Ringwood Heights Primary School - No 4911

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.

2026 Diary

June

Mon 1	• Community Catch up • Junior School Swim Program commences
Tue 2	• Division Cross Country
Thur 4	• LT3 & LT4 Golf Ses.
Mon 8	• King's Birthday Holiday
Thur 11	• LT3 & LT4 Golf Ses.
Wed 17	• Special Lunch Day
Thur 18	• LT3 & LT4 Golf Ses.
Wed 24	• 3 Way Conferences Student Free Day • Story Time Session 9 to 9.30am
Fri 26	• PJ Day & Disco Grade 6 fundraiser • Last Day of Term 2.30pm finish.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday: **8.30-9am**

Wednesday: **3.15-3.45pm**

What a fabulously busy and rewarding week we had last week. Education Week was jam-packed with events, including our free dress day, which raised $510 for Foodbank and State Schools Relief.

I have had some questions about how we choose the charities or foundations we support. At Ringwood Heights, we empower our students and fully support student voice in these selections. Teachers do not choose the charities; however, they guide discussions and answer questions students may have to help them make informed decisions.

Students generally select one or two charities each year to support. Their choices are often based on what they value, what may be impacting them personally, or what they are investigating and wish to make a difference in through personal inquiry.

At other times, we hold free dress days or events organised by our Year 6 students to raise funds for graduation activities. Through planning and running fundraising events, students learn valuable skills such as teamwork, responsibility and communication. They also build a sense of pride in their cohort and community while creating wonderful memories of their time at RHPS.

It was fantastic to see such a large turnout at the BBQ on Thursday afternoon. It was a fabulous event that truly showcased our school community. Thank you to our volunteers, who made it all run like a well-oiled machine!

Thank you to:

- Tanya Kluka and Baker's Delight for the generous donation of bread
- Jason and Melanie Gordon for the loan of your BBQ
- Kathryn Hands for organising and shopping for sausages and supplies
- Charelle, Jade, Cat, Susan and Jess for working on the stall, collecting donations and serving sausages to our happy customers
- Steve, James and Jo for perfectly cooking the sausages
- Our Year 6 students for running the juice box stall
- Everyone who came along and participated to make it such a great afternoon!

I hope you all had the opportunity to see some of our wellbeing groups working together and enjoyed participating in activities alongside the students. Thank you to our teachers and staff who planned and coordinated these activities.

Kim Bride
Principal

Community catch ups

Our next opportunity for parents and carers to connect is after our next assembly on Monday 1st June. Come and join us for a coffee and a chat.

Wellbeing @ RHPS

Kindergarten Visits

As part of our wellbeing program, we are making connections with the kinders in our local community. Our first kinder visit happened on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th May. Three very excited LT3 students - Amber, Lennon and Quinn - spent time with the 4 year old group at Ringwood Discovery Childcare. Our students did a fabulous job of representing the school values of responsibility and friendship. They had each chosen a picture fiction book to share with the kinder children, and read so beautifully that the kinder kids didn't want them to leave!

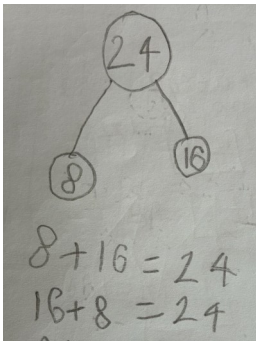
Big thanks to Devi for giving her time to join us, and to our friends at Discovery for being such great hosts.

