



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

October

Fri 25 • 2025 Prep Transition Session

November

Tues 5 • Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

Thur 7 • LT4 Boy Netball Gala Day

Fri 8 • 2025 Prep Transition Session

Mon 11 • LT4 Camp
• Junior Swimming Commences

Wed 13 • LT4 Camp returns

Fri 22 • 2025 Prep Transition Session

Mon 25 • **STUDENT FREE DAY**

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

December

Tues 3 • Whole School Transition Day

Wed 4 • Carols Night 5.30pm to 7.30pm



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

Last night I was privileged to attend Pinemont Kindergarten to help support their AGM. I couldn't help but feel a wonderful sense of pride in our community and admire how we all come together to support one another and our students. The volunteer workforce is so crucial in making sure our children/students receive the best possible educational opportunities and care. All positions on the Committee of Management were filled with enthusiasm. Rochelle spoke of our school grounds here at Ringwood Heights and how 'bush kinder' has become such an integral and important aspect in enriching the children's learning growth as they develop creative and critical thinking skills, learn to socialise and negotiate with one another as they build with logs, draw with the sticks, wonder at the pine leaves and pine cones and take in the sounds of the kookaburras or observe the owls still nesting in the trees. We have this opportunity to enjoy nature at its best every day and I can tell you firsthand that when people visit our school for the first time their opening remark is always, 'what a beautiful setting and grounds you have here.....'. We know this to be true and are truly grateful.....

Yesterday we had the second day of our school review with our Reviewer, an Education Improvement Leader from the North Eastern Regional office and two local School Principals undertaking fieldwork. They spoke with team leaders about their curriculum planning and assessment, talked to some year 5/6 and 3/4 students about their learning and observed Literacy Workshops across the school. The panel looked at our achievement data (Naplan results as well as staff, student and parent surveys) which is very strong and in a majority of areas much stronger than 'Like/Network' schools, whilst our students were able to share their thinking by talking about their learning and reflecting upon their next steps.

Next week the review panel will help us to plan the strategic direction for the next 4 years by giving us specific feedback about their observations. This process is celebratory in many ways, but its core purpose is to ensure that we continue to strive for excellence by finding the 'next level of work' to support our teachers and young learners.

Please find attached the team newsletters for Term 4. These newsletters outline the focus areas for teaching and learning as well as diary dates and planned events. It is always a busy term so please add these dates to your diary quickly.

The first of our Prep Transition activities is scheduled for tomorrow for our new 2025 students and families. The adults will join us in the multipurpose room to chat with a coffee or cup of tea whilst the students engage in classroom and art activities. The second of these sessions is on Friday Nov 8.

Tomorrow, we celebrate World Teachers' Day and thank all our teachers for everything they do – every day!

We are so fortunate to have such energetic, professional and enthusiastic teachers who know your children well and support them to be their best possible selves by making the teaching and learning programs at Ringwood Heights so very rich, meaningful and engaging!

Wishing all of our teachers an especially great day on Friday.....



Please note for your diaries;

- There will be **NO ASSEMBLY** on Monday **Nov 4** due to the Cup Day holiday on Tuesday and the short week.
- A reminder about the Swap and Sip event tomorrow night starting at 6pm. Please RSVP as this will help our organisers.
- School Council has approved our final Pupil Free Day for Monday 25 November

**Kim Bride
Principal**

Swap 'n Sip update

Thank you to everyone who has donated quality, pre-loved goods for Swap 'n Sip. Looks like it's going to be a fabulous event!

If you still have items you'd like to donate, you can leave them at the office **before 9am tomorrow**.

Please **do not bring items with you** to the event. For those of you who are coming, see you at 6pm tomorrow!



Scholastic Orders

Issue 7:

Orders are due in tonight (24th October) by 8pm.

Book Club Orders are due via **Online LOOP System Only**.

Please note that **NO late orders will be accepted**. **A friendly reminder that our school does not accept cash for Book Club.**

You must submit your order online.

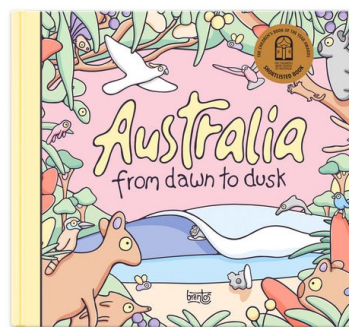
With an online LOOP account, you will be able to order books from scholastic using your personal online account. (scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

You can create your own LOOP account anytime via the scholastic website.

If you have any questions, then please call Rachel Hodgson on 0418 222 341.

Junior School Reading

In the Junior School, we read the shortlisted CBCA text: "Australia from Dawn till Dusk" by Brentos. The text takes the reader on a journey from one Australian location to the next through the course of a single day. Showing their comprehension of the text, students carefully recorded some of their noticings about the land on which they learn and play to then create their own page for the book, including a location and a time stamp.



Here are some students from JS and their noticings:

“2:30pm, RHPS VIC, Wurundjeri Country – by **Reuben**

As I sit on my deck, the wind sweeps my hair. I see a baby miner in a nest and flowers blowing everywhere. I see a crow and two noisy miners.”

“2:30pm, RHPS VIC, Wurundjeri Country – by **Lenny**

I sat on the deck by my classroom and I felt the sun cover my skin. It was very warm as it heated me up with joy.”

