PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

My Thanks and Appreciation

I would like to express my thanks to the many staff, parents and members of the Essex Heights community who have expressed their condolences on the passing of my Father, Rob Crossett. We held a funeral service yesterday and this was a great celebration of his life and legacy, with many family and friends present.

I have very much appreciated all of your thoughtful cards and comments at this sad time for my family.

Prep 2017 – Parent Information Night

It was great to meet the parents of the 2017 Preps at our Parent Information Night on Tuesday. The Prep Team for 2017, teaching the four Prep classes, were introduced to the parents and they are: Natalie Zaibak (0.8) Coordinator, grade sharing with Verity Bright (0.2), Melanie Boyle, Kristi Lloyd and Lisa Altin.

During the evening, the Prep Team presented information to parents about what to expect as their children begin their school life here at Essex Heights. Prep is an exciting year and I was particularly pleased to
be able to welcome many first time families who are joining our school community.

**PFA Disco**

Last Friday many children came back to school to enjoy the music and dancing at the ‘PFA Disco’. This event is one that the children look forward to for many weeks and I’m told was a very successful evening. My thanks to the PFA (again) for the way they contribute to the Essex Heights community, and in particular the children. Thanks to the organisers, the helpers on the night and to several staff who also attended to assist with supervision.

**Student Leadership – 2017**

We are currently carrying out a selection process for the student leadership group for 2017. The Year 5 children have the opportunity to nominate for a variety of positions, submit a written application and, if shortlisted, present a speech before a selection panel made up of staff and current school leaders.

These student leadership positions are highly respected at Essex Heights by staff and students. The leaders are relied upon to set a strong example for all children and to represent our school in a range of official duties. I look forward to announcing the leadership team for 2017 in the coming weeks, and to working with these leaders next year.

**Parent Helpers Morning Tea – Thursday, December 15th at 11am**

The partnership between parents and staff is a very positive aspect of the Essex Heights community. There are so many ways in which parents support their children and our programs through their willingness to give of their time. This includes classroom helpers, excursions, sport teams, choirs and music performances, canteen roster etc. As is traditional, the staff would like the opportunity to say thank you to all the parents who have assisted them throughout the year. Therefore we invite you to join us for morning tea on Thursday 15th December at 11am in the Hall. Hope to see you all there!

See you around the school,
Andrew

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**FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE**

If you are sorting through your children’s clothes and have any outgrown socks in reasonable condition, could you please send them into the Health Centre, as supplies are low and they are a frequently required item of clothing.

Also, if you have any old towels that are no longer required, I can also use them.

Thank you,

Julie Zuk, First Aid Officer
Hello families,
As the hot summer holidays are fast approaching, we are looking for volunteer families to help water our school’s lovely gardens over the break. The commitment would be an hour or so, two to three times over one week only. This means we need five or six families – each taking one week of the holidays. Hoses and water tanks supplied! Let us know your availability for the dates below by contacting kristen.m.steer@gmail.com, first in best dressed!

Week commencing:
25th December
1st January
8th January
15th January
24th January

Many thanks,
Kristen Steer & the EHPS Grounds Committee

MUSIC NEWS

Bringing Music to The Highway Gallery

Last Thursday, the Essex Heights Choir and several musicians performed at a local community event at The Highway Gallery. The Choir sang outside and impressed their parents, Highway Gallery members and local traders. Several children then played a variety of instruments within the gallery as guests mingled and looked at the current exhibition of Festive Gifts. A lovely sense of comradery was shown when many parents and friends stayed to support their friends by watching the performances, even if they weren’t involved in any other performance.

The Highway Gallery is located at 14 The Highway, Mount Waverley. The gallery presents exhibitions by community groups and emerging and established artists. Festive Gifts is currently on display in readiness for Christmas. The Gallery opening hours are Wednesday to Sunday from 12 noon to 4pm.

For more information visit https://highwaygallery.wordpress.com

The Friends of The Highway Gallery expressed their appreciation of the children’s efforts by presenting a $100 Dymocks voucher to enable books to be bought for the school library.

Fiona Nicholson Stocker (Prep parent)
Dear Parents,

The Christmas spirit is flourishing at After Care. Activities planned for next week are:

Monday ............... Animated Strip Christmas Trees
Tuesday ............... Pancake Breakfast (Before Care)
                    Paper Plate Christmas Wreaths
Wednesday .......... Movie - Elf
Thursday ............. Cooking - White Chocolate Christmas (Before & After Care)
Friday ............... Xmas Reindeer Pegs

Just a reminder to families that we require accounts to be paid in full by the 9/12/16. If you require care after this date you will be required to pre pay and pre book. Any care that is pre-paid and not used will be credited to your account. You will not be charged for pre booked care that is not used from the 12th December to 20th December.

Thank You,
Paul Davis

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We are collecting glass jars for the Year 6 graduation.

