



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

August

- Sun 11 • Bunnings BBQ
9am - 4pm
Ringwood Bunnings
- Wed 14 • LT3 Hooptime
- Thur 15 • LT4 Debating Session
- Fri 16 • Crazy Hair Day
- Wed 21 • LT4 Norwood SC
Production
- Thur 22 • LT4 Debating Session
- Fri 23 • SEDA Clinic
Whole School
- Wed 28 • LT3 & LT4 House
Athletics
- Thur 29 • LT4 Debating
Grand Finale
- Fri 30 • SEDAS Clinic
Whole School
•Fathers Day Stall

September

- Fri 6 • SEDA Clinic
Whole School
- Tues 17 • PUPIL FREE DAY



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<https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/login/ringwood>

PASSWORD: happyrhps

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Monday: 8.30-9am

Wednesday: 3.15-3.45pm

What an absolutely stunning day we had for our Mini Olympics on Tuesday. It was a fabulous day of fun starting with our opening ceremony, rotations of adapted sporting events and rounded off with a closing ceremony. The most impressive aspect of the day was how the students all ‘got on with the activities’ and how our senior students were so very supportive and nurturing of our junior students helping them out on the day. The impact of our cross-age programs and peer support activities were on full display all day. Congratulations to everyone on a very successful outcome. Thanks to Mrs Dean for her organisation, Mr Gore for his announcements and work on the microphone and to all teachers for their high level of energy and enthusiasm.



Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is currently conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. This survey was sent out to randomly generated families last week and it would have arrived by email. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families’ perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024.

Kim Bride
Principal

Library News

As always, term 3 is an exciting time in our RHPS library.

We have been spending the first couple of weeks of term exploring the shortlisted books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA), ready for the BIG announcement of the winners in each of the five categories. It’s always interesting for our readers to compare what they feel is a winning book with the actual winner announced in Book Week. Sometimes we agree with the CBCA and sometimes we don’t. As critical thinkers and readers for pleasure we think we have a pretty good idea of what makes a good book for us as individuals, but also what makes a book appealing to a wide range of readers. We are very fortunate to be able to purchase the shortlisted books for our collection, all created by wonderful Australian authors and illustrators.

Our Book Week ‘celebrations’ will culminate in **week 9** this year in true Ringwood Heights style with a performance by **Books To Life**, an activity for the whole school which, this year, is an engaging and immersive foray into the shortlisted picture book, *That Bird Has Arms* by Jol Temple and Kate Temple. We will also have our annual **Book Fair** running in our Library Resource Centre in **week 9**, from the 10th -12th of September. Keep an eye on our newsletter and Compass for

date and time reminders. We think our Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity for our community to browse and chat about all the books that we love to read!

Crazy Hair Day Friday 16 August



Next Friday is Crazy Hair Day! Students can come to school in free dress and with crazy hair for a gold coin donation. Juice boxes will be sold at lunch for \$1.00. All funds raised will go towards our Year 6 Graduation.

Junior School

Melbourne Museum Excursion

The Junior School had an exciting visit to the Melbourne Museum on Wednesday, 31st July to help us explore our big question, *“How does it change?”* The students participated in a session called *“My Grandmother’s Toybox,”* where we looked at old toys from the past and learned about when they were made. Read below to find out some of JRG’s favourite moments from our museum excursion:



Lucy - My favourite part was the dinosaurs because we were finding out about our big question “How does it change?”

Abby - The Junior school went to the Melbourne museum. I enjoyed the 600 million years display because it showed us what the dinosaurs would have looked like.

Charlotte - We went to the museum on a yellow sparkly bus. My favourite bit was the Bugs Alive.

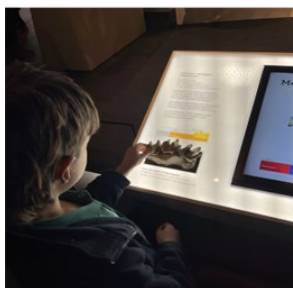
Archie - I got scared by the tarantula because the spider jumped onto the glass in the Bugs Alive room.

Lily - My favourite part was the garden because there was a tunnel that was really fun to run through and it was dark inside.

Lennon - I enjoyed finding the Egyptian Blue Beetle in the Bugs Alive area because I love Egyptian stuff.

Kiele - We had a bus ride there and back and we used maps to know where we were going in the museum.

