

## CALENDAR

### February

- 14 After School Dance (P-Yr 2) starts
- 15 After School Dance (Yrs 3-6) starts
- 15 Chess Club starts
- 16 Parent Info Session #1 - 2.30pm
- 16 Secondhand uniform sale-3pm-3.45pm
- 20 School Council nominations open
- 20 Student leadership badge presentation
- 20&21 Parent & Teacher Meet & Greet evenings
- 21 School Banking info session - 8.45am (Hall)
- 22 Pink Stumps Day
- 22 Lunchtime Dance starts
- 23 Parent Info Session #2 - 2.30pm
- 23 School Council
- 28 Parent Information Night

### March

- 13 Labour Day public holiday
- 14-17 Yr 6 Camp
- 23-24 School Photos
- 23 School Council

### April

- 17 Easter Monday public holiday
- 25 ANZAC Day public holiday

### May

- 24-26 Yr 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

### June

- 12 Queen's Birthday public holiday

### August

- 11 House Athletics

### November

- 2 Showcase
- 7 Melbourne Cup public holiday

*Students do not attend school on public holidays.*

### Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in School Hall - *All welcome*

### 2017 Term Dates

Term 1: 30 January\* to 31 March

Term 2: 18 April to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

*\* 30 January is a statewide student free day.*

*EHPS Curriculum Days (no students at school): 31 Jan, 3 further dates during 2017 to be advised*

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### Compass Parent Portal

<https://essexheightsps-vic.compass.education>  
or via the link on the school website

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and members of the Essex Heights PS community,

Welcome back to the new school year. I believe that it will provide many opportunities for children and families to join together in a wide range of learning and fun experiences.

This year we welcome new staff to the great team at Essex Heights PS: Shona Misso in Prep, Victoria Gilbert and Courtnee Johnson in Year 1, Lauren Davies in Year 2, Jean Elliott in Year 3 and Maria Savva in Years 5/6. We also are very pleased to welcome back Anita Dix (0.4) into Year 3.

A number of new children and their families have joined our community this year and it was my pleasure to welcome them at our Monday assembly this week. We hope that their time with us will be enjoyable, productive and worthwhile. If you see new faces in the school yard please make sure that we live up to the Essex Heights value of 'friendliness' and make them feel welcome and part of our great community.

Over the past week I have had the opportunity of visiting many classes and meeting many children. I have been so impressed by the way that our children have quickly settled back into school life after the holidays. I was also very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting many parents at our two morning 'Meet and Greet' sessions on the first and second days last week. I thank all the parents and families that took the time to come and meet me and welcome me to the Essex Heights community.

During this week I have had visits to my office from a few classes. The four Prep classes visited and we talked about the different things in my office and they were keen to know what I did and learned to say my name. They have also discovered that my office is near their playground, so they can visit at my window!!!



*Prep ZB visiting Mr Perini in his office*

Staff have started the year with their classes by focusing on our 'School Wide Positive Behaviours Support' program in order to develop a positive working environment in each classroom and throughout the school. This also incorporates the Starting Up, Starting Out program that covers many important aspects of starting the year in a constructive and positive manner.

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### NOTICES SENT HOME:

- Munch & Crunch Canteen volunteer request
- Kelly Sports Term 1 Super Summer Sports
- Lion Bushido Karate
- 2017 Student Charges and Voluntary Contributions
- Class Parent Representative nomination
- Parent Information Session
- School Banking 2017 information pack

## The first School Assembly

On Monday afternoon I had the great pleasure of attending my first school assembly at EHPS. I was so impressed by our School Captains, Stephanie, Ruby, Lachlan and Lewis. They were confident and managed the whole event in a calm and effective manner. Various Student of the Week awards were presented and two students Tiana of 2D and Emma of 4CT received 'Baik Sekali' awards for showing positive behaviour in the yard by being responsible. I think the highlight of the assembly was the whole school singing the school song together. The energy and enthusiasm was contagious. I know that I have a lot of work to do to get the actions and the words right.

## Parent – School Partnership

An effective partnership with families is a very important ingredient to enable all children to reach their highest potential. In order to be successful at school, our children need support from both home and school.

