

WAVERLEY MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue 3 - May 2022

NAPLAN Edition

SCHOOL CALENDAR



Tuesday 10th May

NAPLAN begins for year 3&5

Wednesday 11th May

STOMP continues each Wednesday. *Please ensure payments have been made.*

Tuesday 17th May

District Cross Country

Wednesday 18th May

School Council 7pm

Saturday 21st May

Federal Election Day BBQ

Fundraiser – Volunteers Required

Friday 27th May

Pizza and PJs Day! P-6 P/1 Milo's Surprise Party!

Wednesday 1st June

Division Cross Country

Friday 3rd June

5/6 Interschool Sports

Thursday 9th June

School Photo Day

Friday 10th June

Curriculum Day – Student Free Day

Monday 13th May

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th June

Staff Professional Practice Day – Student Free Day

Thursday 16th June

P-6 AFL Clinic

Friday 24th June

Student Science Fair – Last day of Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a wonderful start to term 2. Students have been enjoying all the wonderful hands-on learning experiences that are on offer this term. We are fortunate to have a specialist science program at WMPS and students are loving exploring this term's chemical science theme. This morning I watched as the year 6 students combined their chemical science topic with their agricultural science lesson and added water to a compacted dried soil tablet and saw it expand into a pile of wet soil, ready for sowing seeds into.

WELCOME NEW STAFF



This term we welcome our new Business Manager, Michelle Jeffery, following Cathy's retirement at the end of Term 1. Michelle previously worked as the finance officer at Jells Park Primary School. Please drop in to say hello to Michelle in the office. We also welcome James Holden our new maintenance officer. James will be working here each Monday maintaining our grounds, coordinating repairs and yes – getting balls down off the roof!



NAPLAN

We wish our year 3 and 5 students all the best this week as they sit their NAPLAN tests. While performing at your best on NAPLAN is important, it is equally important to remember that NAPLAN tests are conducted under conditions that are very irregular for children. We use many forms of regular assessment at school to determine student needs and assist us in planning and delivering a comprehensive, and more importantly, personalised program for each child. NAPLAN tests are standardised which means all children are asked the same questions, in the same way, at the same time. These tests are useful for providing snapshot data at the state and national level of how Australian students are performing in literacy and numeracy compared with other states and countries. These tests are not however nearly as useful for individual schools as they do not take into account students' preferred learning styles, individual student goals, entry level skills or school/student personal circumstances or level of disadvantage. The way we use NAPLAN data at WMPS is to track growth of students between year 3 and 5. We are aiming for high growth, meaning our students rate of academic achievement is maintained or increased as they move through school. Our teacher judgement data (as assessed against the curriculum standards) is far more accurate for determining individual student growth on an ongoing basis. Teachers are also far better equipped to accurately report on your child's overall abilities. NAPLAN does not assess a child's overall IQ, scientific, artistic, creative or general knowledge and capabilities. More importantly, NAPLAN does not assess a child's kindness, thoughtfulness, humour, compassion, empathy or emotional intelligence. All of which are such an important part of what makes your child who they are.



WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP - PLEEEASE!!!

We are fundraising for new perimeter fencing along Columbia Drive and Chancellor Drive. We really want to be able to remove the horrible old black chain fencing from around the buildings. This would open up the yard to really maximise our use of the amazing space our students could benefit from. It will increase safety during school hours and make the school look much fresher.

Everything you donate in money or contribute to the school in time, puts us a step closer to improving the school grounds for your children.

Please consider giving an hour of your day on election day to help run the BBQ. We only need a couple of people at a time. You can sign up by popping your name and time available on the list at the office, or contact the office and we can add your name.



ELECTION DAY BBQ - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SATURDAY 21ST MAY

CAN YOU SPARE 1 HOUR DURING THE DAY TO HELP OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISE?

WMPS HAS BEEN SELECTED TO RUN AS A POLLING BOOTH. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO RAISE FUNDS TO CONTINUE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS.

WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS TO COOK AND SELL SAUSAGES IN BREAD AND COLD DRINKS.

A SIGN UP SHEET CAN BE FOUND AT THE FRONT OFFICE, OR YOU CAN CALL THE SCHOOL OR JEN COLES TO HAVE YOUR NAME ADDED.

SCHOOL OFFICE: 9561 2879
JEN COLES: 0435 733 153

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING STUDENT FREE DAYS

Please note that the Queen's Birthday long weekend will be an extra-long weekend for students! There will be **no school** from Friday 10th to Tuesday 14th June inclusive.

