

CALENDAR

May

Fri 25 Prep Walk to Damper Creek Reserve
 Mon 28 Science Talent Search entries close
 Tue 29 ICAS Science
 Tue 29 Prep Rolling Fun incursion
 Thu 31 Chorale excursion to Essex Heights Juniors

June

Fri 1 Prep Teddy Bears Picnic
 Mon 4-Wed 6 Yr 5 Camp
 Tue 5 Prep Responsible Pet Ownership incursion
 Wed 6 PFA Meeting 7.30pm
 Thu 7 Division Cross Country
 Thu 7 Little Big Shots 2018
 Thu 7 Parent Forum
 Mon 11 Queen's Birthday public holiday
 Wed 13 Guitar & Contemporary Band Concert
 Tue 19 Brass & Woodwind Concert
 Wed 20 Yr 4 Polly Woodside & Cook's Cottage
 Wed 20 Strings & Harp Concert
 Fri 22 Yrs 5&6 Winter Interschool Sport finishes
 Mon 25 Keyboard Concert 6.30pm
 Mon 25 Piano Concert 7.30pm
 Tue 26 Percussion & Ukulele Concert
 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



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

<https://essexheightsps-vic.compass.education>

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Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday during school terms.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and members of the Essex Heights community,

ArtSEL - Art and Social Emotional Learning

As you are aware, this year we have introduced our ArtSEL program for all classes. In the first semester Prep to Year 2 will have ArtSEL as part of their 2D Art program. Whilst Years 3 to 6 will have ArtSEL in semester 2.

Thanks to the many parents that have passed on so many supportive and complimentary messages about this innovative and worthwhile program.

Every week the program has a particular skill that is being taught. On Monday morning I announce the focus for the week at 9am.

This week's ArtSEL focus was 'Calming Down':

"When you have strong feelings, it's hard for your brain to think. After you use your stop signal and name your feeling, you're ready to calm down! You can calm down by doing some slow deep belly breathing, counting, or using positive talk. Think for a moment about your favourite Way to Calm Down. Remember to use it this week if you need to calm down. Calming down helps you think clearly!"

School Review

Every four years, all schools engage in a School Review. It provides an independent, objective and reliable view of the school's performance. This process involves the school preparing a self-evaluation that looks at the school's goals as outlined in the School Strategic Plan (2015-18), analysis of school performance data. The School Review then involves a rigorous discussion of the school's progress, strengths and opportunities for improvement.

Through this process we will be setting our school's strategic direction for the next four years (2019 – 2022). As always our aim is to ensure that we provide the best educational environment for our children to learn and grow.

Currently we have started work on preparing our Pre-Review Self Evaluation (PRSE). Staff have been looking at student outcome data sets and identifying trends and priorities for future work. As a school we value input from our whole school community. Therefore we will be conducting forums to consult with our stakeholders.

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May

- 26th Hanna A
Yajwin P
Dennis L
Alexei R
- 27th Aarav N
Mitchell A
- 28th Kylin H
- 29th Joshua C
Lucia C
Malavika C

June

- 1st Evelyn J
Zoe K

This week's information on Compass:

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|--------------------|---|
| <i>Year/Group</i> | <i>Compass News</i> |
| Year 4 | Year Four Newsletter |
| Year 5 | 5/6 Author Visit Level 5 Camp Information Evening |
| Year 6 | 5/6 Author Visit |
| Whole School | Family statements (3 messages) Book Fair last chance Second Hand Uniform Sale Today |

Compass Events:

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|---------------------|---|
| <i>Year/Group</i> | <i>Notice/Activity & Due Date</i> |
| Prep | Rolling Fun—Prep 2018 Cultural Incursion - 28 May |
| Year 4 | Polly Woodside Cooks Cottage - 15 June |
| Year 5 | Year 5 Adventure Camp - 1 June Little Big Shots (selected students) - 1 June |
| Chorale | Chorale - Essex Heights Juniors Visit - 28 May |
| Cross Country | Monash Waverley Division Cross Country Finals (selected students) - 28 May |

Assembly: Monday 28th May

At Assembly on Monday:

- Sayembara Lisan certificate presentation
- 4CB & 4R Marimba Ensembles performing
- Prep ZB ArtSEL role play
- ARISS update
- School Banking - deposit winners
- Student of the Week

Assembly starts at 2.40pm in the Hall. All welcome.

Going on holidays?

If your family is going on holidays before this term ends (last day of Term 2 is Friday 29th June), please ensure that your child's absence is recorded on Compass **before** you go.

The relevant page from the *Welcome to Compass* parent information booklet (refer to the school website) is below. Select Family Holiday as the Reason for absence.

