

CALENDAR

May

Fri 11 Year 6 to Year 7 application form due
 Fri 11 Mother's Day Stall
 Sat 12 Sayembara Lisan competition
 Mon 14 Instrumental Music Cycle 2 begins
 Mon 14 School Cross Country Fun Run 2.30pm
 Tue 15-Thu 17 NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
 Tue 15 Lunchtime Dance starts (Yrs 3 to 6)
 Thu 17-Thu 24.... Book Fair 8.30am-9am & 3.30pm-4.15pm
 Fri 18 Fun Run donations due
 Fri 18 Prep School Nursing Program forms due
 Mon 21-Fri 25 Education Week
 Mon 21 Open Day 2.30pm-3.30pm
 Tue 22 Yr 1 Minibeasts incursion
 Tue 22 NEVR Youth Concert 'Tributes' - Hamer Hall
 Wed 23 Zootopia DVD/USB orders due
 Wed 23 District Cross Country
 Wed 23 Yrs 5 & 6 Author Visit
 Wed 23 Secondhand Uniform Sale
 Thu 24 Yr 3 Coach Approach incursion
 Thu 24 School Council
 Tue 29 ICAS Science

June

Tue 5 Prep Responsible Pet Ownership incursion
 Mon 11 Queen's Birthday public holiday
 Wed 20 Yr 4 Polly Woodside & Cook's Cottage
 Fri 29 Instrumental Music Cycle 2 payment due
 Fri 29 Term 2 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

Students do not attend school on public holidays or student free days.

Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in School Hall. All welcome

School Banking - every Tuesday.

 **School Hats** - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

SCHOOL TOURS

Thursdays & Fridays at 9.30am
 Bookings essential - please call School Office

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

are being accepted now.

2018 Term Dates

Term 1: 29 January* to 29 March

Term 2: 16 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

* 29 January is a state wide student free day.

EHPS student free days: 30 January, 26 April & 7 September



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and members of the Essex Heights community,

Mother's Day Breakfast

It was great to attend the Mother's Day Breakfast yesterday. This was an opportunity for the school to say thanks to the mums, grandmothers and special friends for helping the school and the children on a regular basis. The Hall was full of mums and very excited 'hungry' children, all ready to join into the celebration of Mother's Day. The buffet breakfast had a wide range of food options and was really well presented. The atmosphere in the Hall was filled with chatter and fun. This special event gave families a chance to mingle and enjoy a relaxed morning together. The raffle/door prize was also a great success and many Mums received lovely prizes. A big thank you to James Douglas and the team of fathers who prepared the breakfast and did a great job of presenting, organising and cleaning up. Special thanks to the PFA for coordinating the event and the prizes.



FUN RUN

rescheduled

Monday 14th May at 2.30pm

Come dressed in house colours - Boyd (blue), Drysdale (red), Lindsay (yellow), Nolan (green)

Fundraising goal - \$10,000



May

11th Michelle C
12th Kirk A
Angelina P
14th Ethan L
Michael M
Chrissa H
15th Isabella B
17th Dante M
Maxim K

Information sent home:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity
Prep	School Nursing Program - 18 May
Year 5	Phillip Island Adventure Resort Camp Expression of Interest - Today, 11 May
Whole school (each family)	Zootopia DVD/USB order envelope - 23 May
Whole school (all students)	Fun Run sponsorship form - 18 May

This week's information on Compass:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity & Due Date (where applicable)
Prep	Information Community Walk Prep PMP - Perceptual Motor Program 2018
Year 1	Minibeast Wildlife - 15 May *
Year 3	Coach Approach incursion - 21 May *
Year 5	Expression of Interest for Camp
Year 6	Transition Forms Due Tomorrow
Whole School	Exciting news! Fun Run on Monday Mother's Day Breakfast Mother's Day Stall Zootopia DVD orders Whole School Fun Run ArtSEL: Emotional Management Unit

* Consent and/or payment required.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

Year 6 to Year 7 application forms are due today, Friday 11th May.

School Nursing Program for Preps

Packs about the School Nursing Program were distributed this week to all Prep children. Please read and complete the required information, returning this to school by Friday 18th May.

