

## CALENDAR

### May

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Fri 19        | National Walk Safely to School Day |
| Fri 19        | Fun Run money due                  |
| Fri 19        | Prep Community Walk: Damper Creek  |
| Fri 19        | Yr 1 incursion: Lizzy Lizards      |
| Fri 19        | Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport - Bye  |
| Wed 24-Fri 26 | Yr 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill         |
| Fri 26        | Prep Teddy Bear's Picnic 11.30am   |
| Fri 26        | NEVR Rehearsal                     |
| Fri 26        | Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport - Bye  |
| Mon 29        | EHPS Student-free day              |
| Tue 30        | ICAS Science                       |
| Tue 30        | NEVR Rehearsal                     |
| Tue 30        | NEVR Concert - 7pm - Hamer Hall    |

### June

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Thu 1         | Sushi Lunch Day                                |
| Fri 2         | PFA Movie Night                                |
| Mon 5         | Keyboard & Piano Concert                       |
| Tue 6         | PFA Meeting 7.30pm                             |
| Thu 8         | School Council                                 |
| Mon 12        | Queen's Birthday public holiday                |
| Tue 13&Wed 14 | Prep Science Morning                           |
| Tue 13        | Percussion Concert ( <i>NOTE date change</i> ) |
| Thu 15        | Yr 4 Polly Woodside excursion                  |
| Thu 15        | Strings Concert                                |
| Mon 19        | Prep Firefighters incursion                    |
| Wed 21        | Guitar Concert                                 |
| Mon 26        | Yr 3 Engineers Without Borders incursion       |
| Mon 26        | Brass & Woodwind Concert                       |
| Tue 27        | Prep Firefighters incursion                    |
| Fri 30        | Last day Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal             |

*Students do not attend school on public holidays.*

### Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.30pm in School Hall. *All welcome*

### SCHOOL TOURS

Thursdays & Fridays at 9.30am

*Bookings essential - please call School Office*

### ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

*are being accepted now—please submit by the end of Term 2.*

### 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 state wide student free day.*

*EHPS student free days: 31 January, 29 May and 18 August.*

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during school terms

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and guardians,

At Essex Heights PS teachers we appreciate and value student punctuality and understand its importance on every child's education. As I have been observing students coming to school every morning, I have become increasingly aware that a number of students arrive AFTER the time that they should be in class. I realise that getting everything ready in the morning can be difficult, but remember that our expectation is that all children are in class by 8.50am so that teachers can start their daily programs by 9am.

### Please remember that - 'It's Not OK to Be Late For School'

Students arriving late to school can have an effect on the teacher, other students in their class and themselves in the following ways:

#### Latecomers:

- distract other students when they arrive.
- miss out on talking to their class teacher before school.
- miss out on playing with other children before school.
- miss out on setting up and organisation time.
- may be marked absent on the roll and may miss out on having money and notices collected.
- miss out on hearing what's happening in the day ahead.
- are often unsure about what they have to do in a lesson and that may mean the teacher has to repeat instructions and give extra attention to the latecomer.
- tend to not value punctuality.
- miss out on valuable teacher instruction time.
- can arrive at their classroom and find their grade at a specialist class or elsewhere in the school.
- particularly miss out on discussions and valuable reading, writing and mathematics learning time in the mornings.

Thank you to the vast majority of our families for having children here on time. Keep up the great work!

*... continued*



## National Walk Safely to School Day – 19<sup>th</sup> May

Today was [National Walk Safely to School day](#). I was so pleased to see so many children walking to school and really becoming more aware of the importance of physical activity. Junior School Council (JSC) members were very busy giving out special stickers and fruit to all the participants. Not only was this a wonderful physical activity but it also gave families the chance to walk and chat on the way to school. A very special thanks again to the PFA for providing the fruit and to the JSC for helping out this morning. Let us try to keep up this active lifestyle as many times as possible.

## Harmony Day

What a wonderful day we had yesterday!!!

So many students dressed in orange or their cultural costume. A big thank you to all the students who came dressed up and to the families that supported our Harmony Day by allowing the children to wear traditional costumes from their country of origin.