I encourage all families to support the school and assist your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school every day and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning
- Completes all homework activities given by teachers
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Shares school experiences, "what went well today", with you so that you are aware of the many good things in their school life

## Parent and Teacher 'Meet and Greet' evenings

These have been planned for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. These meetings will provide parents with an opportunity to meet the class teacher and to discuss issues that help the teacher to know your child better. More information will follow in the next few days.

## Hats

In accordance with our Sun Smart Policy, I would like to remind all families that the children are required to wear hats throughout Term 1. These should be in the school uniform dark green, legionnaire style or wide brimmed for maximum sun protection. I would ask parents to ensure that children are bringing the appropriate headwear to school each day. On hot days we also suggest that students seek shade and drink plenty of water. Please make sure your child's hat is named; this will help us return it promptly if it's misplaced.



## Student Illness and Accidents

At this time early in the school year it is a good idea to remind parents about the necessity to keep us up to date with phone numbers and emergency contact details. If your child is ill at school, or suffers an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. However, it is necessary on occasions to contact parents and we are often frustrated by out of date information that delays this process. Please make sure you notify the Office in writing of any changes to yours or your emergency contact details whenever there is a change—email the details to the school email address. Obviously in extreme cases we may also deem it necessary to call an ambulance before consulting parents and you need to be aware of this. Please also keep the Office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare. To ensure we have the correct information for students, we will be sending out what we have on file soon. Please carefully check all details, and return to the Office with amendments asap.

Parents and guardians should also be aware that they are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any ambulance transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The Department of Education and Training (DET) **does not** hold accident insurance for school students. Is other insurance available? Yes. There are commercial providers of insurance for students and they can be found online or through your insurance broker.

## Students, Parents & Staff Personal Property

On a similar topic, students, staff and visitors often bring personal property to school. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Students are generally discouraged from bringing personal items to school (eg footy cards, sporting equipment), as loss can cause distress. Ensure any items that are brought to school are clearly named. Please note the DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

*I look forward to meeting you all very soon.*

**George Perini**  
Principal

## LETTER FROM ANDREW CROSSETT

*Dear Essex Heights Community,*

*I trust you have all enjoyed a successful start to the 2017 school year, and my best wishes for another great year of fun and learning at Essex Heights PS.*

*I would like to begin by thanking all the children, staff and families for their love and support offered to me at the end of 2016. I was quite overwhelmed by the thoughtful cards, letters, gifts, emails and messages on the passing of my parents and then my personal health challenges. I certainly feel and appreciate the communities love and support, which has strengthened me in the journey so far.*

*Thank you also to all the families who came to the 'Farewell Picnic' in December and the thoughtful & generous cards and gifts from the PFA, School Council and broader community. Again, that was a source of strength and encouragement for us.*

*I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on my progress over the holidays. I am now half way through my initial chemotherapy cycle. A recent scan showed the tumour has significantly reduced (by up to 30%). The doctor was very pleased with this result, so I will remain on this effective regime up until Easter with further scans at that time, to assess and plan the next stage.*

*It was great to get some good news, and to see results from the chemo so far. We were very pleased to have something positive to celebrate. The main side effect for me at this stage remains fatigue, which I am learning to manage and work with.*

*Over Christmas and January we had plenty of family gatherings. Heather and I managed to get away for some weekends at the beach with friends, and also our immediate family.*

*Again, I wish all the children, staff and families a successful 2017 ..... and look forward to calling it to 'say hello' sometime this Term.*

*With thanks and appreciation,  
Andrew*

## 2017 STUDENT CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

A letter has been sent home advising the 2017 student charges and voluntary contributions. These are \$320 per student and first aid officer (\$30 per family), grounds maintenance (\$30 per family) and ICT (computer) support (\$30 per family).

Payment is to be made by Monday 20th March 2017, unless other arrangements are made with our Business Manager, Barbara McCann. If you need to speak to Barbara, contact her at the School Office. Payment can be made in cash (correct amount please as no change is held in the Office), cheque (made payable to "Essex Heights Primary School"), or Eftpos/credit card (VISA/MasterCard) at the School Office or fill out the details on the form attached to your letter.

## 2017 PREP

We have had 69 students start in Prep this year—welcome to EHPS.

Prep students will start at 9am and finish at 2.30pm on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February, and begin attending for the full day (8.50am to 3.30pm) from Monday 13th February.