School Cross Country Fun Run

Coordinators: Elisha Cotterell, Amy Hipwell & PFA Committee



Sponsorship donations are due by Friday 18th May. Please return your child's sponsorship form with money (cash or cheque only; cheques should be payable to Essex Heights Primary School).

Zootopia DVD/USB Orders

A professionally produced DVD/USB of the *Zootopia* concerts can be ordered now. A DVD is \$25 or USB (high definition MP4 file) is \$30. Order online at www.trybooking.com/378476, or return cash payment in the envelope provided, by Wednesday 23rd May.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Mother's Day Stall

Thanks again to our wonderful PFA who also planned and organised today's 'Mother's Day Stall'. The children loved being able to shop for their Mum and they took great care over their gift selection.



1J making Mother's Day cards

Zootopia Dance Concerts

Last Monday and Tuesday night we had the pleasure of seeing all the children perform in the *Zootopia* Dance Concerts. The atmosphere on both nights was encouraging and enthusiastic. The children were so excited and so thrilled by their own performance. Both nights were amazing and it was heartwarming to see the children perform so confidently on stage. We have received so many positive comments regarding the quality of the show and the performance of the children. Thank you to all the parents that attended to support the children. Both concerts were sold out. Special thanks to our amazing dance teacher, Georgia Lombard, who choreographed and produced the show. We are so fortunate to have Georgia working with our children and in our school. Alex Douros coordinated all the school components of the concerts, a complex task, and I wish to thank her and all of our staff who helped out in the lead up and on the nights of the concerts.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Sayembara Lisan

Tomorrow some of our Indonesian students will participate in the Sayembara Lisan – Speaking Competition at Huntingtower School. For some weeks now, the children have been very busy practicing, and we wish them all well in the competition. Good luck to everyone!!

Fun Run

Please note that the rescheduled date for our Fun Run is next Monday, 14th May, at 2.30pm. Come and watch the children run. Please do not forget to fill out the sponsorship forms so that we can raise money for a few exciting PFA projects that will be decided at the end of the year. If you can make it, I hope to see you there!

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) involves students in Years 3 and 5 from all states and territories in Australia. NAPLAN testing will take place next week from Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th May. Students' will be assessed on their skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy.



These national test results provide information on how your child is progressing and performing in the key areas of literacy and numeracy and help to support improvements in teaching to benefit your child.

Parents can support their children to be ready to participate in these assessment tasks by making a smooth, calm start to each day. Simple tasks such as ensuring that your child has breakfast before coming to school, and that children arrive to school on time can make a big difference. Two correct answers can be the difference between medium growth and high growth, so a good start to the day and **plenty of sleep throughout the week** can be enough to help your child achieve their best.

Playground Supervision

I would like to remind all parents that the yard is not supervised by staff before **8.45am**. This means that children **should not be** dropped off at school before 8.30am, at the earliest, in the morning. If you need to leave the children before that time, they should be booked into the Before School Care program and you can make that booking by ringing 9807 2615. Likewise, the yard after school is supervised until **3.45pm**. We strongly discourage you to leave children alone to play on the council fitness station after 3.45pm. Therefore, if you will be later than that, your children should also be booked into our excellent After School Care program.

School Tours

Every Friday and Thursday I am conducting school tours for prospective families to join us in 2019 and beyond. If you have children who will be starting Prep at Essex Heights in 2019, please ensure an enrolment form is lodged at the Office by the end of this term (29th June). This will enable us to begin planning for next year.



We wish all the mums, grandmothers and special friends a wonderful and 'relaxing' day on Sunday. I hope you all get spoilt!!!!

