

## CALENDAR

### May

Thu 11	NAPLAN: Numeracy
Thu 11	Mother's Day Breakfast
Thu 11	School Council
Fri 12	Yr 6 Application for Yr 7 Placement due
Fri 12	Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport
Fri 12	Mother's Day Stall
Sat 13	Sayembara Lisan Indonesian Oral Competition
Tue 16	Yr 2 Meet the Orchestra excursion
Wed 17	Yr 4 Meet the Orchestra excursion
Wed 17	Secondhand Uniform Sale
Thu 18	Harmony Day celebration <i>Wear ORANGE or traditional cultural dress</i>
Fri 19	National Walk Safely to School Day
Fri 19	Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport
Wed 24-Fri 26	Yr 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill
Mon 29	EHPS Student-free day
Tue 30	ICAS Science
Tue 30	NEVR Concert

### June

Mon 5	Keyboard & Piano Concert
Mon 12	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 13	Percussion Concert ( <i>NOTE date change</i> )
Thu 15	Strings Concert
Wed 21	Guitar Concert
Mon 26	Brass & Woodwind Concert

*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,

### Essex Heights 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 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 atmosphere in the hall was filled with chatter and fun. The buffet style breakfast was very successful and the queue at the coffee van just continued to grow. 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 10 mums received lovely prizes. Special thanks to Betty C and all the PFA helpers for organising, setting up and preparing the breakfast. Also thanks to Mary D and Chris C for organising the coffee van.

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

We wish all the Mums and special friends a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday!



### Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Harmony Day was officially celebrated on March 21<sup>st</sup>, however our school community will be celebrating on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. The day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and fosters a sense of belonging for everyone. On this day, we encourage students to wear **ORANGE**, the colour chosen to symbolise Harmony Day. Alternatively, students may wish to wear traditional cultural dress.

We will have a special parade at 2.30pm on the day to share our "orangewear" or traditional cultural dress. We will also reveal the 'World Marbles' continent jars and show the diversity of our school community.

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

National Walk Safely to School day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of health, road safety, transport and the environmental and health benefits that regular walking can provide for the long-term wellbeing of our children. So on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, please take the time to get up a little earlier and walk to school with your children. As always, the Junior School Council and the PFA will be rewarding happy walkers with healthy treats. Let's make next Friday a great success!!!!

### It's Not OK To Be Late For School

Getting to school late can impact greatly on your child's education. At present we are noticing a number of students arriving late at school on a regular basis.

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

Essex Heights PS teachers really appreciate and value student punctuality.

Congratulations to the vast majority of our families on having your children here on time. Keep up the great work! We understand it's not always an easy task in the morning!

### Toys and Spinners

We have become increasingly aware that children are bringing a variety of toys or gadgets to school to play with at recess and lunch times. These items may cause some conflict in the yard and we would like to discourage them from being brought to school. We seek your support to encourage your children to build on their social skills, to make up games with their friends, to be active, use the school provided equipment, and enjoy the fresh air.

The same can be said for fidget sticks and spinners. We know that some students may need to use them to assist their concentration in class, however when they become a distraction they are defeating their purpose. A number of children who bring spinners to school do not need them to help their learning. If this is the case, then they are the same as any other toy or gadget and we discourage their use at school. Please note that if a staff member believes that they are causing a distraction, the child will be asked to stop using it and to put it away.

We seek your support and thank you in advance for assisting with this.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

*George Perini*  
**Principal**



Students in Years 3 and 5 have completed [NAPLAN](#) assessments this week - Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday, and Numeracy on Thursday.

Results will be provided by early September.

# CELEBRATION week

Monday 15th to Friday 19th May

## HARMONY DAY

on Thursday 18th May

is part of our Celebration Week.

Students are invited to wear **ORANGE** or their traditional cultural dress.

At EHPS, we have about:

- ★ **53 countries of birth** represented
- ★ **39 different languages** identified as first languages for our families.

*What an amazingly diverse community we have!*



Active Kids are Healthy Kids

Friday 19th May

## 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

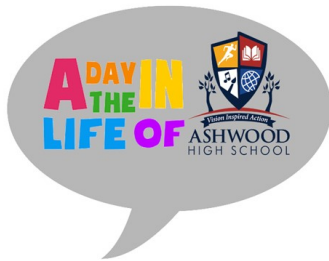
Banksia Collaborative Space  
7pm

### Brass & Woodwind Concert

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







Year 5 students had a fun and informative visit to Ashwood High School on Monday 1st May.



*Presentation from the Principal, Mr Brett Moore*



*Fun in the science lab!*

# Fantastic Fun Run

Thursday 4th May









## THE INDONESIAN MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL OF VICTORIA 2017

*Organised by Indonesian Women's Friendship Network*

**When & where :**  
**Friday, 26 May 2017**  
**1 PM - 8 PM**  
**Menzies Hall, 41 Menzies Avenue Dandenong 3175**





*Here's for the busy ones  
The simple, the subtle  
The handblown, the  
round, gipsy, on the  
beach.  
The ones, the  
different, the  
find.*

**Time table:**

10.00. AM - 01.00. PM	Preparing & set up
01.00. PM - 01.15. PM	Event open to public & opening
01.15. PM - 02.00. PM	Dress parade
02.00. PM - 02.30. PM	Fashion Show
02.30. PM - 08.00. PM	Cultural Concert
08.00. PM - 09.00. PM	Closing, cleaning & pack up.

