



Heights Happenings

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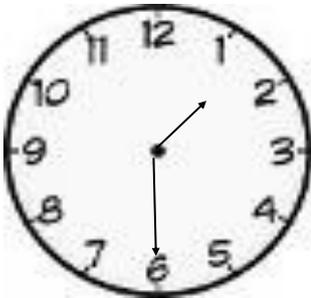
We would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land and Waters and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



2020 Diary

December

Fri 18 • Last Day
1.30pm Finish



2021 Diary

January

Thur 28 • Term 1 commences
Prep - Group 1
Level 2,3 & 4
Fri 29 • Prep - Group 2

RHPS – Review Reflection School Council President

Hello parents, students and families of Ringwood Heights. It’s been a strange year for all, testing our resilience and adaptability in many different ways. As part of my role at the school, I was asked to be a member of the school review panel – I did not realise it would actually become a significant highlight to the year.

What is a review? The purpose of the review is to determine the school’s achievements against the School Strategic Plan goals and targets. As I experienced the process with four external people and seven key staff, I was captivated by the commitment and in depth approach this school takes to teaching, empowering and creating a rich and unique culture for the students of Ringwood Heights.

We, as the panel, reviewed every aspect of the schools 16 key areas and looked at how we can build upon what is already great. We reviewed data, had school captains present, talked with teachers, observed students learning with each other, discussed their work and thinking, watched them present their inquiry findings and answers to Big Questions and then reflected on all that and how it aligned to the strategy...it was a busy 3 days!!

The outcome was to be able to answer three key questions,

- How well are we doing?
- How do we know?
- How can we improve things further?

As we went through the process of unpacking everything the staff do with an absolute focus on the student as the centre, I was truly impressed, as were the external reviewers, who regularly commented on the unique and valuable learning environment created and executed at RHPS.

I came away with a far greater appreciation of the staff’s commitment and capabilities, to the growth and learning foundations instilled in the students and to the rich learning environment we have at RHPS – to top that off, the teams keen desire to make further improvements was testimony to how great the RHPS school community is for everyone associated.

On behalf of the council, we wish everyone at RHPS a fun Christmas and New Year, with lots of family and friends time together.

Happy New Year!

Shaun Steinfort
School Council President

Graduation

Our Year 6 students celebrated their graduation from Ringwood Heights Primary School on Tuesday night.

The graduating students began with canapés under the Tiny Top before moving to the staffroom deck where both year 6 graduates and teachers enjoyed a shared meal – it looked magical. A huge thankyou to the parents of the graduation committee (Karen Littlepage, Meg Rankin, Kristie O’Donoghue and Emily Klopfer and LT4 teachers) and the many, many helpers behind the scenes for making this a truly memorable occasion. The stadium was fully decked out with a red carpet and garlands of balloons. The photo board and huge sign of congratulation for the class of 2020 provided a great sense of occasion.

The students demonstrated their confidence and poise to share with the audience their memories of their time at Ringwood Heights. Congratulations to all graduating students for the way you presented and conducted yourselves. We wish you all the very best for your future. We will say a final goodbye tomorrow at our final assembly which will occur during the day for staff and students only.

Final dismissal is at 1.30 pm from classrooms. If you are in the yard at 1.25pm you will be encouraged to join into an impromptu activity that will be obvious at the time, as a final hurrah for our year 6 students.

Awards

At the Graduation ceremony recipients of the Deakin Shield for 2020 were announced. The Deakin Shield recognises the valuable contribution of students from schools throughout Deakin.

Students are recognised for their:

- * high standard in attitude and achievement;
- * participation in all school activities with a good attitude;
- * full commitment to the ethos of the school;
- * awareness of others and their needs; and, positive contributions to the school community.

Congratulations to:

Academic
Abbey Ridley

Community Service
Angus Lay

Sport
Hamish Klopfer

School Sport Victoria Award
Emily Rankin

Performing Arts (Jan Ray Award)
Sarah Hudson



School Captains 2021

Our School Captains for 2021 are

Indi Dingle and
Harley Wilkinson

Vice Captains are
Eibhlin O’Connor and
Harvey Brewster



On behalf of the staff, students and parent community can I acknowledge and congratulate these leaders on their success. I look forward to working with you all next year.

Farewell and Thank you!

Many families will conclude their association with Ringwood Heights as their youngest child graduates this year.

Anica Caiafa
Mason O’Donoghue
Baye Clark
Daniel Perrett
Patrick Dickinson
Gemma Riley
Amelia Grieve
Aaron Roscoe
Angus Lay
Jessie Strobel
Emma Leake
Isla Thornton
Zara Littlepage
Matt Tahin
Jett Love
Aiden Yard
Oliver Mcardle
Zoey Minca

Farewell also to the following families who are also moving on: Ambrose, Carmichael, Daly-Dickens and Orwin families.



Our best wishes are extended to these families for their assistance and support over the years. The students will collect a certificate and a RHPS Pen at our final assembly.

I hope you all look back upon your time here with fond memories.



End of Year Message

*So, this year was interesting,
different, not always so nice.....*

I am not going to dwell on the year that has been but look forward to what is to come. I am looking forward to Christmas with my extended family, having my two granddaughters meet for the first time and taking a family snap of my entire family together! I am looking forward to sunny days and lazy walks along the beach. I am also looking forward to next year and beginning 2021 with new hope and plans for some exciting times ahead.

As a community we have shone in our care and consideration of others and in our commitment to our students' education. This combined effort has had a huge impact on the confidence, connectedness and resilience that our students have developed. We recently completed our School Review and the external visitors to our school noted the calm tone and the happy engagement of our students in their learning. This doesn't happen by accident. It is the culture of challenge, acceptance and shared values that we know and understand that makes the difference.

I am so proud to lead this school, the teachers and staff work so cohesively together, look out for one another and care deeply for our students and their families. The generosity and messages of hope, prayer and gratitude from our parents have been overwhelming at times and from this I know that you are also proud to be a member of this community.

I wish you all, times of joy and happiness and hope that you are also able to catch up with those that you love and find time for some relaxing days.

Wishing you all a safe and Festive Christmas!

See you all back energised and excited for the 2021 School Year. **Students return to school on Thursday 28 January.**

**Kim Bride
Principal**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the 2020 school year comes to an end, we would like to thank you all for your support and understanding during what has been a very strange year with lots of changes and uncertainties.

We have banded together as a community so earnestly and strongly that as a result, we have been so fortunate to see things begin to return to normal for our children and loved ones.

We look forward into bringing in 2021 with a fun Vacation Care program, filled with groovy themed days with incursions and activities, and are also excited to be welcoming new students into the service.

We hope that you and your family and friends have a very Happy Holidays and wish you all the best for the New Year.

Kindest Regards,

Alex, Katrina, Aisha, Allison and the rest of the Ringwood Heights OSH team.

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