Amber T - My favourite part was the Melbourne story because it was different looking at the olden day homes to the homes now.



Max - The bus ride was my favourite part because I was tired and I could rest after walking with a map around the museum.

Oliver - We went to the Melbourne museum and in my group was Max, Levi, Raymond,

Erfan and Amber. I loved the dinosaurs.

Macy - My favourite part was the Melbourne story because there was a model of Phar Lap the horse.

Luna - I was in the Pink group with Violet’s mum, Violet, Evangeline, Lillian, Amayah. I liked the Grandmother’s Toybox where we learnt about old toys.

Nate - At the museum my favourite was Bugs Alive. We also saw Melbourne story, Gondwana garden, dinosaur walk and 600 million years.

Charles - There were live tarantulas and scorpions in the Bugs Alive room at the museum.

Holly - At the museum we saw the spiders and butterflies which were so cute, I loved them.

Penelope - I thought the museum was amazing because it had lots of olden day stuff which I thought I wouldn’t like but it was interesting.

Amber E - I liked going to Grandmother’s Toybox because I found it interesting to find out about the Pacman game, but the old doll was creepy.



Isolde - I enjoyed seeing the dinosaurs because they were really big and I didn’t think they would be that big.

Sully - The part that I liked was seeing the funnel web spider and the tarantula. The funnel web spider can poison you in 15 seconds.

Raymond - I enjoyed the dinosaur room. I was in a group with Oliver, Levi, Max and Erfan.

Erfan - I was interested in the sharp dinosaur teeth. They are really hard chompers.

Paddy - I was interested in the Bugs Alive part because there was a live ant farm there. They were busy running around and working.

Levi - My favourite part was the Bugs Alive because we got to see the spiders and we got to smell the smells in the bottles that were bug smells.

Learning Team 3

MCG Excursion

Last Wednesday, LT3 braced the cold morning to head into the one and only Melbourne Cricket Ground - or, the MCG. This excursion is part of our Big Question this term: How does the past impact us?

The MCG was built way back in 1853 and has hosted a number of significant events in history, including the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, the first ever test cricket match and many exciting AFL grand finals.

While we were at the MCG, we had to take a photo of something that we think is historically significant - and there were plenty of those!

Each class took part in 4 different experiences, which were all equally exciting!

They were:

Game on: this is where we got to make an avatar and play a range of awesome games, like kicking a footy into virtual goals, or take on a virtual goalie in soccer. We even got to have a go at virtual surfing and horse racing!

The Sports Museum: which was filled with oodles of historical memorabilia and items of historical significance. Some that stood out for us were: The AFL Grand Final trophy - seeing it in the flesh was unreal; old footy jumpers from many decades ago, and Cathy Freeman's famous outfit from when she won gold at the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

Meeting an ex-Olympian: we had an incredibly inspiring presentation from Coral Byron, who competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics in Artistic Swimming, which was called Synchronised Swimming back then. The dedication and fitness required by these athletes is next level. All she did was eat, sleep and train for a very long time. But she said it was proof that you can achieve just about anything - if you're prepared to put in the hard work!

The Grand Tour of the MCG: we each had different tour guides who were a wealth of knowledge. Did you know that the grass clippings and uneaten food from games all get turned into fertiliser? A highlight of the tour was also going into Richmond's Club room. It smelt like sweat and rubber, and we got to see where the players put their belongings and have meetings with their coaches and the press!

We had such a wonderful day - for those who regularly go to games, it was awesome to experience it in a different way. And for some of us, it was our VERY FIRST TIME. What a great introduction to such an iconic sports venue!

Thanks to our awesome teachers and parent helpers who made the day possible. It was so much fun.

Strike a Pose in LT3

As part of our Big Question learning about Olympic history, students in LT3 recreated some images from the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

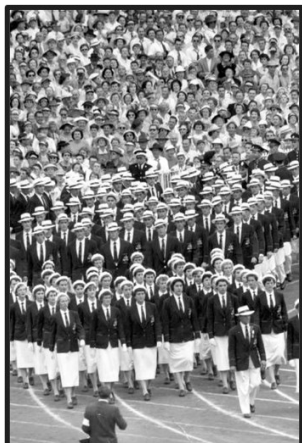
Can you spot the originals?



