



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.



2025 Diary

March

- Mon 10 • Labour Day Holiday
- Thur 13 • LT4 Public Speaking
- Fri 14 • LT4 ISS Gala Day
- Wed 19 • School Picnic
4pm to 5.30pm
- Sat 22 • Working Bee
9am start
- Wed 26 • LT4 Easter Market
- Thur 27 • LT4 Public Speaking
- Mon 31 • Community Catch Up Coffee

April

- Wed 2 • Cross Country day
- Fri 4 • Last Day Term 1
Finish 2.30pm
- Mon 21 • Easter Monday Holiday
- Tues 22 • Term 2 commences
- Fri 25 • ANZAC Day Holiday



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

Weekend yard use

I love watching children and families enjoy our school grounds after hours. How lucky is our community to have such a beautiful facility to enjoy on the weekends? Whilst I love seeing families at play, I must say that every Monday morning or times after holiday breaks I arrive at school with great dread. I could tell you a million stories about the forgotten rubbish – fish n chip wrappings or McDonalds packaging, even the occasional undesirable gifts left behind by teenagers. Or perhaps it's the too frequent 'presents' left behind by dog walkers. It saddens me that every person who leaves this type of mark in one way or another has not thought about the young children who use this space every day to work and play in, who trust that we will keep their school grounds safe and clean.

Two weekends ago we had several teenagers in our grounds – on top of our shade sails using them as a trampoline. Yep, you read that correctly. They slashed through them and were there for a VERY long time as other people (children and adults) walked past them – not seeing? Or not wanting to? Fortunately, we have some very clear CCTV footage that is now in the hands of the police.

If you are an adult that sees or hears anything happening in our grounds, that just doesn't seem right, please make the same 000 call please. This vandalism has cost the school thousands of dollars that I had earmarked for other projects.

Staff car parks

Our school has three carparks for employees only. The car parks might not always be full, but that does not mean they are available to parents for parking. Please ensure you do not drive into the carparks at any time and respect the need for safety over convenience.



Dogs in the school ground



A reminder that dogs are not permitted in the school ground – even on a lead. Whilst we know that dogs are very much part of the family and require their daily exercise, not all people are as fond of them as others. Dogs can snap at any time when feeling threatened and small children are not always able to sense a dog's stress and respond in time. We truly appreciate your support in keeping our school grounds safe and accessible for all.

Student accident/property insurance

At this time of the year it is important to remind our parents and carers about some important information.

1. The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Ambulances will be called for students who require them without hesitation.
2. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured

and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. We ask that you consider carefully the need for students to bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Parent's Club

The Parent's Club AGM is scheduled for Thursday March 13 – online from 7.30pm. Parent's club connects the community through social events, creates links between parents and teachers, helps with uniforms, Father's and Mother's Day celebrations, runs fundraising and promotes the culture and ethos of our wonderful community.

The key question on tours is; What opportunities are there to be involved?

Here are the activities that happen because Parent's Club plan, organise and support them;

- 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

Are you keen? Please reach out!

Working Bee - Reminder

Term One Working Bee is scheduled for **Saturday March 22, (9.00am – 12.00pm).**



Kim Bride
Principal



We are thrilled to share with you that RHPS is now a registered **Butterfly Body Bright** School.

Butterfly Body Bright is an Australian first, whole-school body image program that promotes positive attitudes and behaviours towards the body, eating and physical activity.

The program has been developed by the **Butterfly Foundation** as a strengths-based, evidence-informed resource to support our staff, students and families. Early research into the program has shown positive improvements in childrens' body image. We are excited to have registered for **Butterfly Body Bright**

and look forward to becoming more **Body Bright** as a school community, supporting our students to feel confident and bright in their bodies.

Watch out for articles and resources in future newsletters that you can access for free.

Wellbeing @ RHPS

It was lovely to see parents and carers at the **Learning Team Information Nights** last week. Thank you to those of you who completed the parent / carer **wellbeing survey**. If you haven't yet shared your perspectives, please use this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/aM4c1nemV4nDowpTA>

The survey responses indicate that as parents and carers, you are interested in learning more about emotional regulation. **Happy Families is hosting an online Emotional Regulation webinar on Wednesday 12th March at 7pm.** You can use the Happy Families login details on the front page of the newsletter to access this valuable session.