Prep students are **NOT** required to attend school on Wednesday 15th & 22nd February and 1st & 8th March.

School Entry Assessment (SEA) interviews will be conducted on these Wednesdays. Please refer to your school start letter with your child's SEA interview time (please confirm with your child's teacher if you're not sure about your date and time).

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP BADGES

Our Student Leaders will be presented with their badges by Mr Michael Gidley MP, State Member for Waverley, at Assembly on Monday 20th February, commencing at 2.40pm in the School Hall.

## COMPASS



Compass is a web-based system used as our parent portal at EHPS.

Many families have found they haven't been able to access their account since the start of the school year. Please let Gael or Jo in the Office know, and they will arrange for your Compass access to be reset.

*Note:* your username does not change, but you will receive a new password.

Our new families will receive their access information soon (username and password). In the meantime, check the school website or contact the Office.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM



The 2017 handbooks for the Instrumental Music Program at EHPS are now available on the school website (under the Curriculum menu). We offer tuition in:

- Strings—Violin, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass
- Brass & Woodwind—Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, and Trombone
- Ukulele
- Piano and Keyboard
- Guitar
- Drum-Kit and Percussion
- Harp

Handbooks for Exam Class, Theory Class and Essex Ensembles are coming soon. Keep an eye on our website.

Note that the charges in the handbooks are the 2016 cost; these will be updated with the 2017 cost as soon as these are confirmed.

Enrolment forms are at the back of the respective handbook. Please complete and return to the School Office; Cycle 1 commences next Monday, 13th February, so please return your form asap. Students who were learning an instrument in 2016 and are continuing in 2017 **do not** need to submit a new enrolment form.

**Alyssa Kennedy**  
Coordinator

## MUSIC — MARIMBA ENSEMBLE

Over the next few weeks, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be beginning Marimba Ensemble rehearsals. These take place weekly and run for 30 minutes. Students have the opportunity to be part of an ensemble which greatly improves their co-ordination, confidence, listening and memory skills, ability to follow direction, ability to work as a team and to listen and respond to others. They will also have opportunities for performances at school and later in the year at Showcase (November 2nd).



All students have the opportunity to join on a trial basis for two weeks. After this, we ask that students make a decision as to whether they would like to commit to the program or not. There is a one off fee of \$35 for all students, which helps to pay for instrument upkeep, sheet music and to hire a Marimba instructor.

Please encourage your children to have a go of this experience for the two week trial period, so that they can make an informed decision of whether they would like to be involved or not.

**Tanya Dolence**  
Music Coordinator



The Indonesian Program has begun for 2017! Students are engaging in Indonesian language and culture in new and exciting ways. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue the great work Bu Douros has been doing in the Indonesian program at Essex Heights.



*Bu Sarah in a rice field in Indonesia*

This week, many have been finding out more about Indonesia through my experiences. I attended primary school at an international school in Bandung, Indonesia, as my parents were working in Indonesia from 1996 to 2002. I am eager to continue to encourage the love of learning about Indonesian language and culture throughout Essex Heights.

Our program will incorporate a range of themes and provide students with a building block approach throughout their study of the language.

This term we are focusing on greetings and introductory language such as “My name is ...”, “I live in ...”, “My hobbies are ...”, etc. Term 1 will also include a broad overview of Indonesia’s vast archipelago giving students the opportunity to compare and reflect on similarities and differences between the Indonesian culture and their own culture.

You may like to use a few of the following greeting words/phrases for your chats at home!

**Selamat pagi** (Good morning) 9am to 11am

**Selamat siang** (Good morning/afternoon) 11am to 3pm

**Selamat sore** (Good afternoon/evening) 3pm to 6pm

**Selamat malam** (Good evening) 6pm onwards

**Selamat tidur** (Goodnight)

**Nama saya ...** (My name is ...)

**Bu** – Miss/Mrs

**Pak** – Mr

*Terima Kasih banyak,  
Sarah Trebilcock (Bu Sarah)*



*Borobudur - a 9<sup>th</sup> century Buddhist temple in Central Java, Indonesia*



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE



*Thank you to the wonderful members of our community who watered our gardens and cared for the chooks over the summer holidays. Much appreciated!*

### Recycling Bin Roster

*Thank you to our volunteers who put the yellow lidded recycling bins out on:*

Sunday 19th February .... McKindley family  
Sunday 5th March ..... McKindley family  
Sunday 19th March ..... McKindley family  
Sunday 2nd April ..... McKindley family

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers who are able to put our yellow lidded recycling bins out on Sunday evening ready for collection on Monday morning. Please put your name down on the roster in the Office if you can help.

