

CALENDAR

May

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
 Fri 2 Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport
 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 (*NOTE date change*)
 Thu 15 Yr 4 Polly Woodside excursion
 Thu 15 Strings Concert
 Sun 18 Working Bee
 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
 Tue 27 Yr 1 Melbourne Museum excursion
 Fri 30 Last day Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal

July

Mon 17 First day Term 3

Students do not attend school on public holidays.

Whole School Assembly

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

School Banking - every Tuesday.

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

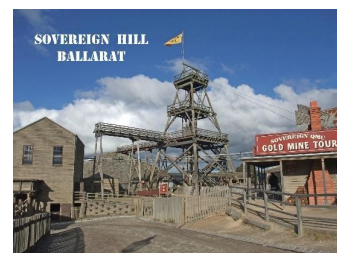
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and guardians,

Year 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill

On Wednesday, the Year 5 students left for their camp at Sovereign Hill. Yesterday I visited and spent the day with them. All the children were having a great time. They were happy and interested in every activity. The different groups rotated around many activities, including visiting the Red Hill Mine, gold smelting and candle making. The most popular activity though was panning for gold. The children and the staff were intent on finding their first fortune. It was amazing to see how well some did and they became very proficient at panning.

Last night the children experienced the sound and light show 'Blood on the Southern Cross' which tells the story of the Eureka Stockade. This camp really immerses the children into the 1850s and as a result, they become more engaged in their history curriculum.



Photos of the camp are on display in the Office reception.

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**Student-free Day
on Monday**

No students at school

**Care (7am to 6pm) is available—
must be booked with Paul Davis.**





Teddy Bear's Picnic

Today as part of the 'Me and My World' theme, the Prep classes had a Teddy Bear day which was highlighted by a Teddy Bear's picnic in the Hall. Children wore pyjamas and brought their teddy to school. The whole day was spent on activities related to a teddy theme. If you remember in the newsletter last week, there were images of the Prep classes walking to Damper Creek and posting an invitation to their teddy to attend today. I was so pleased that so many teddies could make it. The staff and parent helpers also looked amazing in their pyjamas. It was a great fun day, but also a day where the children discovered more about themselves and the important things in their world. Thanks to everyone who made the day so great for the Prep children.



Student-free Day

A reminder to parents that **next Monday, 29th May**, is a School Council approved Student-free Day, and **children are NOT required at school**. The staff will firstly have a professional learning session on cyberbullying presented by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. After that, the day will focus on the moderation of writing pieces, assessment discussion and report writing. Should you require childcare during the day, please contact Paul Davis and the Out of School Hours Care program.

School Dress Code

At Essex Heights, we strongly promote a sense of identity and pride in the school through students wearing our school uniform. We also believe that it is important for all children to wear the school uniform as outlined in our school policy so that it reduces the potential for students to feel peer pressure to wear fashion items.

Overall, I think the school uniform is worn very well at Essex Heights but it is timely to remind everyone that multi coloured items are not part of the school dress code. As I walk around the school, I have observed a variety of coloured track pants, leggings, etc. I appreciate that in the colder months additional warmth is required. Extra clothes such as skivvies and t-shirts can be worn under the normal uniform and preferably, they should be in school colours. It must be noted that tights and leggings must be black.

Please remember that we do have second hand uniform organised by the PFA and that if there are financial issues please ensure that you contact the school.

A copy of the school Dress Code Policy is available on the school website.

Thank you to all the families that work with us to ensure that our children look fantastic in their school uniform.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

George Perini
Principal

Teddy Bear's Picnic Day in Prep

Friday 26th May



SCHOOL GROUP PHOTOS

All group photos (school leadership, marimba, music, etc.) are now on display in the windows of the PSD Room (Banksia building). Photos will be displayed until next Wednesday, 30th May.

To order please go to the Arthur Reed Photos website - www.arphotos.com.au. Click on 'Order Your School Photos', click on 'Team and Group Photos' button, select 'Essex Heights Primary School (Mt Waverley)' from the drop down menu and click Proceed, and then enter requested details from there. If you are unable to order online, you must contact Arthur Reed Photos by phone 5243 4390.



Instrumental Music Concerts 2017



THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR
2017 / ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

We are proud and excited to have 16 of our students participating in the 2017 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: Anything is Possible.

This year's Spectacular will be held at Hisense Arena on Saturday 16th September, with two shows at 1pm and 6.30pm.

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure discounted tickets.

Discount Early Bird tickets for the Spectacular are available through Ticketek for 13 days only from **10am on Wednesday 31 May**. Standard ticket prices will apply after this date. No discount code is required.

Essex Heights students will be closest to Door 1 (North West) so the seated Sections closest for purchasing tickets are: 19, 20, 46, 47, 49, 50, 68, 69, 70.



TERM 3 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Prep to Year 2 students will be participating in our school Swimming Program which takes place at Syndal Swimming School. The children will safely participate in a range of swimming activities over an 8 week program.

