



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

School Council Elections 2023 – a call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council for Ringwood Heights Primary School.

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

There are 3 possible categories of membership:

- * A mandated elected parent category
- * A mandated elected Department employee category. The principal is automatically one of these members
- * An optional Community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences

The Notice of Election and call for nominations for School Council is included with this newsletter. Interested members of Ringwood Heights Primary School community are asked to consider nominating for vacancies on School Council for the next two year period. All you need is the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Vacancies:

- * 4 parent members of council
- * 2 Department of Education

Nomination forms for the vacancies on School Council are available from the Office. If you are interested and cannot come to the school to collect forms, we would be pleased to receive a telephone call from you requesting a form and we can send it home with your eldest child.

Please note that nominations must be by 4.00pm on Friday 17 February.

In the event that there are more nominations received than there are vacancies, a ballot will be conducted with the ballot closing at 4.00pm on Friday 3 March.

If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor or require further information about the process, please contact me.

**Kim Bride
Principal**

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Monday: 8.30-9am

Wednesday: 3.15-3.45pm

FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly **Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nomination**)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

Ringwood Heights Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

17/02/2023

The ballot (if required) will close at 4.00 pm on:

03/03/2023

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted by the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2024	4
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2024	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Principal signature

Arts in Schools 2023

Fabulous news!

Last year we applied for a grant from Creative Victoria to enable the LT4 students to collaborate with a Creative Partner on the project 'Metamorphosis' - an exploration of self-identity, belonging, transition and change as the students prepare for adolescence and life beyond Primary School.

This application was successful and so in term 3 our LT4 students will work closely with Nancy Black and Black Hole Theatre. Black Hole Theatre is an independent company that creates high quality visual theatre to explore the world and the human condition through puppetry and other genres. The company also facilitates the work of emerging artists, provides skill development opportunities, and contributes to the evolution of contemporary puppetry.

Although the grant is primarily for LT4, the whole school will be involved, which means that term 3 will be highly creative and visually exciting for all our students!

Thanks to the Arts in Schools committee and our student advisory panel for their input into this application and their ongoing work in making this a successful project.



Alison Harvey

School Dental Visit



RHPS will be visited by the School Dental Initiative during the week commencing February 20th. Forms have been sent home earlier this week. Spare forms are at the office if you

have misplaced the original one. Please return all forms to the office by Monday 13th February. Student forms received after this date may not be able to seen during the visit.

Library News

2023 is off to a flying start in the Library Resource Centre!

We have had a very busy first couple of weeks with all classes visiting the library for lessons, and for borrowing books to take home and enjoy. It's been fabulous to welcome our new prep students into our wonderful, open learning space and to experience the excitement of discovering new books with them, firsthand.

The LRC is open at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for quiet activities and reading, and many students have been accessing this option for all, or part, of their lunch break. It's lovely to watch individuals and small groups quietly chatting and

enjoying the relaxed atmosphere.

Something exciting to look forward to is our Book Fair! Last year's fair was a huge success and we are looking forward to a repeat of students and families visiting the LRC to browse the new books on offer. This year our fair will take place in term 2. Watch this space for more information as we get closer to this year's date.

Karen Trease,
Teacher Librarian.

Learning Team 1

Wow! What a wonderful start to the year we've had in Prep! We are so proud of the bravery, kindness and eagerness to learn shown by the children, and we thank families for their support in ensuring a smooth transition into school life. Keep returning the blue **Take Home Reading Folder** to school, as we continue to engage with these texts through the week. We have hit the ground running with our phonics investigation into our /s/ and /a/ sounds, finding the sounds in the world around us and in our books. As we move into Week 3, we begin to look at the /t/ sound, and encourage families to join in on our investigation by looking for the sounds in our everyday life.

From two very proud teachers,

Miss Schumann
and **Mrs Hey**

Learning Team 2 and our School Values

Over the first 2 weeks of term, LT2 students have been investigating our school values of friendship and respect and how they can use these in the yard and in the classroom. Some of their tips to their peers include:

If a friend is hurt, we can help them - Georgie

If someone has no one to play with, we can include them in our games - Eliana

Encourage our friends to do the right thing and respect our yard - Win

Always help others if they need help with their work - Courtney

Always be the best friend you can be - Harvey

Asking to join games and including others is a sign of friendship - Sophie

Making new friends is loads of fun - Azalea

You can help a friend find a missing pencil or share one of yours - Kashvi



Learning Team 3

LT3 students have made a wonderful start to the year and have begun tuning into their first Big Question, "How can I be the best possible me?" We have begun unpacking our first understanding and students are exploring the different personal strengths and skills that they bring to our wonderful learning team.

We will continue to come back to this Big Question throughout the year as we adapt to changes, face challenges and develop more responsibility and independence.

Make sure to check out our hot air balloon wall in the Senior School Building, so you can see for yourselves, how unique and special we all are.

Learning Team 4 - Buddies

On Monday the 6th of February, the Grade Fives and the Preps had their first buddy session.

Once they met their buddies, they started to talk about what they have in common and their favourite things. Then they chatted about what they would like to do together in Buddies sessions this year.

Here are some quotes from our first session together:

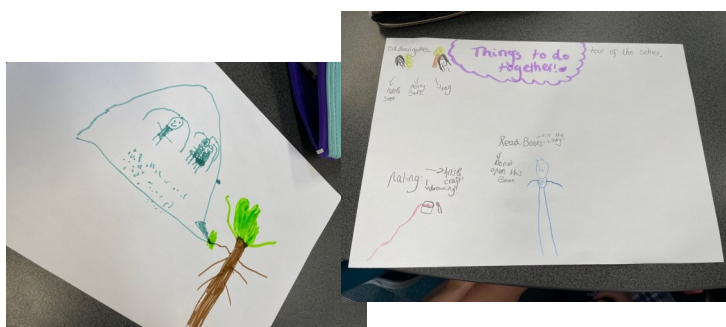
I really liked how confident and kind our buddies were towards us and how they would have a go at it even if they didn't think they could do it. -Will (Grade 5)

I like how all of the buddies were trying new things and making new relationships - Jess (Grade 5)

I really enjoyed hanging out with my buddy - Maisie (Prep S)

I really liked drawing with my buddy and getting to meet my buddy -Chloe (Prep S)

We can't wait to spend more time with our buddies.



By Natalie.C
and Georgia.B

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TRINITY NETSETGO 2023

Interested in starting netball this year?

- Learn the fundamentals of netball with our NetSetGO program.
- Girls and boys aged 5-8 are welcome.
- Training is Mondays, 3:45pm at Ringwood Heights Primary School.
- A great way to meet new friends and have fun!

JOIN NOW OR TRY FOR FREE

Contact us to find out more

- 📞 0405 407 037 (Emma)
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MINI MAGICIANS SKILLS CAMP

COME AND TRY BASKETBALL

4 Week Development Program for 5 to 8 Year Olds

DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

We will be teaching dribbling, shooting, passing, footwork and general game play concepts as well as having FUN!

WE WELCOME GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS.

Sessions are run by experienced coaches and the aim is to prepare the kids to join a basketball team when they're ready

GET A FREE SPIRIT MAGIC TRAINING TOP!

DETAILS:
Starts Thurs 16th of February 2023
Thursday Nights at 6.00 to 6.45pm
The Rings Basketball Stadium
Canterbury Rd, Ringwood
4 Week Program
\$25.00 Per Person

To register your interest please contact Barry Woods on 0458 511 100 or email spiritmagiccoaches@gmail.com

PARK ORCHARDS MARKET

Saturday 18th February

10am - 2pm

Venue: Park Orchards Primary School