If you have any queries, please contact Marita Steward (56A).

## HEALTH CENTRE

### CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES

Essex Heights Primary School has a number of children who suffer from severe life threatening food allergies known as anaphylaxis. Any food can cause anaphylaxis, but generally these foods account for 90% of all reactions: peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, fish, milk, egg, sesame, soy and wheat. We also have a large number of children with other various food allergies.

Any food brought into the school can have serious consequences to children at risk. We ask parents, students and staff to be sensitive to the critical needs of these children at school who have severe food allergies.

**Due to the large number of children with nut allergies we request that nuts, foods that contain nuts and nut products such as Nutella and peanut butter are not consumed at school at any time.**

If food is brought in to share for a birthday or special occasion, please speak to the teacher and provide the teacher with a printed list of ingredients before distributing.

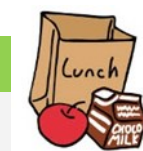
Parents of children with food allergies may choose to provide an alternative "treat" to be kept with the class teacher for these occasions.

Any concerns, please call me in the Health Centre on 9807 4944 between 11am and 3pm.

**Julie Zuk**  
First Aid Officer

## MUNCH & CRUNCH CANTEEN

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**  
**Lunch orders only. No over the counter sales.**



Our Munch & Crunch Canteen is now operating. The 2017 menu is available in the School Office.

**Volunteers are needed** to assist Maria in the canteen. If you can help, please complete and return the request form asap so the roster can be prepared. A copy of the notice can be found on the school website.

If you have any queries, please call Maria on 0409 934 573.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**Before School Care: 7.00am to 8.45am Monday to Friday**  
**After School Care: 3.30pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday**  
**Vacation/Holiday Care & Curriculum (Student Free) Day: 7.00am to 6.00pm**

**ENROLMENT:** The Before and After School Care program will begin updating families details annually. Therefore we require all families to complete a new enrolment form if they wish to access the program for 2017. If you have already enrolled this year you do not need to complete a new form.

Families will also be charged an annual enrolment fee (\$10 first child, plus \$5 for subsequent children).

New families who need Before and After School Care are encouraged to contact Paul on 0417 941 986 to set up an account. Students can't access the program unless an account is in place. If you think you may need the program at some time, you're encouraged to set up an account.

**ACCOUNTS:** This year the program requests that families clear their accounts by the end of the month. Families accounts are sent out weekly via email and we will be issuing text messages as well.

The program appreciates your cooperation in these matters.

*Paul Davis*  
Coordinator

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



Hi everyone,

Welcome back to school! And to all our new families, a very warm welcome – I hope you'll be very happy at Essex Heights. It certainly put a smile on my face to see all the children joyfully returning and greeting each other last week.

Last night we held the first meeting of our Parents & Friends Association (PFA) for this year. George Perini, our new Principal, came along and spoke to us about the important role that PFA plays in the connectedness of the school community. It was good to get to know him a little better. We discussed a few plans for PFA events in 2017 – I'll let you know more about that once we've settled on dates with Mr Perini and School Council. Look out for a **Welcome Picnic** for all families (especially new families!) in the next few weeks.

At PFA, new ideas and new input are very welcome. We meet as a friendly bunch of about 10 to 12 parents (mums AND dads!) and grandparents who bring a range of views to the meeting, giving feedback to the principal and considering different ideas on how to make our great school even better. We usually finish the meeting around 9pm, so that we can head home at a reasonable hour. It was lovely to see a few new faces turning up already – thanks Mel, Linda and Amit!

**The next secondhand uniform stall will be held in the Stadium on Thursday 16 February at 3pm until 3.45pm.**

We'd love to see some helpers from 2.30pm. Please donate your outgrown items! They can be left at the Office or in a green Lost Property box (just pop the clothes in a sturdy plastic bag tied at the top and marked "Donation"). No clothes with old logos please (or stains or rips!) and remember to remove your name, otherwise the items may find their way back to you.

