



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 February

- Fri 16 • Junior School Open Afternoon 3pm to 4pm
- Mon 19 • Dental Van Visit (day to be confirmed)
- Tues 20 • Getting To Know You Chats commence (20th, 21st and 22nd)
- Mon 26 • District Swimming
- Tues 27 • Information Night LT3 @ 5.45pm LT4 @ 6.30pm
- Thur 29 • Information Night Junior School @ 5.45pm

March

- Fri 1 • Parents Club AGM 11am
- Mon 11 • Labour Day Holiday
- Fri 15 • LT4 ISS Gala Day
- Tues 26 • Cross Country Whole School
- Thur 28 • Last day of 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

Welcome Back

Welcome back for the 2024 school year. We have had a terrific start to the new year welcoming 230 children.

I would like to extend a very special welcome to the many new students and families who have begun their Primary School journey with us here at Ringwood Heights Primary School. Our new Prep students have commenced school with much joy and excitement.

Along with our new students and families we also welcomed back Ms Eddington who joins us two days a week in 3CE.

“Getting to know you Chats” will be offered during the week of February 19. The online booking information and process will be distributed via Xuno shortly and will be open until Monday 19th at 9am allowing you to make appointments with your child’s teacher. These scheduled 10-minute chats on site are offered for parents of children who are new to a particular teacher, or who would like to touch base with their child’s teacher to update or provide information that will support their learning. The information may include their interests, special qualities, learning style, medical concerns or other general information that will support the teacher in getting to know your child.

These chats are not to answer questions regarding the class program – this is covered at the Information Sessions onsite in Week 5 – see details below (Feb 27th or 29th)

Our **Parent Information sessions** this year will focus on communicating with parents the expectations we have of students at each Learning Level, ways you can help your child at home and outline the curriculum for 2024.

The dates for these evenings are:

Tuesday 27th February

LT3 @ (5.45pm)

LT4 @ (6.30pm)

Thursday 29th February

Junior School

(P-2) @ (5.45pm)

The teachers will communicate these dates, times and provide further reminders closer to the dates.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Eliza Wood and Luke on the safe arrival of ‘Vera Mei-Lan Read’ a beautiful daughter to cherish who arrived into the world on February 7. All are doing very well.



Staffing

2024 Team Leaders

Specialists	Katherine Butcher
Prep	Georgia Schumann
Junior School	Stephanie Caccioppoli
Year 3 & 4	Alex Clark
Year 5 & 6	Dalal Nehme

2024 Staff

Specialists

Performing Arts	Harry Gore
Library	Karen Trease
Visual Arts	Zena Goodman-Junior School Katherine Butcher-Senior School
PE/Sport	Amanda Dean
Auslan	Class Teachers (supported by Auslan Education Services)

Classroom Teachers

Learning Team (Junior School)

JH	Mrs Donna Hey
JS	Ms Georgia Schumann
JCB	Mrs Stephanie Caccioppoli
JCB	Ms Katherine Butcher
JRG	Mrs Donna Ramage
JRG	Mrs Zena Goodman

Learning Team 3

3F	Mrs Michelle Freeman
3RL	Mrs Jude Ridley
3RL	Mr James Lumsden
3CE	Mrs Alex Clark
3CE	Ms Steph Eddington

Learning Team 4

4DG	Mrs Hayley Davison
4DG	Mr Harry Gore
4B	Mr Rob Bennett
4N	Ms Dalal Nehme

Education Support Office Staff
Staff

Mary Clarke	Kathryn Hands
Jocelyn Lyons	Michelle Stringer
Rebecca Hayes	Carolyn Manning

Assistant Principals

Mrs Jo Parry (Wed, Thurs)

Mr James Lumsden

Communication :

XUNO / Email/ Website/Instagram

We currently use **XUNO** as our main form of communication. Regular notifications and reminders will be posted and will include all excursions, activities at school, reminders and the newsletter. Please be reminded about the use of the ‘absences’ form to alert teachers of your child’s absences.

The **newsletter** is compiled fortnightly on a Thursday and then posted to XUNO and will contain regular features such as News from the Principal, Parents Club and OSHClub and Learning Team news and activities.

Please find us on Instagram which has regular snapshots of happenings at school that we will share with you.

If at any stage information is missing from XUNO please alert the office staff who will very happily ensure that information is always as up to date as possible.

Every student should have received the Parent Payment Information last week. Thank you to the families who have already returned their forms and sent through their contributions. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of this information for your reference.

Lunchtime Clubs

We are excited to pick up where we left off at the end of 2023 by offering lunchtime clubs for students to participate in. All of these activities are completely voluntary for students to attend. Clubs aim to help students build social connections with their peers, offer playtime alternative activities, and also give students the opportunity to engage with other members of staff who may not be in their year level. For Term 1, the clubs that will be on offer include:

- * Monday ⇨ Choir
- * Tuesday ⇨ Board Games
- * Tuesday & Wednesday ⇨ Library
- * Wednesday ⇨ Running Club
- * Friday ⇨ Kitchen Garden

Kim Bride
Principal



School Council

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Essentially at Ringwood Heights, each school councillor belongs to a sub committee through which discussions, decisions and directions are discussed and these are then brought to the School Council Body to be confirmed or discussed further. Meetings are scheduled 8 times per year on a Tuesday.

