

## CALENDAR

### June

Tue 19	EMR Cross Country Finals
Tue 19	Lunchtime Dance performance 2pm
Tue 19	Brass & Woodwind Concert 7pm
Wed 20	Yr 4 Polly Woodside & Cook's Cottage
Wed 20	Yr 6 Graduation Meeting 5.30pm
Wed 20	Strings & Harp Concert 6.30pm - St Faith's Anglican Church
Thu 21	School Council
Fri 22	Yrs 5&6 Winter Interschool Sport finishes
Fri 22	Yr 2 Crafty Construction exhibition
Mon 25	Keyboard Concert 6.30pm
Mon 25	Piano Concert 7.30pm
Tue 26	Percussion & Ukulele Concert 6.30pm
Fri 29	Instrumental Music Cycle 2 payment due
Fri 29	Term 2 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

### July

Mon 16	Term 3 starts
Mon 16-Sun 22	.. ARISS
Tue 24	Prep 2019 Parent Evening 7pm
Wed 25	Maths Olympiad
Tue 31	ICAS English
Tue 31	Lunchtime Dance starts

*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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[www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au](http://www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au)

*Principal:* Mr George Perini

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

## PARENT FORUM

Dear Essex Heights Community,

I hope you are keeping warm in this wintery weather that's landed upon us this week!

On behalf of the parent members of School Council, just a brief note to you all to share our whole hearted thanks to the parents whom attended last week's Parent Forum. More than 25 parents joined five of our parent School Council members to unpack some of the findings from last year's Parent Opinion Survey, with the intent of analysing where our School's strengths and opportunities lie based on parent feedback across a whole range of areas, including: Student Development, Behaviours, Parent Engagement, and School and Education.

After viewing some of the high level data and outcomes, we broke into five groups, and dove deep into several areas, exploring, celebrating, assessing and collecting our parent's perspectives around what we at Essex Heights do really well, and where our future opportunities might lie. Feedback from the evening has been collated and shared with our School Leadership team and will be used as direct input into our School's Self Reflection Report - a mandatory submission to the Department of Education and Training, ahead of our whole School Review which will be conducted in August. We will look to share a summary of the Forum output with you after the holidays.

We were so inspired by the robust discussion, enthusiasm and shared passion for our School which emerged during this evening. Thank you again to those parents whom were able to attend. As parents on School Council, we look forward to continuing to engage with our broader parent cohort.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Kristen Steer**

*School Council President*

on behalf of School Council parent members



### June

17th ..... Tamara G  
Sienna B  
18th ..... Daniel C  
Reid L  
19th ..... Chengbin S  
Rohan B  
Hanne W  
20th ..... Samuel N  
21st ..... Senuth A  
Tom F  
22nd ..... Livi B  
Robin S  
Radin A  
Anastasia S

### Information sent home:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity
Prep to Year 4 Girls .....	Australian Girls Choir
Whole school (all students) .....	Reading for Enjoyment Challenge



### This week's information on Compass:

Year/Group	Compass News
Prep to Year 2 .....	Unit on Friendship Skills
Years 5 & 6 .....	Calling for all cardboard!
Whole School .....	Reading for Enjoyment challenge

## Assembly: Monday 18th June

At Assembly on Monday:

- Chamber Choir
- 56AOU Marimba Ensemble performance
- School Banking award
- Student of the Week

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

parenting \* ideas

"Schools are at their dynamic best when teachers and parents work hand-in-hand together" **Michael Grose**

New *Insights* article accessible on our school website - [Dealing with video game crazes - Fortnite and fanaticism.](#)

## 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; select Family Holiday as the reason for absence.

## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) for 2018

Applications for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) for 2018 close at the end of Term 2 (Friday 29th June). The Victorian Government provides \$125 per year to eligible primary school students. If you hold an eligible concession card but have not submitted an application for CSEF, go to our school website for CSEF information and the enrolment form. Submit CSEF enrolment forms at the Office (bring your concession card with you).

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and members of the Essex Heights community,

### Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Forum last week. As Kristen, our School Council President mentioned in her article, we really value the feedback and the opportunity to discuss important issues with you so that we can continue and improve the excellent work that occurs at Essex Heights. We look forward to including your feedback into our Self Evaluation Report.

### Better Communication Survey

Last week I asked you to complete a very short survey on how we can best communicate effectively with our non-English speaking communities. Thank you to the many people who have already responded. There is still an opportunity to participate in this quick survey by following the survey link below. I encourage you all to have input into this review of the preferred modes of communication between home and school.