It was great to see so many parents at the assembly and to hear the children's marvellous answers as they reflected upon the meaning and significance of Harmony Day.

I think the highlight of the day was the children singing 'I am Australian' at the end of the assembly.

As I walked around the school throughout this week it was so special to see students' work related to Harmony Day (hands everywhere!) and to hear the children practising the song.

I want to pass on a special thanks to Ms Broderick for the organisation of this outstanding event. She prepared the whole program and it went off without a hitch.

Yesterday truly showed that Essex Heights PS is a marvellous example of multiculturalism in the education system and in Australia.

## Classroom Visits

This week I was able to share in an activity with 56A and 1P. The two classes joined together to work on a project about imaginary animals. The Year 1s had to create an imaginary animal and to create it as an art activity. The 56A students were their mentors and helpers. It was so encouraging to see the warm and helpful relationship between the older and younger students. The students from 56A encouraged the Year 1s and helped them to cut and paste their animal and to complete the written task about the imaginary animal's name, habitat and location.

It was wonderful to see our Essex Heights values of friendliness and inclusiveness demonstrated in this lesson. Special thanks to Mr Pap. and Ms Steward for organising this great learning experience for the children.

## Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the Library. This is a great opportunity for children and families to reinforce the importance of reading for pleasure. The Book Fair finishes on Wednesday. You can pop in before and after school and see what is available. Reading is fun and a great activity for families.

## Indonesian Language Competition

Last Saturday we had a number of children from Prep to Year 6 participating in an Indonesian language oral competition. The children were required to listen to questions asked in Indonesian and to answer appropriately. They also read out an Indonesian poem or written piece for the Examiner with a focus on correct pronunciation. Thanks to our Indonesian Teacher, Sarah 'Bu' Trebilcock, and the hardworking children for their efforts in preparation. Highest performing students will progress to the finals in June. Please read the article later in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

*George Perini*  
**Principal**



# CELEBRATION week

Monday 15th to Friday 19th May

## Harmony Day on Thursday





## Prep Community Walk to Damper Creek on Friday



*Off we go!*



*Letters to post*



*Thanks to our wonderful parent helpers*

## Instrumental Music Concerts 2017



**Piano/Keyboard  
Concert**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Hall  
Keyboard 6:30pm  
Piano 7:45pm

**Percussion  
Concert**

Tuesday  
13<sup>th</sup> June

Hall  
7pm

**Strings Concert**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
6:30pm

St Faith's Anglican Church  
4 Charles Street  
Glen Iris

**Guitar  
Concert**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Banksia  
Collaborative Space  
7pm

**Brass &  
Woodwind  
Concert**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Hall  
7pm





## DEAKIN SCIENCE PROGRAM

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Prep to Year 4 students were treated to some interesting Science lessons conducted by the Deakin Pre-Service Science teachers:

Preps : Biology - Me and My World (including the five senses)

Year 1: Biology - Backyard Safari

Year 2: Chemistry - Properties of materials

Year 3: Physical Sciences - Night and day

Year 4: Physics: Forces

The lessons were planned, organised and delivered by the Pre-Service Teachers in such a way that our students were taught with a 'hands on' approach which was both engaging and on topic for the science unit currently being covered in the specific year levels.

Our students were learning whilst having fun exploring the scientific concepts.

We thank the Deakin lecturers Peta White and Coordinator Connie Cirkony for their organisation and we are sure the students at Essex Heights would also enjoy the opportunity to be involved with the pre-service teachers again next year.

**Maria Capsalis &  
Amalia Georgopoulos (Pre-Service Teacher)**

I learnt about different kinds of forces that help make boats move. I was in group 6 and learnt about buoyancy, wind and gravity. My teachers were Mr A and Mr Hansall. After talking about forces we built boats. The gravity pulled the boat down to the water and the wind force pushed the boat forward, and the buoyancy helped the boat stay to the top. We had lots of fun.

*Rennie 4CT*

We learnt that if you throw a heavy ball it will touch the ground further than a light ball. We learnt that when you spin a bucket with a ball inside the ball will not fall out because the forces kept the ball inside the bucket.

