



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.



2021 Diary

May

- Mon 3 • 4B Restaurant
- Wed 5 • LT2 Edendale Farm
- Thur 6 • LT3 Walking Exc
12pm to 3pm
- Mon 10 • Assembly
Piano Performance
- Tues 11 • NAPLAN
- Wed 12 • NAPLAN
- Thur 13 • NAPLAN
- Mon 17 • LT4 Camp Starts
- Thur 20 • LT4 Camp returns
- Tues 25 • District Cross
Country

June

- Wed 9 • PJ Day
Year 6 Fundraiser
- Mon 14 • Queens Birthday
Holiday

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Monday: 8.30-9am

Wednesday: 3.15-3.45pm

Staffing News

I would like to welcome Mrs Karina Cove to Ringwood Heights. Whilst Karina commenced teaching AUSLAN in late Term 1, she has now been officially appointed to the position for 2021. The staff were introduced to some simple AUSLAN on Tuesday night as an introduction and they will now begin to use some of this language in their class programs.

We also welcome back Ms Katherine Butcher who will share the teaching load of Prep P with Mrs Pengelly on a Thursday and Friday.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 2 which promises to be full of events and activities. This week you should receive the team newsletters that will explain the term ahead. We have various excursions planned, LT4 camp, LT4 restaurants and a full calendar of Interschool Sport. We are all excited to be out and about in the community and enjoying learning.

Our new synthetic turf looks fantastic and our students have certainly responded very positively to it. We will continue to develop this central area over time so that it becomes a place that is welcoming for everyone and encourages students and families alike to gather and enjoy.

Some other work that was completed over the break included the never ending cycle of painting. The senior building and planter boxes were given a couple of coats of stain which will help protect it from the rain and mud as the winter months arrive. The school is certainly looking amazing at the moment.

At this stage, Assembly is still only for invited parents/guests. We know that parents are keen to join us and the minute these restrictions are lifted for school 'venues' in terms of capacity limits we will let you know. We have begun some programs that have required parent helpers and I thank those parents who have offered assistance in lots of ways but particularly with our rostered activities; icypole and popcorn, breakfast club and the upcoming Mothers' Day Stall. We ask that you continue to pass through the office and sign in when you are onsite.

Congratulations and thankyou

A huge thank you to the parents and congratulations to our School Captains; Harley, Indigo, Harvey and Eibhlin who represented Ringwood Heights at the Anzac Day Dawn Service on Sunday. What a huge honor, as leaders of our school, to be able to lay a wreath and show respect and commemorate the sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand personnel who have served our nation in war, conflicts and other peacekeeping operations on behalf of our community. They have included an article about their experience in this newsletter.

Annual Report to the School Community

The Annual Report to the School Community is now available on our school website. This report reflects the 2020 year's achievements and progress. This report can be found on our website under the Schools Policy section.

Dogs in the Yard

Please- NO dogs in the yard. We ask that you leave your dogs outside the school grounds if you are coming in to collect your children or alternatively, ask your children to meet you at one of the school gates. A very recent and nasty 'dog' bite did occur at the end of last year due to the anxiety caused by 'lots of people, especially children coming over for a pat.' We think we know our pets well UNTIL the unthinkable happens. Please be considerate of others, not everyone has the same comfort level with dogs.



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

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In 2021, the NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 11 -13 May.

Please contact myself or your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

**Kim Bride
Principal**

ANZAC day

In LT4, we have been learning a lot about ANZAC day and commemorating our past soldiers. On Friday the 23rd of April, LT4 came into class at 11:00 to watch the Shrine of Remembrance live broadcast to learn and pay our respects for the people that passed in war. We listened to poems, speeches and the songs "Waltzing Matilda" and "We Are Australian". We also saw the Melbourne High School band perform the national anthem and at the end some cadets laid wreaths to pay their respects.



