

# Mount Waverley North NEWS

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## Important Dates

### FEBRUARY

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Prep Flying Bookworm Incursion

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Hot Dog Day

### MARCH

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Division swimming
- Yr 4-6 Gelato Incursion

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Prep – Yr3 Gelato Incursion

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Yr5 Life Education

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Movie Night 6.30pm
- Yr6 Life Education

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Labour Day – school closed

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

- NAPLAN

#### **Friday 15<sup>h</sup>**

- School Photos

#### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Book Fair

#### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Year 4 Melbourne Museum excursion

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Year 2 Como House Excursion

## Term Dates

**Term 1, 2024:** 31 Jan - 28 Mar

**Term 2, 2024:** 15 Apr - 28 Jun

**Term 3, 2024:** 15 Jul - 20 Sep

**Term 4, 2024:** 7 Oct - 20 Dec

## Principal Team Report

### Prep Book Bags – Special Visit

We were delighted to welcome our local Member of Parliament, Matt Fregon MP, to the school last week to present our 2024 Preps with their Prep Book Bags. Every year, the Department of Education provides every Prep student starting at a Victorian government school a bag of engaging resources to celebrate this milestone in their educational journey.



### International Connections

Last week, MWNPS hosted a group of Dutch principals and educators to share best practice and build international connections. The visit was an opportunity for these educational leaders to witness firsthand the innovative teaching methods and exceptional academic standards that our school upholds.

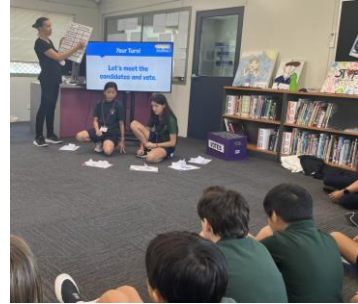
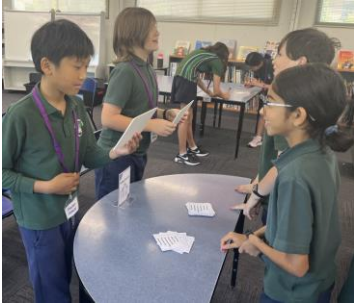
The visit from the Dutch group of principals served as a valuable opportunity for collaboration and sharing of knowledge between educational institutions. It reinforced the importance of continuous learning and improvement in the field of education, inspiring all involved to strive for excellence in shaping the future generation on a global scale. As the principals toured our facilities, they were impressed by the state-of-the-art classrooms and observed our dedicated teachers engaging students in interactive lessons that foster critical thinking and creativity.

We would like to thank Mount Waverley Secondary College for recommending our school as an exemplar high quality leading primary school. We were delighted to be part of the experience.



### Year 6 Parliament Incursion

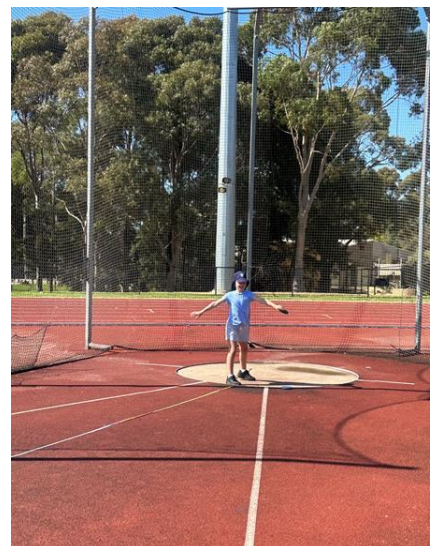
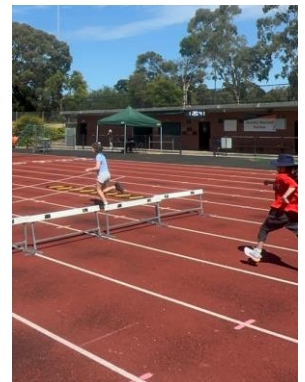
Last week, our Year 6 students took part in an incursion where they learnt about the Australian democratic system. They learnt about Parliament, the three levels of government and were involved in a mock election, learning about preferential voting and absolute majorities. The Year 6 students participated in a Federal Parliament role play, with costumes and props, to illustrate how bills become laws.



### House Athletics

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February our Year 3-6 students participated in the Mount Waverley North House Athletics Carnival at Bill Sewart Athletics Track. It was great to see everyone trying their best and competing in a range of events. All the events were very competitive with only a few centimeters separating the winners in certain events. After all the scores were counted, Coleman was eventually crowned the winner.

A great day was had by all and ran smoothly thanks to the support of our parent community and numerous staff. A special mention to Mr Smith for putting such a fantastic event together and adapting the days timetable to ensure the day was complete before the UV became too high. The remaining events will be completed during PE lessons over the coming weeks. We wish all those students going on to represent our school at District Athletics all the very best.





