



# 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

- Fri 23 • SEDA Clinic Whole School
- Wed 28 • LT3 & LT4 House Athletics
- Thur 29 • LT4 Debating Grand Finale
- Fri 30 • Fathers Day Stall  
• Fire Safety Incursion Preps

## September

- Fri 6 • SEDA Clinic Whole School  
• Fire Safety Incursion Preps  
• **MOVIE NIGHT**  
Session 1, 4.30pm start  
Session 2, 6.30pm start
- Tues 10 • Book Fair Opens (more details to come)
- Wed 11 • Books to Life Inc Wholes School
- Tues 17 • **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- Wed 18 • ThinkUKnow Presentation 6-7pm
- Fri 20 • Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish



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

A huge shout out to Parent’s Club for their organisation and the community for your support of some recent fundraising efforts. The Bunnings BBQ organised by Tanya Kluka was very successful in bringing the community together to achieve a common goal and the Pie drive organised by Rachel Hodgson was another great success (delicious as well!). Along with the Father’s Day stall organised by Sarah Marsh for August 30 we are certainly buzzing with activity.



It is so nice to feel and see the sun starting to appear, it brings the reminder of spring being just around the corner. Our resident blue tongue lizard has already made an appearance in the front garden and some buds are beginning to show on our deciduous trees. With September 1<sup>st</sup> being just two weeks away it reminds us about wearing hats at school. Our SUNSMART policy provides guidelines to ensure all students and staff are well protected from too much UV exposure. As a result, students are expected to wear hats from September to the end of April and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above during all outdoor activities. Students without an appropriate hat (legionnaire or broad brimmed) will be asked to sit in a shaded area for their safety and protection.

### ThinkUKnow Online Safety parent/carer session

This information and the associated links were sent out on Monday via Compass. We urge parents to consider this opportunity as a priority in supporting and understanding students’ navigation of content, communication apps and games online.

**ThinkUKnow** is an education program led by the Australian Federal Police with the aim of preventing online child sexual exploitation. The program is designed to support parents, carers and educators in preventing and managing safety challenges that children may face, as well as guiding children to understand these and feel empowered to take action.

We have been lucky enough to secure a ThinkuKnow presentation for parents and carers on **Wednesday 18th September at 6pm-7pm onsite at school.** The program is run by volunteers from the police force and industry.

Kim Bride  
Principal

# RHPS FAMILY MOVIE

## Night



**FRIDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER**

**Where:** Stadium

**Sessions:** 4:30pm – 6pm **OR**  
6:30pm – 8pm

**Bring:** Movie snacks, a blanket to sit on, and your family! 😊

*All students attending must be accompanied by a parent/carer.*

*Movies will be Rated G – titles TBC.*



# Fishy Stories WRITING CHALLENGE 2024

## FISHY STORIES PRESENTS ITS WRITING CHALLENGE FOR 2024!

The Writing Challenge is open to students from Grade One to Year 8 from across Australia and encourages imagination and creativity.

An exciting change this year is the inclusion of picture stories as part of the writing challenge!

Twenty stories will be selected from entries and performed at the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories in November 2024.



TO ENTER OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR 2024 WRITING CHALLENGE, SCAN HERE!

**Writing Challenge opening date:**  
8 July 2024

**Writing Challenge closing date:**  
14 September 2024



**Fishy Stories**  
FISH CREEK CHILDREN'S  
FESTIVAL OF STORIES



## SAVE THE DATE!

### FISHY STORIES FESTIVAL 17 NOVEMBER 2024

PERFORMANCES  
WORKSHOPS

ENTERTAINMENT  
WRITING CHALLENGE

FIND OUT MORE AT [FISHYSTORIES.ORG](http://FISHYSTORIES.ORG)

## Junior School RHPS Mini Olympics by JCB

JCB loved participating in the RHPS Mini Olympics. Here are our reflections about the day.

### A special moment...

I enjoyed the long jump because we had to put our toes on the line and jump into the sandpit on the oval.

**(Lillian)**

I helped the house captains. **(Jack)**

I liked playing and having fun. I liked trying my best and being helpful to my team. **(Ella)**

I liked the egg and spoon race because my group came third. **(Kashvi)**

I enjoyed the hurdles because it was fun! **(Evangeline)**

### What school value did I show?

I showed *friendship* by cheering for other teams.

**(Ivan)**

I was showing *teamwork* by cheering my team on.

**(Andie)**

I showed *friendship* because even though I lost I cheered for other people. **(Amayah)**

I showed *responsibility* because I was listening.

**(William)**

I showed *friendship* by cheering for others. **(Bella)**

I showed *teamwork* in the three-legged race because I was helping my friend. **(Arlo)**

I showed *friendship* by helping people. I even helped my brother. **(Zander)**

I showed *friendship* by being kind. **(Michael)**

### What was a triumph?

I felt awesome when we played tunnel ball because I tried my best and it made me proud. **(Quinn)**

I enjoyed the whole of the Mini Olympics! **(Caleb)**

I was so proud of myself in discus. **(Maisie)**

### What was challenging?

Throwing the pool noodle (javelin) looked easy but it was hard! **(Tyron)**

High jump was a challenge because it was high!