George Perini
Principal

EDUCATION WEEK 2018

Celebrating the arts

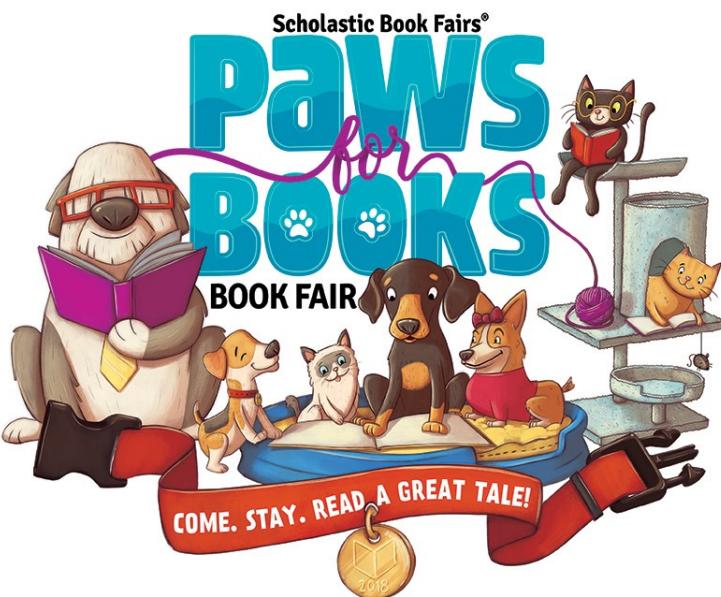
20-26 MAY
#EDWEEKVIC



Congratulations to all of our star performers at *Zootopia*. What an amazing lead in to Education Week – *Celebrating the arts!*

As part of the celebrations, we invite you to attend one or more of our open week activities:

- ★ Prep to Year 6 will showcase their classrooms on Monday 21st May from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.
- ★ Join your child in their Music, ArtSEL (Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd for Prep to Year 2) or Visual Art classes (Thursday 24th and Friday 25th for Years 3 to 6). See your class teacher for timing of Specialist sessions.
- ★ Come to the Book Fair in the Library and check out the great books available for sale, and our *Paws to Read* competition.
- ★ Author visit incursion in Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday 23rd May.
- ★ 25 students will be performing in the NEVR Concert ‘Tributes’ at Hamer Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd May. Contact the Arts Centre for tickets.
- ★ Encourage your child to get creative and enter our Art Competition. Details coming to classrooms next week.



Come and visit the Book Fair in the Library from Thursday 17th to Thursday 24th May:

- **Before school** from 8.30am to 9am Friday 18th to Thursday 24th May
- **After school** from 3.30pm to 4.15pm from Thursday 17th to Thursday 24th May.

A flyer, including the wish list, has been provided to every student.

Payment:

- ★ Online - details on Book Fair flyer
- ★ Cash
- ★ Credit/Eftpos

Come and have a go at our fun competition - match the pet with the staff member!



ARIES

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station

We are delighted that our school has been selected to participate in the ARIES program again (last time was May 2016). Twelve students, selected from Years 3 to 6, will interview an astronaut on the International Space Station as it passes overhead in the week of Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd July.

Years 3 to 6 classes will be working on the questions they wish their class representative to ask the astronaut. These questions will be submitted to ARIES and NASA by the end of June.

This will be a whole school and community event and we are very excited about this wonderful opportunity for our school.

Ina Kuehlich and Jenny Austin
ARIES Coordinators
<http://www.aries.org/>



Active April Summary & Mother's Day Classic



Thank you to everyone who supported Active April at Essex Heights this year! Together as a school we logged a total of **119hrs 33mins** of activity for the month of April! That's fantastic!! If you didn't get a chance to participate this year, we will definitely be doing it again next year so you'll get your chance!

Just because Active April is over doesn't mean it's time to hit the couch. With shorter days and colder weather, it is hard to find the motivation to get outside, but try to take advantage of the sunny days with your families to go outside and get active over the winter!

Allison and Fiona getting active



It's also not too late to sign up for the **Mother's Day Classic this Sunday!** If you don't have any plans for this Sunday morning, hop online with the information below to participate in either a 4km or 8km run or walk. My family and I will be down there doing the 4km run together and there are already a few teachers and families coming down as well. The weather is also looking promising so don't be deterred by the previous few days!!

To join the team register online at:

<http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/events/event-map/melbourne/>

Team Name: Essex Heights Primary School

Password: Essex

I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

*Thank you,
Amy Hipwell
Physical Education Teacher*

Health Centre

Julie Zuk

As we approach the colder weather and we see more prevalence of coughs, colds and flu, it is timely to remind you and encourage you to talk with your children about the three simple steps we can all take to stop the spread of flu and other germs.



