



# 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

### March

Tues 26 • Cross Country  
Whole School

Thur 28 • Last day of Term  
**2.30pm Finish**

### April

Mon 15 • Term 2 commences

Fri 15 • Girls AFL Gala Day  
(selected students)

Thur 25 • ANZAC Day

### May

Fri 3 • Auslan Educational  
Visit

Mon 6 • LT4 Swimming  
Program week

Tues 7 • **Whole School Photo  
Day**



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[https://  
schools.happyfamilies.com.au  
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PASSWORD: happyrhps

#### Uniform Shop

#### Opening Hours

Monday: 8.30-9am

Wednesday: 3.15-3.45pm

## FOUNDATION (Prep) ENROLMENT PROCESS

To start primary school in 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2025. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.

If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2025, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian Government Primary School from the start of Term 2, 2024 (**Monday 15 April 2024**).

The Department of Education and Training have information on enrolment found on this link : [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\) | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-in-foundation-prep)  
([www.vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au))

***This year our school will use an online system for new enrolments. All primary schools in Inner East and Outer East areas of the North East Victoria Region are using this online system.***

The online system will be available for parents who are applying to enrol their child in Foundation (Prep). An application form can be completed on laptops, PC's and mobile phones. The online system will also allow you to upload documented proof of residential address.

It is important to note that the placement policy is followed by all government schools. The placement policy guides us in considering enrolments before confirming availability. The priority order is to accept in this order;

1. students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school
2. students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time
3. where the Regional Director has restricted the enrolment, students who reside nearest the school
4. students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds
5. all other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

Victorian government school enrolments for Foundation (Prep) for the 2025 school year will **open from Monday 15 April 2024**, the start of Term 2. Families are asked to submit enrolment applications by **Friday 26 July 2024**. The link to apply for a place online at Ringwood Heights will be available on this site from the beginning of Term 2 (April 15).

### Optional

Prior to April 15, you can indicate your interest in enrolling in our school by leaving your contact details, mobile and email address by emailing or phoning the office. We will email the online enrolment link to you when the system becomes available.

### Siblings

For current families please keep an eye on the newsletter or Xuno for messages regarding enrolment from Term 2.

As the end of term one approaches we have many exciting events and activities to enjoy. Yesterday the Easter Market stall was held which was very successful. Lots of laughter, fun and participation. Have a look at the [Instagram](#) reel uploaded yesterday. We are looking forward to the Cross Country next Tuesday and invite parents and carer's to come along and cheer on the students as they participate in their individual event gaining house points for the overall 'House Trophy'. We have also added a Free Dress Day to the calendar for Wednesday 27 March to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal. All funds raised on this day will go to this appeal.

### Thankyou!

To all families who came along to the Working Bee on Saturday. We managed to complete the Cross-country track which included new stone topping for part of the path, raking, pruning and spraying all in record time! We also managed to move some compost in the kitchen garden and weeded the prep area. We finished with a sausage and icy pole and were wrapped up by 11.30. I hope you received your certificate of thanks after we acknowledged our helpers on Monday morning at assembly.

This is the last newsletter for the term so I would like to wish you all a great Easter and a safe and enjoyable break. See you all back on Monday April 15 for the first day of term 2.



A reminder that the last day of term one is next **Thursday 28 March with dismissal at 2.30pm.**

**Kim Bride  
Principal**

### House Cross Country

Our annual House Cross Country event is happening on **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. Students are encouraged to come to school that day dressed in their house colours (this could be a t-shirt, ribbon or colourful socks) and comfortable clothing to run in.

#### House Colours:

- **Waratah - RED**
- **Hakea - Green**
- **Hovea - Blue**
- **Acacia - Yellow**



#### Running times:

- \* Learning Teams 3 & 4 will be running between **9:10am and 10:40am**
- \* Junior School will be running between **11:20 am and 12:40pm**

### Senior and Junior Choir

This term, a tremendous amount of students from the senior and junior school have been participating in choir! They have been working wonderfully to match pitches and learn lyrics to our first two songs.

The junior choir has been learning "Yellow Submarine" by The Beatles and the senior choir has been learning "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield.

