

CALENDAR DATES

Term 1, 2015

27th March Grandparents & Special Friends Day

27th March Hot Cross Buns distribution

27th March **Last day Term 1 – 2.30 p.m. finish** 

Term 2, 2015

13th April Term 2 commences

21st April St. Johns First Aid in Schools – all students

29th, 30th April – 1 May Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

8th May Sayembara Lisan - Indonesian Language Competition

15th May Indonesian Classes for Parents start (3.00- 3.30 p.m.)

19th May Dance Concert – Ashburton Primary School Hall – Students A - L group

20th May Dance Concert – Ashburton Primary School Hall – Students M – Z group

25th May Brass & Woodwind Concert – Hall at 7.00 p.m.

1st June Percussion Concert – Hall at 7.00 pm.

3rd June I.C.A.S. – Science

3rd June Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – Year 4

4th June Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – Year 2

5th June **PUPIL FREE DAY – Students do not attend school**

9th June Keyboard Concert – Hall at 6.30 p.m.

9th June Piano Concert – Hall at 7.30 p.m.

15th June Strings Concert – Hall at 7.00 p.m.

22nd June Guitar Concert – Banksia Building at 7.00 p.m.

26th June **Last day Term 2 – 2.30 p.m. finish**

Term 3, 2015

13th July Term 3 commences

18th September **Last day Term 3 – 2.30 p.m. finish**

Term 4, 2015

5th October Term 4 commences

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Council

We had the first meeting of the new School Council last week and elected the Executive positions for 2015. My thanks and congratulations to the following Councillors who have accepted nominations to the positions of:

President – Trevor Sharrock
Vice President – David Thomas
Treasurer – Anne Vythilingam Choy
Minutes Secretary – Tanya Dolence

At this meeting we also nominated Conveners for the School Council Sub-committees for 2015. The Sub-committees are a very important part of the School Council process and I have included a short explanation below for your information.

School Council Sub Committees. What do sub-committees do?

Sub-committees:

- Assist Council in the work that needs to be done. They report regularly at School Council meetings, provide advice and make recommendations to School Council which has the final responsibility for decisions. **Sub-committees cannot make decisions for School Council; rather they make recommendations to Council**

- Are open to non School Council members and therefore provide opportunities to involve people in the school who are not members of School Council
- The Council sub-committees sometimes have working parties that are set up for a specific task for a set period of time. An example of a working party might be related to the development of a policy – for example a “healthy eating” working party or a “sun smart” working party. Working parties are covered by the same rules as sub-committees. They cannot make decisions but instead make recommendations to either a sub-committee or School Council.

I would like to invite any interested community members to become involved in one of the Council Sub-committees listed below. The meetings will generally be on a Thursday and will be publicised in Contact. If you would like to discuss the possibility of contributing to Essex Heights in this way, please feel free to give me a call, or contact the Conveners as listed below.

Essex Heights School Council Sub-committees & Conveners 2015

Finance – Convener – Anne Vythilingam Choy

Finance monitors school budgets, income and expenditure, as well as making recommendations regarding financial policies.

Policy & Planning – Convener – David Quinn

Policy & Planning is involved with writing new policies covering any aspects of the school program that need that type of documentation. They also conduct a cyclic review and update all existing policies.

Grounds – Convener – Darren Mattingly

Grounds look after the external environment of the school, gardens and playground areas. They organize working bees for routine maintenance and also grounds improvement projects.

OSHC – Convener – Lisa Carne

The OSHC committee operates as a committee of management for the OSHC program. They work with Paul Davis and the OSHC team to monitor, maintain and improve the delivery of this service for our families who use Before Care, After Care and the Holiday Program

Annual Report - 2014

Also at the March School Council meeting, we tabled and endorsed the **Essex Heights 2014 Annual Report**. This document follows a format required by all Government schools and publishes performance data relating to School Profile, Student Outcomes, Attendance, Wellbeing and a Financial Summary. This Annual Report is published on the school website for your information, and can be read or downloaded from the ‘School Reports and Plans’ tab.

Planning Week

Last week we rearranged our ‘Specialist Timetable’ to facilitate a ‘Planning Day’ for each Level Team of teachers. This enables the teaching teams to spend a day together, reviewing their progress in Term 1, and planning the learning program for Term 2.

As a teaching team we have a strong emphasis on our ‘collective responsibility’ for all the children, ensuring the teachers at each Level share the same learning focus in their weekly planning and lessons. The teachers also regularly discuss individual student’s progress in Team Meetings, sharing assessment data and planning together for future learning.

