



Newsletter

Ridgehaven Primary School

Term 1 - Week 9

Thursday 28th March 2019

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Dates To Remember

Uniform Shop

Monday 8th April
2:30-3:30pm

M&S Charges Due

Friday 12th April

From Leadership Team

Sports Day – Friday 29 March

Sports Day tomorrow promises to be a wonderful day of fun, participation and celebration of children's gifts and talents in sport. Congratulations to all the students who nominated for Sports Captain in 2019. I'm sure each of these students will demonstrate leadership on the day and support their team mates and students in other teams to do their best. Below is a list of our Sports Day captains and vice captains.

Blue Captains - Maddie D and Sam G. Vice-Captains - Hayley W and Liam W.

Red Captains - Michaela S and Ryley W. Vice-Captains - Avryl S and Sam A.

Green Captains - Martina P and Charlie M. Vice- Captains- Molleigh B and Katie M.

Yellow Captains - Caitlin T and Jack W. Vice-Captains - Lottie A and Corrie P-T.

Thank you to the PFC and other parents who have been part of organising the sausage sizzle and for volunteering their time to help out on the day. Thank you to Darren Juggins who has kindly donated the soft drinks and water for Sports Day.

Chromebooks

Recently a parent informed us that whilst his daughter was using her Chromebook at home, an ad appeared on her screen. As a result of this information, our IT technicians have installed ad blockers to all chrome devices and enforced the installation so it cannot be removed. These ad blockers are designed to work at school and away from school. Please let us know if any other related issues occur.

Volunteer's Training

Volunteer's training will be held on Thursday 4 April between 9.00-10.00am in the school library. This will be run by our senior leader, Martin Woodcock. If you are interested in volunteering your time at school we encourage you to complete this training opportunity. Further training sessions will be held throughout the rest of the year.

Joe Blefari, Martin Woodcock & Sharon Foweraker

Our School Values:

Caring

Honesty

Excellence

Respect

Responsibility

The Program Achieve Keys To Success:

Confidence

Persistence

Getting Along

Organisation

Resilience

From Leadership Team continued

Harmony Day

Following on from our National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, we celebrated Harmony Day last week. These are wonderful opportunities to highlight key messages to children about the way we should treat one another. Words such as respect, diversity, inclusivity, kindness and so on, were highlighted and discussed. Many children made badges and symbols to demonstrate this focus. We shared lunch as a whole school in the gym and then had some fun together out on the school oval. It was great that our preschool children were also able to join in.

Coincidentally at home last week I had a relatable teaching moment with one of my children. One of my children was sharing a negative thought he/she had about a friend. At that point I asked my child if they had ever heard me talk negatively about one of my friends, with the response being 'no'. I explained that I didn't have a problem with my child feeling a certain way about one of his/her friends but we talked about how this issue could be resolved rather than focusing on talking about his/her friend without them being there. Whether we realise it or not, we are always role modelling behaviours to our children. I'm by no means a perfect father however I believe it's moments like these, and taking opportunities to talk to our children about language and behaviours we want to see, can make a positive difference.

School Production – 25 & 26 September, 2019

Due to Marc Wallis being on leave this term, our school production will be held a little later in the year. This year's production dates have been set for Wednesday 25 September and Thursday 26 September, week 10, term 3. The production will once again be held at the Golden Grove Arts Centre.

I had the privilege of being invited to last year's Trolls Production and was very impressed by our children's efforts and talents and their ability to work as a team to produce such a high quality performance. I wonder what Mr Woody will be wearing in 2019!

Teaching & Learning

On March 8 our teachers undertook training and development in the area of reading with a focus on how to support students to be balanced readers. We looked at;

- Understanding the balanced reader
- Developing common understandings and whole school consistency in the explicit teaching of reading and the guided reading process
- Understanding how levelled texts work and their use in guided reading
- Unpacking a guided reading session
- Using guided reading effectively in a quality literacy block
- Revisiting the use of reading records as a consistent assessment tool for benchmarking reading.

In reflecting on this training and development day, teachers have agreed to have a whole school focus on reading. This will begin in term 2 and will involve the support of a Literacy coach, Heather Lawes.

PFC

Last week we held our first Parents and Friends committee meeting for 2019. It was great that Ella from room 19 was able to join us as a student representative. There was much discussion and organisation around our upcoming Sports Day.