**Program and activities:**

- Multicultural Food, Traditional Indonesian Food & Drinks Stalls
- Non-Food, Business & Community stalls
- Live Music & Dance Entertainment
- Workshops and much more

 **Contact Us:**  
**Nika 0412 476 998**  
**Lisda 0423 065 497**  
**Email: [info.iwfn@gmail.com](mailto:info.iwfn@gmail.com)**

**Free event. Booking are essential.**

**Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.**



## SUSTAINABILITY TEAM



### What A Load of Rubbish

Trying to solve world problems at a local scale can be all in a day's work at Essex Heights. We seem to generate a lot of litter each week. The wind also brings some to us. This year the school has been involved in "Target Tarp Tuesday" which aims to promote pride and good environmental stewardship by making sure our litter ends up in the bin. If we reach our target of only dealing with non-school litter then we know we are heading in the right direction.

Please support the children's learning by reducing the packaging in each lunch box and encouraging your children to bring all their rubbish home.

*from the Sustainability Captains*



Target Tarp Tuesday results

### Recycling Bin Roster

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

Sunday 14th May .....	Richards family
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** →



## 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 8th May at 11.15am .....	Angela Barwick
Wednesday 10th May at 9.30am .....	Samantha Harris & Karen Lam
Friday 12th May at 10am .....	Eling Chen & Bee Bee The

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.

## 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

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May there will be a Student-free (Curriculum) Day program offered. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the program during operating hours.

Our program would like to help accommodate parents by providing children time to complete their homework. We know how complicated and busy life is so if we can alleviate the load a little bit we are happy to oblige. Just let us know.

Activities planned for next week are:

Monday – Painting Pallets

Tuesday – Dance/Drama

Wednesday – Cartoon Sketches

Thursday – Lego Robotics

Friday - Cartoons

The program will attempt to go outside and to the stadium for physical activity. If you do not wish your child to participate in these activities can you please inform the program.

Thank you  
**Paul Davis**  
Coordinator



**Student Free Day**

Monday 29th May

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



**May**

11th ..... Michelle C

12th ..... Kirk A  
Angelina P

14th ..... Ethan L  
Michael M  
Chrissa H

15th ..... Isabella B  
Caitlin W

17th ..... Dante M  
Maxim K





### Mother's Day Morning

What a wonderful turn out for the Mother's Morning. I hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to have breakfast at school with their children and catch up with other Mums and Special Friends.

What a great treat the coffee van was - thanks Chris and Mary!

A big thank you to Betty, Martha and Maria for organising the event, and to helpers David (our only Dad), Fiona, and Kaye.

I would also like to thank the following companies for their generosity and amazing support:



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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| ★ Luxury Studio Star Photography | ★ Doterra Essential Oils  | ★ Mulgrave Pizza House |
| ★ Fernwood Fitness Clayton       | ★ Exixir Handmade Candles | ★ Waxclusive           |
| ★ Airstream Cafe                 | ★ Aracari Graphics        | ★ Nutrimerics          |
|                                  | ★ Glam Empire             |                        |

**Mother's Day Special Offer:** Maria Akritidis is offering for Cambridge Weight Plan Mt Waverley **\$10 off** your first consultation and as a thank you **\$10** gets donated back to Essex Heights Primary School. Contact Maria on 0413 940 590 to find out more!



### SECONDHAND UNIFORM STALL

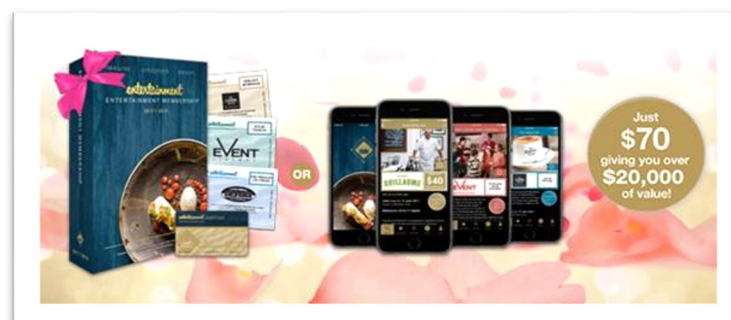
**Wednesday 17th May in the Stadium from 3pm to 3.45pm**

Helpers needed from 2.30pm. Donations can be left at the Office or in the lost property boxes. Please mark the bag "donations". Remove your child's name from the items and no "old" logo items or stained or torn items please!

### Fun Run

Please remember to return any sponsorship money by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

Have a great week,  
**Andrea F**





## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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



### LEARN TO SWIM FACILITY OPENING IN 2017

A few reasons why you should choose us?

- Mineral based water - gentle on your hair, skin and eyes
- Boutique purpose built facility
- Over 50 years of swim school experience

Located at 313 Middleborough Rd Box Hill (on the border of Blackburn between Canterbury Rd and Burwood Hwy).

Register your interest at  
[www.swimschool.org.au](http://www.swimschool.org.au) to receive updates,  
 opening date and enrolment  
 announcements



### 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)

## Monash Chorale & Oakleigh Brass

# Heroes & VILLAINS

with voices and band

Free admission  
 3pm, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
 Oakleigh Baptist Church  
 Warrigal Rd  
 Oakleigh

supporting fusion

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Real Friend Community

Pinewood Community Bank® Branch