



Newsletter

Ridgehaven Primary School

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Dates To Remember

Uniform Shop
Tuesday 11 June

Pupil Free Day
Friday 7 June

From Leadership Team

If you're anything like me, after seeing your child or children after school you may ask them the general question; *how was your day?* If your children are like mine, you'll receive a very generic response, such as *good* or *okay*. Recently I have changed my questioning to more specific ones such as; *tell me about the best part of your day at school or explain what you did in Maths or English today or tell me one thing that made you smile today?* Pleasingly these more specific questions have led to greater conversation with my children and an emphasis on learning and positive experiences. If my children respond with a negative comment or start discussing a friendship issue they experienced at school, often I will divert the conversation and focus on the positives. My thinking is that some friendship issues are developmental and part of growing up for every child. Although I love my children and want them to be healthy and happy, I also understand that at times they may not always tell me the whole story, conveniently leaving out parts where they may not have made the best choice. If I always unreservedly go into bat for my children, without knowing the entire picture, such as what may have happened the day before, then I am sending the wrong message to my children. I'm sending the message that I will save them every time something happens and that they don't need to work through conflict on their own. Rather, I try to provide them with skills to support them through such friendship issues and to help them realise that most of the time, their issues are minor in the greater scheme of life. It's these skills that will help them now and later in life, because as adults, we all know that friendship issues don't come to an end in Year 7 or Year 12.

With this said, I am certainly not dismissive of big friendship issues that my children have experienced and will always follow these up with my children's class teacher first and foremost and I encourage Ridgehaven families to do likewise. I'd also like to remind our families that as tempting as it may be, it is not appropriate under any circumstance, to approach another child at school who may be in conflict with your child.

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

Thank you Mel!

On behalf of our school community I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mel Rawnsley for all of amazing efforts on the Parents and Friends committee over many years. Mel has recently won employment within a school environment and will be officially concluding her time on the PFC next month.

In my short time at Ridgehaven I have been impressed by Mel's commitment to the school and her dedication towards fundraising initiatives. Mel's enthusiasm and passion is infectious and nothing has ever been too big a challenge for her. Along with her amazing efforts on the PFC, Mel has also been facilitating Playgroup in our preschool each Friday morning in a volunteer capacity.

Mel was the inaugural winner of the 2018 Wright Volunteer Award for providing outstanding volunteer service to Ridgehaven Primary School.

Mel will remain on our Governing Council and continue to support our school wherever she can. I wish Mel much happiness and success in this exciting new chapter of her life.

New Rain Bell Procedure

We have recently introduced a morning rain bell procedure in an effort to support children to remain warm and dry before the official start of the school day at 8.50am. If it is raining (beyond a light drizzle) before school (between 8.35-8.50am) the rain bell will be rung twice. This rain bell will indicate that children can enter their classrooms at this time. All children will be supervised by the leadership team and the middle yard duty teacher during this time. Please note that the official start of the day remains at 8.50am.

Staff News

After being on leave since the beginning of the year, I'm pleased to share that our grounds-person, Paul Day, has decided to return to Ridgehaven in term 3. I look forward to working alongside Paul and I'm sure you will join me in welcoming him back.

Dave Toohey has done a fantastic job in Paul's absence and we would like to thank him for his outstanding work ethic and commitment and passion for our school over the last six months. We wish Dave every success and happiness with his future aspirations.

I am pleased to share that we have employed two new SSOs for the remainder of the year, Lauren McGrath & Dylan Grivell. I hope they enjoy their experiences at Ridgehaven PS.

Decluttering

We have completed a fair amount of decluttering throughout the school. This has involved us giving or throwing away unwanted furniture and general waste. This has freed up space in some of our classrooms, OSHC, corridors, storage spaces and sheds. This focus will continue as we explore ways of further opening up the school and improving learning spaces for our young people.

School Production Auditions

I'd like to thank all of the students who auditioned for roles in our school production last week. Most of these students spent considerable time preparing for their audition and gave it their best. I know that Mr Wallis and Sharon had the difficult task of judging auditions and determining which students would take on particular roles. Well done to all of these students for having the courage to audition and for accepting the outcomes. I hope the feedback provided to students by Mr Wallis will support them with their future aspirations. I understand that all students wishing to be on stage will have the opportunity to do so, in some form or another.