The structure for our Level Teams is;

Level 1 – Prep – Coordinator: Joan Scott

Level 2 – Yr 1 & Yr 2 – Coordinator: Carolyn Wilson

Level 3 – Yr 3 & Yr 4 – Coordinator: Maria Capsalis

Level 4 – Yr 5 & Yr 6 – Coordinator: Anita Dix

Planning takes place in the Level Team, and also at each Grade Level (ie: Grade 5) where there is a senior teacher as a Team Leader.

These ‘Planning Days’ are incorporated into our program each Term.

PFA Welcome Picnic

Last Friday the PFA organised our first 'community event' for the year with a Welcome Family Picnic on Friday night. On a perfect night for a picnic it was great to meet many of our new families joining Essex Heights PS. Those who were there enjoyed the chance to meet and chat with other families and to listen to some excellent music played by "Dynamic" a band partly made up of past Essex Heights students, with a cameo by Nikki from Yr 6.



The Library and Courtyard

provide an ideal venue for an event such as this and will certainly be featured in many more events in the future.

Thanks to the PFA for organising this event, arranging the music, the BBQ and drinks sales and the publicity. Thanks also to Diana Maggs who came and entertained the children with balloon sculptures which were a big hit. Finally, thanks to all the families who supported the event and came along on the night, much appreciated!



Class Visit – 3AW & 3CW

On Monday of this week I enjoyed an hour during a literacy session with the children from 3AW & 3CW. The children across both classes had joined together for this session that saw them working in targeted groups across a range of different reading activities. They began all together with a YouTube clip, "Reading Gives You Super Powers" about the power of imagination in the reading process. Following that the children broke into their groups and I worked with a group of six children with a focus on 'story sequencing'. We shared and discussed a story together, retelling it in the correct sequence. The children then worked individually with a set of picture cards to correctly sequence and retell their own stories.

Thanks to Jenny Austin and Maria Capsalis for their work in developing the literacy skills of their children, especially utilising technology as an important tool which is very engaging for the children. .



Thanks also to Maria for her leadership across the five classes as the Yr 3/4 Coordinator

2.30 pm Finish Tomorrow, and Term 2 Return on Monday April 13th

A reminder to all parents and students that we will be finishing at **2:30 pm** on Friday as the last day of Term 1.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to everyone returning refreshed after the break.

See you in Term 2,
Andrew





FROM THE OFFICE

Email Approval for Financial Statements:

For the families who have not yet provided an updated email address for the forwarding of Financial Statements, the form is available from the school website under **Notices**. Please complete and return to the Office as soon as possible. Thank you.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The April Vacation Care Program is filling fast, so Next term we will start the Before care cooking club in the 2nd week of term 2. Remember some of last year's highlights, the Donut cake, Caramello Koala Bear Cheese Cake, Tim Tam delight cake, French toast and bacon and Candyland Cupcakes. This year we are going bigger and better so look out for details.

Thank you to all the new and old families that have supported the program this term.

Thank You
Paul Davis



PARENTS & FRIENDS 'NEWS'

Thanks to all the parents who helped run **Welcome Night**, in particular Betty and friends on the sausage sizzle, Nicola the icy-pole angel, Andrea F the PFA recruiter, the band, and Fairy Funtastic the balloon lady, who by all accounts, was a big hit. If you loved her work, you can [find her on Facebook](#).

Chocolate galore! Congratulations to the children who won the **Easter raffle prizes**: Eleni from Prep B (1st prize), Evelyn from 2FB (2nd prize) and Azaan from 3CW (3rd prize). I think the 1st prize hamper was, in fact, larger than Eleni herself! Bit disappointed my children didn't win, but I guess there's always next year. Thanks to Betty for running this fundraiser treat.



Are you looking forward to Friday? Not only is it the last day of term, but also those **delicious hot cross buns will be delivered**. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help distribute them to the classrooms: remember to meet at the Hall at 9:00am. And thanks to Morwenna for organising this fundraiser treat too. (I do love it when food is involved.)

Have you enjoyed the benefits of having an **Entertainment Book**? I've had the digital version for the past year, and it's been great. Not only are all the savings vouchers in my phone, but my husband can access them as well. **Would you be able to manage this school fundraiser?** The amazing Linda Cornell has been running it for the past few years, but it's time for her to pass it on. It's a time commitment of a couple of hours a week for a few weeks, less after this with just keeping an eye on orders and responding to any queries. If you think you could take it up, or help Linda with it, please email Stef at ehpspfa@gmail.com.

We'll be sending home an information pack about the Carnival in early Term 2. It will tell you all about how you can get involved. Meanwhile, we're looking for partners to help with **food and drink for the Carnival**. If that's you, or you know someone who might be interested, please contact Andrea Fyfe at ehps.carnival@gmail.com. Be sure to like our [Carnival Facebook page](#) to keep in touch with what's going on.