See you around the school sometime. Don't hesitate to say hi!

*Andrea Jordan (mum of Abby and Jake Sharrock, twins in 5/6S)*  
President, PFA



## School Banking day at EHPS is Tuesday

### Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver/Dollarmites account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online** (for existing CBA customers)  
Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver/Dollarmites account.
2. **In Branch**  
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch (Hamilton Place, Mount Waverley, is our local branch) with identification for yourself and your child (eg your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate - check what you need to take so you have documents worth enough points).

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver/Dollarmites account they can start banking straight away. Students bring their money in their Youthsaver/Dollarmites deposit wallet every week on School Banking day (Tuesday) and hand it to their teacher in the morning when they arrive at school.

**TOKYO DISNEYLAND COMPETITION:** To go into the competition to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland (see details below), your child needs to make 15 deposits before the end of Term 3 2017.

**SCHOOL BANKING INFORMATION SESSION:** Vicky from the Commonwealth Bank will hold an information session on **Tuesday 21st February from 8.45am to 9.30am** in the School Hall.

## The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

**Encouraging savings habits with great rewards**  
School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.





Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

**Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland**  
The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Australian residents aged 4-15 yrs only with parent/guardian permission. Must have CBA Youthsaver account and be participating in CBA's 'School Banking program'. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 31/3/17. Max 1 entry per student. Draw 13/1/17. Winner to be announced 17/1/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (ages 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AUD\$2,000. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 35, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LT/PS/16/07000, ACT TP/16/07150, SA TP/16/07000.



## A FEW REMINDERS ...

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Volunteers (parents/guardians/carers) who work in our school with our children must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC).

If you'd like to help out in the classroom, at sporting events or on excursions, apply for a [volunteer WWCC](#). When your card is issued to you, please bring it to the School Office where a copy will be taken for our WWCC Register and you are ready to help out at EHPS.

If you already have a WWCC card and haven't provided it to be included in our WWCC Register, please bring it into the School Office to be copied and added.

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

#### LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Whether you're running late or your child has had an appointment, please come to the School Office on arrival at school so your child can be marked in on Compass. You will be given a yellow pass that is to be given to your child's teacher on arrival in their classroom.

If you know you're going to be late for school due to an appointment, you are encouraged to enter this information beforehand on Compass. Your child's teacher will be able to see why the student is absent from school and won't be marked as an "unexplained absence" which you will be required to explain at a later date.

#### LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If your child needs to leave school during the school day, you must first come to the School Office where Gael or Jo will sign them out in Compass and give you a green pass to give to your child's teacher when you collect them.

If you have a planned activity (eg doctor or dentist appointment, audition, school tour), please enter the details on Compass prior to arriving at school. If you haven't done this, please advise Gael or Jo in the School Office what the purpose of your child's absence is when signing them out.

If your child returns to school after an appointment, please come to the Office to be signed back in.

#### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is away from school on any school day (eg student is sick) or days (eg family holiday), you are required to explain their absence. Preferably enter this on Compass, otherwise advise the school in writing to the school email so your child's attendance record is correct.

### STUDENT INFORMATION CONFIRMATION

It is essential that we have up to date information for our students, especially contact information for parents/guardians/carers.

Families will soon receive a copy of the information we hold for their child and family. Please check all information, amend as required and return to Jo in the Office.

### PARKING AT SCHOOL



Parents who drop off and pick up their children by car are reminded that there is NO PARKING in the school car park (entry on Essex Road). Please use the two minute drop off zone in Essex Road at the front of the school as intended, or park in designated parks in nearby streets according to the signposted parking restrictions. We value our neighbourhood, so please DO NOT park across or in any of our neighbours driveways.

The disabled car parks in the school car park are available to those who have the relevant accreditation.

### VISITING SCHOOL

All visitors must sign in and out in the Visitor's Register in the Office when visiting EHPS. Fill out the register and the visitor sticker which you wear while you're at school.

### MESSAGES TO STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If parents/guardians/carers need to get a message to their child during the school day (eg change to pick up arrangements or they are to go to After School Care), please ring the School Office on 9807 4944 and leave a message with Jo or Gael.

