



# Heights Happenings

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## 2018 Diary

### October

- Thur 18 • Regional Athletics
- Fri 19 • 3M Pinemont Visit
- Tues 23 • LT4 Melb Uni Visit
- Wed 24 • LT1 Rookeepers Inc
- Thur 25 • LT3 Family Life

### November

- Thur 1 • LT3 Family Life
- Fri 2 • Prep 2019  
Transition session  
9.30 - 10.30am
- Wed 7 • LT4 Camp  
• LT3 Excursion  
Federation Square
- Thur 8 • LT3 Family Life  
• LT2 Hands on  
Science Incursion
- Fri 9 • Prep 2019  
Transition session  
9.30 - 10.30am  
• LT4 Camp returns
- Mon 12 • LT3 Swimming  
(2 week program)
- Fri 16 • Prep 2019  
Transition session  
9.30 - 10.30am

## Uniform Shop Roster

### October

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| Mon 22 | Kellie &<br>Bec L     |
| Wed 24 | Louise &<br>Anneliese |
| Mon 29 | Pedda &<br>Kellie     |
| Wed 31 | Sophie &<br>Mary      |

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for Term 4! We hope all families were able to enjoy a great term break.

We arrived back to school to see our LT2 and LT3 decks beautifully spruced up including the addition of the lime green paint to match our new building, which ties in really well. Other improvements around the school included the replacement of the coloured pommels in the marbles playground and the new handgrips on the senior playground.

Principals are often asked about how we allocate and spend money on school improvements. This includes any money received by the government and your fundraising dollars.

At this time of the year, we send out the Parent Payment Policy and requests for compulsory and voluntary contributions. These contributions prop up any monies we receive annually from the government and allow us to make improvements – sometimes unexpected ones. Without your contribution, the school could not complete as many tasks as we have this year.

For your interest, this year the Facilities and Grounds contribution was budgeted to receive \$8672 from voluntary contributions and to date we have received \$5620 – a shortfall of \$3000. The Fundraising budget is on target to raise the set budget (approx. \$10000).

Whilst the new building is largely funded by the government, additional costs to ensure the space is able to accommodate 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching, strategies and resources has required the school to spend extra local cash, all of which benefits the students directly and I thank you for your ongoing support.

You will be pleased to know that the Library Fund money is being spent on updating the new library space and renewing resources as we do every year with this contribution.

Here is a 2018 list (so far) and the total costs spent from operating reserves and fundraising for your interest:

- The prep playground area was redesigned. The wall was removed and landscaped to include rockery, soil and mulch,
- Bitumen repairs were made to the walk through area that connects the main school to the stadium,
- Reallocation of 5 air conditioners removed from the old building to other spaces in the existing school,
- Working Bee improvements to gardens and grounds were extensive,
- Ongoing, weekly maintenance personnel employed to keep our school safe, clean and attractive,

- Repairs, replacement parts and audits of student playgrounds,
- Painting of LT2 and LT3 decks,
- Removal, storage and reconnection of the Art Room kiln,
- New leasing of IT equipment (Classroom TV's and data screens) for new building and replacement TV in Performing Arts room,
- Extensive data cabling and points in the new building.

Total spend of \$132,000

### Transition

All students will be involved in transition activities in November and will have the opportunities to work in their learning levels for next year. Teams are currently producing their term newsletters, which will include dates and times for these sessions.

2019 Prep students will receive their information pack shortly.


*Parent Payment Information for 2019, including Book Pack information will be sent home with the eldest child tomorrow.*

### Congratulations

Huge congratulations are extended to Archie Flynn who has been selected as a member of the School Sport Victoria 12 Years and Under Cricket State Team. The team will compete in Bunbury WA from Dec 12 –Dec 19 and we wish Archie every success!

**Kim Bride  
Principal**

### What is Polished Man?

 Polished Man is a fundraising event which lasts for the month of October. One child dies every 5 minutes as a result of violence. That's why this October we challenge all men and women to paint their fingernails. Fingernails that spark conversations. Mr. Deeble, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Sneddon, Mr. Darby, and Mr. Lumsden will all have painted nails for the month of October. If you would like to read more information about the fundraising campaign, you can head to our donation page at <https://my.polishedman.com/teachersbestfeatures>.

## Walk to School 2018



Every October, Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day.

Along with the health benefits, walking to school has benefits for the whole community. It reduces traffic congestion, saves on parking, helps us connect with family and friends and even saves the environment. Participation is voluntary and if you can't walk all the way, your child can still get involved by driving part way and then either walk, ride or scoot the rest.

Walk to School creates positive health outcomes. It's based on extensive research and evidence indicating that increased physical activity in Victorian children can provide real health benefits.

Ringwood Heights has registered for 'Walk to School 2018' and your child's teacher will record how many times students walk, ride or scoot to and from school during October, using a classroom calendar. This information will be shared with the community at the end of the month.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Woolworths Junior blasters has replaced the previous milo IN2CRICKET programme. With only three weeks to go until our first session you can now register your child for the new programme at [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) and searching for North Ringwood.

More information about the programme can be found at [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) or at our clubs website within the link below.

<http://northingwoodcc.vic.cricket.com.au/content.aspx?file=901|24397m>

Please also feel free you pass this message onto our friends or family that are wanting to join play Woolworths Junior Blasters this season. If you have any questions please contact,  
Mark Wilkie  
North Ringwood Cricket Club  
0438 563 017  
[mark@melbtest.com.au](mailto:mark@melbtest.com.au)



### Blackburn Cycling Club invites you to **Come & Try Track Cycling**

SATURDAY 13th October @ 10.30am

#### **Burwood East velodrome**

**This is an introductory session for junior/new riders**

- Bring your own bike
- Free to attend
- Qualified coaches
- Safe environment to learn cycling skills, away from traffic
- Boys and girls welcome

BBN CC is one of Melbourne's leading cycling clubs  
We run regular track racing and training sessions from October-April  
Beginners, juniors, elite and masters  
Track bikes available to borrow

**Register your interest via email: [info@bbn.org.au](mailto:info@bbn.org.au)**

**[www.bbn.org.au](http://www.bbn.org.au)**

**Facebook: Blackburn Cycling Club**



### **Ringwood Uniting Church Preschool - Limited places still available for 2019**

*3 Year Old – New Session Times  
Tuesday 9:30am to 1:30pm  
Friday 9:30am to 1:30pm  
Attend 1 session \$440 per term  
Attend 2 sessions \$560 per term*

At Ringwood Uniting Church Preschool, we are nurturing confident and creative learners. By providing the highest quality Kindergarten programs delivered by our team of qualified teachers and educators, we are building the right foundation to help your child on their way to becoming a well-rounded person.

Conveniently located opposite Ringwood Railway Station, we would love to meet you and discuss what we can offer your child and family when you join our Kindergarten.

For more information call our team on 03 9870 1707 or email us at [ringwood.uniting.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:ringwood.uniting.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

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