Thinking about it? If you are keen to participate and contribute and you are not sure of the expectations or commitment required please come in and have a chat.

School Council Elections 2024 a call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council for Ringwood Heights Primary School. All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

There are 3 possible categories of membership:

- * A mandated elected parent category
- * A mandated elected Department employee category. The principal is automatically one of these members
- * An optional Community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences

The Notice of Election and call for nominations for School Council is included below. Interested members of Ringwood Heights Primary School community are asked to consider nominating for vacancies on School Council for the next two year period. All you need is the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Vacancies:

- * 4 parent members of council
(+ one 12 mth vacancy)
- * 2 Department of Education

Nomination forms for the vacancies on School Council are available from the Office. If you are interested and cannot come to the school to collect forms, we would be pleased to receive a telephone call from you requesting a form and we can send it home with your eldest child.

Please note that nominations must be by **4.00pm on Friday 16 February**.

In the event that there are more nominations received than there are vacancies, a ballot will be conducted with the ballot closing at 4.00pm on Friday 1 March.

If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor or require further information about the process, please contact me.

**Kim Bride
Principal**



FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly **Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nomination**)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of **Ringwood Heights Primary School**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

16/02/2024

The ballot (if required) will close at 4.00 pm on:

01/03/2024

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2026	4 + (1 vacancy for 12mths : 2024)
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2026	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Principal

Choir



This week we have finally been able to sing our hearts out at choir! The students were excited to get back into their vocal routines and warm-ups with our first session of the year after expertly singing the national anthem.

Choir is open to all students from Year 2 and upwards, with rehearsal taking place on Mondays at lunchtime in the Performing Arts room. If you would like to join, come by to see Mr. Gore before rehearsals. Participants are encouraged to bring a display folder for holding sheet music and lyrics.

There will be many exciting opportunities to sing during the year, so we hope to see you at rehearsal!

Instrumentalist Lessons

Keyboard and Guitar lessons are back on this year with our instrumentalist teachers Diana and Damon. They will be organising one-on-one and group lessons for keyboard on Mondays with Diana and guitar on Tuesdays and Fridays with Damon.

If you would like to sign your children up for lessons forms can be collected from the office, or you can contact them using the following email addresses:

Keyboard - Diana - dianamatthews818@gmail.com

Guitar - Damon - damongoulas@gmail.com

Community Liaison Committee 2024

The Community Liaison Committee consists of parents and teachers and is responsible for making recommendations for strengthening the partnership between the school, parents, and the broader community. They organise whole school events such as the Welcome Picnic and the Christmas Concert, advertising boards for the school and assist in the Prep transition process.

We are very keen for some new parents / carers to attend. The committee meets once a term.

The first meeting of the year will be at

5:15pm
on Tuesday 13th February
in Room 11
(Senior School building).

Community Catch up

One of the Community Liaison Committee initiatives is our monthly Community Catch up opportunity after assemblies. You are warmly invited to stay after the first Monday morning assembly of each month for a cuppa and a chat. The Community Catch up dates for this year will be:

- ◆ 4th March
- ◆ 6th May
- ◆ 3rd June
- ◆ 5th August
- ◆ 2nd September
- ◆ 4th November
- ◆ 2nd December



Office News

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you would like to apply please collect an application form from the office. A copy of your current concession card is also required.

Find attached to this newsletter a flyer with more information. You can also contact the school office on 9870 3050.

State Schools Relief

State Schools' Relief (SSR) is a not-for-profit organisation that improves the lives of tens of thousands of disadvantaged Victorian students, and their families, each year. SSR provides government school students in need with new uniforms, footwear and a range of other essential educational resources. We work side by side with all primary, secondary, specialist and language schools to ensure that any students facing hardship have the necessary items they require for school.

State Schools' Relief provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school (primary, secondary or specialist), on the advice of the school vouching for the fact that the student is disadvantaged and in need.

Please contact the office for information on how to apply.



Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy ([click here](#)), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#)] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic	Arabic	Dari
Gujarati	Mandarin	Somali
Sudanese	Turkish	Urdu
Vietnamese		

Junior School

Ringwood Heights Primary School

Warmly welcomes all Junior School families to our Open Afternoon. This will be an opportunity to see our Junior School in action, explore our classrooms and meet other families.

When:
16th February 2024
3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Where:
Junior School Building

Learning Team 3

In Learning Team 3, we've been busy getting to know each other, familiarising ourselves with our new learning spaces and settling into new routines. We've started inquiring into our big question: *How can I be the best possible me?* where we've explored our similarities and differences, set safe and respectful playground expectations and worked collaboratively to brainstorm ways we can build a classroom culture where we can learn and flourish as people. We are so proud of the positive start to the year students have made.