Please **do not** send this information via email as we cannot guarantee this will always be seen by the Office staff or teacher before the afternoon dismissal, and we want the children to be safe and accounted for at all times.

**NOTE:** If you've a message on Monday, you must ring before 1.30pm. The children will be in Assembly after lunch and we can't get messages to them.

### CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

A Class Parent Representative is a parent (or partnership of parents) who are a point of contact for other parents in the class. This is an important role and nominations for each class representative are currently being sought. A form is being sent home for you to nominate if you are interested. Nomination forms are due back by 15th February.

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Two Parent Information Sessions are offered to support the partnership between parents, teachers and students in the teaching and learning process. You may attend one or both sessions:

**Thursday 16th February** - Understanding what it means to be a parent volunteer at school

**Thursday 23rd February** - Helping your child with literacy

Sessions will be at 2.30pm in the School Library.

Complete and return the reply slip by 15th February.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



## CHESS CLUB



The Term 1 Chess Club will commence on Wednesday 15th February, and will run for seven weeks until Wednesday 29th March. Classes run from 3.40pm to 4.40pm. Lessons cost \$12.50 per lesson, or \$87.50 for the seven lessons in Term 1. Students must register by completing the registration form which is available on the school website under the News menu.

Chess Club is run by Chess Ideas. If you have any enquiries, please go to their website ([www.chessideas.com.au](http://www.chessideas.com.au)) or contact them on 9532 8370.

Follow the registration instructions on the form. Copies of registration forms can be collected from the School Office or accessed on the school website.

## DANCE CLASSES

**AFTER SCHOOL DANCE** classes will be offered on **Tuesdays** (Prep to Year 2) and **Wednesdays** (Year 3 to 6). Classes take place in the **Stadium**, starting at **3.40pm** and finishing at **4.25pm**.

The Term 1 2017 After School Dance program dates are:

Prep to Year 2	\$70	14 <sup>th</sup> February to 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Years 3 to 6	\$70	15 <sup>th</sup> February to 29 <sup>th</sup> March

Children will participate in a variety of warm up routines, create their own movements through activities and learn a choreographed dance to be performed at the end of the last session for family and friends.




**LUNCHTIME DANCE** will run in Term 1 for students in Years 1 to 4. The cost is \$40 for the 6 week program with each lesson running for 30 minutes. The classes take place at lunchtime on Wednesdays in the Hall. Classes begin on **Wednesday 22nd February** and conclude **Wednesday 29th March**.

Children will participate in a variety of warm up routines, create their own movements through activities and learn a choreographed dance to be performed at the end of the last session for family and friends.


**There are currently places available in these classes. If you would like your child to participate, please obtain a registration form from the School Office or visit [creativdanceanddrama.com](http://creativdanceanddrama.com) and request your desired form via the contact page.**

**Georgia Lombard**  
*Creative Dance and Drama*


**KELLY SPORTS** @ ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**TERM 1 – SUPER SUMMER SPORTS**

Kelly Sports is Australia's #1 provider of sports coaching for primary school students. For more than 15 years our programs have helped provide children the capability and confidence to develop a life long love of sports.

**BASKETBALL – CRICKET – SOCCER**



As the new year gets underway, and the summer of sport heats up, join our Kelly Sports program to challenge and improve your child's motor and coordination skills. Our experienced coaches aim to develop and enhance the wide range of sporting skills of your child, including catching, kicking, throwing and striking. While also improving strength, flexibility, hand-eye co-ordination, spatial awareness, co-operative skills and teamwork, all within a FUN and very SAFE environment.

**WHEN:** Monday  
**COMMENCING:** 6<sup>th</sup> February  
**CONCLUDING:** 27<sup>th</sup> March  
**TIME:** 3.40pm – 4.40pm  
**YEAR LEVELS:** Prep – Gr. 6  
**COST:** \$84

**GET IN QUICK TO BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR TERM 1**  
**\$84 FOR 7 WEEK PROGRAM**

**BOOK VIA OUR ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM**  
 SIMPLY GO TO [WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU](http://WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU) ENTER YOUR SCHOOL'S POST CODE AND ENROL FROM THERE. OR  
 FILL OUT THE ENROLMENT FORM BELOW AND SEND WITH A CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARDS DETAILS TO:  
 PO BOX 345, ASHBURTON 3147  
 PAYMENT OPTIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE

***Mondays from 3.40pm to 4.40pm—open to students in all year levels.  
 Additional registration forms are available from the School Office.***







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# KARATE

Training from beginners to advanced all ages - Males - Females

We are members of the international martial arts alliance and kyusho international, with fully qualified and experienced instructors. The instructors are passionate about their martial art and sharing their knowledge and ability. Lion Bushido is a school built on professionalism, comradery, discipline and respect. With separate classes for adults and juniors we ensure quality instruction for all students.