Jude Ridley
Health and Wellbeing Leader

Come Along To Ringwood Heights Primary School



Family Picnic

- Kids Entertainment
- School Community Catch Up

When: 4 – 5.30pm Wednesday
19th March

Where: Under the Big Top

What to Bring: Snack or dinner
and a picnic rug.



Choir Performances

The Junior and Senior choirs are ready to perform in front of an audience. The senior choir (Year 3-6) will be performing at assembly on the 24th of March. The junior choir (Year 1-2) will be performing at the last assembly on the 31st of March.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Junior School

Listening and speaking Me in a bag presentations

In the Junior School, we have been exploring what makes each of us unique. Each student was asked to bring four items in a bag that represent them. After sharing their items and discussing why they chose them, students asked questions to learn more about one another. This activity sparked curiosity and deepened our understanding of each other. We also completed a self-assessment to reflect on what we did well and areas for improvement.

Read below to find out some of the amazing items we shared with the class to represent **JRC**:



Vienna - I shared my elephant book to show my love of elephants because I think they are cute.

Charlotte - The book called “Just for you” is my favourite, it was from my family.

Lenny - My item was a photo of my dad because I love being able to see a picture of him when I miss him.

Ellie - I chose to bring Izzy the teddy bear because it is soft and squishy to cuddle.

Amayah - I have a shell that reminds me of going to the beach and going bodyboarding which I like doing.

Quinn - I brought my family photo to represent a special moment in the city.

Lucy - My picture of my family is special to me because it reminds me of when I was little.

Clara - The snow globe I chose to bring because it was for my birthday and that was fun.

Riley - The picture of my dog is special because I love her and she is so cute.

Kip - My item was a book about me where I like to write things about myself and things that are my favourite.



Carl - I shared my “Pteranodon” so everyone could see my favourite dinosaur and it roars.

Leo - I brought a rubber ball to show the class that I like playing ball games.



Andie - My netball is important to me because I love playing netball for Trinity.

Evie - I chose to share a painting that I did with my dad because I enjoy that time with him.

Sam - My family comes from Holland so I shared a photo of a tulip farm which is from that country.

Naira - My item is a precious stone because it belongs to my mum and now it is mine.

Reuben - I shared a piece of artwork to show the class because it represents my love of art.

Ella - The photos of my little sister represent the love I have for her and all the games we play.

Jasper - My basketball trophy is special to me because it was my first trophy and I felt proud of myself.

Emaan - My first ever chapter book called “Pearl” is special because I love to read.

Lillian - The two medals I chose to share are from gymnastics and multisport to represent my love of sport.

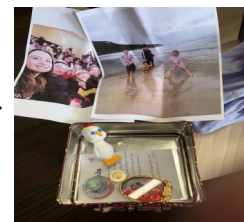
Evan - I brought my football to share because I love sport and I have two medals.

Chloe - I shared my gems with the class because they are real and citrine is my birthstone.



Emmanuel - My mum gave me a silver necklace and it is special because I think of my mum when I wear it.

Sully - My item is basketball boots to represent me because I love playing basketball.



Learning Team 3

Eco Warriors Incursion

On Thursday 20th February, LT3 had an incursion with Adam from Bee Healthy. He taught us to be eco warriors. An eco warrior is a person who cares for the earth by looking after our environment.

We learnt about how long it takes for certain items to decompose or breakdown and the answers might shock you. A dirty nappy could take up to 500 years to breakdown! And a plastic bag never breaks down. To reinforce we are all eco warriors, we each designed a superhero mask. We also made monster eyes to put on the bins to make recycling and waste disposal more fun.

Did you know that robots are used to sort our recycling? They make sure that we can recycle every piece that we throw out. Adam brought along some mini robots and we got to program them to sort rubbish also.