### **‘Getting-to-Know-You’ Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Our Term 1 'Getting to Know You' Parent Teacher Meetings are taking place, this week beginning today, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February through until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Parents and carers still have the opportunity to book a 10 minute meeting via Webex or face-to-face before, during or after school on these dates.

For families requiring an Interpreter to be present at the Parent Teacher Meetings, these will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to book a 15 minute session with an Interpreter present, please contact the school office directly.

To access your child’s teachers virtual Webex Room, at your booked time slot, please access the link posted on Compass.

We ask that you access the link a few minutes before your booked time.

- You may be prompted to download the Cisco Webex Meetings App depending on the device you are using. Please allow time for this in advance.
- Once you have entered the room, you will be placed in a ‘waiting room’ and the teacher will let you in to the meeting at your allocated time.

We look forward to sharing your child’s growth and achievement with you over the coming days.

### **District Swimming**

On Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, Mr. Smith took 17 students from Years 4 – 6 to Monash Aquatic Centre for the District Swimming Carnival. We were very proud of all the students who participated on the day. Our boys and girls teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the relay, Molly.R came 1<sup>st</sup> place in two events, Noah.R came third and Mount Waverley North Primary came 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Thank you to Mr. Smith for organising the event and Bonnie for assisting on the day. We also appreciated the parents and carers who came to watch and supported our students.



### **Chess Rules Australia**

#### **Friday Lunchtime Chess Club**

We are excited to welcome back Toni from Chess Rules Australia to continue running a lunchtime club again this year on Fridays for students who are interested in learning about and playing the game of chess. The cost is \$126 for the term. Notices available through your Compass portal and at the office.

#### **In-Class Chess Lessons**

At Mount Waverley North Primary School, we provide students with in class chess lessons once a week, for a 5 week block during the year. Chess has many benefits including developing the students social skills including turn-taking, learning fair play, self-respect and respect for others. It also helps children develop problem-solving skills and increases concentration and memory.

These lessons are covered by the School Curriculum contribution levy and can only be run from our parent contributions.



### Birthdays

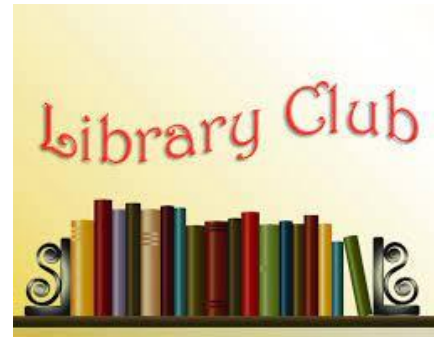
Please can we ask that when celebrating Birthdays at school that **no food (no cakes, sweets, lollies, etc)**, whether store bought or home made, be brought to school to share with other students. We have a number of children with allergies and dietary conditions within the school and it is becoming increasingly difficult for teachers to monitor this.



By all means send in a token for birthdays such as stationery, toys and games to hand out to classmates, but no food. We thank you for your understanding.

### Library Club

Library Club commenced last week in our school Library. Our Library Club will run during the first half of a lunchtime on a Wednesday and is a space for students to come and have some quiet time reading, supervised by Mrs. Tynan and Mrs. Dalgleish.



### Camps for 2024

As we have moved to straight year levels this year, the decision was made by School Council to only run three camps a year moving forward. This decision was taken to balance student readiness, year level curriculum links, family cost of living and to support the VSGA Staff Agreement which entitles staff to time in lieu for overnight camps.

This years camps are listed below:

Year 4 – Camp Jungai – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Year 5 – Camp Coonawarra Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 – The Old Priory – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Year 3 Stay Late is to be confirmed (stay late on school site, not overnight).



The Old Priory



Camp Jungai



Camp Coonawarra

### Principal Morning Tea

You will see from our annual calendar that once again we are welcoming parents and carers from each year level to a morning tea hosted by the Principal Team. These social events give you the opportunity to meet with families from the same year level and also an informal time to meet and speak with the Principal Team whilst enjoying a coffee and morning refreshment. Drop in to the Hall from 9am on your child's year level date and stay as long or as short as you wish. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The Principal Team met with the Prep parents and carers on Friday. It was wonderful getting to know new families and having the opportunity to reconnect with families who have older children at the school.



### CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

CSEF will be 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 concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

#### How to Apply

If you would like to apply, please complete an application form which can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.pdf>

For further information about CSEF, please visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx>

Applications must be completed by the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact the school office on 9802 3168.

*Natalie Grieve, Anthony Malelis and Sarah Green*





## Community Notices



**AUSCYCLING**

**BLACKBURN**  
Cycling Club

# AusBike

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running at the Blackburn Cycling Club.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

**AusBikers are safe & active kids!**  
Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



**REGISTER NOW**

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.



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# 2024 WAVERLEY BLUES COME & PLAY

**AUSKICK (5YO +) | SUPERKICK (8-12YO) | JUNIORS (8-18YO)**

### **JUNIORS & SUPER KICK CONTACT**

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