*Iaroslav 4CT*

We pushed cars down ramps and learnt that if a car has little wheels it can't run smoothly because the wheels get caught in the bumpy surface. We learnt that it is called friction. We designed cars and had fun.

*Haaris 4CT*

On Wednesday after recess we had Science with Deakin University Pre-Service teachers. In my group we talked about forces on a boat and made our own boats. Jasmine and I made a pirate ship and our group talked about buoyancy, wind forces, drag forces and gravity. After that we did a race and our boat was the fastest! Now that's a reason to celebrate.

*Nicola 4CT*

I was in group 14 and we used ramps and timed how fast cars can go down the ramp. In week 2 we made our own ramps and saw how long it takes for the car to go down. I had a lot of fun with my group.

*Sammy 4CT*

We made marshmallow shooters out of cups and balloons. We had to cut out the bottom of the cup to put the balloon on the end to catapult the marshmallow and measured the distance. We learnt that pulls can push too! At the end we got to eat left over marshmallows.

*Oliver 4CT*

On Wednesday we had science and I was in group 4. In our group we learnt about magnets. We learnt about magnets around us and how we use them in everyday life. We used magnets to move paper clips and we found out that in our classroom the stronger the magnets are the thicker and heavier items can move. This is about my two weeks of science explained.

*Nicholas 4CT*





## Sayembara Lisan: Statewide annual Indonesian Oral Competition

Congratulations to our students from Prep to Year 6 who competed in this year's language competition last Saturday, 13th May:

**Prep:** Maya P & Mariam A

**Year 1:** Allison S, Aaryan P, Taite B, Olivia S, Jai S & India C

**Year 2:** Jane L, Emma C, Romesh G, Aiden D, Max P, Sienna B & Amy L

**Year 3:** Caitlin D, Nandita C, Matthew L & Grace H

**Year 4:** Ava H, Evelyn L, Bhuvu D, Charlotte D, Jordan K & Hannah L

**Years 5 & 6:** Malavika C, Isabelle D, Sophia C, Anastasia S, Chika Y, Ruby H & Neve A

*They were excellent ambassadors for the school and our Indonesian language program.*

*The examiners praised the students on their outstanding effort!*

*Thank you to the families who assisted with practices at home.*

*Thank you also to Alex Douros, Lauren Davies and Nicole Morton for their involvement.*

*Special thanks to the parents who made it possible for their children to participate by taking them on the day.*



**REMINDER .... *The Indonesian Multicultural Festival of Victoria 2017*** is on Friday 26th May from 1pm to 8pm at Menzies Hall, 41 Menzies Avenue, Dandenong. Free admission. See information in previous newsletter.

## SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH 2017: *FUTURE EARTH*

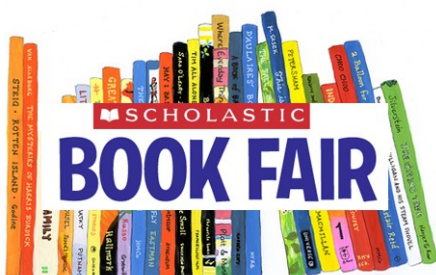
Registrations are now due for this year's thought provoking topic - *Future Earth*.

Please see Ms Steward in B6 before next Tuesday, 23rd May, to register. *Please note:* Ms Steward will be on Year 5 Camp from Wednesday to Friday and will not be available to answer questions on these days.

Visit <http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/stavpublishing/index.html> to learn more.

Entry fees apply to this home based competition. Your entries are NOT due on this day.

## BOOK FAIR



The Book Fair is on again! Opening on the afternoon of Thursday 18th May to Wednesday 24th May in the Library, there will be a fantastic selection of great books. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

Come and visit the Book Fair - it is open:

8.30am to 9am (Friday 19th to Wednesday 24th)

3.30pm to 4.15pm (Thursday 18th to Wednesday 24th)

We look forward to seeing you there.

## HEALTH CENTRE

Head lice continues to be an ongoing issue in the school. Two strategies that will help with this are listed below.

1. Could parents please take the time to read the attached link and regularly check your child's hair with the comb and conditioner method. If lice are found, treat accordingly.
2. Tying back long hair is very effective to slow down the spread of head lice.