What we really enjoyed is when we got to code the robot and try to direct it to the right bin. It was really fun because we got to work with a partner and we

laughed when it went out of the area.

All the classes would agree that we had an amazing time and we learnt more about our LT3 responsibilities!

Macy: Adam made eco warrior books and shared them with our classes. They were about these superhero children who were really good eco warriors and when they saw rubbish they would put it in the bin. They encouraged other people to put their stuff in the bin too.

Hannah: It was really fun coding the robots, and funny. It was challenging to make it go backwards.

Bonnie: Once we finished the incursion, we received a certificate and sticker for being eco warriors.

Bella: It was really fun. We had to quickly sort the rubbish into the compost, paper and plastic bins.

Oliver: I liked making the eco warrior masks and I also liked playing with the robots. They looked cool and even though it was a challenge it was super fun.

Sofia: We used robots to put paper, and cardboard into the correct recycling bin. We learnt that robots sort out rubbish by scanning the rubbish and they know what is recycling and what is rubbish. I learnt that a nappy takes 500 years to decompose and glass never breaks down.

LT3 Numeracy: Unders and Overs Game

Place value is very important in our number system. When a digit is in a particular place in a number it tells us the value of that digit. The digit 4 in a three digit number could mean four hundred, forty, or four.

For this game you will need a partner, a whiteboard each and a marker each. You could also use paper and a pencil if you don't have a whiteboard.

1. Player 1 rolls the dice and chooses to place their roll in the hundreds (H), tens (T) or ones (O) column, recording the total. For example, a 7 is rolled. This can be recorded as 700, 70 or 7.
2. Then, Player 2 rolls the dice and does the same on their game board.
3. Player 1 rolls again and chooses to place their next roll in the hundreds, tens or ones column. Player 1 adds this score to their score from the last round to keep a running total.
4. Play continues until each player has had 7 rolls. The winner is the player with a total closest to 1000, either under or over.

You can make this game more challenging by using more place value columns or including decimal places. Using different mental strategies to work out your running total could also be a stretch.

Learning Team 4

Leadership

Over the past few weeks, the Year 6 students have been preparing speeches and written applications to meet a set criteria to demonstrate to a range of audiences why they should hold a particular leadership position for 2025.

The **House Captains** prepared a speech and presented it to the LT3 and LT4 cohorts. Their responsibilities include assisting in setting up for LT4 sport, house events such as cross country and athletics and representing the school in district competitions.

Congratulations to this year's House and Vice Captains.

Hakea House Captains

Leila and Luke

Hakea Vice Captain

Tobias

Waratah House Captains

Mitchell and Ollie

Waratah Vice Captains

Jaden

Acacia House Captains

Hunter and Harrison J

Acacia Vice Captains

Sabryna and Lola

Hovea House Captains

Harry B and Chloe

Hovea Vice Captains

Ashlee and Emmy

The **Peer Support Leaders** have the responsibility of implementing a program in Term 2 with the Year 3 students. They also have a weekly roster where they wear a purple vest during recess and lunch to offer support to everyone who may need it.

Congratulations to this year's Peer Support Leaders.

Grace,
Emmy,
Kensi,
Ashlee,
Lola,
Reece,

Mia,
Isabelle,
Lee,
Arianna,
Jessie,
Imogen,

Archer,
Ollie,
Harrison J,
Summer,
Talia,
Miles



The **Arts Captains**, made up of visual arts and performing arts, assist the teachers with setting up for clubs, participating in choir and performing/creating assets for whole school events. These captains will play a pivotal role in the 60th year anniversary celebrations. **Congratulations to the Arts Captains.**

Visual Arts Captains

Blake, Grace,
Zac and Harry W

Performing Arts Captains

Archer, Kensi,
Jessie and Imogen

The **Auslan Captains** are responsible for assisting our Auslan teacher, signing the Acknowledgement of Country at assemblies and signing at whole school events. **Congratulations to this year's Auslan Captains.**

Macsen,
Isabelle

Edward,
and Talia

The **ICT Captains** have the responsibility of troubleshooting ICT issues on Chrome books, NAPLAN setup and ensuring our Chrome books are charging and taken care of. **Congratulations to this year's ICT Captains.**

Zac,
Miles

Finn,
and Macsen

The **Sound Tech Captains** are responsible for making sure the sound equipment is set up and packed down for assembly as well as assisting with whole school events. **Congratulations to this year's Sound Tech Captains.**

Macsen and Sam

(Unfortunately, photos of school leaders could not be included as we have not received a large number of photo permission forms.)

