



# Mount Waverley North NEWS

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## Important Dates

### DECEMBER

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

-Last day of school 1.30pm finish

### TERM 1, 2024

#### January

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**

-Staff return to school

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Curriculum Day

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

-First Day of school for students in Years 1-6

(8.50am-3.30pm)

### FEBRUARY

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

First Day of Prep (9:15-1:50pm)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

School Photos

## Principal Team Report

### End of Year Reflection

As we reach the end of the school year, Mount Waverley North Primary School has continued to flourish in new ways whilst navigating the continued pressures of the pandemic.



We look back and reflect on all the achievements of our school this year and in particular our students, who have demonstrated resilience, connection and determination throughout the school year.

We acknowledge the endless commitment and dedicated work of our staff and thank them for nurturing each student in their care. Our school is very lucky to have not only committed teachers but working alongside them a number of Education Support staff in their various roles. These include the outstanding support and work of our Education Support Staff, Cultural Aides, ICT technicians and of course our Administration Team.

MWNPS has continued to enable high growth and achievement across our student cohorts, with a strong focus this year on supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of all students. Without our parents and carers working with us, their patience and understanding and their continued support, we would not have been as successful in educating our students this year.

There are so many people to thank, and it would be impossible to mention all who have contributed to a successful 2023 for the school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families who are leaving the school at the end of this year for their support of the school and involvement in our school community. Suffice to say, we are blessed to have such a connected and involved school community, and wish to acknowledge each and every one who has assisted in any way, to make Mount Waverley North the great community it is.

On behalf of our entire staff team, we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, enjoying the festive season with family and friends, and taking just a few moments to consider how lucky we are - to be a part of this amazing school community, and to have so much to be grateful for.

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### Term Dates

**Term 4, 2023:** 3 Oct - 20 Dec

**Term 1, 2024:** 30 Jan-29 March

(2 Feb start for Prep Students)

### End of Year Reflection (cont...)

Thank you also for the thoughtful cards, tokens of appreciation and words of gratitude that the staff, Anthony and I have received recently. They are very much appreciated by us all.

If you are travelling these holidays, travel safely, and if you are having a 'stay home' vacation, enjoy the many opportunities to relax, recharge and revitalise. We will look forward to hearing all of your stories in the New Year.

### Carols Night

What a wonderful event we enjoyed last Thursday evening when our school community came together for our annual Carols Evening. It was a great night with numerous highlights and wonderful singing! Congratulations to all of the classes and teachers who came together to entertain us with their Christmas songs and dancing, and showed what can be achieved when everyone plays their part and works together. Thank you.



### Year 6 Graduation

Thank you to the Year 6 parent team and teachers who came together to plan and prepare the Year 6 Graduation evening held on Monday. It truly was an emotional and memorable night for all!

We wish our graduating classes of 2023 good luck and every success for their future.

### 2023 Year 6 Awards

We extend our congratulations to the following Year 6 Students who were recipients of our 2023 School Awards.

**John Monash Award for the Student who Most Embodies Achieving their Personal Best** – Kayden

**Community Spirit Award**- Sam

**Norm Gibbs Award**- Parin

**Academic Achievement Awards** – Lily & Lyn

**Performing Arts Award** – Asher

**Visual Arts Award** – Aliyah

**German Award** – Kaylee

**STEAM Award** – Aditya

**Sports Awards** – Cooper

**School Sport Victoria** – Edison

**English as an Additional Language Award** - Tyler



### The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge

The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge is a team-based national competition which takes place in Term 4. School teams are made up of students who exhibit advanced abilities across the curriculum. Over the course of a day, teams rotate through four different challenges where the focus is on teamwork over individual performance. Each student has an opportunity to demonstrate leadership in one of the challenges. Strong emphasis is placed on creativity, lateral thinking and problem-solving skills.

This year, we are delighted and extremely proud of all of our students' efforts, with two teams needing a special mention.

In Year 3/4, 'The Red Blazers' - Noah Reginald, Ethan Lin, Juno Forday and Ruhendra Pethiyagoda, have been awarded a divisional recognition of outstanding achievement.

In Year 5/6, 'The Smart Thinkers' – Sam Fitzpatrick, Lyn Khoo, Kayden Loh and Ansh Poduri, have received the highest score in the nation resulting in First Place in Australia.

This is no easy feat, with many schools practising for weeks, and competing year after year. On behalf of Mount Waverley North Primary School would like to congratulate everyone who participated. Not only did the students work as a team and receive high scores, as did our the MWNPS teams, but we were specifically contacted to say that our students have fantastic manners, enthusiasm, and conducted themselves with integrity throughout the whole day.

Congratulations and well done to all students who participated in the G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge.

A huge thank to Miss King and Miss Campbell who have been working throughout the year with the students, preparing them for the big day.

The G.A.T.E.WAYS trophies can be seen at the office for viewing.



## 2024 Year 6 Leadership

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed to School Leadership positions in 2024. We have a highly capable and enthusiastic Year 6 2024 cohort, all of whom we have no doubt will be excellent leaders and role models for the student body at Mount Waverley North.

**School Captains:** Zahan & Archer

**School Vice Captains:** Amelia L & Sarang

**Arts Captains:** Johan & Prisha

**Environmental Captains:** Ina & Kian

**Digital Technologies Captains:** Michael & Sammy

**Sports Captains:** Molly & Daira

**Cultural Captains:** Amelia B & Grace

**STEAM Captains:** Ansh & Hajun

## 2024 Leadership Changes

As our school has continued to grow, along with it so has our leadership opportunities at Mount Waverley North PS.

Congratulations goes to Sarah Green and Andrew Aufderheide for their well-deserved promotions to their new roles within our school community for 2024. Sarah will move into an additional Assistant Principal role, working alongside Anthony Malelis to strengthen the Principal Team. Andrew Aufderheide has been appointed to Learning Specialist of Wellbeing and will work alongside our other Learning Specialists Teresa D'Ambrosio (Literacy) and Tara King (Numeracy). Please note our Learning Specialists are classroom committed.

Sarah and Andy's knowledge, dedication and commitment stand them in great stead to take on their new roles. We are thrilled to have such exemplary individuals leading the way. Please join us in celebrating this milestone and looking forward to the positive impact they will make as our school continues to flourish.



*Natalie Grieve and Anthony Malelis*



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