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits>

Thanks for this, and happy to help anytime if this is an issue for your child/family.



**Julie Zuk**  
First Aid Officer

## JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

### St Kilda Mums Coats 4 Kids

The Junior School Council would like to thank everyone who donated coats for the *Coats for Kids* campaign, run by the [St Kilda Mums](#) group.

These warm clothes will go to those in need to keep them nice and warm for the cold months.

We would also like to say thank you to Zoe Cadenazzi (mother of Isabella in 3ED) for allowing the community to become aware of this great cause.

Please support the St Kilda Mums in the future with their good work for the community.



*Thank you,*  
**Maria Capsalis, Alexandra O'Connor and the Junior School Council**

## ART WORK AT THE GLEN SHOPPING CENTRE



As you might be aware, the children at Essex Heights are participating in The Glen Shopping Centre Education Week campaign. Our flower colour wheel artwork will be featured on a hoarding board gallery in the Fresh Life section of the Centre as of this Sunday, 21st May.

A Facebook album with every school's artwork will be published on Sunday on the following page - <https://www.facebook.com/TheGlenShopping/> - where people will be asked to vote on their favourite design. The top three schools with the most 'likes' will win one of three prizes: \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 Visa gift cards.

If you could get online and vote for our children as well as encouraging your family and friends that would be very helpful!!

*Thanks for your support,*  
**Carolyn Wilson**



## SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

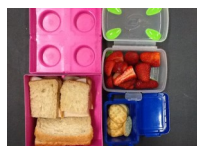


### Recycling Bin Roster

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

Sunday 28th May ..... Ziv family  
Sunday 11th June ..... Richards family  
Sunday 25th June ..... Ziv family  
Sunday 9th July ..... McKindley family  
Sunday 23rd July ..... McKindley family

If you'd like to put your name on the roster, please call in to the Office.



← **Tuesdays and Thursdays are Rubbish Free Lunch days at EHPS** →



## 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.

### LEAVING EHPS?

If your child will be leaving EHPS, please advise us in writing to the school email as soon as possible.

### **Student Free Day**

Monday 29th May

Care available from 7am to 6pm  
- contact Paul Davis

### 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, music exam), 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.



## 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 & Student-Free (Curriculum) Day: 7.00am to 6.00pm

Please enrol early if you need the Student-free (Curriculum) Day Program on Monday 29th May.  
Enrolment forms can be obtained from the program during operating hours.

Activities planned for next week are:

Monday ..... Shrinkies  
Tuesday ..... Dance/Drama  
Wednesday ..... Cartoon Capers  
Thursday ..... Lego Robotics  
Friday ..... Cartoon Capers

Could families with outstanding balances please bring their accounts up to date.

Thank you  
**Paul Davis**  
Coordinator

## MUNCH & CRUNCH CANTEEN

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - lunch orders only.  
No over the counter sales. 2017 menu available in the Office.

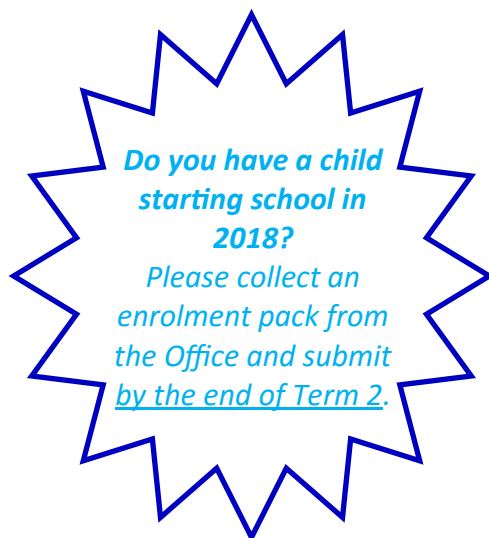


### Canteen Roster

Please remember to sign the Visitor's Register in the Office before coming to the Canteen.

