



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.



2024 Diary

May

- Fri 3 • Auslan Educational Visit
- Mon 6 • LT4 Swimming Program week
- Tues 7 • **Whole School Photo Day**
- Mon 13 • Education Week
- Tues 14 • District Cross Country
- Wed 15 • LT3 Healesville Sanctuary Exc
- Thur 16 • Peer Support Friendship Ninja Zone
• Open Afternoon 3pm
- Wed 29 • **“Wear It Yellow” Day**



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

On Friday we are looking forward to welcoming Naomie from the Auslan Education Services. Naomie will share some information about their life as a deaf person and answer students' questions, before playing an Auslan game with them. It will be a great opportunity for students to learn more about what life is like for deaf people, and to put their Auslan skills into practice, authentically.

Education Week begins on Monday May 13 and it is already a heavily scheduled week of activities including the District Cross Country, Healesville Sanctuary visit for LT3 students and a peer support activity for some of our LT4 students on Thursday at the Friendship Ninja Zone in Eastland. As such we would like to open our classrooms to the community on Thursday afternoon from 3 pm. Weather dependent, we will get the BBQ out and cook up some sausages in bread for anyone interested in an afternoon snack.

Learning Team newsletters

Please find attached our Learning Team newsletters for your information.

Thank you to the families who have made voluntary contributions to date. The new furniture in our junior school classrooms is just one example of how your financial assistance supports our students. Please find attached to the newsletter the contribution letter that was sent home earlier this year for those families still wishing to make this contribution. Your support is very much appreciated.

Kim Bride
Principal

School Photo Day - Tuesday 7th May

Our school photos are scheduled for Tuesday next week.

Please note the following information:

- * Named envelopes have been sent home,
- * Orders must be completed online by 6th May,
- * Students bring the envelope to school on photo day - Tuesday 7th May,
- * Family photo order forms are at the office,
- * Spare student forms are available at the office,
- * The office will not be able to change money.



The photos will be taken in the morning commencing at 9am.

C+AARP Invite

We were so impressed with the hybrid cells / hybrid cell creature artworks co-created [child artist + adult artist] as part of our 2024 C+AARP [Child + Adult Artist Response Project] we are exhibiting all 146 of them on our *studioFive* Piazza area walls on **Level 5, Kwong Lee Dow Building, 234 Queensberry St, Carlton**. The exhibition will run for two weeks from Monday 6 May until Friday 17 May.

The exhibition will be open **9am-7pm** on **FRIDAY 10 MAY** if any families wish to visit after school (no RSVP needed, just drop in and Marnee will walk and talk

you through the exhibition). It will also be open **9am to 4pm Monday to Friday** for the rest of the two weeks if any parents or families are in the city and would like to see the exhibition. Come up to the fifth floor, step out of the lift and look to the right. You cannot miss our walls of awesome artworks.



An enormous thank you to our fabulous Grade 3/4 young artists, to their amazing teachers, to Ali Harvey and to Kim Bride!

Dr Marnee Watkins and Gina Grant, Faculty of Education, University of Melbourne

Coffee Catch Up



Our first assembly for the month will be this Monday 6th May. You are warmly invited to stay around after assembly for a coffee and catch up with other parents and carers in our school community!

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024



Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Build a walk into your family's daily routine by walking to school either the whole way, or if distance and/or time is a factor, drive then park the car a few blocks away from school and walk the rest of the way.

A "Walking School Bus" is departing 8:25am on Friday 10 May from the corner of Evelyn Rd and Felix Cres & walking up Felix Cres to the school crossing. Meet us at the start or join along the way!!

It would be great if any parents/carers would like to guide another walking school bus from a different location. Please get in touch so we can advertise!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au
Any queries please contact,
Sam Beveridge 0425 874 478.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open for 2024 and Ringwood Heights Primary School is excited to be participating!

The Challenge is for all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by **6th September 2024** (which is towards the end of Term 3).

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or experience 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE CHALLENGE:

To register your child for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, please complete this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/dq1HUTcag6rs1stx7>
Registration is due by **Thursday 16th May**.
If you need assistance with registering, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge website offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

Please note, it is up to families to log the books read during the Premiers' Reading Challenge on the VPRC website: <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

For further information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, please visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-student-and-parents-taking-part-premiers-reading-challenge>

Happy reading everyone!