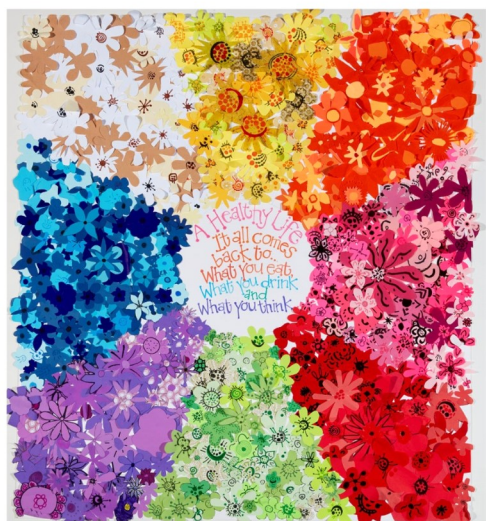
- The **Prep** program will be on Tuesdays, beginning on 25th July.
- The **Years 1 and 2** program will be on Fridays, beginning on 21st July (except 18th August).

We will be travelling by bus. Costs to be confirmed.

Please start encouraging your child to get themselves dry and dressed after a bath/shower! This gives them a confidence boost and is a big help in the dressing rooms after their lesson! Also show them how to pack/fold their own clothes in a bag.



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 was on display in the Fresh Life section of the Centre and can now be viewed in the School Office window.

A Facebook album with every school's artwork has been published on the following page - <https://www.facebook.com/TheGlenShopping/> - where people will be asked to vote on ("like") 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.

Voting closes this Sunday, 28th May. 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 and all the children in the Art Room*

Bahasa Indonesia



to our 12 **Sayembara Lisan** finalists:

Year 1: Taite B

Year 2: Jane L. Sienna B and Aiden D

Year 3: Nandita C

Year 4: Hannah L, Bhuvu D, Jordan K and Charlotte D

Years 5 & 6: Malavika C, Chika Y and Sophia C

The final is on Saturday 3rd June at Sidney Myer Asia Centre.



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.



At this week's **Target Tuesday**, the bell sounded at 2.20pm to give everyone a chance to participate in our newest sustainability action. It's such a positive to see everyone join together to look after our great schoolyard. Surprisingly, there are many chip packets found in the school yard. Please remember to reduce your packaging and to not take wrappers outside.

Our goal is to be a rubbish free school.

from the **Sustainability Team**

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 29th May Student-free Day
Wednesday 31st May at 9.30am Jan Mattrow
Friday 2nd June at 10am Amanda Kelsall, Erica Baddeley & 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, 29th May**, the program will be conducting a **Student-free Day program**. We will be going to see "*The Smurfs, Lost Village*", at Village Knox. If you are attending, please be at school by 9.15am and bring your morning, afternoon tea, lunch and movie snacks. Please do not give your children money as we will not be accessing the candy bar.

Activities planned for next week are:

Monday Painting Palettes
Tuesday Dance & Drama
Wednesday Origami
Thursday Lego Robotics
Friday Origami

Could families please bring their **accounts** up to date before the end of the month.

Thank you
Paul Davis



Sushi Lunch Day—Thursday 1st June

Please note: given Monday 29th May is a student-free day (we forgot!!) we will be finalising the sushi order on Tuesday morning (30th May), so **please have your orders in first thing Tuesday.**

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 at **7.15pm on Friday 2nd June**. If you would like to attend and haven’t already returned your form and payment, please email us at ehpspfa@gmail.com, as we need to confirm numbers on Monday (remember, this is a student-free day so you can’t hand anything in).



Secondhand Uniform Stall

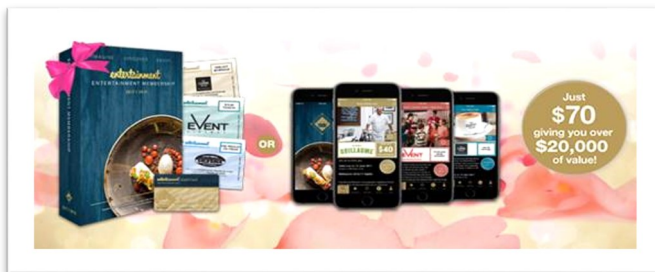
Thank you to Jen and her team of helpers for another successful Secondhand Uniform Stall. It was so nice to see some new faces volunteering their time to help out.

Please keep the donations coming in!!

Donations can be made at any time, simply place your bag of pre-loved items, marked "donations" in a lost property box. Please remember to remove your child's name from the items, and please, no "old" logo items or stained or torn items!

Entertainment Books

Current books expire on 31st May, so 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



May

26th	Sky A Alexei R Yeeheng L
27th	Aarav N Mitchell A
28th	Kylin H
29th	Joshua C Lucia C Malavika C
31st	Lucas L

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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



Billabong Dreaming

Youth Art for Reconciliation

24th May—11th June, 2017

THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

An exhibition of art work by school
students in the City of Monash
celebrating

Reconciliation and NAIDOC 2017,

50th Anniversary of the
1967 Referendum and
25th Anniversary of Mabo

Opening ceremony:

Saturday 27th May at 2.00pm

Open Wednesday to Sunday, 12—4pm

14 The Highway, Mt Waverley (Melway 70 E2)

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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

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au

*Interested families would receive a brochure,
information and no pressure!*