**Learning Team 4
Sport News**

Mixed Netball Division Finals:

On Friday the 26th of July, the mixed netball team played against Croydon Hills and Ringwood North in the division finals. Sadly, we lost both our games by quite a lot. However, we played an AMAZING game and tried our hardest. A big shout out to the entire team because we kept on fighting until the very end, even though it was tough. Everyone gave it their best, demonstrated excellent teamwork, and should be proud of themselves.



Awesome Foursome (and their boat)



Betty Cuthbert GOLD 100m sprint



Cathy Freeman Sydney 2000 GOLD



Thank you to all the parents for driving us there and for cheering us on from the sidelines. A huge thank you to Mrs Shackelford for helping us through the season and teaching us the skills we needed to get this far. We could not have done it without you. Evie and Georgia (4DC)

Mixed AFL Footy Division Finals:

Can you imagine being a part of the Inter School Sport AFL team and being undefeated all season in your pool and then getting to play in division finals? Well, that was the reality for the Ringwood Heights Mixed Football Team. On Friday 2nd August we headed to Stinton's Reserve to play against Tinternvale and Kalinda PS. We may have lost both our matches, however we all played a great game and represented our school well with great sportsmanship and teamwork. A big thanks to Tim for coaching us and Mrs Dean for organising us to compete. We all had a great day out. Maisy (4B)



Mini School Olympics

On Tuesday the 6th of August R.H.P.S participated in their own Mini Olympics event. The students were encouraged to engage in activities like, High Jump, Long Jump, Javelin, 3 Legged Race, 50m Sprints, Tunnel Ball, Hurdles, Discus, Shot Put, Sack Races, Relays, Egg and Spoon Races, and a class of stretching and breathing. They represented their school house colours by scoring points for their team and wearing their house colours proudly. All the students were happy to come together and engage in sports with their peers and everyone was smiling and



laughing. Overall, the final scores for the day were: Hovea in 4th with 1711 points, Acacia in 3rd with 1738 points, Waratah in 2nd with 1754 points and lastly... Hakea came 1st with 1768 points. What an enjoyable day for us all.



Luke and Elijah (4B)

Parents' Club

Munchie Crunchie thank you

We hope you enjoyed yummy treats at Munchie Crunchie last week. A big thanks to Bonnie and Bec for organising, the parent helpers, grade six leaders and the Level 3 families for providing the treats.

Bunnings BBQ Sunday 11 August



We are hosting a Fundraising BBQ at Ringwood Bunnings this **Sunday 11 August**. Thank you to all the helpers who have generously offered their time to volunteer at the BBQ. We are

hoping to see lots of RHPS families come along to support us, purchase a sausage and drink, and help the school to raise funds.

Tony's Pie Drive



Don't miss out; orders are due in by next Monday 12 August. Tony's Pie's will deliver their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Friday 16 August**.

Here is the link [https://](https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/ringwood-heights-primary/)

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Father's Day Stall



Father's Day Stall is on **Friday 30 August**. We have sourced amazing gifts for you to purchase. All volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated and help Parents' Club run events. Here is

list of assistance required:

- Donation of gifts, either handmade or new to sell at the stall. Donations can be left at the office,
- We need parent 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 child. Kids remember to bring your money in an envelope or wallet, and bring a bag to pop your goodies in. If you can help with any of the above, please contact Sarah Marsh on 0409 009 542 or sarahmarsh11@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events:-

- * Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 11 August
- * Tony's Pie Drive – Friday 16 August
- * Father's Day Stall – Friday 30 August
- * Special Lunch Day Footy Foods – Thursday 19 September

COMMUNITY NOTICES



MINI MAGICIANS SKILLS CAMP
COME AND TRY BASKETBALL!

4 WEEK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Designed to prepare 5 to 8 year olds for the real thing, this program teaches dribbling, shooting, passing, footwork and general game play concepts all in a FUN environment!

WE WELCOME GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS

Sessions are run by experienced coaches with the aim to prepare young players to join a basketball team when they are ready

FREE SPIRIT MAGIC TRAINING TOP & BASKETBALL FOR ALL PLAYERS

Sessions are held on Thursday evenings
6:00-6:45pm at The Rings Stadium,
Canterbury Road, Ringwood
4 week program from 1 - 22 August 2024
\$25.00 per person

To register your interest
please email Nathan Semos at
register@spiritmagic.com.au

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