**(Hudson)**

High jump was a challenge because you had to jump over a rope that is high up. **(Courtney)**

The javelin (pool noodle) was so soft which made it so hard to throw! **(Ace)**

## Learning Team 3

### Hooptime

I was in a team with Harvey, Noah, Lachie, Ella, Samantha and Quinn. We were called the Ringwood Heights Honeybees. I liked how we were passing the ball around and I think that our whole team put in their best effort. It was pretty exciting that we made it to the semi final. Thank you to our coach Matt, and to Georgia and Ashlea for also helping out.

- **Paddy**



Liv, Eliana, Lucy, Azalea, Clover and Bonnie were all part of the amazing Ringwood Heights Hotshots Rookies team that competed at Hoop Time last Wednesday. We all tried our best, worked hard and most importantly had heaps of fun in all four of our fun filled games.

Thank you to Mrs Freeman and Lucy's mum Kirsty for coaching us and getting us to each game on time.

- **Liv**

I was on the Ringwood Heights Hurricanes Future Stars team. Our adult helpers were Sinneah and Anna. We won three games, drew one and lost the grand final. My favourite part of Hoop

Time was making it to the grand final. I think Zac showed really good teamwork by passing the ball around and encouraging everyone.

- **Ned**



I was in the Ringwood Heights Huskies Rookies team.

A big thank you to Mrs Dean for coaching my team and an even bigger thank you to Hannah's mum Laura for scoring. I enjoyed all of my games but my

favourite game was against Rowville because we won. A shout out to Hudson, Cristian and Spencer for being great leaders, and to Mollie for giving it a go, and everyone else for trying their best! - **Freya**



I was on the Ringwood Heights Hawks. My favourite part of the day was when we won our first game - it was so exciting! I would like to give 3 shout outs with the first shout out going to Ruth for coaching us. She helped our team fight through the day. My second shout out goes to Kate for helping us figure out the times of our games. The third shout out goes to Luke Hudson for trying his hardest and getting a lot of



points. He was a big contributor to our team. We won one game and sadly lost three but all of the games were close. At the end of the day we were all puffed out from trying so hard!

- Ashton

My team's name was the Ringwood Heights Hornets. My coach was Jess Kelly and my team mates were Zoe P, Lexie, Veronica, Calvin, Lily, Daniyal, Win and Anaya. I thought that my whole team worked really well together and even though we were Rookies, we tried our best. - Mia B



## Learning Team 4

### Level 4 Literature Circles

During Term 3, our LT4 students have been taking part in Literature Circles. These groups meet regularly throughout the term and provide students with the opportunity to discuss a shared novel with their peers, strengthening their inferential and evaluative understanding of a text.

When the Literature Circle groups meet, the students set their reading target as a team, and assign roles to specific members. They then spend time collecting evidence for their role as they read towards their target.

Here are some students' thoughts about Literature Circles:

"Everyone is supportive if you can't read as quickly as them. It's good to dive deep into a book that you don't usually read, with your peers" - Alyssa

"I like talking about the book and listening to other people's predictions" - Ollie

"I like having roles so I can think properly about connections and words. It's been good to find books out of my comfort zone and usual genre and talk about them with no judgement." - Harper

"I like that we run our own focus group as students. It helps us be agentic learners and I feel like I have a lot of agency." - Makai

"I like having the responsibility over our target and our roles." - Asha

"I like listening to my peers and building on their ideas. I also liked directing the group!" - Lola

## Norwood SC Production Excursion

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, the LT4 students were lucky enough to be invited to a matinee performance of Norwood Secondary College's production of 'Urinetown'. This was a great way to strengthen our secondary school transition program for our students and to see some of the fantastic opportunities waiting for our students in secondary school. The show was fantastic and had us all laughing in the audience!

We would like to thank Norwood Secondary for their generous invitation, and Elizabeth Lithgow for her assistance as a parent helper.

## Parents' Club

### Bunnings BBQ

A huge thank you to our BBQ captain Tanya Kluka, all the volunteers and RHPS families who came down to support us at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 11 August. We raised an amazing \$928 for the school. Without all the wonderful help these events would not be able to go ahead.

### Tony's Pie Drive

With thanks to all the families who purchased delicious pies and pastries last week, we raised \$602. A big thanks to our organiser Rachel Hodgson.

### Father's Day Stall Friday 30 August

The Father's Day stall notices are coming home this week. We would love donations of homemade or new gifts to sell at the stall and these can be left at the office. Students remember to bring money (no more than \$10) in an envelope or wallet and a bag to pop your goodies in. We need a few more volunteers; if you can assist, please contact Sarah Marsh on 0409 009 542 or sarahmarsh11@hotmail.com.

### Upcoming Events:-

- \* Father's Day Stall – Friday 30 August
- \* Special Lunch Day Footy Foods – Thursday 19 September



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