From Leadership Team continued

Choir Students

Recently our school choir were assessed by an external assessor as is the case each year. The assessor used a rubric and observed and provided feedback to our choir on; presentation, accuracy, text, part work, tone quality, dynamics and presentation, responding and behaviour. I'm pleased to share that our choir achieved a pass grade in each of these areas and impressively received an 'A' for their presentation and behaviour. Written quotes from the assessor included;

"Your behaviour today was awesome – thank you!" and "Keep up the fabulous work Ridgehaven."

Congratulations to the choir and Miss Lucy for their fantastic efforts.

Preschool Updates

Our preschool staff and students were very excited by the recent arrival of their new outdoor pod. Below is a photo of the children sitting within this new equipment. Coincidentally the pod was built by Climbing Tree, the same company who are constructing our nature play space.



This term our preschool children will take part in Bush Kindy at the creek on Redwood Avenue. Engaging in nature play and exploring natural environments is important for children's well-being and development. Bush kindy exposes children to new experiences and self-directed play that is led by their curiosity. They are free to explore, practise new skills and learn new information through their exploration. The activities and space also give children a renewed connection and appreciation of the natural environment. They learn to lead their own play, away from a formal setting, establishing new skills in collaborative, imaginative and creative play.

Election Day BBQ

Our election day bbq was a huge success, raising \$1096 for our school. This would not have been possible without the generous donations and team of volunteers who helped throughout the day. A huge thank you to Craig Stirna for donating bacon and all of the sausages and to Diana Wain for her donation of eggs. Thank you to Jacki and Portia Paroczy, Leah and Sarah Hopkins, Jayden and Tyler Rosenberg, Craig Stirna, Diana Wain and Mel Rawnsley for helping with the setting up, cooking and selling. Thank you to our staff, Lyn, Martin and Kylie for all of their wonderful help on the day. Well done team!

Assembly Merit Awards

Name	Room	Value / Key To Success
Lawson	2	Getting organised for lessons and having a go at all tasks. Keep up the good work Lawson!
Jemma	2	Displaying confidence in reading and spelling. Also persisting with each task. Well done Jemma!
Kayla	3	Writing fantastic recounts and narratives by adding more verbs and adjectives.
Kabir	3	Settling in very quickly to the class and for having a great start to Ridgehaven.
William	5	The amazing confidence you are showing as you learn to sound out and write words on your own.
Isabel	5	Working hard to learn lots of sounds and trying your best to blend sounds so you can read words.
Aurora	7	Consistently completing tasks with a dedicated effort and extending herself to improve.
Jess	7	Being an organised learner who challenges herself to learn and achieve more.
Lincoln	10	Showing greater participation in class discussions and thinking deeply when asked a question.
Aliza	10	Showing much greater confidence in reading and spelling. Keep on working hard!
Kayla	11	Displaying great leadership skills within the classroom. Working to achieve her best.
Riley	11	Managing distractions to achieve the best he can.
Artin	12	Working extremely hard in maths to learn new skills and then transferring this learning when attempting to solve complex problems.
Talia	12	Consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic. Your writing skills have excelled and you are effectively incorporating a range of literary devices.
Lucas	18	Working collaboratively in literacy to interpret challenging words from surrounding clues in a text – awesome team work!
Lily-Anne	18	Showing persistence in learning division of decimal numbers. Awesome effort Lili!
Seth	19	Showing such wonderful work in his literacy. I'm so pleased to see such a fabulous work ethic now developing to go with his excellent ability. Keep it up buddy, super impressed.
Talia	19	Being an amazing role model. She's made such great progress in all her studies and works so hard. I've enjoyed watching her confidence grow.
Katie	Science	Always being punctual to science lessons, asking interesting questions and trying your best in every activity and experiment.
Oosha	Science	Showing great initiative and problem solving during science lessons. Keep it up Oosha!
Liam	P.E/Drama	Going above and beyond in completing his drama video. Great work.
Lily	P.E/Drama	Persisting to the best of her ability in all drama and P.E lessons. Well done.
Milla	SSO	Completing MULTILIT program with great success.

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

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 2

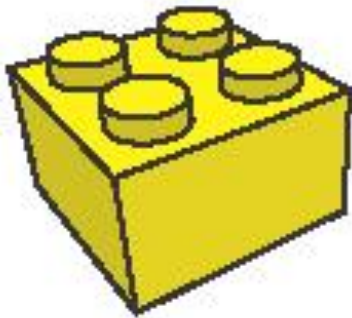
Tuesday 11 June
Monday 24 June

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 are available at the Front Office 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. Thank you for your support.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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