On ANZAC day the 25th of April at 5.30am all of the school captains went to the Ringwood Clock Tower ANZAC memorial. We met up to represent our school. Our name was called up and we walked towards the clock tower and laid the wreath to pay our respects and then we waited for all the other schools to lay their wreaths. We then listened to the last post and the last set of speeches. It was a great experience and we would like to do it again.

In class throughout first week of this term we have been focusing on ANZAC day and the different perspectives of war. We have been reading many books about ANZAC day and in Writers' Workshop we have been writing our own account of what we've learnt from a perspective of our choice. Some of us have written as soldiers, while others have written as nurses, mothers and children.

We were very proud to represent our school on Sunday and grateful to have learned about ANZAC day.

**Harvey, Harley,
Indi & Eibhlin**

Parents' Club

Mother's Day stall Friday 7 May



Mother's Day is just around the corner. We would love lots of helpers to ensure the stall runs smoothly. There are lots of different ways to assist:

- Donating gifts, either handmade or new to sell at the stall. Donations can be left at the office,
- Assisting at the Stall from 9am – Midday in the Music Room, if you are a Dad and would be able to help that would be appreciated, please ensure

- you have a WWCC,
- Selling excess stock after school 3.30pm (near Big Top) so that other siblings can purchase items.

If you can help with any of the above, even if it is only for an hour, contact Sarah Marsh on 0409 009 542 or sarahmarsh11@hotmail.com. All offers of assistance and donations are greatly appreciated.

- * Gifts range from \$1 - \$4
 - * Kids remember to bring money in an envelope or wallet, and a bag to put your goodies in
- Please keep to a maximum spend of \$10 per child**

Easter Raffle and Bunny Visit

During the last week of term 1 we had over 60 raffle prize winners, thank you to all the families that donated Easter goodies, it is very much appreciated and it was so lovely seeing the kids emerge from class each afternoon with huge smiles on their faces if they won.



On the last day of school we had a visit from the Easter Bunny's helper, a nice surprise and end of Term 1.

Breakfast Club



A reminder that we run Breakfast club every Wednesday and Friday mornings, 8.30am – 8.50am, it has been a huge success and the kids who have come along so far are loving it.

Thank you to all the volunteers we have had so far and if you are able to help out please don't forget to sign up on Xuno.

A huge thank you to Sarah Marsh for all the hard work she has put in to get this up and running.

How To Contact Parents' Club

Join our Facebook group for regular reminders of upcoming events and fundraising activities:
<https://www.facebook.com/RingwoodHeightsPrimarySchool/>

Call Bec Evans, President on 0438 776 548 or email: becstruan@bigpond.com
 Or leave a message at the office.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

TENNIS LESSONS

RINGWOOD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 START DATE:
Thursday 29th April 2021
(7 week program)

Every NEW Term 2 enrolment receives a **FREE** junior tennis racquet

WHAT DO THE LESSONS INVOLVE?

Each lesson will vary, incorporating different skills, activities and games

Children will learn a range of basic tennis techniques:

- Footwork
- Forehand
- Volley
- Balance
- Backhand
- Serve

Learn tennis skills in a fun environment with friends!

LESSON TIMES

EVERY THURSDAY AT LUNCHTIME IN THE STADIUM

Grades Prep - 2: 1:00 - 1:30pm
Grades 3 - 6: 1:20 - 1:50pm

7 WEEK PROGRAM = \$110.00

Please complete the form below and return in an envelope with \$110 by Thursday 29th April. Please return to coach (Daniel) or school office.

Cash, cheques and bank transfer accepted. Please address cheques and bank transfer to **MATCH POINT TENNIS COACHING**
 BSB: 063 885
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1033 5576
 Payment description: Child's name RHPs
 Enrolment only accepted once payment has been received.

For further information please contact Daniel Kittelty (Club Professional coach)-0421 498 110

Ringwood Heights Primary School Tennis Enrolment Form Term 2, 2021

Student's full name: _____

Parent's first names: _____

Student's grade and room: _____

Any allergies/health conditions: _____

Contact number: _____