



Heights Happenings

20 Feb 2025

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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.



2025 Diary

February

Tues 25 •Dental Van Visit
• Parent Info Night
LT3 - 5.45pm
LT4 - 6.30pm

Wed 26 •Dental Van Visit

Thur 27 • LT4 Public Speaking
• District Swimming
• Parent Info Night
Junior School (P - 2)
5.45pm

March

Mon 3 • Community Catch Up

Thur 6 • LT4 Public Speaking

Mon 10 • Labour Day
Holiday

Thur 13 • LT4 Public Speaking

Fri 14 • LT4 Summer Gala

Wed 19 • School Picnic
4pm to 5.30pm

Sat 22 • Working Bee
9am start

Thank you to those families who have connected with class teachers through our ‘Getting to Know You’ chats or informally at other times. We value the partnership between home and school and know that this strengthens relationships and improves the outcomes for all students. Next week you may also wish to come along to our information nights, with LT3 and LT4 scheduled for Tuesday night and the Junior School scheduled for Thursday.

School Picnic – Save the Date!

We are excited about the welcome back picnic that the Community Liaison Committee have scheduled in for

Wednesday 19 March (4 -5.30 pm)

under the big top. Bring a blanket, picnic for afternoon tea and spend some time catching up with one another. A reminder with more information will be posted on Compass closer to the date.



School Council 2025

Following the close of nominations for School Council, I declare the following people elected to School Council. This fills our maximum number of 15 members as per the school’s constitution.

Parent members (4) + Community Members (2)

Andrew Hodgson
Devi Crosby-Ung
Charelle Churchley

Rebecca Evans
Georgia Allan
Melanie Gordon

Who join continuing members

Samantha Sissons
Josh Dunne

Stephen Wiltshire
Vincent Tsoi

DET members:

Jo Parry
Michelle Freeman

James Lumsden
Dalal Nehme

School Council

The School Council is constituted under law by the Government. It is a legal body representing the Government and is the meeting place where staff and parents



Log in details are below:

<https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/login/ringwood>

PASSWORD: happyrhps

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Monday: 8.30-9am

Wednesday: 3.15-3.45pm



jointly, on behalf of the school community, make decisions related to school issues.

The Council is supported by various committees. Two of these key committees are the Education Committee and Community Liaison Committee. All parents are very welcome to attend our committee meetings. Our meeting dates and times for 2025, along with the purpose of the committee, are listed below.

Education Committee

This committee consists of parents and teachers and is responsible for making recommendations and developing proposals related to the curriculum and reviewing policies all within Government and DE guidelines. This year the committee will drive our 60th birthday celebrations and Arts in Schools activity scheduled to occur in Term 3.

Meetings take place in the staffroom at 5:30pm on the dates listed below.

Community Liaison Committee

This committee consists of parents and teachers and is responsible for making recommendations for strengthening the partnership between the school, parents, and the broader community. They organise whole school events such as the Welcome Picnic and the Christmas Concert, advertising boards for the school and assist in the Prep Transition process. As part of the Community Liaison Committee, Class Contacts are established. Each Learning Team has one or two parent representatives. As well as welfare, they plan events for parents and families in their level to strengthen relationships within the community.

Meetings take place in Room 6 at 5:15pm on the dates listed below.

Council (7.30pm)	Education (5.30pm)	Community Liaison (5.30pm)	Finance (6.30pm) or as negotiated
Feb 11	Feb 11	Feb 11	Feb 11
March 11 New Council/ AGM (7pm) followed by March Meeting @ 7.30pm	March 11	March 11	March 11
May 6	May 6	May 6	May 6
June 17	June 17		June 17
July 29	July 29	July 29	July 29
Sept 2	Sept 2		Sept 2
Oct 14	Oct 14	Oct 14	Oct 14
Nov 18	Nov 18	Nov18	Nov 18

Parent's Club

Whilst not an official subcommittee of School Council, Parent's Club meet as a working group to organise a myriad of social and fundraising events. Parent's Club are always looking for volunteers and teams of people to help them.

Here are some of the activities that are organised or supported by Parent's Club;

- * Mother's and Father's Day events
- * Easter raffle, hot cross buns
- * Munchie Crunchie days
- * Special lunches (Pizza, Footy fun lunch)
- * Icy poles (currently ordered by the office and supported by volunteer rosters)
- * Bunnings BBQ, Election BBQ's
- * Trivia nights or similar (once every two years)
- * Christmas raffle/Carols/Santa

These are the current activities, but like any committee, there could be many other ideas or options that could be discussed and organised. We regularly call out for specific help, such as icy pole rosters, uniform shop support or special lunch distribution to classrooms. We are truly grateful for this support as are your children.

Working Bee – A call for help



School Council has scheduled the Term One Working Bee for **Saturday March 22, (9.00am – 12.00pm or until finished!)**. The main tasks will be to prepare the Cross Country track for the school cross country event on Wednesday April 2nd. Tools such as small chainsaws, large shears, secateurs and whipper snippers will help with clearing paths, cutting back debris and generally making the track safe for our students to run on.

BBQ and refreshments are provided!

We hope to see you there

**Kim Bride
Principal**

Annual Privacy Reminder

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

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child’s information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Google Workspace for Education](#), please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools’ privacy policy: information for parents](#).

This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Chinese
- Gujarati
- Somali
- Turkish
- Vietnamese
- Arabic
- Dari
- Mandarin
- Sudanese
- Urdu

Community Catch ups

This year we will continue our **monthly** community catch ups after assembly. You are **very welcome** to stay and chat with old friends or make some new ones while enjoying a hot beverage. Younger, **supervised** siblings are also welcome to stay with you.

