with activities through URStrong as part of our wellbeing sessions.

The workshop will be run on Thursday 23rd February from 6:00 to 7:15 at Eastland. Please see the flyer below for more information and a link to register.

RHPS School Values

As students settle back into the routines of school and begin their 2023 inquiry units, they have been revisiting our RHPS School Values of **Teamwork, Creativity, Friendship, Responsibility and Respect**. To continue building the community connection between home and school, families are encouraged to talk with their children about their understandings of each value. Families could also discuss how these values can transition into being used at home.

Thanks,
Robert Bennett



Creating a kinder world by empowering kids with **friendship skills**

URSTRONG's whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, & teachers with a common language of friendship.

EASTLAND

THE LANGUAGE OF
FRIENDSHIP!

YOU ARE INVITED!

Thursday 23 February
6.00pm to 7.15pm
at the
EASTLAND SHOPPING CENTRE

This workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common "language" for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

Tickets are generously paid for by the Maroondah Positive Education Network.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!
or visit: urstrong.com/events



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