Attendance: Entering a Parent Approval

1

From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the 'Add Parent Approval' item.



2

From the pop-up window,
- Select the reason,
- Enter a brief description of the absence,
- Select the start and finish time,
- Click the 'Save' button.



Note:
Where possible, parent approvals should be entered prior to the absence occurring.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

School Council has formed a small subcommittee to oversee and provide input into the review. Last night the Council decided to conduct a **Parent Forum** to canvass parent opinion on a few key issues as identified in the 2017 Parent Opinion survey. The forum will be held on the **evening of 7th June**. A more detailed communication will occur regarding this Parent Forum shortly.

Student Forums are also being planned in the next few weeks and staff are involved in ongoing discussions about student outcomes and school performance on a regular basis.

The review is a great opportunity for our school to pause and reflect over a tumultuous past four years and to reset a direction that will continue and grow the educational opportunities for every child at Essex Heights PS.

Review Key Dates:

- 16 July - Pre-Review Self Evaluation (PRSE) completed
- Panel Day 1: 8 August - Validation Day
- Panel Day 2: 13 August - Field Work Day
- Panel Day 2: 14 August - Final Day

Throughout the review, our school will be working with Gaye Peel (School Reviewer), Allen McAuliffe (DET NEVR), and our two Challenge Partners, Natalie Grieve (Principal of Mount Waverley North PS) and Anne Stenhouse (Principal of Wesburn PS).

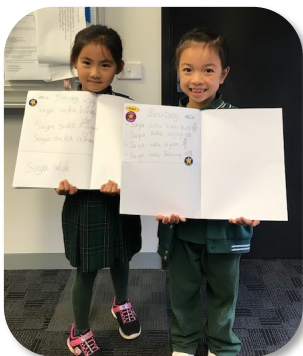


Now in its 74th year, Education Week aims to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector.

At EHPS this week, we have celebrated the arts in Education Week with a variety of activities.

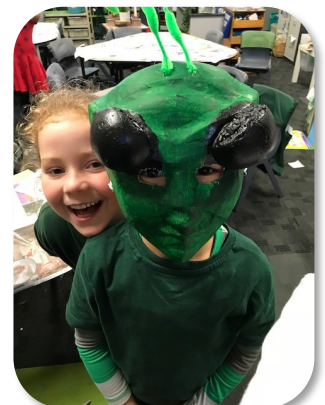
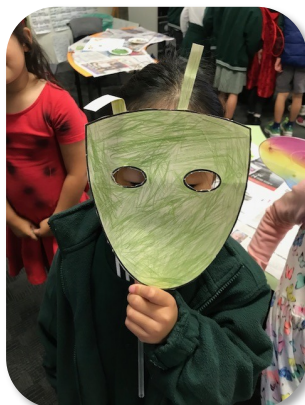
- ★ Prep to Year 6 showcased their classrooms on Monday.
- ★ Parents/guardians took the opportunity to join their child in their Music, ArtSEL, or Visual Art classes.
- ★ The Book Fair was a great success, and our competitions were very popular.
- ★ 25 students performed in the NEVR Concert 'Tributes' at Hamer Hall on Tuesday night.
- ★ Years 5 and 6 enjoyed the Author Visit on Wednesday.
- ★ Students got creative and entered our Art Competition.

Around the School



Michelle C and Sammi L (left) came to share the excellent work in their Indonesian workbooks with me. Great work girls, and welcome to EHPS Sammi.

Year 1 students had a fantastic day on Tuesday with their Minibeast incursion (see more on page 4). It was wonderful to see so many creative costumes. I loved these masks the children had made - well done!



Best wishes to you all,
George Perini
Principal

Year 1 Minibeasts Inursion



As part of our Integrated Unit 'Schoolyard Safari', the Year 1 children were visited by the team from Minibeast Wildlife on Tuesday. The children participated in a one hour session full of hands-on experiences exploring minibeasts that live in our world. They investigated the basic structure and function, habitats, life cycles and adaptations of invertebrates.



NORTH-EASTERN VICTORIA REGION YOUTH CONCERT

TRIBUTES

HAMER HALL 2018



NEVR Rehearsals

As some of you know, the Year 6's from Chamber Choir this year have been participating at the NEVR practice at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School. Over 200 students from the North-Eastern Victorian Region take part in this program.

In our rehearsals, we practice our songs, listen to the band, and meet new people from other schools. Our conductor, Mark O'Leary, teaches us tips to improve our singing. Our songs for this year are, "The Lachlan Tigers", "The Unicorn", "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" and "Let go the Long White Sails". The band consists of two flute players in the Lachlan Tigers, piano, double bass, cello, violas, violins and a surprise instrument! During our time there, we're allowed to use the MWHPS equipment during our short breaks.