If you have any spare glass jars you can donate for this event, please deliver them to the Office.

Any size, with or without lids, but please remove the labels!!

Many thanks,
Year 6 Graduation Committee
and students
# Canteen

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*If you are unable to help, please ensure that you advise Maria as soon as possible.*

**DON’T FORGET** – Please report to the Front Office to sign the Visitor’s Book and get a Visitor’s label BEFORE proceeding to the Canteen.

Any queries phone Maria on 0409 934 573.

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## Berita Bahasa Indonesia!

### The Power of Story: Sing me, Dance me, Play me, Read me, Tell me a story ...

**Date:** 3rd October to 25th November, Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm, workshops on Saturdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**Venue:** Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery  
141 Queen Street, Melbourne

The final workshop will be run on Saturday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm: 19th November ........ Rendra and Indonesian Poetry – Professor Harry Aveling

To raise funds, MIA will raffle *Illuminations: Writing Traditions of Indonesia* by Ann Kumar and John H Mc Glynn at $5.00 per ticket.

For further information, please go to the website:  
http://www.museumofindonesianarts.org/upcoming/
FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

It’s the growing season and that means weeds!!

The vegie patch needs ongoing weeding and general maintenance, so if you have a green thumb or can lend a hand watering, please contact Caroline Thomas on 0411 453 945.

Donations of clean 1L and 2L ice cream (or similar sized yoghurt) containers are still appreciated. Please place containers in the purple tub located in V5.

Regards,

Marita Steward and the Sustainability Captains

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Hello everyone,

Heartfelt, passionate thanks to all the parents and staff who helped out at the Essex Heights School Disco! Having such willing and capable help makes it easy to run events like these. All the children seemed to have a good time, so I’m chalking it up as a success. Thank you also to Megan and Katy, as well as Anita, Ellen, Neve and Abby from Year 5, for setting up. Brendan did a great job on the door, and James was wonderful for crowd control. Andrea F ran a photo booth, and we’ll share them with you via a private link through Compass. Special thanks to Andrea F, Betty and Caroline T for working with me to bring the disco to life.

Remember that the next secondhand uniform stall will be on Tuesday 29th November in the Stadium from 3pm to 3.45pm. Helpers are needed from 2.30pm. Donations can be left at the front office or in the lost property boxes. No old logo items please and please also remove your child’s name off the donated items otherwise they may be returned to you!

Cheerio,

Andrea J
## EHPS Calendar

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### 2017 School Year *** updated ***

**Term 1:** Monday 30th January to Friday 31st March

*Teachers & Staff commence/State wide student free day – NO STUDENTS: Monday 30th January

*EHPS Curriculum Day – NO STUDENTS: Tuesday 31st January

*Years 1 to 6 Students start: Wednesday 1st February

*Prep Students start: Thursday 2nd February

**Term 2:** Tuesday 18th April to Friday 30th June

**Term 3:** Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September

**Term 4:** Monday 9th October to Friday 22nd December
Look! There’s a Dog at School
Written by Annette Van Zetten (Story Dogs volunteer)
A fun rhyming story about a dog named Summer.
She would like us all to be kind to each other.
Meet her friends and see them play,
It’s a happy life being Summer dog, especially on a school day.
$17.95 per copy (includes $1 donation to Story Dogs &
free post within Australia when purchased from my
website – www.annettevanzetten.com)
Order now in time for Christmas.
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents

Tackling Anxiety and Building Resilience in Young People

$20 entry

SOLD OUT!!

Monday November 21st, 2016
Bentleigh Club
33 Yawla St, Bentleigh

NEW DATE! BOOK NOW!
Tuesday December 6th, 2016
7pm to 8.30pm
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, PRESTON

$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS
Parking available on site

BOOK your place!
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your name and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
$20 each - No EFTPOS
Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists. Working in private practice in Melbourne, he sits on the Board of the Australian Psychological Society, the Family Peace Foundation, Project ROCKIT and Smiling Mind as well as being a Community Ambassador for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Postvention Australia, and Playgroup Victoria. He founded the charity CanTeen 31 years ago and was the first psychologist featured on This is Your Life. He has been resident psychologist on Ch 7’s Sunrise for 11 years as well as Psychologist for the top rating Morning Show with Neil Mitchell on Fairfax Radio 3AW. He is a special Patron of the Hawthorn Football Club. He is married to Therese and has 2 sons.

Anxiety in children is a normal part of childhood development. But it’s estimated that 8-22% of children experience anxiety more intensely and more often than other children, stopping them from getting the most out of life. In this presentation one of Australia’s leading child and adolescent psychologists will discuss what is normal anxiety and what is not, what are the common anxiety disorders and what parents and carers might do to build happy and resilient young people.

This is a Community Event
Everyone welcome!

Dr Carr-Gregg presents to a full house at Shoppingtown Hotel in Doncaster on September 1st, 2016