Finally, thank you so much to Martha Kotsifas and Betty Ciorciari for all their hard work on the PFA committee for the past few years. Your contributions have been exemplary, and both the children and our whole community have benefited from your efforts. (I only hope I can continue in Betty's calm and efficient manner.)

Have a happy and safe break, and see you in Term 2.

Andrea Jordan (Abby S, 4R, and Jake S, 4O).



TAKE HOME READING BOOKS

There will be no more Take Home Reading Books will be sent home this week. We need to stocktake these and have them ready for next term. Encourage your children to read during the holidays. They can read books from their own bookshelves or borrow books from the local Library. Children really benefit from having books read to them too. A great bonding activity. Our Take Home Reading Program has always been an extremely important part of your child's reading development. It is important that it continues with a wide range of books available for all children to read.

Thanks.
Annegret Talman



BERITA BAHASA INDONESIA!



Sayembara Lisan: State-wide annual Indonesian Oral Competition

It has been great to have so many children who have expressed interest in participating this year!

Competition material was distributed last week.

Please drop by the Indonesian room if you did not receive it and your child would like to participate. Song/poem links for Years Prep-4 are below.

Date: Friday May 8th

Venue: Melbourne University Private
422 Auburn Road, Hawthorn 3122

Cost: \$15.00 (TBC)

A final notice with some further details including the cost and permission slip will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

Students who will be participating are encouraged to do some practice over the holidays.

Prep/Year 1/Year 2 song links

Balonku – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLSEtNEmhTc>

Pelangi – pelangi - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3wMjOlhvuE>

Year 3/Year 4 poem links

Hai Becak – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kveyDKw5TgY>

Kapal Api - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3dpiGXXqvY>



Tanggal Penting: Important Dates/Events

Sunday April 19th Indonesia Street Festival

Details: www.visitvictoria.com/regions/Melbourne/Events/Multicultural/Indonesia-Street-Festival

Friday May 8th Sayembara Lisan – Statewide Indonesian Language Competition (open to all children in Years Prep-6)



INDONESIAN (BEGINNER) CLASSES FOR PARENTS

Classes for parents (grandparents/special friends) will be on offer again during Term 2 (Fridays 3.00-3.30 pm) beginning Friday May 15th for 4 weeks.



If you are interested, **please return the Slip in this Newsletter to the office by Friday April 24th** (2nd week of Term 2). These sessions will include some introductory language to assist parents in communicating with their very clever kids! *Intermediate classes will also be on offer for any interested parents.*



FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

In recent weeks there have been several reports of head lice across all grade levels.

Could you please take the time **these holidays** to check your child's hair, preferably with the comb and conditioner method, and treat if head lice is found.

Please refer to the link below from the Department of Health for information on how to check and treat head lice.

<http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/>

The best way to prevent head lice is tying long hair back and regular checking.

Any questions, please call me on 9807-4944 between 11.00 -3.00 pm.

Julie Zuk, First Aid Officer



Money Munchers - Collection for Timor Leste *A request for help please*

Our 'Money Muncher' collection tins are quite empty at the moment and we are looking for spare change to start filling them!

All collected money throughout term 2 will be going towards buying pencils, books etc... for underprivileged children living in Timor Leste.

Canteen days could be a great time to donate spare change!

Thank you for your support,
The Junior School Council



CANTEEN

DON'T FORGET – Please report to Front Office to sign the Visitor's Book and get a Visitor's Label **BEFORE** proceeding to the Canteen (in the Stadium).

FRIDAY	26 th March 10.00 a.m.	Jan Mattrow, Carolyn Hibbert, Sandy Chen
MONDAY	Term 2, 2015 13 th April 11.00 a.m.	Vicky Nardella, Doria Lavranos,
WEDNESDAY	15 th April 10.15 a.m.	Zoe Zhang, Rosa Mahood
FRIDAY	17 th April 10.00 a.m.	Jenny May, Sonia Mattingley, Rosie Tang, Anna Duri

I had the guinea pigs on the weekend. They were great fun and they ate lots of food. I played with them and let them eat grass from our lawn. They were so cute.

By Chrissia H.



FAMILY ROSTER

MONASH COUNCIL RECYCLING AREA A

Please collect the bins from driveway behind art room. If the gate is locked please use alternate gate. Please space the bins out for the driver. The bins need to go out Sunday night as collection times vary on the Monday morning.

PLEASE NOTE, unfortunately, they cannot go out on Saturday as we may receive a fine or worse still, the bins may fall over!!