3CE:

- I've loved catching up with old friends, and making new ones. ~ **Charlie**
- I'm looking forward to iTime and doing homework. ~ **Sofia**
- I like LT3 because we get to play on the senior playground. ~ **Sammy**
- I have loved Performing Arts with Mr Gore. ~ **Zoe**
- I like reader's workshop. I'm really enjoying my book. ~ **Noah**
- I'm excited for iTime and using a pen. ~ **Ashton**

3F

- I've made a new friend, Bonnie. I didn't know her at the start of the year but now I do. ~ **Lucy**
- I have enjoyed choir and going into the kitchen garden at lunchtime. ~ **Quinn**
- I enjoyed playing with my friends and eating snow peas from the kitchen garden. ~ **Nia**
- I enjoyed numeracy recording the numbers in our life. ~ **Threya**
- I have liked getting to know different people. ~ **Eliana**
- I met Sophie and Bonnie this year, and I'm enjoying reading and spelling. ~ **Abby**
- I like doing Auslan in the classroom. ~ **Judah**
- I like independent reading. ~ **Calvin**

3RL

- I have really enjoyed LT3 because it is wonderful being one of the older students in the class. ~ **Alana**
- I like my class because I have reconnected with friends that I made in LT2. ~ **Alex L**
- I have enjoyed making new friends in LT3. ~ **Anaya**
- I am proud of taking the opportunity to try writing with pen instead of pencil. ~ **Zoe O**
- I have enjoyed working in the Kitchen Garden because I like planting new things. ~ **Hannah**
- I have enjoyed moving into the senior building. ~ **River**
- It has been fun to have a new year with new teachers, new specialists and fun activities. ~ **Gem**

Learning Team 4

It has been a settled start for Learning Team 4 students as we begin tuning in to our Big Question, ‘**How and why do people inquire?**’ Students have been identifying their passions and interests, and creating models that represent themselves as inquirers. They have also been thinking about the learning assets, and what makes a great contributor, self-manager, thinker, communicator, collaborator and researcher.

Leadership is an important part of being an LT4 student. Year 5s are excited to be working with their Prep buddies next week and have been busily writing them letters. Year 6s are in the process of applying for leadership positions within the school, and we look forward to hearing their speeches and reading their application letters.



Here are some reflections on the first week of school:

- * I really appreciated my friends being kind to me. **Kensi**
- * I appreciate being able to come here every day because it is such an amazing place. **Natalie**
- * I appreciate having a wonderful class and teacher who makes me feel welcome. **Laila**
- * I learned that LT4 is where my teamwork is best!!! **Archer**
- * I appreciate going back to school to my friends. **Macsen**
- * I am grateful for being at this school. **Nero**
- * I appreciated my group because we worked super well together. **Milla**



Parents' Club

AGM Notice

Our Parents Club AGM will be held on Friday 1 March @ 11am in the multi purpose room. All positions will be declared open. Nomination forms and role descriptions are available on attached to this newsletter or from the office. Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and coordinators for Special Lunch Day, Icy pole and Popcorn, Munchie Crunchie, Bunnings BBQ, Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls, Mothers' and Fathers' Day event and Major Events. If you have any questions please contact our current president Sarah Marsh, details below. Hope to see you all there, everyone is welcome.

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

The Uniform Shop Co-ordinator position has become available, and we would like to fill the position as soon as possible. The co-ordinator organises selling of our uniforms, stocktakes, training and staffing. Full training will be provided. Hours are Monday 8.30 - 9.00am and/or Wednesday 3.15pm to 3.45pm. If you would like to apply or find out more information, please contact the office or Sarah Marsh.



The Uniform shop can only remain open if we have parent volunteers and at the moment we do not have



any volunteers on Wednesday afternoons. If you can spare any time to help (even one or two shifts a term), please click on the volunteer roster link below:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/g52mh>

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

RINGWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST

CAR BOOT SALE

Our annual Car Boot Sale is on again! A great opportunity to sell your unwanted items or come along and grab a bargain. A fabulous time of interacting with your local community.

Saturday 2 March - 9am-1pm

ringwoodchurch.org.au
TryBooking.com/COTID

13 Bedford Rd Ringwood

9870 8169

NETSETGO SKILLS PROGRAM

Autumn Season, Feb - Jun 2024

Learn the basics, have fun and make friends!
All kids aged 5-9 are welcome.

Mondays 3:45 - 4:30pm
Ringwood Heights Primary School

REGISTER NOW

\$149 INCLUDES **FREE** BALL & T-SHIRT

Mel on 0409 258 928
trinitynetball@live.com
trinitynetball.com.au/netsetgo

CALLING ALL U8-U11 BOYS & GIRLS

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

10-11AM @ DOMENEY RESERVE
FOLLOWED BY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE

WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PLAYER OR NEW TO THE GAME,
JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING OF DRILLS & SKILLS

BRING A FRIEND, YOUR DRINK BOTTLE & WEAR RUNNERS

LET'S KICK GOALS TOGETHER

WWW.SHARKS.JFC.ORG.AU

ARTISAN FARMERS MAKERS FOODIES CRAFT COMMUNITY

Park Orchards MARKET

Saturday 17th February
10am - 2pm

Venue: 1-3 Bowmore Avenue
Park Orchards

Open Day
Sunday 3 March

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