



# 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

### May

- Thur 4 • LT4 Camp
- Fri 5 • LT4 Camp
- Wed 10 • LT4 Public Speaking  
• LT3 Dream City Incursion
- Fri 12 • LT4 Interschool Sport
- Wed 17 • Whole School Photo Day  
• LT4 Public Speaking
- Fri 19 • LT4 Interschool Sport
- Wed 24 • LT 3&4 District Cross Country  
• Education Week Open Afternoon
- Fri 26 • LT4 Interschool Sport
- Wed 31 • LT4 Public Speaking

### June

- Fri 2 • LT4 Interschool Sport



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

Welcome back to Term 2 which promises to be full of exciting events and activities. Please find attached the Leaning Team newsletters which outline the term ahead. I am at camp Campaspe Downs today visiting our LT4 students who are away enjoying the challenges of the great outdoors and valuing the time spent together. Thank you to our staff and parent volunteers who are in attendance for their personal commitment to the camping program. Like most 'extra curricula' activities, we rely so heavily on our volunteers to ensure camps and excursions continue to take place.

Our new shade sails are starting to take shape now that we have the posts installed. We now need to wait for the required time to pass before they are ready to have the sails attached. It will be a spectacular sight when that happens. This area will become a wonderful addition to the central area providing shade in the warmer months and extend our outdoor learning areas.

Has your child spoken about the 'Clubs' activities that are happening at lunchtime on most days of the week? Our teachers and student leaders have introduced a number of 'clubs' to support and further engage students at lunchtimes. This term, students will be able to select from Lego Club on Monday, Chess Club on Friday, Tech club on Tuesday, Library on Tuesday and Wednesday and Kitchen Garden on a Friday. Running Club last term was once again a huge success. Students were awarded with certificates indicating how many kilometres they had individually run! As a team I believe 300km was achieved!

I'd like to congratulate the Girls AFL Interschool sport team after their participation in the AFL Gala event last Friday. Mrs Dean was super impressed with their, 'have a go' attitude, resilience and team camaraderie. Congratulations to all involved!

We welcomed Pinemont students and teachers to our school last week to once again enjoy our beautiful grounds. The children will be regular visitors to the forest area to discover our 'bush' setting, learning and collaborating together.

## Congratulations and Thankyou

A huge thank you to the parents, grandparents and congratulations to our School Captains; Henry Message, Anna McArdle, Heath Worthington and Jasper Slater who represented Ringwood Heights at the Anzac Day Dawn Service on Tuesday. What a huge honor, as leaders of our school, to be able to lay a wreath and show respect to 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 2022 year's achievements and progress. This report can be found on our website under the Schools Policy section.

**Kim Bride  
Principal**

### ANZAC Day

On Tuesday the 25th of April (ANZAC Day) the school captains attended the Ringwood Dawn Service at the clock tower to pay their respects to the people who died in war. It started at five thirty in the morning and we all felt great pride in representing the school. After the music and the commemoration speeches some of the schools and organisations in the area were called on to lay a wreath, our school among them. After that there was an opportunity for other members of the public to lay a wreath as well. We got to hear from past soldiers about their experiences in war which was very moving. It was an amazing opportunity for us to represent the school in commemoration of the soldiers who lost their lives to make sure we all have happy and plentiful lives.

Thank you to our parents for their involvement as well.

By Henry and Jasper



## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

<https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is up and running at Ringwood Heights Primary School, with over a third of students registered! Many students have started logging in with their families and have been enjoying a range of different texts, leaving star reviews and comments about the books they have read.

### Highlights from some of our Challenge readers:

*Some books are audiobooks and some we read on a computer. **Lillian D 1H***

*I love that I can read with Mum and Dad and find golden words. **Lucy B 1H***

*Logging in the books is fun. Mum helps me mostly and I mostly read lots of the books. I have put some of my readers on there. **Patrick D 2B***

*I find I can read longer books and I can find which ones I enjoy and which ones can be interesting for me. I also find it fun to know that there is big range of books on the Challenge list. **Azalea M 2B***

*I enjoy reading. I put some of my readers on the Challenge. I also don't just read my own books, I read picture books and some to my sisters. **Eliana H 2RG***

*I really love reading so I think the Premiers' Reading Challenge is a great way to stretch my learning because it challenges me to read more books. Me and my family have started going to the library again. **Freya R 2CB***

*I have a whole library of books and my favourite of all of them is Diary of a Wimpy Kid 5. I've read 26 books so far and Mum helps me log them on the Challenge. **Alex H 3W***

*I like how there are so many different books on the Challenge. There are books from Bone to Wings of Fire to Harry Potter and Diary of a Wimpy Kid. There's so much variety. I'm aiming to read 50 books. **Miles Y 3F***

*The list of books has such a big variety that when I was looking, I found new books that I hadn't heard of before. My favourite book has been Cats and Curses. It's getting easier to log the books on my own. **Ashlee L 3F***

*I'm reading new books that I have bought but haven't had a chance to read. My favourite is probably Slime by David Walliams. **Zac L 3W***

*I like that I'm extending my vocabulary with different book series. I found a new series in the library which is now one of my favourite series. It's Katerina Ballerina. **Isabelle H 3F***

*The Premiers' Reading Challenge motivates me to read and finish more books and so far, I am enjoying a lot. Enchanter's End Game by David Eddings has been my favourite. **Henry M 4DC***

The Challenge is open to 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 **8th September 2023**.

