

WAVERLEY MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR PREP STUDENTS & NEW FAMILIES

UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY

Monday 8th

Student-Free Day

Tuesday 9th

Breakfast Club Opens

MARCH

Monday 8th

Public Holiday –
Labour Day

Tuesday 9th- Friday 12th

Year 5/6 Camp to
SunnyStones

Friday 19th

5/6 Summer Sport

Friday 26th

5/6 Summer Sport

APRIL

Thursday 1st

Last Day Term 1

Friday 2nd

Good Friday, Holidays



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TERM ONE – WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to school! We are thrilled to have been able to welcome you all back in through the gates this year. Despite current new precautions and restrictions, our grounds are again an open space for our community to share and enjoy. You will have noticed some changes to the buildings – firstly a new entrance!



Our newly refurbished administration block now comes with a new front door at the front of the school. Shortly a "School Office" sign will be installed above the door making it even easier to find. We ask that all parents wanting to access the office do so via only this door from now on. The side doors are for staff and students only. Please also note that the office area can have a maximum of two parents/visitors at one time under current new restrictions. Masks must also be worn indoors. A reminder that any parents visiting the school for longer than 15 minutes (indoors or outdoors) are required to check in using the QR codes on the office door.

In coming weeks, the building fascia and gutters will be painted to match the new look of the buildings. We have also taken quotes to have the covered walkways and undercover area painted to match. The junior playground poles will also be painted in some bright fresh colours.

Once the buildings and structures are complete, we will start on some landscaping. Funds from fundraising last year and this year will all be going towards our landscaping projects. Money that is donated to the buildings and grounds funds when you pay school fees will be accessed for these projects also. Thank you for your financial support with this.

STUDENT-FREE DAY MONDAY

A reminder that this Monday the 8th February is our Term 1 Student-Free (Curriculum) Day. If you require care for your child on Monday, you must book Out Of Hours Care through Community OSH. They will only be able to run if enough students are pre-booked. They will run from 8am to 5.30pm so long as they have a minimum of 6 booked in. Phone 0413 544 966 to book. There is NO SCHOOL for students on Monday.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will start up again on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents who have contacted me to volunteer their time to run breakfast club. We would still love some more volunteers. It can be as little as one day per fortnight. It is very easy to run and you would only need to be here from 8.30am to about 9.10am. Your children are welcome to help you on the days you volunteer. Please let me know if you can help.

Alison Lough

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

Have you seen some new faces around school? Firstly our gorgeous new prep students and their families. There are some photos further on in the newsletter of their first week at school!

We also welcome a few new students in other year levels and their families, we

are so glad you have chosen to come and be a part of our community.

If you enter the school from Columbia Drive you may have met John, our new school crossing supervisor! John will be here each morning and afternoon to ensure everyone gets across the road safely! Thanks for keeping us safe, John!



Another new face you may have seen around the yard is

Mr Elliot who is our new 5/6 teacher this year. Welcome to Waverley Meadows!

Here is a message from Mr Elliot...

Hello to all the students, families and the whole WMPS community, My name is Ben Elliott and I have the privilege of teaching in Module A and working with the grade 5 and 6 students this year. I have recently moved from South Gippsland and the warm welcome I have received at WMPS has made me feel part of this fantastic community already. I have a passion for teaching and motivating students to aim high and be their best. I have three daughters that have started year 7, grade 5 and grade prep this year so I can appreciate how unique 2020 was and look forward to 2021.

On the weekends I love to get out in the garden, going to the footy to watch the Bombers with my girls and spending time with my family.

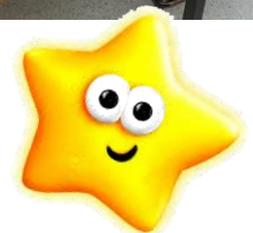
If you see me at school, please come up and say hi.



TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

We are fortunate to have been granted some funds to run a tutor program at school this year. This is aimed at assisting students who may not have made as much growth as expected during 2020 due to their interrupted year of learning. Mrs Dennehy has increased her hours this year in order to run this program. She is currently running some individual assessments with our year one and two students to begin with. From these assessments we will work out which students would most benefit from some additional assistance to catch them up on missed learning from last year and achieve expected to beyond expected growth this year. Term 1 will focus on literacy intervention and term 2 will introduce intervention in maths. The tutoring will be in the form of small groups that will run concurrently with their regular classes. Students will work with Mrs Dennehy in a dedicated space within the module at different times throughout the week. The tutor learning program will cater to students in all year levels in both maths and literacy at different times throughout the year.

