



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

September

Fri 20 • Last Day Term
2.30pm Finish

October

Mon 7 • Term 4 begins
•LT3 Swimming starts

Thur 10 • Division Aths

Wed 16 • ISS Cricket Final

Fri 25 • 2025 Prep Transition
Session

Thur 31 • ISS Netball Final

November

Tues 5 • Melbourne Cup Day
Holiday

Fri 8 • 2025 Prep Transition
Session

Mon 11 • LT4 Camp
• Junior Swimming
Commences

Wed 13 • LT4 Camp returns

Fri 22 • 2025 Prep Transition
Session

Tues 26 • 2025 Prep Info Night
6pm to 7pm



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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

We have come to the end of a very busy term and head into the break with one eye on Term 4, but also ready for a rest! This newsletter is full of student learning and reflections from recent events and activities highlighting the efforts and thinking of all of our learners and staff!

On our Pupil Free day on Tuesday teachers were able to work in teams. Across the day they unpacked and planned for peer observations to improve their practice, collaborated to design Integrated units of inquiry for Term 4 and mapped curriculum learning areas for the second half of the semester. It was a productive day and I am continually amazed by the thinking and designing that goes into planning for learning at our school.

Last night we ran a ThinkUKnow online safety presentation at school with Kate from the Australian Federal Police informing parents/carers on a wide range of online safety tips and challenges. We strongly encourage you to look at the website and resources whether you attended the presentation or not; <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/find-advice>.

As well as the eSafety Commissioner site; <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

School Review

Early next term we move into the stage of our review where the panel meets to undertake the formal review process. In three days, over three weeks we will be guided through a broad and detailed process by an external reviewer collaborating with the review panel. Bec Evans, our school council president will join challenge partners from two local schools, some of our staff and our Senior Education Improvement Leader to form the panel. Our work over the last few months has been to examine the achievements, outcomes, highlights and challenges over the past four years of the School Strategic Plan and to consider our progress in relation to targets set at the start of the plan. Our School Council and subcommittee members are familiar with the now completed Pre-Review Self Evaluation and have been informed about the process heading into Term 4. Staff, in learning teams and in committees have had multiple opportunities contribute to the evaluation, as well as the next steps the school will take in forming a new Strategic Plan. Expect to hear more about our review as it unfolds in Term 4.

Compass Update

You will have noticed that we are beginning to use Compass for events and excursions such as swimming and athletics. This has streamlined the administrative processes for excursions for teachers and the office and we hope it has for you as well! Please get in contact if you are having difficulty accessing Compass or any of the Event/Attendance features.

I hope you all have a terrific term break and we look forward to seeing all students on Monday October 7 for the beginning of Term 4.

Dismissal tomorrow is at 2.30pm.

James Lumsden
Acting Principal

Library News

What a fabulous week of Book Week celebrations - following on from a term of sharing short-listed books from the Children's Book Council of Australia. We learned about new authors and illustrators and enjoyed new titles from some of our well known and favourite authors. And in addition to our weekly library program for all students...

Book Fair Thank you for attending our Book Fair last week. It was an exciting week with so many fabulous titles and authors, including some of the short-listed books mentioned above, to explore. It was wonderful to catch up with students and adults alike, and to share in all of your enthusiasm for reading for pleasure. We are so pleased that our learners are obviously very well supported by their adults in their reading growth.

A special thank you to Sarah Palumbo and her fabulous band of parent helpers for helping to ensure our Book Fair was so successful. We simply could not run the fair without your help.

Books to Life On Wednesday last week Books to Life visited our school for their annual performance, led by the wonderful 'Tony Bones.' As always we were immersed in rich language and celebration of story through the performing arts, in this case: That Bird Has Arms by Kate and Jol Temple. As noted by Tony himself in feedback after the show, our students asked deep and insightful questions when comparing the performance and the original picture book text. He was so impressed that he made a point of telling the students and staff that this was his favourite school to perform at. We were thrilled!

District Athletics Update

On Tuesday 10th September, selected students in Learning Team 3 and 4 went to District Athletics where we competed against all the other schools in the Warrandyte South District. There were 10 schools competing in total. The field events we competed in were... shot put, discus, high jump, triple jump, and long jump. The track events were 1500, 800, 200, 100, the 100 relay, hurdles, and a shuttle relay for fun. Everyone tried their best and should be proud of their efforts.

We would like to thank Mrs Dean for all her organisation. Thanks also to Ali Trehwella for volunteering at the high jump event.

We all had a fun day competing in the sun and showed great sportsmanship and positive attitudes. We loved cheering on our peers as they competed.

We came equal first with St Annes in the field events. We came 2nd in the track events, and overall we finished 2nd in our district. An amazing effort by all.

Competitors who placed 1st or 2nd will compete at Division Athletics next term, on October 10th.

Good luck to everyone competing next term.