Registrations were closed at the end of Term 1, but if

you missed this deadline and were still hoping to register, please email  
ringwood.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Lost or misplaced your username/password?  
Students should speak to their classroom teacher.

Happy reading everyone!

**Michelle Freeman**  
**Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge**  
**Super Coordinator**

## Hoop Time Update

**Learning Team 4 event:** Thank you to all of the students who completed payment and permission forms at the end of last term. This event will still go ahead, although Basketball Victoria has since cancelled the original game day of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The LT4 Hoop Time excursion has been rescheduled to **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July**. Parents who indicated their ability to help out for the original event will be contacted via email about their availability for the new date. Due to the date change, keep an eye out for an updated permission form.



**Learning Team 3 event:** Again, thanks to all the families that completed the expression of interest form last term. LT3 Hoop Time has now been scheduled for **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. Payment and permission forms will be sent home later this term.

## Term 2 Clubs

With the change in seasons, comes a change in clubs!

For Term 2, students will be able to participate in the following activities during their breaks. Attendance at clubs is completely voluntary. Unless specified, all clubs will be held in the art space or the library:

- \* **Monday @ lunch** will be Lego Club for LT2 & LT3 students.
- \* **Tuesday @ lunch** will be Tech Club for all students.
- \* **Friday @ recess** will be Chess Club for all students.
- \* **Friday @ lunch** will be Kitchen Garden Club in our wonderful garden for all students. This will also be weather dependent.

The library will also be open for all students on Tuesday and Wednesday @ lunch for any students who would like to do some quiet reading.

Robert Bennett  
Teacher

## Promoting mental fitness in your child (webinar)

**Time/Date:** Wednesday 24th May 2023  
at 12:00pm AEST

We invite parents and carers to join a free webinar next month, where a Smiling Mind psychologist will discuss common issues children face with their mental fitness including navigating friendships, emotional regulation and learning how to confidently take on more responsibility, with research and evidence to support parents and carers to confidently respond.

**SMILING MIND**

**Promoting mental fitness in your child**

Register now

Parents and carers are invited to join this free webinar on supporting children with navigating friendships, emotional regulation, and more.

Wednesday 24th May, 12:00PM AEST

**Register:**

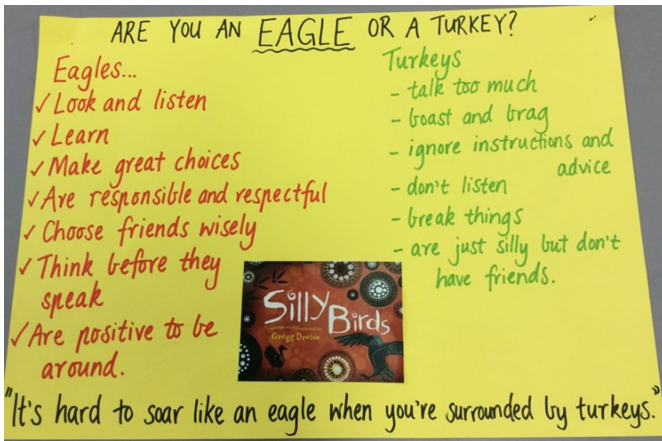
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## Learning Team 3



The start of the term has provided Learning Team 3 students with an authentic opportunity to reflect on themselves as learners and consider their part in making our classrooms productive, engaging and supportive spaces. To support this thinking, we shared the fabulous picture fiction text *Silly Birds* by one of our favourite authors, Gregg Dresse. The story gave us opportunities to consider the importance of looking and listening, of thinking before we speak, and of choosing our friends wisely. See if your LT3 student can explain the differences between behaving like an eagle and acting like a turkey!





## Parents' Club

### Mother's Day Stall

Parents' Club are hosting a Mother's Day Stall on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, for students to purchase gifts to spoil mums, nanas, and special persons. Below is a list of assistance required on the day. All volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated, and help Parents' Club run special events:

- Donation of gifts, either handmade or new to sell at the stall. Donations can be left at the office,
- We need lots of adult helpers to assist students to select gifts:
  - Volunteering at the Stall from **9am – Midday**, in the Multi-Purpose room, Selling excess stock after school from **3.30pm** under the small top, Please ensure you have a WWCC and sign into the office.

Gifts range from \$1 - \$4. The maximum spend is \$10 per student. Kids remember to bring your money in an envelope or wallet, and bring a bag to place your goodies in.

If you can assist with any of the above, or if you have any queries, please contact Sarah Marsh on 0409 009 542 or [sarahmarsh11@hotmail.com](mailto: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/>

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