A reminder that raffle tickets can be purchased for our Easter raffle which will be drawn in the front office on Wednesday 10 April. Our traditional Mother's Day stalls will run again on Wednesday 8 May & Thursday 9 May (term 2, week 2). Later in the year we will be facilitating a fundraising event for R U OK Day on September 12, where children will be encouraged to wear yellow.

Student Absences

As I am sure you can appreciate, we have a moral and legal responsibility to ensure that we maintain an accurate record of student attendance. We seek your support in ensuring children arrive to school on time each day.

If your child is away from school for whatever reason please notify your child's class teacher, via a note, email etc. Alternatively you can contact the school via phone and inform us that your child is away and state the reason for their absence.

I thank you for your anticipated support with this important matter.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at Sports Day if you are able to make it.

Yours sincerely

Joe Blefari

Assembly Merit Awards

| Name | Room | Value / Key To Success |
|-------------|----------|--|
| Bianca D | 2 | Being organised for each lesson, being a good listener and always having a go! 😊 |
| Dylan P | 2 | Using his resilience to stay strong and be brave. Fantastic start to the school year! 😊 |
| Trisha P | 2 | A confident and successful start to a new school! Welcome to Ridgehaven! 😊 |
| Isabelle H | 3 | Always trying her best to solve problems in Maths. |
| Isaac T | 3 | Being a kind and caring student who supports other class members when needed. |
| Ivy D | 5 | Using a Growth Mindset when learning new things. Wonderful! |
| Lucas M | 5 | The huge effort you are putting into improving your recount writing. Fantastic! |
| Jazmia w | 7 | Positively settling into the classroom and being ready to learn. |
| Jayjay D | 7 | Being an enthusiastic learner who is eager to improve his reading and Maths. |
| Raiden R | 10 | Huge improvements in the amount of spelling work completed. |
| Zoe K | 10 | Showing great persistence with project work. |
| Holly B | 11 | Showing confidence in oral work and getting along with class members in class activities. |
| Ruby M | 11 | Working with persistence in all curriculum areas and trying hard to do her best. |
| Tyrell W | 12 | Working so hard to improve in his reading and recognition of sights words. We are ALL so proud of you! |
| Grace S | 12 | Making a huge effort to improve in her reading and math, all done with a positive attitude. |
| Chelsea T | 15 | Staying organised and on top of all her work. |
| Josh D | 15 | Showing persistence in improving his writing and class participation. |
| Jacob M | 18 | Showing caring and kindness helping his Kindy buddy Luke. 😊 |
| Isa A | 18 | Persisting with his first imath investigation even when it got tough – Keep it up! |
| Jett S | 18 | Showing enthusiasm in all activities. |
| Sarah N | 19 | Striving for excellence across all subject areas and for displaying persistence when tasks challenge you. A great start to the year, keep up the fantastic work. |
| Sam G | 19 | Always being a respectful and caring member of our class. |
| Jett S | Science | Being prepared for science lessons and contributing to class discussions. Jett, I love how you always have something to share each week. 😊 |
| Jasmyn F | Science | Always coming to Science with great enthusiasm and asking some great questions. Keep it up, Jasmyn! |
| Poppy D | Science | Taking time and effort to produce a great assignment about Emperor Penguins. You went above and beyond to produce some high quality work. Well done Poppy!! |
| Adele L | PE/Drama | Always trying her best during every learning activity. |
| Archer J | PE/Drama | A positive attitude and effort during all learning activities. |
| Toby C | Japanese | Being focused and organised during Japanese lessons. |
| Charlotte C | Japanese | Demonstrating persistence during Japanese lessons when sounding out new words. |

2019 SCHOOL M&S CHARGES

Payment due by Friday 12th April 2019

Payments can be made at the Front Office by Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or Credit Card. Payments may also be made through the phone QKR app.

Payment by Instalments can be arranged either by paying in person or by direct debit from your bank account or credit card.

School Card forms must be completed every year. Forms are available from the front office for eligible families whose combined family income (from your 2017/18 tax return) is under the following limits:

| No of children | Annual Income | Weekly Income |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$59,432 | \$1,143 |
| 2 | \$60,493 | \$1,164 |
| 3 | \$61,554 | \$1,185 |
| 4 | \$62,615 | \$1,206 |
| 5 | \$63,676 | \$1,227 |
| Each addt child | \$ 1,061 | \$21 |

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS REQUIRED

Support of donations will be much appreciated and can be left at the front office.

Raffle will be drawn at school on Wednesday
10th April



UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop has relocated to the front office and will be run by the office staff on the following dates in Term 1.