Michelle Freeman

**Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge
Super Coordinator**

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 6th May until 14th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey is available in a variety of different versions to enable all students to participate.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research purposes only. Identifiable information, such as student name or Victorian Student Number (VSN) is **not** used for linking datasets. Some student demographic data (i.e. year level, gender, age, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status) is derived from department-held

administrative records and is linked to the individual student login ID during survey set up work to support survey administration.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times, personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file that ORIMA Research provides to the department. All data is stored on servers located in Australia and access is restricted to staff who are working on the project.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*, the *Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)* and the *Public Records Act 1973 (Vic)*, as well as the Department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

How will results be reported?

Aggregated state-wide survey data will be used to report on initiatives and may also be used in public discussions of issues relating to student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community.

The survey results will also be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. Data or results about individual students will not be shared with schools. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Where there are low numbers of students, the data will be suppressed so that the school cannot view the results for that group.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents and carers.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: ringwood.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au before the survey commences on **Monday 13th May**.

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email before the survey commencement date, as above, this will be taken as your consent for your child to participate in the 2024 Attitudes to School Survey. However, as noted above the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time.

Further information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,
Department of Education, Victoria

What did JRG find out about their classmates?

The Junior school has learnt essential skills in our data unit, like critical thinking, data collection, analysis, and presentation. The students were exposed to different types of graphs to represent their data creatively. They could explore picture graphs, line graphs and bar graphs.

Read below to find out some questions the students asked and what they found out about their classmates in JRG:

DATA COLLECTION
My question: What is your favourite sport?

Object (Write or draw)	How many?	Total
Tennis	IIII IIII	9
Soccer	IIII	5
Football	IIII	4
Table Tennis		0
Cricket	II	2

What did you find out?
9 of the year 2s at RHPs like tennis
5 of the year 2s at RHPs like soccer
4 of the year 2s at RHPs like football
0 of the year 2s at RHPs like table tennis
2 of the year 2s at RHPs like cricket

Archie - My question was: What is your favourite clock? I found out that a watch is the most popular type of clock.

Nate - My question was: Which show is your favourite? I found out that 5 people liked Goosebumps.

Paddy - My question was: What sport do you like? I found out that 5 people liked football.

Amber E - My question was: Who is your favourite singer? I found out that Ed Sheeran was the most popular.

Shawn - My question was: What time of day do you like? 11 people liked hometime the best after I surveyed 20 grade 2 children.

Lily - My question was: What type of shoes do you like? I found out that flat shoes were the least popular and high heels were the most popular.

Kiele - My question was: What is your favourite colour? I found out that pink was the most popular.

Amber T - My question was: What types of books do you like? I found out that fact and funny books were the most popular.

Lennon - My question was: What is your favourite sport? I found out that 5 of the grade 2 students like soccer.

Macy - My question was: Who is your favourite singer? I found out that 11 grade 2 students like Taylor Swift.

Lucy - My question was: What is your favourite sport? I found out that 5 grade 2 students liked playing netball.

Max - My question was: What is your favourite animal? I found out that 10 people like cats the most.

Charlotte - My question was: What is your favourite colour? I found out that red was the least favourite colour. 4 people liked it.

Charles - My question was: What is your favourite pokemon character? I found out that Mewtwo had the least votes and Mew had the most.

Luna - My question was: Who is your favourite singer? I found out that Harry Styles was not as popular as Taylor Swift.

Erfan - My question was: What is your favourite time of day? I found out that breakfast and lunch were the least popular.

Isolde - My question was: What is your favourite animal? I found out that most people prefer kittens.

Raymond - My question was: What types of animals do you like? I found out that no-one liked the gorilla as their favourite.

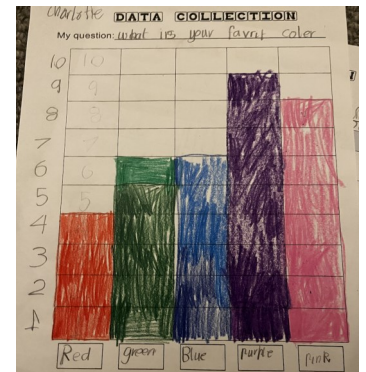
Sully - My question was: What is your favourite type of book? I found out that adventure and fairytale had 3 votes each.

Holly - My question was: What sports team do you like? I found out that volleybounce was the least popular.

Penelope - My question was: Who is your favourite singer? I found out that 2 people like Justin Beiber.

Abby - My question was: What is your favourite colour? I found out that the most popular colour was red with 4 votes.

