

CALENDAR

June

Fri 2	PFA Movie Night
Fri 2	Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport
Mon 5	Keyboard & Piano Concert
Tue 6	PFA Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 7	Lunchtime Dance Performance – 2pm
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
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
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August

Tue 1	ICAS English
Fri 11	House Athletics
Tue 15	ICAS Maths
Thu 17	Indonesian Day
Fri 18	EHPS Student free day

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,

North–East Victoria Region (NEVR) Annual Concert: DanceBeat 2017

On Tuesday evening 35 of our finest singers participated in the North–East Victoria Region (NEVR) Annual Concert at Hamer Hall. Students from across the region performed as individuals, ensemble, bands and orchestras. It was an amazing display of the talent that exists in our region. Our students performed in the mass Primary Choir and they were outstanding. They sang five different songs and the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment. Thank you to the parents who attended to support their children and to Ms. Tanya Dolence for her commitment to preparing the children for this memorable event. Well done to all concerned because you were marvellous ambassadors for our school. You made us all very proud.



Parent and Teacher Discussions

At Essex Heights, we really value the participation of parents in the school program and the close interaction between teachers and families. We realise that sometimes parents would like to talk with a teacher before school or at another time. I suggest the following points so that everyone's needs are met:

- If a meeting is essential, but it may be longer than a few minutes, please make an appointment to see the teacher at a mutually convenient time.
- Please do not enter the class in the middle of a lesson because it will disrupt the class.
- If you need specific assistance, please go to the Office and see what can be done to help you.
- Do not enter the classroom if a teacher is not present, eg before school.
- Classes will begin at 9am every day.

We value the importance of your time and the need to have an ordered and planned teaching program. Please work with us so that your child's teaching and learning time is maximised.

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Ambulance Cover

Last week due to an accident in the playground, an ambulance was called for one of our students. This is a rare occurrence, but you should be aware that an ambulance will be called if it is deemed necessary because your child's welfare is our first priority. In such cases, parental approval is not required before making the call and the family will be responsible the payment of the ambulance trip. If you do not have an ambulance membership, the average cost of emergency transport is more than \$1100. I think it is timely to remind parents to strongly consider having ambulance cover for your children and family. A yearly family subscription costs under \$90 and for peace of mind, is well worth the investment.

School Dress Code

Last week I included the following article about school uniform and I think it is worth repeating again this week.

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*

POWER OUTAGE FUN!



During the power outage on Wednesday, 2D and 2M took the opportunity to take on the STEM Newspaper Challenge. The students armed only with a newspaper and masking tape had to work in groups to construct a free standing tower with the tallest winning a prize. This activity promoted teamwork and encouraged students to think outside the box. What a great way to spend a 'tech free' afternoon.

Miss Davies and Mrs Morton



2017 NEVR CONCERT EXPERIENCE



DANCEBEAT
2017

For the past month or so, Essex Heights Chamber Choir have been working extremely hard sacrificing their lunch times for rehearsals for the North Eastern Victorian Region (NEVR) Concert. We combined with several choirs from different schools to participate in the primary school choir. We rehearsed twice at Laburnum Primary School and travelled to Hamer Hall in the city for a sound check on Tuesday 30th May. On the night of the NEVR



Concert, we were very privileged to perform at Hamer Hall, one of the most well known concert venues in Melbourne. It was such a memorable and fantastic night for all of us, including our proud parents. The standard of performance overall was quite out of this world! We would like to thank Mr Tang for accompanying us to the city for our sound check and say a huge, huge "THANK YOU" to Miss Dolence for all her hard work, sacrifices and believing in us.

Audrey L
Music Captain

Bahasa Indonesia



SAYEMBARA LISAN 2017: Celebration Time



We are still continuing to celebrate the dedication and enthusiasm students have put into this year's competition. They should each feel very proud in terms of overall participation and the outstanding results!

As a way to celebrate everyone's success, there will be a small **morning tea this Friday 2nd June** at recess for the children. Some treats will be provided.

We wish our 12 finalists all the best for the Sayembara Lisan finals this Saturday.

Terima Kasih,
Bu (Miss) Sarah Trebilcock J

FROM THE ART ROOM

Dear Parents and friends,

Just a note from all the children in the Art Room to say a big **THANK YOU** for supporting our recent entry in The Glen Shopping Centre Education Week Art Competition.

With your enthusiasm and support, we managed to receive 917 "likes" on Facebook and take out first place in the competition and receive \$1000.

Second place was Highvale Preschool and third place went to Jells Park Primary School.

We look forward to sharing how we will spend our prize money in the near future.



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.



Instrumental Music Concerts 2017



Piano/Keyboard Concert
Monday 5th June
Hall
Keyboard 6:30pm
Piano 7:45pm

Percussion Concert
Tuesday 13th June
Hall 7pm

Strings Concert
Thursday 15th June 6:30pm
St Faith's Anglican Church
4 Charles Street
Glen Iris

Guitar Concert
Wednesday 21st June
Banksia Collaborative Space
7pm

Brass & Woodwind Concert
Monday 26th June
Hall 7pm



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](#) until **Monday 12th June**. 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.



LUNCHTIME DANCE CLASS PERFORMANCE

The **Lunchtime Dancers** have been working hard on their routine, and are ready to perform. Performing for an audience is a special part of the program and very exciting for the dancers. The **performance** will take place at **2pm on Wednesday 7th June** in the Hall. Please wait outside and you will be invited in when the performance is about to commence.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama

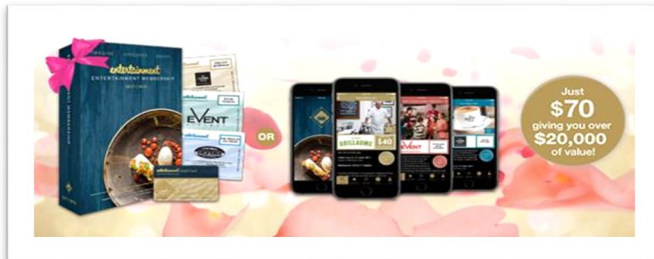


PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



Entertainment Books

Purchase the **NEW** 2017/2018 Entertainment Book now and enjoy a year of discounts. \$14 from each book sold goes to our School. Click on the image below to go to our webpage and place your order:



PFA Meeting

Hope to see you at the next PFA meeting – Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All welcome.

Have a great week,
Andrea F



June

1st	Evelyn J Zoe K
2nd	Stephan L
4th	Catheryn L Lachlan B
5th	Erik W
6th	Nathan G
7th	Eason C

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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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

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