Please do not send unwell children to school; if they are sick they will not learn and it only spreads the illness to the wider community. Recovery is promoted with rest and care in the home environment.

Cough or sneeze into your elbow

Hands are a major transmitter of viruses and bugs. If you don't have a tissue handy and you feel a sneeze or cough coming on, cough or sneeze into your elbow. It's a part of your body less likely to touch other surfaces and will help stop the spread of those nasty germs. If you do use a tissue, make sure you dispose of it into a bin nearby.

Wash your hands regularly

Flu germs are carried in almost invisible little droplets from saliva, sneezes, coughs and runny noses. They can live on surfaces for hours, and spread when people touch the infected surface.

Washing your hands thoroughly with soap and water at regular intervals throughout the day is a quick and easy way to help stop the spread of these germs.

Germbuster (an antibacterial hand sanitiser) is also provided in every classroom so please use this throughout the school day.

Get your flu vaccination

Having an annual flu shot is the most important measure to prevent the flu and its complications and is recommended for all Victorians over six months of age.

The flu doesn't discriminate and anyone can be affected - even people who are young, fit and healthy - that's why it is so important that everyone in the community protects themselves against the flu this season by getting their flu shot.

For more information, please refer to the Better Health Channel:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/you-never-forget-the-flu>

If you need to speak to me, I am available at school Monday to Friday between 11am and 3pm (please call after 11.30am - recess can be busy in the Health Centre!).

Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

ArtSEL

Nikki Olsen

This month, our schoolwide theme is emotion management. In our morning announcements and school assembly we'll be prompting students to notice their own feelings by paying attention to clues in their bodies, and we'll be reminding them to use their ArtSEL skills to calm down:

- Stop - use your signal
- Name your feeling
- Calm down: Breathe, count, use positive self-talk

These skills help students calm down strong emotions when faced with learning and social challenges, which helps them succeed academically and get along well with others.

ArtSEL lessons specifically teach about calming down strong emotions such as anger, disappointment, frustration, and anxiety. You'll be receiving Home Links that describe why managing strong emotions is important and include fun activities to do with your child to help him or her identify strong feelings and calm down. We hope the Home Links will give you tools to use together when your child is upset.

Please tell your child's teacher if you have questions about how you can help your child learn to calm down at home.

Science Talent Search 2018

Coordinator: Marita Steward



It's that time of year again. Dust off your Bunsen burners and put on your thinking caps.

This year's Science Talent Search theme is "**Game Changers and Change Makers**".

If you were to enter a Scientific Poster you would use one of the following topics:

1. Made in Australia
2. An idea that changed people's lives
3. Great Australian change makers
4. That Eureka moment

If you were to enter a Creative Writing topic you would choose from:

1. This changes everything.
2. A revolutionary moment in time.
3. And now we think differently.
4. After many trials ...

Some of the other sections you could enter into are Working Models, Inventions, Games, Science Photography and Video Productions.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity to put your creative and critical thinking into practice visit the Science Talent Search website - [click this link](#).



Entries close Monday 28th May. Please see Ms Marita Steward in B6 to register.

Single entries \$8
Group (max 2) \$15
Class Project \$30



Recycling Bin Roster

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

Sunday 13th May McKindley family

Sunday 27th May Dobradi family

We are **looking for volunteers** who are able to put our yellow lidded recycling bins out on Sunday evening ready for the fortnightly collection on Monday morning from 19th August. If you can help, please put your name down on the roster in the Office.



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



Target Tarp

As part of our commitment to being responsible community minded learners, we will be continuing with our Target Tarp this Term.

To help the students reach the target please provide a rubbish free lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your child does have packaging they are encouraged to put it in their lunchbox and take it home. With our no eating outside commitment our rubbish in the yard should be heading towards zero.

Lunchtime Dance

Georgia Lombard



Lunchtime Dance classes will run on Tuesdays in Term 2 for students in **Years 3 to 6**. Lessons will commence on **Tuesday 15th May** and conclude on **Tuesday 19th June**.