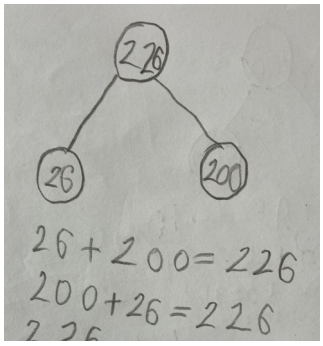
Jude Ridley
Wellbeing Leader

Junior School

Addition Learning in the Junior School

- **Navy:** In numeracy, we've been learning about addition and how we can solve plus sums. We have been partitioning numbers to see what parts they have. Like, 17 has 1 ten and 7 ones. We can use this to make a number sentence, 7 + 10 = 17. 32 + 25 = 57 because 30 + 20 = 50 and 5 + 2 = 7.
- **Cooper:** In JF we have been playing Ten Fact Snap. It is a card game. If you have two numbers that add to ten or just a ten card, you snap it. If you snap it you get all the cards and if you have the most cards, you win. These are some numbers that add to 10, 5 + 5, 1 + 9, 3 + 7.
- **Victor:** We have been learning about space and making cherries in maths. A cherry is where you put the whole number on top and then you partition it into different parts underneath; you break it up. If 20 is my whole number, the parts could be 10 + 10.

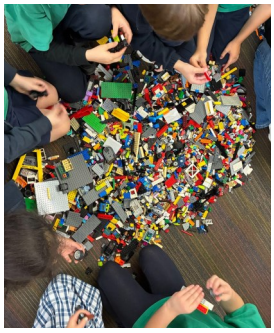




- **Ben:** We add numbers together to make a bigger number. I know that 2 + 2 = 4 and 40 + 40 = 80.
- **Hazel:** We have been learning about partitioning numbers by using a cherry diagram. Partitioning is making a number and then breaking it into parts. We have used blocks, counters and MAB to help us learn to partition numbers. I really enjoyed learning addition and I am good at addition strategies.
- **Willow:** Learning addition has been a little bit tricky but when I started using the counters and resources in the classroom it got a bit easier. The strategy I like to use are my fingers and counters because it helps me to see the amount of numbers I have to add.

Junior School BQT
How Does It Move?

Iris: In the Junior School we have been using LEGO to make vehicles and see how they move with different forces and on different surfaces. I continued investigating in Wonder Workshop and I noticed that my vehicle flipped when I pushed it on the carpet because the carpet is kind of bumpy. I made a road out of whiteboards and it was bumpy. My theory is it was bumpy because it was not connected and had gaps. The vehicle went up and down on the whiteboards.



Jack: Our vehicle could travel very fast on carpet and on the table. It was faster on the table because it was smoother than the carpet. We learned that the

size and shape and material of an object changes the way it moves. Sometimes heavier objects move faster.

Sam T: We used the LEGO for moving and then at the end of the session we did a race. I noticed that Lara's vehicle won. It was the fastest because maybe it had more LEGO bricks to it so it was bigger and heavier.

Learning Team 3

Healesville Sanctuary Excursion

Last Wednesday, the students of LT3 excitedly boarded a bus and headed to the beautiful Healesville Sanctuary for an engaging and educational excursion. We would like to thank our wonderful teachers and amazing parent helpers for making the day possible!

Our excursion strongly connected to our Big Question this term: *How do living and non-living things interact? Why does it matter?*

Each group participated in three key experiences: free roaming to observe animals connected to our personal inquiries, an education session, and the exciting *Spirits of the Sky* bird show.

During the education sessions, we explored how living things rely on one another to survive. We learnt about the importance of the Manna Gum tree, which provides food and shelter for many species, and also depends on birds to help spread its seeds. We were excited to discover that we even have a Manna Gum tree at our school!

We also learnt about animal adaptations and how physical features can help animals survive. Liam taught us a memorable rhyme: *"Eyes to the front, born to hunt. Eyes to the side, born to hide."* This helped us understand the difference between predators and prey.

One of the highlights of the day was the *Spirits of the Sky* bird show. We were amazed to see a variety of impressive birds flying closely overhead. A crowd favourite was the Barking Owl, which swooped so close that we could feel the wind from its wings!

Another important learning focus -which is one of our *key understandings* this term- was understanding how human choices can have both positive and negative impacts on the environment. Healesville Sanctuary is a wonderful example of people making positive choices to help wildlife. The sanctuary works hard to protect critically endangered species such as the Helmeted Honeyeater and the Corroboree Frog.

