



# 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.*



## 2022 Diary

### December

- Fri 9 • LT4 Scienceworks  
• LT3 Swimming  
Program ends
- Tues 13 • Year 6-7 Government  
School Transition
- Wed 14 • LT1 Zoo Excursion
- Thur 15 • Year 6 Graduation
- Fri 15 • Final Assembly  
2.30 - 3.30pm
- Tue 20 • Last Day of Term  
1.30pm dismissal

## 2023 Diary

### January

- Fri 27 • Student Free Day
- Mon 30 • School commences  
• Prep Group 1  
9am - 1pm  
• LT 2,3 and 4  
9am - 3.30pm
- Tues 31 • Prep Group 2  
9am - 1pm

### Uniform Shop

### Opening Hours

Monday: 8.30-9am

Wednesday: 3.15-3.45pm

## Carols

What a great evening! Thank you for your attendance and participation last night. The students certainly seemed to enjoy the opportunity to sing, dance and perform together. I hope you also enjoyed the evening, and it has brought some Christmas joy to your family. There are many people to thank, Vicki Cunningham for her program planning and practice with the students over several weeks and the team of teachers around her who were great supporters throughout to ensure the night was a great success. Graeme and Gaye Murphy managed the music for us once again which was much appreciated and the Parent's Club raffle was a great hit! Fortunately, we beat the worst of the rain – just!!

## Transition and Orientation

On Tuesday this week, all students completed orientation and transition activities in their new learning teams. This included our 2023 preps who also joined us for an hour. Everyone seemed to enjoy this experience and are excited to become acquainted with new friends and explore new opportunities.

Next Tuesday, December 13 all students will spend an hour in their new classes, meet their classmates and teachers for 2023. Year 6 students attending a government secondary school will also be involved in their transition on this day.

## Staffing

Usually, at this time of the year we say some farewells as well as introduce some new staff to Ringwood Heights. In what is a first for me, we are not saying farewell to anyone, but excitedly welcoming back two teachers who are returning from leave. Both Mrs Goodman and Mrs Caccioppoli will re-join the teaching team next year.

Below are the specialist and class teachers for 2023

### Specialists

(Performing Arts P-6)	Vicki Cunningham
(Physical Education P-6)	Mrs Amanda Dean
(Auslan P-6)	Mrs Karina Cove
(Library P-6)	Mrs Karen Trease
(Visual Art P-2)	Mrs Zena Goodman
(Visual Art 3-6)	Ms Katherine Butcher
(Tutor)	Mrs Alison Harvey

### Learning Team 1 (Prep X 2)

Ms Georgia Schumann  
Mrs Donna Hey

### Learning Team 2 (X 3)

Mrs Steph Caccioppoli & Ms Katherine Butcher  
Mr Robert Bennett  
Mrs Donna Ramage & Mrs Zena Goodman

**Learning Team 3 (X 3)**

Ms Eliza Wood  
Mrs Michelle Freeman  
Mrs Jude Ridley &  
Mr James Lumsden

**Learning Team 4 (X 3)**

Ms Jessica Morgan  
Mr Harry Gore  
Mrs Hayley Davison &  
Mrs Alex Clark

This structure gives us a whole school average of 22 students per class. We continue to accept new enrolments so these figures may alter slightly to begin the New Year.

**School Captains 2023**

I would like to introduce our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2023. It was a pleasure to present our 2023 leaders to the community at assembly on December 5. Our Vice Captains are Heath Worthington and Jasper Slater and the School Captains are Anna McArdle and Henry Message.

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.



**Volunteers Morning Tea**

To all of our wonderful volunteers, The teachers, staff and students are so grateful and appreciative of all your help, and we hope to see you at ‘your special’ morning tea on Monday morning from 10.40am in the multipurpose room. There are so many ways in which our volunteers help and without whom, so many activities would not be able to go ahead or be anywhere near as successful. It will be with great pleasure that we have an opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU!



**Final Assembly**

We will say farewell to our Year 6 students in the usual fashion and to our departing year 6 families who end their association with Ringwood Heights on Friday 16 from 2.30pm. We do plan to use the stadium, so I would like you to consider the number of people who will be in close proximity and suggest wearing a mask, thinking one week ahead and the Christmas celebrations to be had!