Clover and Pip

Junior School

Over the last couple of weeks all the Prep children were very fortunate to have an incursion with the firefighters from Ringwood Fire Station. Over two separate visits the Fire Fighters conducted their educational FireSafety program. These incursions have prompted students to think about how they can keep themselves safe by finding a safe meeting spot and checking for smoke detectors at home. JH wrote down some of their fire safety messages that they learnt after the firefighters visit.

Harriet - The fire people came to our school. We could talk to them, and we got to have a go at the fire hose! I felt happy!

Aria - If there is a fire, I wake up my sister and we go to mum. We then get everyone and leave.

Ellie - Get a safe meeting place for your family if there is a fire.

Clara - STOP! DROP! And GO, GO, GO!

Mika - Check your smoke alarms are working.

Ruhaan - If there is a fire call 000.

Naira - Go to your safety spot if there is a fire. Mine is my playground.

Charlotte - Meet at your letter box if there is a fire.

Evan - If you have fire on your clothes COVER, DROP and ROLL, ROLL, ROLL.

Joshua - If there is a fire in your house STOP, DROP and GO, GO, GO!

Sam - Get out of the house if there is a fire.

Isla - Find a safe meeting place. Mine is the front garden.

Cooper - STOP, DROP and GO, GO, GO if you see smoke.

Keller - We learnt there are good fires when a grown up is around.

Jack - If there is a fire call 000 and ask for the firefighters.

Leo - I liked squirting the fire hose.

Kip - If there is some smoke crawl down low and GO, GO, GO!



Learning Team 3

Library Reading Challenge

Over a period of 2 weeks, Learning Team 3 students participated in a Library Reading Challenge. The challenge was to choose a book from the library to borrow, and finish the whole thing within a 2 week period.

Mrs. Trease helped us in our library sessions to find a “just right book”, that was the right level of challenge and length for us. We all picked a novel.

We were able to read these books during class time, during our spare time, and at home. We went through some of the strategies with Mrs. Trease that we used to complete our books within the challenge time. Some of the strategies were:

- Reading to a pet, parent or sibling
- Setting a challenge of how many pages to read a day
- Reading a chapter per day

Ava (3CE): My book was *The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me* by Roald Dahl. I gave it a 9/10 because it was really entertaining and funny.

Sofia (3CE): My book was *How to Make a Movie in 12 Days* by Fiona Hardy. I gave it a 7/10 because some of it was a little bit hard for me to understand some of the tricky words, but it was also a funny and entertaining book.

Charlie (3CE): My book was *The Golden Tower* by Belinda Murrell. I gave it an 8/10 because it had a realistic storyline, but it also had lots of fantasy elements in it as well. The chapters also often ended up on a cliffhanger.

We are looking forward to feeling the success of reading a book from start to finish again in the future. Thanks to the wonderful Mrs. Trease and our awesome teachers for making this challenge happen.

Learning Team 4

Let's Reflect

Tony Bones

On the 11th of September Tony Bones visited our school to present to us a whole school performance based on the book “That Bird Has Arms!” which was shortlisted for the CBCA Picture Book of the year.

Tony Bones performed a play that taught us that everybody is different, and that we should accept people for who they are which was demonstrated by Roy the main character of the play having arms instead of wings.

As a school we all enjoyed Tony’s captivating adaptation on “That Bird Has Arms!” Tony’s play as usual had lots of humour and did not fail to keep the audience always engaged.

Term 3 : What a big one!

LT4’s term three has been packed full of lively engaging activities.

The term started off with inter-relate where the students completed the program ‘Moving into The Teen Years’ where we learned about decision-making, consent, puberty, body development, and the expectations for secondary school.

We then moved into our 8 week debating program with the lovely Mrs Sandra de Geest. During this program students learned how to professionally debate, they were taught how to make and present arguments and the art of persuasion. We worked extremely hard throughout the program and loved our weekly sessions.

Some other exciting events were:

- Whole school Mini Olympics,
- Excursion to Norwood Secondary College musical -Urine Town,
- House athletics day with Acacia taking the trophy,
- Bonnie coming in to teach us about the voting process,
- Whole school Footy Day.



Throughout all the fun, we continued to be self-managers, collaborators, researchers, communicators and thinkers with our learning. We look forward to a break before we move into a very, very busy term 4 for all LT4 students.

Will, Jean and Mrs Shackelford 4B

Parents' Club

Special Lunch Day

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped serve delicious pies and cookies today. We could not run these events without your help. A huge thanks to Sam Beveridge for organising the event.



SAVE THE DATE



RHPS CLOTHING SWAP + SIP

FRIDAY 25 OCT @ 6 - 8.30PM IN THE ART STUDIO

Invite your friends and family and join us for a night of thrifting, fundraising and good vibes.

Details to follow.

If you can assist or can lend any clothing racks and/ or hangers please reach out to Jade Dunne 0432 631 344 or Sarah Palumbo 0405 207 558