We have our previously advertised Curriculum Day, which is a student free day on Friday the 10th June. We now have a second student free day scheduled for Tuesday 14th June. Monday the 13th is the Queen's Birthday public holiday.

All schools are entitled to a student free day (curriculum day) each term. In addition to this, all teachers are entitled to one Professional Practice Day (PPD) each term. These days are for teachers to spend a focus day on their own training, assessment or planning needs. They would normally be replaced by a casual relief teacher that day. Due to the shortage of teachers currently and the difficulties schools are having in covering staff shortfalls, the DET have asked school councils to approve a second student-free day this term to cover the teacher PPD. This has been approved by the WMPS school council.

Please make alternative arrangements for your children to be cared for on Friday 10th and Tuesday 14th June as there will be no school. Community OSH will be able to operate on these days if there are enough families who require care. Please let them know early.

CARE OF SCHOOL RESOURCES

We have spent thousands of dollars updating our literacy resources over the past 12 months. We have purchased many sets of new books to support our Little Learners Love Literacy program and to ensure we have high quality texts for students to borrow as take-home books to practise their reading. Unfortunately, many of these borrowed books have not come back to school. This means other students miss out. Children may end up having to use photocopied pages as their home reading if we do not have the books returned. If your child has not returned their previous take-home book, they will not be able to bring any further books home. If your child has lost their book, there will be a \$10 fee payable so we can purchase a replacement.

Community Advertising

Contact the school office 9561 2879 for advertising queries.



WAVERLEY MEADOWS PS

SOCCER X SCHOOL PROGRAM / FUN - EDUCATIONAL - ACTIVE

In Term 2, Soccer X will be running an 8 week Soccer program at Waverley Meadows Primary School every **Thursday** from **3.30-4.30pm** beginning **May 12th 2022**.

The program is available to students from **Prep - Year 6**.
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.
All sessions will be run by **qualified coaches** who hold blue cards.
The sessions will be **fully inclusive & fun-based**, catering to all abilities.

Cost: \$120 / 8-weeks.

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Phone: 0411 536 355

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We want to hear from children and young people in The City of Monash, on what makes them happy, feel safe, and issues that are important to them.

Monash City Council is currently engaging children aged 0-13 who live, study, or play in the City of Monash to share their voices in our development of the Monash Strategy for Children, Young People and their Families. The results of this engagement will guide the themes and actions that the City of Monash will include in the strategy to ensure the needs of children and young people in the community are being met.

The survey is available online by following the link below:

<https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/children-youth-strategy>

For more information please contact Kate Fitzgerald, Children & Young People Engagement & Safety Officer at

ChildFriendly@monash.vic.gov.au or 9518 3555

Learn music

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Come and join in the fun of learning to play 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.

Enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

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

 Creative Music
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Hiring now!

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Help look after our kids' safety on the roads! If your family and friends say you're reliable, have a friendly personality and great communication skills, our students need you! You'll be much loved as an important figure in the local community. This is your opportunity to give back to the community, look after children in a unique way and earn money on the side too!

- Contract positions with attractive hourly rates available
- Flexibility on morning and afternoon shifts & areas
- Working With Children's Check required
- Local communities include Stonnington, Monash and Boroondara council

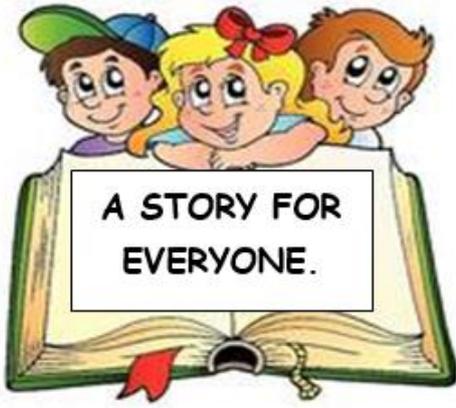


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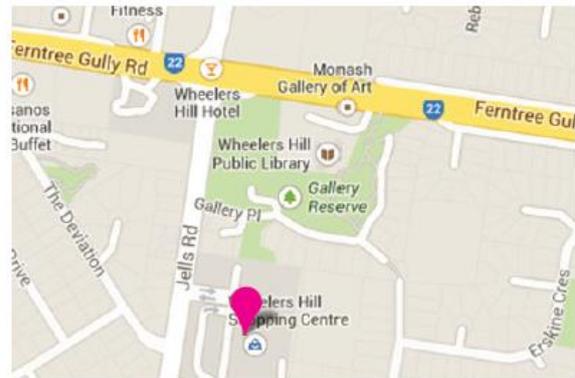
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M: 0414 248 261 / E: kumon.wheelershill@gmail.com

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Register now to join our Free Trial and see for yourself how Kumon can change your child's life! Contact the Kumon Wheelers Hill Education Centre to register.