By the end of the excursion, we returned tired but full of new knowledge and many more questions to explore! We are excited to use what we learnt at Healesville Sanctuary to support our learning in Big Question Time and beyond.

Learning Team 4

LT4 Sport

Learning Team 4 students have been busy in their sporting endeavours recently, participating in District Cross Country and Swimming. Please read their reflections below.

District Cross Country

On Tuesday the 19th of May RHPS competed at District Cross Country. We all had so much fun and these students wanted to share their thoughts -

- **Hayden:** I really enjoyed district cross country because I was with my friends for the whole day and I got to race.
- **Immy:** I came 24th and even though I fell over it didn't stop me from running to the finish line.
- **Clover:** I enjoyed the day and I did really well by coming 3rd. I enjoyed cheering for others and when others were cheering me on.
- **Freya:** I really enjoyed the whole day because it was so fun cheering others on and running and I'm so proud of making division.

Good job to all the competitors for helping Ringwood Heights finish second in the Warrandyte South district.

By Freya

LT4 Swimming

During Week 5, Learning Team 4 students participated in a week long Victorian Water Safety Certificate Program at Aqualink. They worked in small groups to learn a range of swimming skills, strokes and water safety skills.

Here are some student reflections:

- **Will:** The learning asset I strengthened was being a thinker as I was persistent and open minded to different types of techniques. I found backstroke challenging because it was a weird motion.
- **Harry:** I really enjoyed doing backstroke because it's relaxing. Next time I would like to do a fun day.
- **Kasie:** I learnt how to do torpedo and I really enjoyed it!
- **Radhya:** I learnt more swimming safety rules.
- **Sophie:** I learnt how to be safe at a beach.
- **Alex:** I enjoyed doing survival backstroke and survival freestyle. I learnt how to scull and other survival stuff.
- **Ahmad:** I liked swimming. Some of it was hard. Thank you to the swimming teachers.

Parent Community Group

Tony's Pies

Place your order by this Saturday 30th May

Thanks to those who have already ordered some delicious pies! Just a friendly reminder that the last day to order is midnight, Saturday 30th May. Your ordered goods will be freshly baked and delivered to the school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Price lists and additional information have been sent home with students. Jump onto the website now to put your orders in to make sure you don't miss out!

https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/ringwood-heights-primary-school

When ordering, please complete the field "ordering on behalf of" by specifying the name and class of the child you'd like the pies delivered to on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd June.

You are welcome to share this link with friends and family too - it's a fundraiser for the school, so the more orders we get, the more our school benefits!

Sign up to help out at our BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings Ringwood– Saturday 27th June

Please save the date for our upcoming Bunnings BBQ held on the immediate first weekend of the school holidays. We will need lots of volunteers to assist in cooking and serving on the day – a sign up link is now available: https://www.trybooking.com/DMQHJ

Election Day Fun Day preparations Second hand book donations welcome now!

Our major RHPS fundraiser for the year will be the Election Day Fun Day, to be held at RHPS on the day of the Victorian State Election – Saturday 28th November.

To kick start our preparations, this Term we are calling for second hand book donations from the school community, that we will put aside for November. Children's books, novels, cook books, non-fiction – all is welcome.

Please donate any pre-loved books by dropping them into the office.

We will be also be seeking donations of second hand clothes and toys later in the year. If you have some items you are interested in donating in the months to come, please keep us in mind. Details for when we will be accepting toys and clothes will be shared in Term 3 and 4.

Special lunch day Wednesday 17th June

Order forms have been sent home with students and need to please be returned by Wednesday 10th June. We will require lots of parent helpers on the day – please indicate on the order form if you are able to assist.

Next PCG meeting

Our next PCG meeting will be held the first week back for Term 3 on -

Tuesday 14th July, at 7.30pm.

Please pop this one in the calendar – it will be the beginning of lots of the planning for our major Election Day fundraiser and we would love to see lots of faces there. Everyone is welcome!