Separate classes for Beginners to Advanced in an enjoyable and friendly environment. All instructors are qualified Black Belts.





**FIRST CLASS IS FREE PH 9887 4098**  
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**自卫 | 自律 | 友谊**

# KARATE

培训课程包括初学者班到高级精英班, 适合各个年龄段的男性,女性

Lion Bushido 空手道学院是国际武术及 Kyusho 国际联盟成员之一, 拥有多名有着丰富教学经验的专业教练员。每一位教练员都对武术充满了热忱, 也非常乐于传授他们的知识和技能。Lion Bushido 是一所注重纪律性, 互动互尊的专业武术学院。我们会根据学员的程度不同教授不同的内容, 分成成人班和青少年班。

所有课程都是在一个非常友好和愉快的环境中进行。每一位教练员都是合格的空手道黑带级别。

**第一节课免费参加 联系电话 98874098**  
**如有兴趣, 请访问我们的网站: [WWW.LIONBUSHIDO.COM](http://WWW.LIONBUSHIDO.COM)**

**Lion Bushido Karate is on Thursdays from 6.30pm in the School Hall.**  
**Additional information flyers are available from the School Office.**

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# Tennis Coaching at MCC Glen Iris Valley Tennis Club



**Vida Tennis and the MCC Glen Iris Valley Tennis Club  
invites you to organise your FREE lesson today\***



## Kids Hot Shots group lesson

Mon to Fri from 4pm  
Sat & Sun from 9am  
All ages available with  
multiple options every day



## Ladies - Adult - Cardio Tennis

Mon 7.30 - 8.30pm  
Thur 7.30 - 8.30pm  
Tue 9.30 - 10.30am  
Friday mornings



## Junior Squad Sessions

Green Ball Squads Tues,  
Thur, Fri & Saturdays  
Hard Ball development  
squads Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri



## Private Coaching

Private and semi-private  
lessons available 7 days a  
week. Programs & lessons  
available for all ages  
and levels.



## Other Programs

Head Start Motor skills,  
Tournament, Holiday  
Programs, Camps, Mental  
Skill training, player  
development and more



## Services

Racquet re-strings onsite  
Grips, clothing, racquets  
and accessories via our  
online shop.  
Speak to one of the team!

**Contact our team: Kane 0401 052 636 Angelo 0407 477 798  
info@vidatennis.com.au  
www.vidatennis.com.au/free-intro-tennis-lesson**



# OPEN DAY

## SUNDAY 12 FEB

At Syndal Tennis Club

10am - 12pm

21 Baily Street Mt Waverley (61 J11)

**Join on the day to receive**  
**FREE Membership until 1 April 2017 & 20% Off Tennis Lessons**



### Activities:

- ✧ Social Tennis
- ✧ Free Coaching for all standards
- ✧ Hot Shots Tennis
- ✧ Meet the Coaches
- ✧ Play with Ball Machine



If you would like more information about membership or tennis lessons, please contact:

President:

**Geoff Smith 9807 4098**

[gdscons@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gdscons@bigpond.net.au)

or

Club Coach:

**Kenny Kan 0425 555 765**

[kenny@passiontennis.com.au](mailto:kenny@passiontennis.com.au)

[www.passiontennis.com.au](http://www.passiontennis.com.au)



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Pinchapoo has been distributing 'pinched' hotel toiletries since 2009, helping to improve quality of life for disadvantaged people in our community.

Whilst cheekily encouraging you to 'pinch' your hotel toiletries (after all, it's included in the price of your hotel room), Pinchapoo also accept the donation of full size toiletries and other goods!

**BODY** Soap, Body wash, Shower gel, Moisturiser, Deodorants, Sunscreen, Razors

**FACE** Razors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Tissues

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