Marita's phone number: 0439 101 122 (use only on the weekend if you find yourselves unable to put the bins out on your date)

DATE	FAMILY	SPECIAL NOTES
Term Holiday Sun 5 th April	Ng family	School Holidays
Term 2 Sun 19 th Apr	Linda Sincock	Lucas - 5M
Term 2 Sun 3 rd May	Katelin Mindim	
Term 2 Sun 17 th May	Yuni Lee	Ariya - Prep L
Term 2 Sun 31 st May	Caroline Thomas	Imogen - 5H
Term 2 Sun 28 th June	Andrea Fyfe	Caitlin Dow - 1C



Indonesian Language Classes Term 2

Name: _____ Parent/friend/relative of (student) _____

Class: _____

Yes! I wish to participate in the Indonesian Language classes.

I would be interested in (please specify)

Beginners lessons Intermediate lessons

Signature: _____



ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Calendar

MARCH 2015

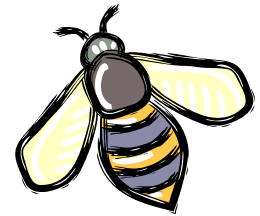
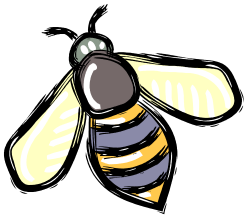
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
2ND Parent Teacher Discussions	3RD Parent Teacher Discussions	4TH Book covering in Violet	5TH PUPIL FREE DAY	6TH PUPIL FREE DAY		
9TH Labour Day Public Holiday	10TH Year 6 Camp	11TH Year 6 Camp	12TH Year 6 Camp	13TH Year 6 Camp		
16TH	17TH	18TH PFA - AGM	19TH School Council - New	20TH School Photo Day PFA Welcome Event		
23RD Easter Raffle drawn	24TH	25TH	26TH School Photo Day	27th Grandparents & Special Friends Day Term 1 finishes 2.30 p.m.		

APRIL 2015

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
13TH Term 2 begins	14TH	15TH	16TH	17TH		
20TH	21ST St.John's First Aid	22ND	23RD	24TH		
27TH	28TH	29TH Sovereign Hill Yr 5	30TH Sovereign Hill Yr 5			

MAY 2015

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
				1st Sovereign Hill Yr 5		
4th	5th	6th	7th	8th Indo lang comp.	9th	
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th Indonesian classes for Parents begin		
18th	19th Dance Concert A-L	20th Dance Concert M-Z	21st	22nd		
25th Brass & Woodwind Concert	26th	27th	28th	29th		

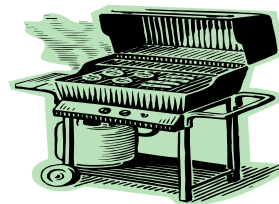


Essex Heights Working Bee Sunday 19 April 2015

All families of Essex Heights Primary School are invited to participate in our Working Bee on **Sunday 19 April 2015** anytime between the hours of 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Please bring your gardening gloves. It will be a fun day for parents and children to join together and enjoy beautifying the school grounds, planting and gardening, generally tidying the school grounds and playground areas. A BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch with hot and cold drinks and icy poles. The more the merrier.

Please complete the form below to indicate your availability for the day and hand in to the classroom teacher or school office before **Friday 17 April 2015**.

Thanking you & in Appreciation

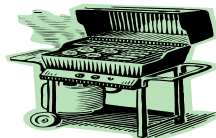


Essex Heights Primary School
School Council Grounds Committee



Essex Heights Working Bee Sunday 19 April 2015

Please return to the class teacher or Essex Heights school office **by Friday 17 April 2015**.



We will be attending the Working Bee on Sunday 19 April 2015 between the following hours:

_____ - _____

Family Name: _____


Contact telephone No: _____

Children(s) Classroom No(s): _____



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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**INFORMATION
SESSIONS**
FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES
5:00 & 7:45PM

IN THE HALL

ESSEX HEIGHTS TENNIS CLUB

EASTER FUN DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
12:30PM - 4:00PM

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CONTENT:

Theoretical background to mindfulness and meditation • Awareness of the body
Stress and its implications for young bodies and minds • Discovering the world of the senses
Observing feelings & thoughts • Creative approaches to meditation

DETAILS:

SATURDAY 2 MAY 2015

8.45am Registration • 9am - 5pm Workshop
Kew Library • Phyllis Hore Room • Cnr Cotham Road & Civic Drive Kew VIC
(Melway Ref 45 D6)

**Morning & afternoon tea supplied, byo lunch.*

BOOKINGS & FEES:

EARLY BIRD RATE \$160 (PAID BY MONDAY 20 APRIL 215) \$190 THEREAFTER.

Bookings via website: www.meditationcapsules.com

**Fees are non-refundable & early booking is encouraged as places are limited.*