Here are the dates for our 2025 community catch ups:

- * Term 1 - 3rd March
- * Term 2 - 5th May, 2nd June
- * Term 3 - 4th August, 1st September
- * Term 4 - 6th October, 10th November, 1st December



Junior School Number Partitioning

In the Junior School, the students have been learning how to partition numbers into smaller parts. Here’s what some of the kids in JS had to say about their number busting:

Sage – First we got the things we needed. I used counters to break up my number into smaller parts. I chose the number 5. I found out that $3+2=5$, and $4+1=5$.

Navy – The counters really helped me to add up to my number. $11+9=20$, but also $10+10=20$ and $8+12=20$.



Joshua – My counters helped me to break up my numbers into smaller parts. I took some counters away and put them into piles. Sometimes I could make four piles! Like $5+5+5+2=17$!

Anisa – I feel happy when I learn more about numbers! I’m learning more and more about numbers and their parts.

Keller – I can use doubles to break numbers up into parts. Like $10+10+1=21$!

Learning Team 3

In LT3 we have been discussing the expectations of us as learners, what we believe our classroom will look like, feel like and sound like, and the expectations in the school playground. We agree that a good student is someone who:

Is a good listener.
Helps others.
Respects everyone.
Is open minded and ready to learn.
Is kind to others.
Listens to people.
Is resilient and keeps on trying.
Contributes and collaborates.
Is focused on their learning.

We all agree and believe that our classrooms will look:

- Like students are engaged and focussed.
- Like students collaborating and communicating.
- Like students listening and being respectful.
- Like students ready to learn.



Our classroom will sound:

- Respectful, calm and positive.
- Students and teachers chatting.
- Students asking questions.

Our classroom will feel:

- Enjoyable, safe and welcoming.
- Like us all supporting each other.
- Happy, inclusive, fun and challenging.
- Safe as we show our school values.



In LT3 we have been very busy getting to know each other and setting up our classrooms so that we are ready to learn. We are all looking forward to



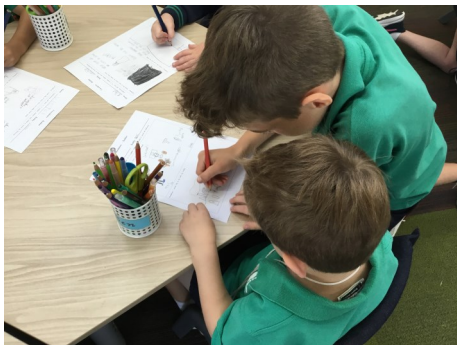
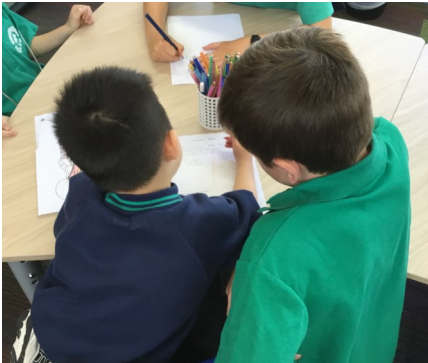
a brilliant year of learning together as we aim high to be the best learners and friends that we can be.

Learning Team 4

Buddies

Earlier this term, our grade 5 students met their prep buddy for the first time. There were so many excited faces as we joined the two groups together. As students were paired with their buddy, the preps enjoyed showing their big buddy around their classroom and playing some games together. Since then, the grade 5 students have helped their prep buddy plan and safely manage their playtime in the Tiny Top area of the playground and help introduce them to new prep friends. Lots of new games have been taught and played, with laughs and giggles from all.

- 'I like colouring with my buddies' - **Willow JH**
- 'I enjoy playing with Willow' - **Lexie LT4**
- 'I like teaching her games' - **Chloe LT4**
- 'I like playing with him. He is kind' - **James JH**
- 'I loved playing What's the time Mr Wolf together and some other games' - **Ned LT4**
- 'I like Zac because he will always be my buddy' - **Matthew JH**
- 'I like playing with Matthew at lunch, he has more energy than my friends!' - **Zac W LT4**
- 'I like colouring with him' - **Gavin JS**
- 'I really liked Gavin showing me around his classroom and the JS building' - **Ashton LT4**
- 'I like watching him learn' - **Luke LT4**
- 'I liked when Luke taught me how to play Lava Monsters' - **Sully JS**



Parents' Club

Welcome to Parents' Club 2025. We look forward to hosting fun activities and our major fundraiser later this year. Join us for our Annual General Meeting in March; details out on Compass soon. We hope to see you there.

How To Contact Parents' Club

Join our Facebook group for regular reminders of upcoming events and fundraising activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/RingwoodHeightsPrimarySchool/>

Call Sarah Marsh, President on 0409 009 542 or email: sarahmarsh11@hotmail.com
Or leave a message at the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Snack hacks for waste-free lunchboxes

Wednesday
26 February
1.30pm to 3pm
Marlborough
Primary School,
Heathmont

Free
Bookings
essential



For parents
and carers

Join Maroondah City Council, and Kirsty Bishop-Fox, sustainability educator and parent, for this engaging talk, packed with practical 'snack hacks' for lunchboxes, designed to help minimise food waste, save money, and make school meal prep a breeze!

At this workshop, participants will learn:

- No bake and easy bake ideas to make with your kids
- Tips for shopping and preparing 'rubbish-free lunches'
- Ideas on how to store food to make it last longer
- Hacks to help reduce lunchbox leftovers going into the bin

How to book
Book online at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/SnackHacks or scan the QR code.

For more information, please contact Council's Waste Education Team on 03 9298 5529 or email waste.education@maroondah.vic.gov.au



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