

# MAHARISHI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Report

On behalf of the School Board and Staff of Maharishi School, welcome to the 2024 school year; I hope all staff, students and families had an opportunity to rest, recharge and are ready for an exciting year of learning. I would like to extend an extra-special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this year and to our returning staff and new staff. Lisa Smith, will continue as the team teacher with Deb Ward for the Pearls and Max Malone, will join as a team teacher with Susie Burnham for the Diamonds. We would also like to warmly welcome Britt Daly to the Maharishi Office team; Britt will be onsite to assist you at the front office throughout the week and will be a great support to us all.

The staff have returned to school incredibly motivated and enthusiastic about the year ahead; we hope you and your children feel the same as we embark upon what we hope proves to be another year of growth and strength for the school and for us as individuals.

## 2024 School Organisation

We are proud of the Maharishi School team and their dedication and commitment to our school's mission and values and the stability of our staffing has been a real asset to our school. The structure in place for our school in 2024 is:

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Learning Support:	Despina Robertson	
Teacher Aides:	Julie, Olivia, Bobby, Maddi, Alyssa, Mary, Elke and Ally	



## Key Dates for 2024

The 2024 School Planner is attached with this newsletter. Printing and keeping a copy handy will ensure you have on-hand all the important school dates for the year.

<b>Monday 24th January</b>	School Office reopens
<b>Wednesday 31st January</b>	<b>Term 1 begins for students</b> Welcome Assembly (9.00am - all welcome) Homework Club (Tennis)
<b>Friday 2nd February</b>	Athletics/Sport for all students
<b>Wednesday 7th Februar</b>	Rest Day (Prep students only)
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	Athletics/Sport for all students
<b>Wednesday 14th February</b>	Rest Day (Prep students only)
<b>Friday 16th February</b>	Emerald Halogen Leadership excursion
<b>Wednesday 21st February</b>	Rest Day (Prep students only)
<b>Friday 23rd February</b>	Athletics/Sport for all students

## Homework Club for 2024

A reminder that the Homework club will run in Term One Monday-Thursday, commencing Wednesday 31st January with Tennis. If you would like your child to be involved in the Homework Club program, please ensure you submit the registration form with payment to the office by the end of the week.

## Uniform

Please remember that we have a uniform policy in place for our students and it is a requirement in Terms 1 and 4 that all students bring their hat to school each day. A reminder that Wednesday and Friday are our designated sport days and students are required to be in the sport uniform.

## Instrumental Music Program - Piano Lessons

Any parents wishing to enrol their child(ren) in the Piano Program should contact the school office for an Enrolment Form. Nick Aston, our Piano teacher, will follow-up with all families whose child(ren) have previously participated in the program and any new enquiries.



## Upcoming information

Teachers will be sharing with our families an information package with regards to how Term One will look in each of the classes, so please keep a look out for this communication from staff.

Our weekly parent meditations will resume on Friday the 9th of February at 9am with Suzi in Vastu 2, all TM meditating parents are invited to attend.

We know the key to success in developing confident young learners is providing a safe and happy environment for students to grow and as Maharishi Mahesh Yogi says "Being happy is of the utmost importance. Success in anything is through happiness."

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and fulfilling school year together. We look forward to seeing you at our Welcome Assembly on Wednesday 31st of January at 9am.

Sonia Culcasi

Principal