**Regional and District Swimming
By Archer, Quinn and Talia**

On Thursday the 27th of February Tintern pool, 4 competitors went off to district swimming. The competitors were:

Archer competed in boys 12/13's freestyle and finished in 3rd. He also competed in the boys 12/13's breaststroke and finished in 1st because he was the only one to qualify.



Ned competed in boys 11's freestyle and ended in 3rd.

Quinn competed in girls 11's freestyle and finished in 1st. And she also competed in the girls 11's butterfly and also finished 1st.



Talia competed in girls 12/13's backstroke and finished in 2nd, she was one out of 2 people to qualify.

Our highlights of the day were: Hanging out with friends for a day and swimming competitively. We loved having the opportunity to show our talents and pushing our limits.

Archer, Quinn and Talia made it through to the next round, division swimming, which happened on Monday the 3rd of March. Sadly, none of our swimmers made it through again, but have set the goal of achieving this for next time!

Parents' Club

2025 AGM Notice

Our Parents Club AGM will be held on Thursday 13 March @ 7.30pm online via Teams link. All positions will be declared open. Nomination forms and role descriptions are attached to this newsletter or from the office.

Positions available are:

- ◆ President,
- ◆ Vice President,
- ◆ Secretary,
- ◆ Treasurer.

and coordinators for:

- ◆ Special Lunch Day,
- ◆ Munchie Crunchie,
- ◆ Bunnings BBQ,
- ◆ Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls,
- ◆ Mothers' and Fathers' Day events,
- ◆ and Major Events.

If you have any questions please contact our current president Sarah Marsh, details below. Hope to see you all there, everyone is welcome.

Microsoft Teams meeting:

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 939 652 823 016 5

<https://teams.live.com/join/9396528230165?p=gyxL2Myz0lc3rtvQin>

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle is coming soon! Raffle tickets and donation notice will be sent home in the next week. Extra tickets will be available from the office. Your donations can be left at the front office, and we ask that they be delivered by Wednesday 26 March. Raffles will be drawn every afternoon in the final week of term.



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



STEELERS
PARK ORCHARDS
FOOTBALL CLUB

MINISTEELERS

March 16th
from 10am to
11am at POPS




2025
**COME AND TRY
T-BALL & BASEBALL**

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH - 10AM
WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL - 5.30PM

At Heathmont Baseball Club
From ages 4 and up




Waddlers
T-Ball
heathmontbaseball.com.au
heathmontbaseballjuniors@gmail.com



SCAN TO BOOK

**Park Orchards
MARKET**

Saturday 15th March
10am - 2pm

Venue: 1-3 Bowmore Avenue, Park Orchards



Farmers	Community
Foodies	Delicious food
Makers	Great coffee
Artisan	Live music
Craft	Vibrant atmosphere

TRINITY NETBALL CLUB

NETSETGO SKILLS PROGRAM

2025 Autumn Season (Feb to Jul)
We run a club based skills program located at two primary schools in Mitcham & North Ringwood.

3:45PM - 4:30PM
MONDAYS
RINGWOOD HEIGHTS
FRIDAYS
ANTONIO PARK



REGISTER NOW

trinitynetball.com.au/netsetgo
enquiries@trinitynetball.com.au

FREE TRIAL LESSON

**Junior Come & Try
& Registration Days**

Boys & Girls: T-Ball, Rookie Ball & Baseball

Session 1:
Saturday 15 March
9:30-10.30am

Session 2:
Wednesday 26 March
5:30-6.30pm*

Attend 1 or both sessions
All equipment provided!
***FREE Sausage sizzle & soft drink**

Visit: www.ringwoodsaints.com.au
for more information & to register




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