Monday 22nd May at 11.15am ..... Alison Zheng  
Wednesday 24th May at 9.30am ..... Angela Millan & Vicky Milevski  
Friday 26th May at 10am ..... Andrea Jordan & Lushi Guan

If you are unable to do your rostered duty, please contact Maria as soon as possible.  
If you have any queries, please call Maria on 0409 934 573.



### May

18th ..... Jayden T  
19th ..... Anastasia S  
20th ..... Karl S  
21st ..... Myra K  
                    Oliver S  
22nd ..... Gaguli W  
23rd ..... Kaity F  
24th ..... Julius Z  
                    Tina V



### Sushi Lunch Day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June** will be **Sushi Lunch Day**. This is a new fundraiser for the PFA, which we hope the kids will enjoy. Notices have gone home this week. Please return your order form and payment by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**.

### Movie Night – ‘Snatched’

Parents, teachers and friends: feel like a night without the kids and a good laugh? Why not join us for the movie ‘**Snatched**’ at Pinewood Cinemas, **7.15pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. Keep an eye out for the notice coming home this week. To secure your seat, please return payment and slip by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

### Mother’s Day Stall

What a marvellous Mother’s Day Stall last Friday. I’m sure the kids had a lovely time shopping with so many great gifts to choose from.

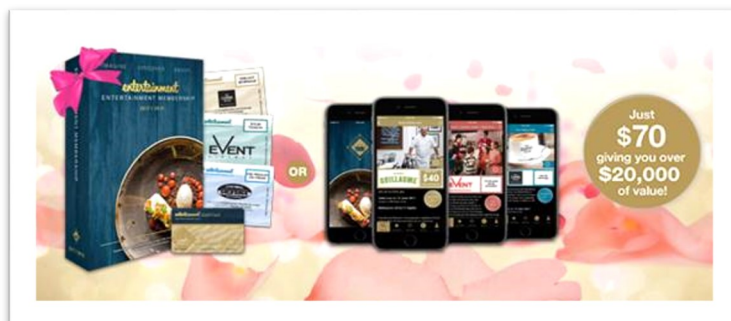
Thank you Steph, Willemijn, Sharon, Jan, Emma, Heidi, Tara, Cindy, Karen, Eling, Helen, Julie, Andrea J, Kathryn, Vicky, Heather, Sam, Sara, Sophie, Bee Bee, Fiona, Steph T, Tonia, Vivien, Aunty Glenda, and anybody we may have forgotten, for your contribution in organising, setting up and manning the stall.

### Fun Run

Please remember to return sponsorship money - it is now due.

### Entertainment Books

With only two weeks until the current book expires, now’s the time to purchase the **NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment Book**. Click on the image below to go to our webpage and place your order:



### PFA Meeting

Our next PFA meeting is on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All welcome.

Have a great week,  
**Andrea F**

## YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Year 6 to Year 7 transition documentation has been sent home with each Year 6 student.

The **Application for Year 7 Placement 2018** form was due back last Friday (12th May). Parents/carers will receive a letter from EHPS advising which school is offering Year 7 enrolment to your child on Wednesday 9th August.



## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Products & services advertised in Contact are placed on a paid basis and are not necessarily being promoted by Essex Heights Primary School.



### Ashwood Auskick

Essex Heights Reserve, Outlook Drv, Mt Waverley  
Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:00 am

It's not too late to sign up!

For more information contact Oudom Chhit on 0413 512 199

Visit the website below to register online.


[AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU](http://AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU)   

## Oakleigh Brass

# Heroes & VILLAINS

*with voices and band*

Free admission  
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Oakleigh Baptist Church  
Warrigal Rd  
Oakleigh

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## FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: [info@keyassets.com.au](mailto:info@keyassets.com.au)

Web: [canifoster.com.au](http://canifoster.com.au) or [keyassets.com.au](http://keyassets.com.au)

*Interested families would receive a brochure,  
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## St. Luke's Preschool

# OPEN DAY

**Saturday 20th May**  
**10.00am - 12.00noon**

*Come and meet our experienced  
 educators and see our beautiful learning  
 environment for preschool children*

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<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeskinder>



For enquires,  
 contact our  
 Enrolment Officers:

3-year-old: Shelly - 0409 959 895  
 4-year-old: Emily - 0401 417 864