Week 11 Monday 8th April 2:30-3:30pm

2019 Pupil Free Days

Term 2 - Friday 7 June
Term 3 - Friday 30 August
Term 4 - Friday 22 November

2019 School Closure Day
Monday 2 September

Year 7 tops

We have Year 7 polo tops and Hoodies for sale.
Polo top – small, large and XL - \$40.00
Hoodies – small, XL and 2XL - \$55.00

See front office staff if you would like to purchase any of these items

Have your say on the Parent Engagement framework

The Parent Engagement framework seeks to deliver the department's vision of parent engagement in education.

The framework recognises:

- the key role parents play in their child's education
- that it is important for our education system to build strong partnerships with parents and engage them in their children's education
- that parent engagement is key component of effective teaching.

Comments on the draft Parent Engagement framework are welcome via a short survey, which will close on 12 April 2019.

Your comments will inform the final framework.

Ridgehaven Primary School is fundraising with Entertainment Books!



It's that time of the year when we are starting our Entertainment Book Fundraising. We will not be sending books home to families as has been done in previous years, so if you are wanting to purchase a book they will be available at the Front Office on Tuesday 2nd April or you can order online at <https://www.entbook.com.au/160r869>, or via the QKR App. If you order online or through the App the book will be sent home with your child.

LAST CHANCE!

Pre-order to enjoy these bonus offers

PRE-ORDER NOW

Early Bird Vouchers

\$20 VOUCHER
woolworths

\$50 VOUCHER
CELLARMASTERS

*\$20 off your total shop when you spend \$20 or more at Woolworths online. *\$50 off your total shop when you spend \$50 or more at Cellarmasters online. **Terms & Conditions apply.

**Hurry! Bonus Early Bird Offers. Purchase by 6th April.
LAST CHANCE!**

Your support really helps our school, so we're thrilled to let you know about special bonus Early Bird Entertainment Membership Offers for loyal supporters.

Pre-order the NEW 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership and receive bonus offers you can use right away!

WATER

In room 10 we have been looking at water with a major focus on The Coorong. We had to create a project about the Coorong using Google Slides on our Chromebooks.

What is The Coorong like? It has lots of pelicans, small bushes, sand dunes and small water areas. *By Sara*

It is sandy and windy and so there aren't many tall trees. *By Scarlett*

It used to be beautiful and clean when everybody cared about it. *By Leo*

The Coorong is in big danger, it is polluted because people have been dumping rubbish which is very bad but lots of people know how to solve it. *By Amelia*

We can keep our water clean by not littering and not throwing things from boats. *By James*

We can stop pollution by saying no to plastic straws, using glass containers instead of plastic and by recycling used motor oils and filters. *By Eli*

The Coorong is polluted and the Murray Mouth is clogged up by sand. *By Mitchell*

Rivers are important to Aboriginal people because they believe the river has a spirit. *By Aliza*



The Coorong is where Storm Boy was set and filmed.



Everything needs water because if we didn't have water we wouldn't survive. *By Sienna I*

Australia is very lucky to have clean water all around us because some countries don't have clean water. *By Lucy*

You can only survive for a few days without water. *By Jack*

How does water pollution affect us?

Answer One:

Water pollution is affecting us because when the water gets dirty we won't be able to drink it any more. *By Saotse*

Answer Two:

Sea animals get tangled up in the litter and die. *By Ericka*

Answer Three:

Everyone has to have clean water every day otherwise they will get very sick. *By Zoe*

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Mr Woodcock, Mr Hillard and Ms Cornwall took 38 students to the athletics carnival at Bulkana Oval. All the students had lots of fun.



Softball CARNIVAL

Mr Woodcock, Mr Hillard and Mr Wallis took 2 boys teams and 1 girls team Illyarrie Reserve to participate in the Softball Carnival.
We all had a great day



COMMUNITY NEWS

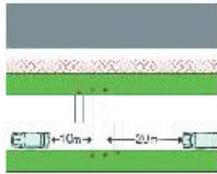
School zones

Drivers must slow their vehicles to 25km/h in a school zone at any time, day or night, when a child is present. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a school zone.



School crossings

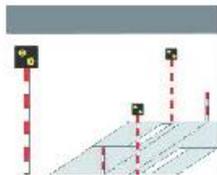
You cannot stop within 20m of the approach side or 10m of the departure side



of a school crossing. This rule applies to all pedestrian crossings.

Koala crossings

A Koala crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles.