**RINGWOOD HEIGHTS
SWAP + SIP**
FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER
6 - 8.30PM IN THE ART STUDIO

\$10 ENTRY

includes a glass of champagne on arrival, nibbles, any items of clothing you like + an opportunity to catch up with other parents and friends of the RHPS community

- Please donate any pre-loved women's + childrens items of clothing or accessories in excellent condition + quality, anything that you would happily give to your best friend.
- Please ensure the items are pre washed before donating.
- Donations can be dropped to the office anytime before the event
- Any remaining clothes will be donated to local charities.
- All funds raised on the night will go to establishing an indigenous garden space at RHPS
- Please contact Jade Dunne 0432631344 or Sarah Palumbo 0405207558 with any further queries or if anyone can kindly lend any clothing racks or hangers for the evening.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO INVITE FAMILY + FRIENDS
PLEASE SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP



“2:30pm, RHPS VIC, Wurundjeri Country –
by **Tyrone**
I feel the wind brushing my hair. It feels really soft”

“2:30pm, RHPS VIC, Wurundjeri Country –
by **Riley**
The sun is breezing while I am looking at a bird
building a peaceful home.”

“2:30pm at RHPS – by **Emaan**
We went outside. I saw people surround a tree. When
I went to the tree, I saw a miner bird building a nest.”

Learning Team 3 Swimming

During the first two weeks of term, LT3 turned into water babies as we attended our Swimming Safety and Survival Program at Aqualink in Nunawading.

We learnt some vital swimming skills that have furthered our development and confidence in the pool such as:

- Treading water,
- Experiencing swimming with clothes on,
- Breathing techniques,
- Correct and efficient strokes for freestyle, backstroke and torpedo,
- Safe entry and exit from the water,

One of the days our main focus was swimming survival and safety skills. Some of the vital things we learnt were:

- Always swim with a trusted adult,
- Always swim between the red and yellow flags on patrolled beaches,
- Never dive in before knowing the depth of water,
- If you're in trouble, raise your hand high out of the water and yell “HELP!” as loud as you can,
- We also learnt skills about how to save someone from the edge of the water - never jump in to help someone. Use something to reach them like a long stick, or throw them something inflatable.

Last but not least, on the last day it was Fun Friday!
Some of the activities were:

- Relay races wearing firefighter hats with a rubber ducky on a boogie board,
- Pool Noodle Volleyball,
- Jumping off the diving blocks either from the block or on a rope.

We really enjoyed this experience and would like to thank our awesome teachers and Aqualink Nunawading for making it happen.

Remember - ALWAYS swim with a trusted adult,
NEVER swim alone. Play it safe by the water!

Learning Team 4

Battle of the Bands

Last term and this term, the LT4 students have been working towards our Performing Arts inquiry, *The Battle of the Bands*. Students were given the opportunity to start a band with their peers and compose or cover a song using different instruments and techniques.

Over Term 3, students developed their band logo and began learning an instrument. They collected sheet music, chords and lyrics and rehearsed with their bands. Here are some reflections from the band members:

- **Archie** - “It was a fun process, we worked really hard for a great performance.”
- **Annabelle** - “I loved watching the other bands' creativity shine in the spotlight. We have made a School of Rock!”
- **Jean** - “I loved collaborating with friends to come up with things and work on performing. I really liked *Sigmatic*.”
- **Miles** - “For me, singing was a new opportunity, and I found it a lot of fun. I found remembering all my words challenging especially during the final show. “



On the 21st of October, *The Battle of the Bands* took place. With their instruments set up, speakers activated, and mic batteries replaced, the students took turns performing in front of the rest of their cohort. We got to hear some great renditions of songs such as “*War Machine*” by Kiss, “*It Is What It Is*” by Jenna Reine and much more. Some students even brought their own compositions, wowing the audience with their drive and confidence.

The musical and theatrical talent of LT4 was truly on display. Thank you to all the students involved in making *The Battle of the Bands* possible and the LT4 teachers for supporting this process.

Division Athletics

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Division Athletics. 9 students have moved on through to Regionals and will be representing RHPS on the 24th of October. What an amazing achievement! Good luck for those going!



Parents' Club

How To Contact Parents' Club

Join our Facebook group for regular reminders of upcoming events and fundraising activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/RingwoodHeightsPrimarySchool/>

Call Sarah Marsh, President on 0409 009 542 or email: sarahmarsh11@hotmail.com
Or leave a message at the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Doncaster Calisthenics

Come and Try Classes!

Tuesday 29th October
 Tiniest (3- 7 years) : 4:30-5:30pm
 Masters (Over 26): 7-8pm

Wednesday 30th October
 Subbies/Juniors (8-13 years) 5-6pm
 Inters (14 to 17years) 6-7pm

All classes held at Templestowe Baptist Church- send us an email for more information!!

Templestowe Baptist Church
www.doncastercalisthenics.org.au
doncastercalisthenicsclub@gmail.com
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 Doncaster Calisthenics Club

9am to 2pm

COMMUNITY Market

Wander the many stalls and purchase a gift for friends, family or maybe yourself. Sit and chat over a hot cuppa or sausage. Mingle with locals and experience your friendly, talented community.

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

Support Local Creatives
Community Atmosphere & Food
Book a spot: TryBooking.com/CSBAZ

13 Bedford Rd, Ringwood
 (Parking in Pitt St carpark)

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WARRANDYTE CALISTHENICS COLLEGE

Come & Try CALISTHENICS

Tiniest (age 3 - 7 years)
 17th, 24th & 31st October - 4pm to 5.15pm

Sub-Juniors (age 8 - 10 years)
 23rd & 30th October - 4.15pm to 6.15pm

Juniors (age 11 - 13 years)
 24th & 31st October - 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Inters (age 14 - 17 years)
 21st & 28th October - 5.30pm to 8pm

Seniors (age 17+ years)
 23rd October - 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Masters (age 26 + years)
 24th & 31st October - 7.45pm to 10pm

Performing Arts Centre, Andersons Creek Primary School
 Ph. 0408 123 756 or Email: warrandytecali@gmail.com

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