



We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



Mrs Leach is currently on leave and will be returning in the last week of term after taking a well-earned break and spending time with her family. During her absence, Mrs Amy Backas and myself (Mrs Sharon Peluso) will be covering the Principal duties. We look forward to catching up with parents so call in and say hello!

This term is a short one and we have a lot of exciting things happening, including our Start Up programs, incursions, student led assemblies, parent-teacher meetings, inter-school sport and the grade 5/6 camp.

We are currently busy looking into air conditioning for the gym. This is the result of our community's fantastic fundraising efforts with last year's Fun Run. Well done everyone. We will keep you updated with progress.

Grade 5/6 students have started Inter-school Sports on Fridays. We hope they enjoy competing against different schools. Thank you to Mr Yasunaga for organizing buses and training sessions in order for this to go ahead.



Ms Gulshen in the Art room discussing our school values and Behaviour Matrix with grade 5/6 students

Students now have lunchtime clubs to participate in EVERY DAY. Activities include colouring in, indoor ball games, Soccer, Knitting & Crochet and reading books. Plenty to keep our students occupied during the lunch time break.

Walking into the ELC building it is wonderful to see how quickly our new preps and grade 1's have settled into school and how calm our classrooms are. This theme continues across grades 2 to 6. So a huge well done to staff and students for a very impressive start to term 1 at MHPS.



Ms Watson working with one of our students in the ELC



Has your child received a Raffle Ticket?
Staff have been busy handing out raffle tickets to students showing our behaviour expectations at school. Tickets are placed into containers and go towards an end of term presentation to the winning House.

A few more
photos of
students and
their work.



Have a great week everyone and keep
up the great work!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sharon Peluso



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IMPORTANT DATES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL TO ALL STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 2024

Monday to Friday 12th to 16th PREPS 8.50am to 2.30pm School times

Friday 16th Grades 5/6 Interschool Sports

Monday 19th PREPS 8.50am to 3.20pm full time

MARCH 2024

Monday 11th LABOUR DAY – NO SCHOOL

Thursday 28th 2.30pm pick up - Last Day of Term I

APRIL 2024

Monday 15th 8.50am School restarts Term II



HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS?

Please immediately notify the School Office of any changes to your address or contact details. Please update your email address for COMPASS information.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30am to 4:00pm

The office is CLOSED during all school holiday periods





Some Tips from the MHPS Wellbeing Team

WELLBEING



This is our matrix of behaviour expectations. The behaviours relate to each of our 4 values, Being Proud, Excellent, Respectful and Responsible. Staff will teach the expected behaviours and reward students doing the right thing. We ask parents to support MHPS in our School Wide Positive Behaviour approach with students.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please make sure you have your Library bags so that you can borrow!

LIBRARY

Parents/Caregivers, here is the Library timetable for your children to assist you in ensuring that they return their Library books on time each week!

2024 LIBRARY TIMETABLE for Term 1

PREPs A and B	Monday
PREP C	Wednesday
1A Ms Marks	Wednesday
1B Ms O'Connell	Monday
1C Ms PENNINI	Wednesday
2A Ms Pirro	Tuesday
2B Ms Isdar	Tuesday
2C Mr LaMattina	Wednesday
34A Mr Torchia	Thursday
34B Mrs Bell	Thursday
34C Mrs Durna	TBC
34D Ms Delaney	Tuesday
56A Ms Caruso	Monday
56B Mr Pace	Tuesday
56C Mr Knox	Tuesday
56D Ms Lang	Monday

Namaste! Yoga classes in the EAL Room



With higher UV levels from September onwards it is important to use a combination of sun-protection measures to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

From **TERM IV** when outdoors at MHPS, it is **COMPULSORY** that staff and students wear appropriate clothing that covers as much skin as possible and a legionnaire cap to protect the head, face, neck and ears. Staff and students should also apply SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen, use shade whenever possible and if practical, sunglasses should also be worn.

Students without appropriate hats must sit in the shade in the main courtyard during their breaks.
NO HAT! NO PLAY! NO SUN!

MHPS appreciates your support in our efforts to encourage your child about the importance of being SunSmart.
MHPS legionnaire caps can be purchased at the school office for \$8 via eftpos (no cash).



EVERY DAY COUNTS

ATTENDANCE AND SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

Overview

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

The [School Attendance Guidelines](#) specify that from the end of Term 2 2018, government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the day of an unexplained student absence.

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Parents/carers have an obligation to notify the school of their child's absence and schools are required to notify parents/carers on the day of an unexplained student absence.

1. Contact details

*There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on **9305 2033** so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.*

2. Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

*Please remember to call the school on **9305 2033** or or log your child's absence using **Compass** early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.*

3. Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

*Our school will SMS you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by calling on **9305 2033** to let us know where your child is. If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details (i.e. message notification fail, disconnected number), then we may make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school, where possible, on the same day of the unexplained absence.*

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences.

MEADOW HEIGHTS PRIMARY USES COMPASS AS OUR PARENT PORTAL



COMPASS HELPS YOU STAY UP
TO DATE WITH IMPORTANT
NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM
THE SCHOOL

**CHECK
COMPASS
REGULARLY AND
ENSURE YOU
HAVE YOUR
NOTIFICATIONS
TURNED ON!**



- ✓ Easily track your child's progress through school
- ✓ Respond to unauthorised absence notifications
- ✓ Access up-to-date news about your child's school community
- ✓ Ensure your child is completing the tasks assigned to them
- ✓ Avoid trips to the school office; process payments, consent, canteen orders and more from your phone

NEED HELP LOGGING ON?



DOWNLOAD THE APP FOR
FREE FROM THE APPLE
STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY
STORE, OR ACCESS IT VIA
A DESKTOP BROWSER



MEADOW HEIGHTS PS COMMUNITY HUB

Invites you to come along and join in the fun!

For further information on any of our programs
please contact Salwa Salem on 9305 2033



Hub Programs

Mondays

8:30-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

**9:00-11:00 English Classes (Child
minding is provided)**

11:00-12:00 Gardening

2:30-3:20 Zumba

Tuesdays

8:30-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

**9:30-11:00 English classes (child
minding is provided)**

11:00-12:00 Cooking Class

Wednesdays

8:30-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

9:00- 9:30 Coffee & Chat

9:30-11:00 Play & Learn Play Group

Thursdays

8:20-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 Coffee & Chat

9:00-10:30 Talk & Play Group

3:00-3:20 Food packs

Fridays

8:20-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

**9:00-11:00 Sewing Class (Child
minding is provided)**