Children will be involved in dance warm ups, dance creation activities and learn a choreographed dance. In the last session students will perform their routine for family and friends giving them a sense of achievement. A notice will be sent home a week before this performance.

The lessons run for 30 minutes, take place in the Hall, and are taught by Georgia Lombard from Creative Dance and Drama.

The cost is **\$40** per child for six lessons.

If you would like your child to participate please obtain a registration form from the School Office or visit creativedanceanddrama.com and request a form via the contact page.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama

Munch & Crunch Canteen

Canteen Manager: Maria Vlahos



Canteen Roster

Monday 14th May - 11.15am to 1.45pm Sandy Shen & Manami Wong

Wednesday 16th May - 9.30am to 1.45pm Justine Rizzo, Yang Yang & Catriona Corben

Friday 18th May - 9.30am to 1.45pm Richelle Mil, Tejaswini Adyanthaya & Nicole Allison

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

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

Before & After School Care

Coordinator: Paul Davis

Dear Parents,

Could families please bring their accounts up to date ASAP. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

On 2nd July 2018, the new childcare package will be fully implemented, and the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) payment will replace Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefits.

You will not receive childcare financial assistance unless you:

- Create a myGov account and link that to your Centrelink online account
- Complete the Child Care Subsidy assessment or Child Care Subsidy claim



You should have received a letter from Centrelink outlining the necessary process to follow enabling your future claims.

Ensure you have confirmation from Centrelink that you are set up for CCS well prior to 2nd July.

Just to reiterate, no families will be entitled to any government financial assistance if they have not followed the governments stipulated processes by the prescribed dates.

If you have any queries contact the following web sites:

www.humanservices.gov.au/childcaresubsidy

www.education.gov.au/childcare

Activities planned for next week are:

Monday Magic Workshop with Steve The Magician

Tuesday Dance Workshop with Georgia

Wednesday Soccer with Rita

Thursday Flying Machines with Mat

Friday Cooking Roti with Sue

Ideas and suggestions for activities are welcome. Please contact me at davis.paul.d@edumail.vic.au

Thank you,
Paul Davis



Mother's Day Breakfast



Mother's Day Breakfast

It was lovely to see so many Mums, Special Friends and the children enjoying breakfast together on Thursday morning, and what a fantastic assortment of treats were provided. It is not an easy task catering for 400+ families, so on behalf of the PFA and all the Mums and Special Friends, I would like to say a big thank you to James for coordinating the breakfast, and thanks also to the great team of Dads - Kevin, Chen, Anthony, Mark, Mick, Brendan, Franz, Dale, Anderson, Oudom, Doug and Ian - that got up extra early and gave their time to help out. Hope to see even more Dad's next year!!



Secondhand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 23rd May in the Stadium from 3pm to 3.45pm

Helpers needed from 2.00pm.

Donations can be left at the Office or in the lost property boxes (put in a bag marked "donations"). Donated items should have the current school logo (no "old" logo items please), have names removed, be clean and in good condition.

Entertainment Books

Order your [2018|2019 Entertainment books](#) now. Only \$70 for a year of savings! If you want to see what other great offers there are have a look at the [Melbourne book online](#), or come into the Office to have a look at the display copy.

The PFA can be contacted via email on ehpspfa@gmail.com.

*Wishing all the Mum's a lovely Mother's Day
Andrea Fyfe
(Mum to Caitlin, 4CB)*

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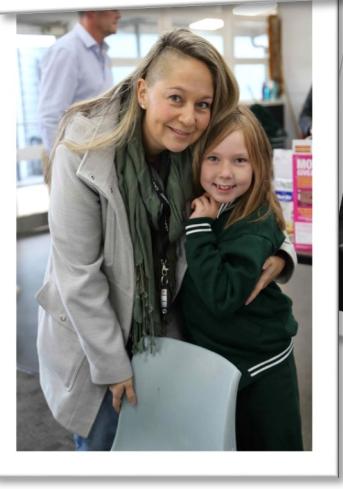
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