If your child is selected to participate in a tutor learning group, you will be notified of this. An Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be developed for your child in order for you to see their goals and achievements as they progress.





Waverley Meadows Primary School Staff are participating in a fun day of learning on Monday 8th February (Student-Free Day). Staff will learn all about Play Is The Way from the founder of this program, Wilson McCaskill. Play Is The Way will be our new wellbeing focus as we move forward with the aim of becoming a more emotionally intelligent community.

What is Play Is The Way?

PLAY IS THE WAY® is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language. It is a process that gives primary schools a way to develop, improve and entrench the personal and social capabilities of students.

How does it work?

The PLAY IS THE WAY® program uses:

- A unique program of physically interactive games
- Key concepts to guide students through life and learning
- A specific and empowering language to help attain self-mastery
- A philosophy of behaviour education and student self-regulation that fosters independent, self-motivated, empathetic, life-long learners.

The ability to play is critical not only to being happy, but also to sustaining social relationships and being a creative, innovative person.

Dr. Stuart Brown

PLAY IS THE WAY® has proved itself in a wide variety of Australian, New Zealand and Canadian primary schools and is ideally suited to a whole school approach and commitment to social and emotional learning.

What are the program objectives?

- To help the staff, students and parents of a primary school create a safe learning environment in which students train to be independent, self-regulating, self-motivated learners in persistent pursuit of their personal best and able to get along with each other.
- To help develop students of strong character and decency with the social and emotional competencies to live and learn well.
- To foster empathetic students, considerate of themselves, each other and the world in which they live with sound and good reasons for the things they say and do.

We look forward to inviting you to see Play Is The Way in action across the school throughout the year. We will share more information about this new approach to behaviour education in each edition of the newsletter.

CLASSROOM CUISINE IS BACK!



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WELCOME TO OUR PREP STUDENTS!

Our new prep students have enjoyed exploring their school, meeting their buddies, using the play equipment, collecting the chickens' eggs and doing some writing, counting and drawing activities! Go Preps!





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Welcome to all the new STARS of WMPS!

safety
teamwork

accountability
respect

SUPERSTAR FUNDRAISERS!

Last year, Snehal, Billie and Esme of year 4 (year 5 this year) had an idea to raise money to buy birthday supplies for kids who unfortunately had to be in hospital on their birthday. The girls raised 70 dollars in total. Unfortunately due to Covid the girls weren't able to deliver the goods to the children, but Reena (Snehal's mum) was able to deliver them for the paediatric ICU. Thank you so much to Snehal, Billie, Esme and Reena for your community spirit and doing this on behalf of our school. Here is a picture of their purchased gifts.



Advertising Pages

If you wish to place an advertisement in our newsletter, please contact the school office via phone on 9561 2879 or via email to waverley.meadows.ps@education.vic.gov.au

JOIN US WHERE ALL THE FUN HAPPENS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL EACH DAY!



**WAVERLEY MEADOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

7:00am-9:00am and 3:30pm-6:00pm

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LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

- Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (V, GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)
- Mexican Inspired Salad (V, GF)
- Quinoa, Tabouli & Tuna Salad (GF)
- Tuna Mix with Brown Rice & Quinoa Cakes (V, GF)

SUSHI

- Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
- Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
- Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
- Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
- Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)

BAKERY

- Cheese and Bacon Roll
- Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (w/m)
- SCROLL with Ham & Cheese
- Semi Dried Tomato and Olive ROLL
- Topped with Only Cheese Roll

PITA PIZZAS

- Margherita Pita Pizza
- Ham and Pineapple Pita Pizza
- Fresh Tomato and Italian Herb Pita Pizza
- Spinach and Feta Pita Pizza

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
- Simple Salad Roll (V)
- Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (GF)
- Vegemite Sandwich (2)
- Mild Salami and Salad Roll
- Plain Cheese Sandwich (2)
- Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
- Cheese and Salad Roll
- Wholegrain Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
- WRAP (GF) Ham and Salad
- Wholegrain Ham and Cheese Sandwich
- Chicken and Salad Roll

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Freshly chopped Strawberries & Grapes
- Lightly Steamed Corn wheels & Broccoli pieces
- Celery & Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
- Freshly chopped Watermelon pieces
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Whole Fruit – Banana
- Apple pieces with Lemon Juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar
- Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
- Cantaloupe & Watermelon pieces
- Edamame (Lightly Salted)
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
- Freshly chopped Orange Segments