On the day of our first rehearsal we arrived at school at 8:50am. We started walking towards Huntingdale Road. We disembarked at a bus station near Waverley Road and had to walk over the Monash Freeway to reach Mount Waverley Heights Primary School.

When we were coming back from the first rehearsal, we missed the bus that was bound to leave at 2:18pm! So, we had to walk all the way back to our own school! The next rehearsal, we made sure not to miss the bus, so we walked quickly to the bus stop and found out that the bus was ten minutes late! That meant we didn't have to walk back to school this time.

Over the last month, the Year 6's have been practicing a lot for the upcoming NEVR concert which is happening on the **22nd of May**. We are all looking forward to singing at the concert!

By *Natalene* and *Huey*, Music Captains

After the NEVR Concert

A few days ago, we had the NEVR concert. We performed all we had learnt from the practices at Mount Waverley Heights P.S. and at our own school.

Before the actual performance, we had a sound check at Hamer Hall. We got there by train. It was a fun experience. When we arrived at Flinders Street Station, we only had to walk a few minutes to Hamer Hall. We ate our snack and went inside. When we got in, we first put on our newly arrived t-shirts for NEVR on! Then we waited for our turn to have a run through of the performance that night. Then we took our School Choir photos and had lunch. Some of us played on the ramp-looking-like sculpture. For the rest of the day, we were singing songs on the train and then we walked from Jordanville Station to Essex Heights. We had a bit of rest before we made our way to Hamer Hall at 6:45.

When we got there at night and sat at the balcony, we were approximately third to be on the stage. When we entered the stage, it was still the intervals, so we had to wait. When we started, the lights got stronger and it was very hot! After the first song, our conductor, Mark O'Leary was praising us and doing small dances. The rest of the songs we sang was the best we EVER did it! There was also the surprise instrument, the bagpipes!

We were all exhausted after the performance, as it was already 10 o'clock! When we got up back to the balcony, some of our fellow students fell fast asleep! The performers after us was amazing! There were the bands (rookie band, chamber strings), solos, and the play by some secondary kids! They were all fantastic, but everyone DEFINITELY thought that the last band doing 'Star Wars Suite' was the BEST.

Overall, the day was amazing and it was a great experience for us, and a good chance to make new friendships, listen to other people's talents and gain teamwork.

By *Yura*, Music Captain



District Cross Country



Almost 70 EHPS students participated in the Mulgrave District Cross Country at Norton's Park in Wantirna South on Wednesday. Everyone showed amazing Essex Heights spirit and behaviour on the day.



Cross country results:

9/10yr boys: 3rd Jack, 5th Michael, 10th Thomas

9/10yr girls: 3rd Emma

11yr boys: 8th Tom

11yr girls: 2nd Kayla

12/13yr girls: 4th Madeleine

These seven students finished in the top 10 for the District, and have been invited to progress to the Monash Waverley Division Cross Country Finals on 7th June.



Emma C, Madeleine H, Kayla S, Michael M, Jack F, Thomas C & Tom F

Years 5 & 6 Author Visit



The author visit on Wednesday with author, comedian and teacher Oliver Phommavanh was great! We had a lot of laughs and students generated a lot of ideas for story writing. What a fantastic way to celebrate the arts for Education Week!

Berita Bahasa Indonesia

Sarah Edwards



Sayembara Lisan

Congratulations to all students who were involved in the Sayembara Lisan. Certificates will be handed out at Assembly on Monday 28th May.

*Salam (Regards),
'Bu Sarah' or 'Ibu Edwards'*

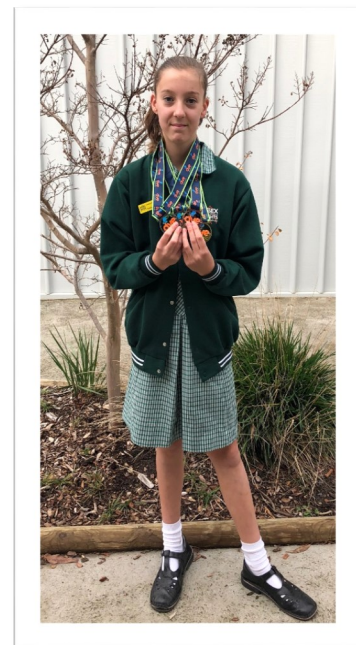
Congratulations!

Madeleine H (56M), Lindsay House Captain, has been swimming since before she could walk, and started squad training when she turned 10. She currently swims with Nunawading and trains five times a week.