They are excited to perform in front of the school community at **the first assembly of Term 2**. Remember, this assembly will take place in the second week of the term. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Junior School

Teachers carefully design and plan for provocations in play based personalised inquiries called **Wonder Workshop**. During Wonder Workshops students are positioned as active and responsible learners. Read below to hear from some of the students in JS about what they are doing to build their learning muscles during Wonder Workshop.

**Lily** - I like Wonder Workshop because I like to make cards for my buddy, Chloe. My buddy is really kind, and I like her. I made her a Golden Word poster with all the Golden Words that I found!

**Amara** – In Wonder Workshop I was working on an Auslan puzzle. I have loved learning about Auslan the most because it's fun. I like learning about the alphabet. I'm still practising the letter 'A'.

**Noah** – Did you know that the Easter Bunny came to school? In Wonder Workshop, I wrote a card for the Easter Bunny to say thank you for coming.

**Ted** – I'm making a Space Book. I have been drawing the planets and writing their names. My favourite planet is Saturn because it has a ring around it.

**Sam** – I'm writing a book called 'Minecraft Legendary'. I started making it at home and brought it to school to keep working on it in Wonder Workshop. I love Minecraft. It's cool that I can write about Minecraft at school!

**Lenny** – In Wonder Workshop I have been learning about the Zones of Regulation. I chose to research the Zones because I wanted to stretch my learning muscles! I designed extra zones – the Pink Zone (love), the Purple Zone (scared) and the Orange Zone (calm).

**Reuben** – I designed a 3D Easter Egg in Wonder Workshop. I have drawn patterns onto my design. When it's completed, I want to put it on my windowsill at home.

**Hannah** – I made a book about Christmas and Chinese New Year! The Chinese New Year has

lanterns that have a beautiful light. I'll keep working on my book next week.

**Tyrone** – In Wonder Workshop, I was in the Reading Corner. I looked closely at Mr. Busy and I drew and labelled some of the characters. I noticed that the characters were very busy in the story!

### Learning Team 3

#### Literacy Update

Authors write to persuade when they are trying to change your thinking, feeling or behaviour. We have been learning about the different tools authors use so that they can be really persuasive. **High modality words** are really strong words that give the reader no option, like **MUST**, **ABSOLUTELY** and **NEVER**. If an author makes something seem a lot better or worse than it really is, that's called exaggerating. Like this is the best article ever in the history of newsletters! Authors can repeat the same word or words many times to add emphasis to their writing. **Emotive words** are used to make the reader feel something - calling something "tragic" is more persuasive than saying it is sad. A **rhetorical question** is used to get the reader thinking, without actually expecting an answer because it is so obvious. There are also tools like **The Rule of 3** and **Alliteration** that can be used together like this: It was a sizzling, stunning sunset!

Here is Alana's example of the persuasive devices being used to convince you that Summer is better than Winter.

*Why pick winter over the other seasons? That would be absurd! Summer is most definitely the best season of the year!*

*Firstly, there is ice cream. Sweet, creamy goodness that melts as you lick its cold, flavoured, tasty and thick heavenly substance frozen sweet. It won't be nearly as enjoyable in winter.*

*Secondly, the adventures you can go on in summer! Beach travel, luxury escapes, pool resorts and so much more. You can travel with friends and family.*

*Lastly, the drinks that are enjoyable in summer are MOST enjoyable in summer! Would you drink a slushie on the coldest day of the year? Exactly my point.*

*In conclusion, I strongly believe that summer is the best. How about you?*

### Learning Team 4

#### Interschool Sports Gala Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March

On Friday the 15th of March the girls basketball team competed at Melba Secondary College for our Interschool Sports Gala Day, and we won one of the three matches we played in. We all played really well as a team. Everyone had lots of fun and we

enjoyed cheering on our teammates from the sidelines. A big thank you to Bec and Abby Evans for coaching and helping out on the day, an extra big thankyou to Mrs Dean for organizing it.

**Maisy and Scarlett**



A group of boys went to Melba College to play basketball on the sports gala day. We lost all the games and didn't make the finals. We had so much fun being able to play basketball and we did it well as a team. We want to thank Mel Shackleford for coaching and getting us to different places.

**Riley and Archie**

On the Gala Day, we faced many schools in Hot Shots. Some of the schools we played were Bayswater North, North Ringwood, Our Ladies, Croydon and Yarra Road. The Hot Shots team won their semifinal and came third place overall, losing to Marlborough.

Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mrs Dean who organized and put a lot of effort into the Gala Day. Also a big thanks to the parent helpers and teachers who came along and coached. **GO RINGERS!**



**Nishka and Nero**

Last Friday, Volleybounce team went to Ringwood North to play four games. We played four games against different schools and we had lots of fun. We won three of the four games and came third in our pool. We would like to thank Natalie's mum Sherri

for coaching us because we couldn't have done it without her. **GO RINGERS**

**Evie and Isabella**





Last Friday, the cricket girls team competed against 3 different schools at Bayswater North. Our first match was against St Anne's and we won. Our second game was against Ringwood North and we unfortunately lost but that didn't stop us from trying our best and keeping up our positive attitude. Our third game was against Yarra Road and we won for the second time! We played against Ringwood North for the finals. We were nervous because they were a strong team, but we kept a positive attitude. Although we lost, we were proud of our effort and teamwork. Thank you to Mrs Dean for coaching and organising the day, we had a bunch of fun!

**Milla and Alyssa**



On the gala day, the Mixed Cricket team played amazingly, winning their grand final against Marlborough PS. This was an outstanding outcome and a great way to spend the day. We should hopefully qualify the mixed Cricket team for division Cricket. We played well as a team and supported each other.

**Callum and Will**

We started the day off with an exceptional win against Ringwood North in Sofcrosse. Then we had another win against Mullum PS and moved onto the finals. We had a rocky start in the semi-finals but after a tough fight we won and got into the grand final! We were struggling in the first half and Croydon was winning! But after another tough fight we won the grand final! In conclusion it was an excellent day and we want to thank Ms Nehme for coaching us.

**Ned and Miles**



## Year 6 Secondary School Transition

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Jeff McMillan, Assistant Principal from Mullauna Secondary College came to meet with our current Year 6 students to discuss some of the changes to expect when moving into Year 7. He also brought along 2 former RHPS students, Noah and Anja - who spoke about their experience as Year 7 students this year. The Year 6 students also had the chance to ask any questions they have about the transition into Year 7, as well as the day to day practicalities of life as a Year 7 student.

We really appreciate the time of both our former students, Noah and Anja, as well as Jeff McMillan.

"It was good to hear about schedules and how to be organised" - **Makai**

"I'm looking forward to a camp because it looks like it will have lots of fun things to do" - **Matilda**

"I can see the importance of being organised!" - **Sage**

"I'm nervous about combination locks and lockers" - **Evie**



## Parents' Club

### Easter Raffle

Just a reminder that the Raffle Tickets for the Easter Raffle are due by tomorrow, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, if you need extras they can be found at the office. We will be drawing 2 major prizes at assembly on Monday morning, and then multiple prizes after school every day next week. Good luck.

### 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](mailto:sarahmarsh11@hotmail.com)  
Or leave a message at the office.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES




**NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Norwood Secondary College has a long tradition of academic excellence and is proud of its outstanding reputation for fostering personal development, happiness and future success for all students.

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend our Open Night. Discover how your child (and you) can share in the lifetime benefits of a Norwood Secondary College education.

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## OPEN NIGHT 2024

### TUESDAY, 23 APRIL

6PM TO 7.30PM  
IN THE COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

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YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF OUR COLLEGE

Norwood Secondary College fosters the values of:

- RESPECT
- ASPIRATION
- RESPONSIBILITY
- RESILIENCE

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## JOIN THE FUN!

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**Domeney Reserve**

Commencing 19/4 (13 sessions)

Fridays: 4.30-5.30pm



Scan the QR code to register now!

Contact: Kristjan Elischer  
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## BOX HILL HAWKS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

**DATE: 10+11 APRIL**

**TIME: 1:30PM TO 4PM**

Join us in the April school holidays at Box Hill City Oval for a FREE School Holiday Clinic.

The Box Hill Hawks Clinic offers a unique football experience. The program is designed to encourage participation and create an introduction into the AFL no matter the skill level. The clinic will be run by Box Hill players and Coaches and will include fun football activities!

CLICK OR SCAN QR TO REGISTER




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## School Community Club

**WHAT: WEEKLY DOWNBALL TEAM COMPETITIONS**

**WHEN: MONDAY 4PM-6PM STARTING 15TH APRIL 2024**

**WHERE: MULLUM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**REGISTER USING QR CODE**




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