YOGHURT

- Strawberry Chobani Yoghurt
- Blueberry Chobani Yoghurt
- Passionfruit Chobani Yoghurt
- Plain Chobani Yoghurt

BAKED GOODS

- Choc Chip Cookie
- Hot Cross Bun
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Hedgehog Slice
- Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
- Blueberry Muffin

DIPS & CRACKERS

- Tzatziki Dip with Rice Crackers
- Avocado Dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion Dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

- Cobs Popcorn, Lightly Salted
- Cobs Popcorn Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
- Lightly salted Fav'va Beans
- Chickpeas with Lime & Black Pepper
- Balsamic & Sea Salt Fav'va Beans

DRINKS

- Apple Juice
- Orange Juice
- Full Cream Milk
- Nippy's Chocolate Milk
- So Good Soy Milk

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Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to keyboard, guitar, violin, here at Waverley Meadows Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

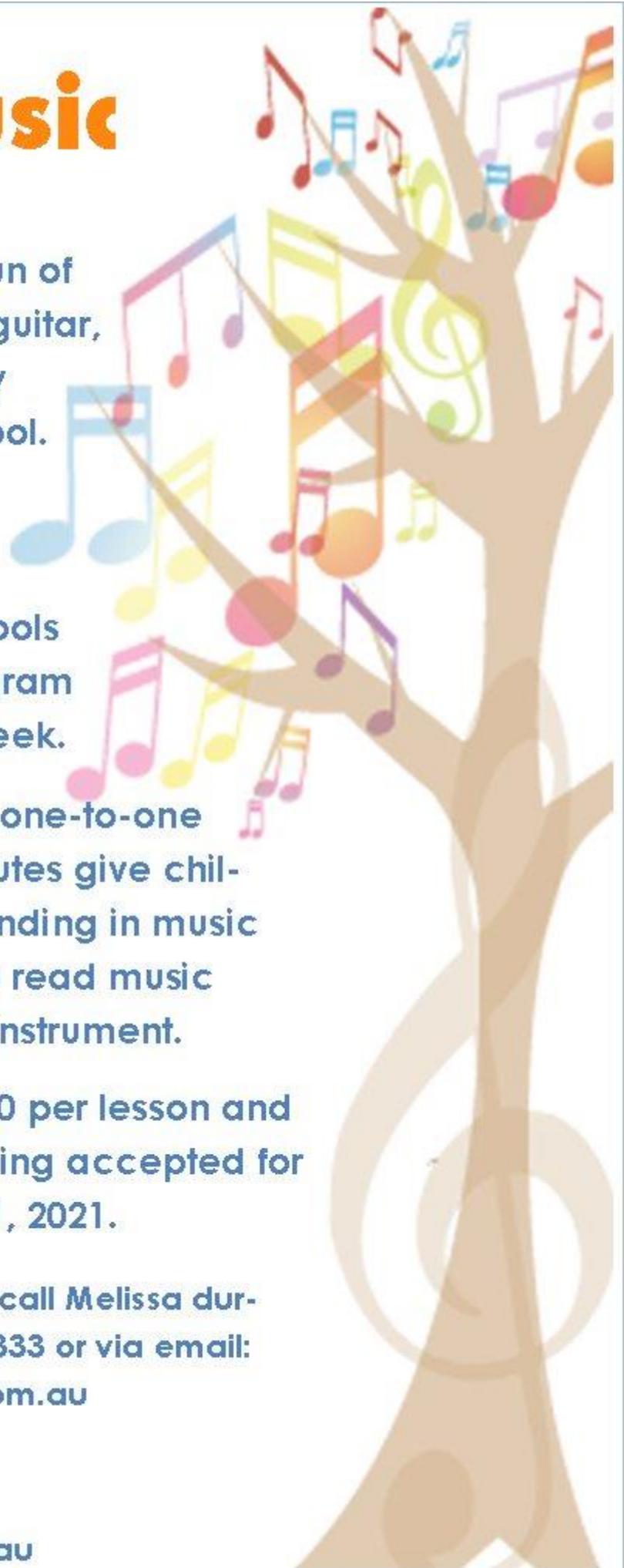
Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$17.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2021.

Interested parents should call Melissa during office hours on 9818 2333 or via email: melissa@creativemusic.com.au

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