Terms and conditions apply, so please contact your Kumon Centre for details.

To a child a book is not just a book; it's a journey to wherever their imagination wants to take them.

The Lions Club of Wheelers Hill invites you, as parents, to take your children on a journey of excitement to their Book Sale at **Caribbean Park, off Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby on 21st and 22nd of May.**

There will be 100's & 100's of books for children of all ages, from infants through to teenagers.

All of our books are in excellent condition with many being new or near new

Prices for these books range from \$0.50 to \$2.50 and the doors will open at 8.00am on Saturday and at 9.00am on Sunday.

Oh yes, we also have 1000's & 1000's of books for adults as well.



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-13

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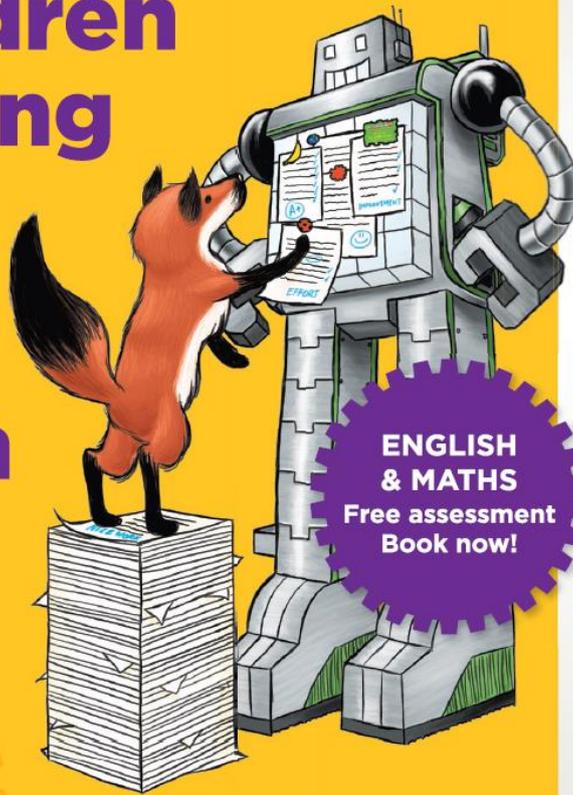
Southern Community Centre
27 Rupert Drive, Mulgrave
Every Thursday during the school term
4pm-6pm

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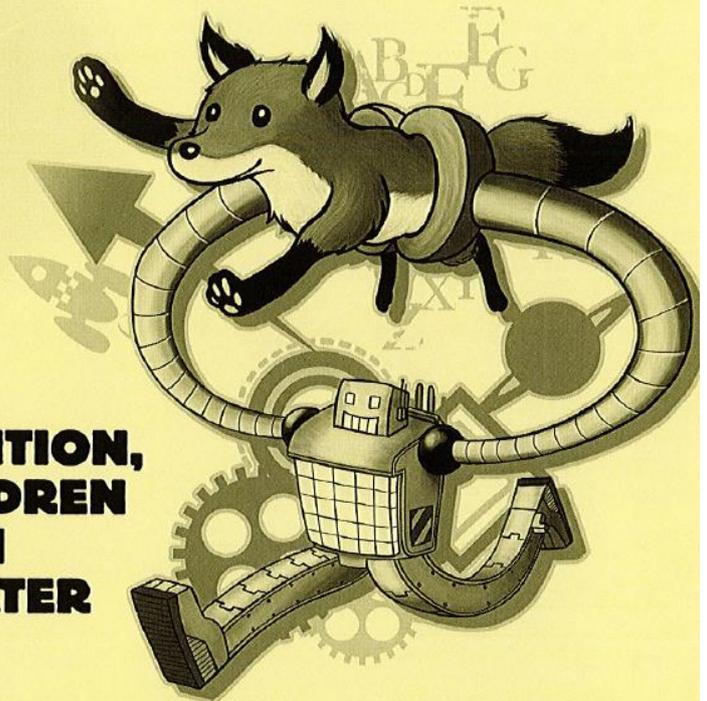
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