**Kim Bride  
Principal**

**Learning Team 1**

**Being Grateful**



This week the preps have been thinking about what they are grateful for at this very special time of the year. We read a story about being grateful for all the people and things in our world. It was a chance

for the preps to think about others and the world around them. Here is what some of our preps are grateful for:

I am grateful for my family. They are nice to me and help me. They play basketball with me. I love them.  
**Hudson**

I am grateful for my puppy. He is very cute and he jumps on me. He makes me feel happy.  
**Lara**

I am grateful for the rain. The water makes the plants grow. The plants make blue tongue lizards happy.  
**Zander**

I am grateful for being smart. It helps me to be a self manager.  
**Macy**

**Learning Team 3**

LT3 students have thoroughly enjoyed being film directors of their very own claymation short films. We applied our visual literacy learning to storyboard our ideas, making sure we considered shot size, colour, salience, gaze and body language. Students are looking forward to sharing their creations in their portfolios soon.

**Creating Claymations**

What we enjoyed the most about claymation was making our characters and background. This was because it was fun to use our imagination and include a start, middle then end to the story.

We liked doing the funny sound effects and the recording because you have to move it a tiny bit every time and think carefully about the story.

**Harrison W & Archer G**





LT3 students have also been engaged in literacy workshops, with a focus on developing their skills when writing poetry. They have enjoyed being able to express themselves through this type of creative writing.

Dear ballet shoes,

I love you a lot.

This is the start of my dream come true. I wear you on my feet as I spin and turn.

I dream about you during the day and at night when I am snuggled in bed.

As I do a leap touching the sky, all I can think about is you, my ballet shoes.

**By Isabelle H**

Dear Dance,

From the moment I turned three, I was already twirling around the house. My mum got so sick of it, she let me go dance at a real dance school.

There I found my real passion. I then knew that dance is not just puffy tutus, or twirling around on your toes, it was more. Dance is a language that you don't speak, you show on a stage where millions of people come to watch, then go out for dinner. Or just in your room showing your parents.

Dance is a moment you feel forever.

Forever grateful

**Asha**

## LT4 School Transition Day

On Tuesday the 6th of December transition was held for the whole school, except the Year 6's who were preparing for their Graduation.

In LT4 the students had a sport taster where they tried out some of the sports they would be playing in Term 1 next year. Everyone enjoyed the sports and all the students had a great and successful time.

Then we worked through three rotations in LT4.

In Room one we were given 10 slips of paper with the qualities of a leader, some being; Respect, Integrity and Empathy. Then we ranked these in order of importance. This led us to a discussion about our leadership roles in 2023.

Room two looked at the purpose of iTime, and how learning will be like next year. Students brainstormed their ideas and completed a sheet that will be used for 2023, detailing where they would like their learning to take them next year.

Room three was all about engineering. Our task was to try and make a bridge out of paper, tape and straws which could hold 7 blocks and a water bottle. It was \$2 per straw, \$5 per piece of paper and the tape was free. Our goal was to make a bridge that could hold the blocks and water bottle with the least amount of money possible.

After the activities the students were given a reflection sheet that looked back on the day and what they were looking forward to for 2023.

All of the students enjoyed getting to know each other and the teachers better. It really helped us to get a feel of what it will be like in 2023!

By Jasper, Henry,  
Anna and Heath  
(2023 School Captains)

## Parents' Club

How lovely was it to sit back and watch our amazing students at Christmas Carols last night! Thank you to all the families who bought tickets in the raffle and donated gifts. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. Thank you to Santa for greeting every child and delivering the special treats, and to Bec Evans and Tanya Kluka for co-ordinating the event. We raised \$ 695.25 for the school. What an amazing way to finish 2022!

## Thank You

The election day BBQ and cake stall held at RHPS was a huge success - and we could not have made any of it happen without the amazing volunteers!



Nor without all the yummy baked goods - so thanks everyone who cooked.

A big shout out to Sarah Marsh who always goes above and beyond and her hubby Garry Griffin who was cooking snags on the BBQ for hours and helped set up and pack up! (Both their boys were a huge help as well).

Tanya Kluka was helping super early to set up and came back again to pack up, and even to bag left over sausages the next day so big thanks!

To all the volunteers (who've helped lots before or this was their first time), thanks:

Ben Beveridge	Andrea Crompton
Linden Horn	Bianca Quon
Kate Rennison	Megan Robinson
Nikki Davidson	Penny Thompson and
Kristy Veliades.	

You are all amazing!

The school fundraising efforts help ALL our kids so please consider helping out for future events. It's a really fun opportunity to meet and build friendships with other school parents too.

Thanks again to all you super helpers!

Catherine Rosalion.



We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the many parents, grandparents, carers, teachers and all RHPS staff, who have volunteered time, donated goods and helped in any other way they can. Without the support, many of these events would not happen, so on behalf of Parents Club 2022, we thank you.

Parents' Club would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Years and we look forward to seeing you back at school in 2023.

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

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

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