Oliver - My question was: What is your favourite animal? I found out that bats were the least popular animal.



House Cross Country

Last term students competed in our annual House Cross Country event. It was wonderful to see the students dressed in their house colours, trying their best and encouraging their teammates. These days don't run without a range of people, so a few 'Thank Yous' need to be made!

- Thank you to Mrs Dean for organising and running the event.
- Thank you to the staff for their flexibility and support on the day.
- Thank you to the parent volunteers who stood at checkpoints and dotted hands.

Susi Matovski, Catherine Rosalion, Katrina Ralston, Anna Hinkeesing, Simone Haag, Georgia Allan, Ashlea O'Hea, Peter Dixon, Sue Dixon, Kelly Dunn, Melanie Gordon, Sarah Palumbo and Stephanie Hurley.

- Thank you to the house captains for supporting the junior school students.

District Cross Country will be held at Quambee Reserve on May 14th for qualifying competitors. We wish all students competing on this day the best of luck.

Our 2024 House Cross Country champions are Hakea. Go the green team!

1st Place	- Hakea 131 points
2nd Place	- Acacia 121 points
3rd Place	- Waratah 101 points
4th Place	- Hovea 84 points



Girls AFL Gala day

On Friday 19th of April, some of the LT4 girls participated in a Girls AFL Gala Day. We won some of the matches and we lost some of the matches and unfortunately didn't make it to the finals.



We used good teamwork by playing well as a team and everyone gave it a go. Some of us had never played footy before so we all gave each other encouragement.



Thank you to Mrs Dean for organising the day and Sherri Capuano & Ms. Nehme for coaching us.

Scarlett and Lola

ANZAC Day Service

It was a cold, dark morning, but the light on the clock tower lit up the area as many people gathered for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. All the School Captains and our families were together listening to the service and paying our respects. It was interesting to see the soldiers marching. We listened to the Last Post, and we laid the wreath altogether. It rained a bit, but we were honoured to be there, and overall it was a great experience.



LEST WE FORGET

Annabelle Slater, Jean Stuchbery, Elijah Jones and James Kellar

Parents' Club

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the generous families who donated Easter gifts and purchased tickets in the raffle, which was run in the last week of term 1. We raised an amazing \$928 for our school. What a fabulous effort!

A big thank you to Bec Evans for organising the raffle and to all the helpers who wrapped and sorted the wonderful raffle prizes.

Parents' Club Meeting

The next general meeting for Parents' Club is Thursday 9 May, 7.30pm via zoom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89982795370?pwd=zMe16iZQ86NvRRieaqRa652AFsJgqg.1>

Agenda includes debrief of the year so far and planning for upcoming events for term 2 and 3. If you can lend a hand at any of the upcoming events or would like to come along just to check it out, we would love to see you there. Everyone is welcome.

Without your support, we would not be able to host these fun events.



If you have any issues with the meeting link please email becstruan@bigpond.com and we will help you out.

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day Stall is next Friday 10 May. Remember to bring along: -

- Money/change, no more than \$10 in a named purse or wallet,
- A bag to carry your goodies home (and keep them secret until Sunday!),
- Donations (either handmade or new) can be dropped into the office; all donations help the Parents' Club raise funds for the school.



Leftover stock will be available to purchase after school from 3.30pm under the little top.

We could use extra helpers for the morning and afternoon sessions. The meeting point is outside the office at 9am & 3.30pm.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sarah Marsh
0409 009 542
sarahmarsh11@hotmail.com

How To Contact Parents' Club

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

[https://www.facebook.com/
RingwoodHeightsPrimarySchool/](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

Oban Preschool
OPEN DAY
Saturday May 18, 10.00am – 12.00pm
6A Holyrood Crescent, Ringwood

- Visit us where we learn, grow and play
- Meet our friendly teachers
- Experience our indoor and outdoor spaces

Registrations are now open!
Enrolment registrations are now open via Maroondah Integrated Kindergartens Association. Register at mika.org.au

Oban Preschool
p: (03) 4329 0446 w: ykinders.org.au
e: oban@ykinders.org.au

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IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Mitcham Junior Football Club
WALKER PARK - Whitehorse Road, NUNAWADING

START - 26/04/2024 Friday Nights 6pm - 7pm

www.playhq.com/afl/org/mitcham-auskick-centre/501D5474/register - Enquires 0401141076

play.afl/auskick

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