Madeleine competed in a DVE Aquatic swim meet at WaterMarc in Greensborough on Sunday, achieving outstanding results:

- Gold 50m Breaststroke (PB)
- Silver 200m Breaststroke (PB)
- Silver 200m Butterfly (new time; first time official recording time in long course/50m pool)
- Bronze 100m Breaststroke (PB)

Well done Madeleine!



Winter Interschool Sport

Coordinator: Amy Hipwell



Years 5 and 6 students played Round 4 in lovely sunshine against Mount Scopus.

| | EHPS | Mount Scopus |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Rounders | 27 | 31 |
| Soccer | 2 | 5 |
| Netball A | 11 | 24 |
| Netball B | 1 | 10 |
| Netball C | 8 | 7 |
| Netball Mixed | 3 | 37 |
| T-Ball Boys | 21 | 3 |
| T-Ball Girls | Bye | |
| AFL A | 0 | 127 |
| AFL B | 20 | 104 |
| Matball | 3 | 51 |
| Bootball | 2 | 16 |

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTS 2018

Guitar & Contemporary Band

Wednesday 13th June

7pm - Banskia Collaborative Space

Brass & Woodwind

Tuesday 19th June

7pm - Hall

Strings & Harp

Wednesday 20th June

6:30pm - St Faith's Church

Keyboard Concert

Monday 25th June

6:30pm - Hall

Piano Concert

Monday 25th June

7:30pm - Hall

Percussion & Ukulele

Tuesday 26th June

6:30pm - Hall

Munch & Crunch Canteen

Canteen Manager: Maria Vlahos



Canteen Roster

Monday 28th May - 11.15am to 1.45pm Irit Ziv & John Pan

Wednesday 30th May - 9.30am to 1.45pm Ying Li & Lushi Lin

Friday 1st June - 9.30am to 1.45pm Aida Brydon, Sherry Yip & Eling Chen

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. We would like accounts cleared by the end of Term 2.

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 After School Care next week are:

Monday Magic Workshop

Tuesday Dance & Drama with Georgia

Wednesday Nature Box Creations

Thursday Play Doh with Helen

Friday Cooking Chinese Noddles with Maria

You can contact the program on 9807 2615 or 0417 941 986. The program has voice mail and an answering machine so you are able to leave messages. If you need your child collected for After Care, please call the aforementioned numbers.

*Thank you,
Paul Davis*



Fun Run Sponsorship

Reminder to please return your forms and fundraising money as soon as possible.

PFA Meeting

The next PFA Meeting will be held in the Staff Room on Wednesday 6th June at 7.30pm. All welcome.



Secondhand Uniform Sale

Thank you and well done to Jen, Pauline, Sophie, Mel, Raema, Suzannah, Allan, Sasi, Carolyn and Chrissie for raising over \$450 at the Term 2 Stall.

It was lovely to have some new helpers as well as the regulars.

Please keep the donations coming in!!

Entertainment Books

Order your [2018|2019 Entertainment books](#) now! For only \$70 you can enjoy 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. Please note that the 2017|2018 book will expire at the end of the month.

Prize valued over \$2,300

Purchase your Membership by May 31, 2018
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- \$1,000 Jetstar gift card for flights to Bali!
- 5 Nights at Amadea Resort & Villas
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The PFA can be contacted via email on ehpspfa@gmail.com.

*Have a great weekend,
Andrea Fyfe
(Mum to Caitlin, 4CB)*

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Spirit Country

Youth Art for Reconciliation

An exhibition of artwork
by students in the City of Monash

May 16 - June 3, 2018
Open Wed to Sun, 12 - 4pm
The Highway Gallery
14 The Highway, Mt Waverley
(Melway 70 E2)

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St. Luke's Preschool

OPEN DAY

Saturday 26th May
10am - 12pm

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

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please contact our
Office:
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JOEYS, CUBS & SCOUTS GROUPS

JOEYS - 5 TO 7 YEARS OLD
WEDNESDAY 6PM-7PM

CUB SCOUTS - 7 TO 10 YEARS OLD
THURSDAY 7PM-8.30PM

SCOUTS - 10 TO 14 YEARS OLD
WEDNESDAY 7.30PM-9.30PM

Get your kids off their screens.
They will make new friends, enjoy being outside whilst
taking part in fun activities such as:
Bike Riding, Camping, First Aid
& Learning new skills such as cooking, tying robe
knots, orienteering and so much more

**CALL SUE ON 9802-0119 OR TURN UP TO ONE
OF THE SESSIONS ABOVE**

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