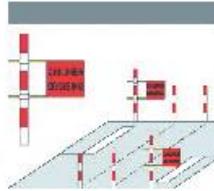


A 25km/h speed limit applies when the lights are flashing.

A driver must give way to any pedestrian.

Emu crossings

An Emu crossing has a red 'Children Crossing' flag displayed on red and white striped posts.



The speed restriction of 25km/h applies at any time when a child is present so slow down to be safe and take care of children.

Bicycle lanes

Bicycle lanes run alongside kerbs or next to parking lanes. They are indicated by painted lines, bicycle symbols and bicycle lane signs, or the word 'lane' painted in white. Some bicycle lanes (or sections of lanes) are painted green.



Some bicycle lanes operate around the clock. Others only operate during peak travel times (as specified on the signs) to allow parking for local businesses and residents.

It is illegal to drive, park or stop your vehicle in a bicycle lane and fines apply.

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

STATE OF VICTORIA
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
1800 010 000

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SQUASH LESSONS

Learn how to play squash in a fun and friendly environment !!

TUESDAY 16 APRIL - THURSDAY 18 APRIL
WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL - FRIDAY 26 APRIL
ALL 1:00-2:30PM

Our school holiday lessons provide the perfect environment for beginners to experience squash for the first time.

WANNA KNOW HOW TO PLAY SQUASH?

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS

- \$7.50 per session
- \$25 for all 4 sessions
- All sessions are run by a Nationally accredited coach
- All equipment is provided
- All you need to bring is comfortable sport shoes and a drink bottle

Please contact Grant Harman on 0479 844 238 or grant@ballingarry.com

Ingle Farm SQUASH

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AS OF 31/12/2019

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AS OF 31/12/2019

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THURSDAY 2nd May 2019
10 WEEKS
LAST WEEK THURSDAY 4th July
5.30pm - 6.30pm

* Open to 5-7 yrs of age and 8-10 yrs of age
* Participants will be able to conduct online registrations. Sports voucher claims will cover fee costs.
* Fee \$100 - 10 week course

SPORTS VOUCHERS CAN BE CLAIMED FOR THIS COURSE.
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**STUDY
2D**

**STUDY
3D**

**STUDY
VFX**

**STUDY
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STUDIOS**
SCHOOL OF VISUAL EFFECTS
AND ENTERTAINMENT DESIGN

CDW STUDIOS

PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

SPECIAL PRICE
\$10

Here is a chance for 9-13 year olds to learn how to draw, paint and design from working industry professionals. This workshop is a 2 hour session. Students will have the opportunity to have a hands on experience drawing on paper with guided instruction.

WHO'S IT FOR:
KIDS 9-13

WHEN:
10AM-12PM
TUES 16 APRIL 2019

WHERE:
CDW STUDIOS
LV 4, THE MYER CENTRE

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**
Payment made on day

To BOOK your place, email info@cdwstudios.com
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- > Serving our community
- > Instilling values and embracing our future

The Heights School has received a **\$10 Million** grant to provide brand new buildings with state of the art equipment to enhance student learning

**Building
better
Schools.**



You are invited to our **OPEN EVENTS**

Wednesday 27th March
6:00pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 28th March
9:15am to 10:30am

Learn more about our Ignite Program, and our **\$3.5 Million** upgrade to student facilities, providing vital new learning spaces and opportunities in STEM

ignite 
a program for gifted and talented children

The Heights School - Preschool to Year 12

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Should any of your families have missed out on our Open Events please see below dates and times of School Tours. Parents can visit our school website to book or please contact the Principal's Assistant on 82636244.

Tours commence at 9:00am on the following dates:

Wednesday 9th May

23rd May

31st July

21st August

6th November

- > Educating young minds
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The Heights School has received a **\$10 million** grant to provide new buildings with state of the art furniture and equipment to enhance student learning. Planning has already commenced.

We have completed a **\$3.5 million** upgrade to student facilities to provide vital new learning spaces and opportunities in **Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)**.

School Tour



You're Invited

Please join our school tour followed by the opportunity to meet our Principal, Nigel Gill, for refreshments and a conversation about your child's education in a relaxed atmosphere on

Monday 1st April 2019 from 9:00am to 10:15am

Are you looking for a **leading school** for your child as they enter Year 8 schooling?

The Heights School would love to share it with you

Bookings are essential. Please book online at <http://theheights.sa.edu.au/tour> or contact Dani Camillo 8263 6244