At Essex Heights we value and celebrate our wide diversity of cultures and the many languages spoken at home. With your help we can start to explore strategies that will assist us to improve our communication with all families.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZ29XGS>

### Guitar and Contemporary Band Concert

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending the Guitar and Contemporary Band mid year concert. The children performed a wide range of contemporary music including songs from Ed Sheeran, Shawn Mendes and John Paul Young. It was evident that a great deal of time and effort had gone into practicing and perfecting the pieces. It was also very obvious that the children really enjoyed their music and loved to perform. Congratulations to all the performers and a special thanks to the guitar and contemporary band teacher, Peter King, for preparing the students so well for the concert. Also, credit must go to our Instrumental Music Coordinator, Alyssa Kennedy, and our classroom music teacher, Tanya Dolence, for instilling a passion for music in all of our children. I look forward to seeing you at next week's concerts.



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

### It's not OK to be away

Thank you to all families for getting children to school on time. We take pride in having the children ready to begin learning by 9am sharp. To allow for the best learning environment for that children, it is important that parents drop off children in their class by 8.50am so that the children can be settled and ready for learning time as soon as the teacher starts instruction. At Essex Heights, as a closely knit community, often in the mornings parents catch up at school and socialise about so many things. We really encourage this because it creates a great sense of community. I would however remind everyone that this catch up should happen outside of the classroom so that the class can begin their learning on time and focused on the tasks being set.

From early next term, we will be sending Compass messages every day to all families whose children are absent in the morning without a known reason. This will ensure better communication with families about absences and attendance at school. To ensure a smooth transition to this new process, I would ask that:

- All families make sure that the school has your latest mobile number and/or correct emergency contacts.
- If you are running late on a particular day, please make sure that you report to the School Office first so that your child is not marked absent.
- If you receive a text that your child is absent, do not panic, just reply to the text or if further explanation is needed, ring the school to clarify the situation.

As with all new systems there could be a few glitches but we know that this timely response from the school will improve communication between home and school.

### 'Eid Mubarak'

This week marked the end of the holy month of Ramadan for our Islamic community. On behalf of the rest of the Essex Heights community, I would like to pass on our good wishes to the families concerned. We wish all families a joyous and blessed Eid al Fitr.



I look forward to seeing you all around the school.

**George Perini**  
Principal

## ArtSEL

*Nikki Olsen*

This month, our schoolwide theme is friendship skills. In our morning announcements and school assembly, we'll be reminding students to invite others to play, play in fair ways, take responsibility for mistakes by making amends, and how to handle name-calling assertively. These skills help students make and keep friends.

ArtSEL lessons specifically teach these friendship skills. You will be receiving Home Links describing why friendship skills are important and including fun activities to do with your child to help him or her learn and practice the skills.



We have had several past students who have had student-free days recently or are finishing school for the term at their secondary schools and have offered their time at EHPS. We want to say "thank you" for all the ways you have helped (or will help) - it is greatly appreciated.

Thanks today to Jasmine Z, Sithusa P, Kiska A, Mikaela M, Imogen T for your help. Special thanks to Paige B, and also Seb and Steph M, for their outstanding work in the non-fiction section in the Library. It was lovely to see you all.

If you have a child who is a past student who would like to offer their time in future, please have them contact the school beforehand by sending an email advising their availability. We'll let you know if there is something they can assist with. Please do not turn up on the day - we may not be able to help.

## Reading for Enjoyment Challenge

# READING CHALLENGE



The **Reading for Enjoyment Challenge** at EHPS has commenced. All students are encouraged to participate by reading books, magazines or newspapers for a set minimum amount of time several days each week, and to log this on their yellow entry sheet that was provided this week.

Minimum Reading Times:

- Prep ..... 10 minutes or more for one entry \*
- Years 1 & 2 ..... 12 minutes or more for one entry \*
- Years 3 & 4 ..... 15 minutes or more for one entry
- Years 5 & 6 ..... 20 minutes or more for one entry

\* Prep and Year 1 students may share in the reading of favourite stories with their parent.

As the times set are for a minimum, there is to be one entry per day recorded. Record the date, name of the book, and a parent/guardians signature for each entry. Please talk with your child about what they are reading.

Once the first sheet is filled, students are to bring it to the Library at lunchtime to collect another sheet from Mrs Wootton, Gael, or one of the Library Captains.

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS CHALLENGE! Happy Reading!



## Survey: Receiving information about school related activities

We would really like some feedback on how our school community (parents and caregivers) are receiving information about school related activities.

We have prepared a very short survey that will take **only 5 minutes** to complete. It will really help the school management, staff and teachers to understand the best way of communicating with you all.

Click on the link below or copy-paste to complete by Friday 22nd June. Thank you very much.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZ29XGS>



## Group Photos available to order now



Group photos taken earlier this year are available to order now, and are on display in the Library until Monday 18th June:

- ★ **Captains** - School, Music, Art, House (Boyd, Drysdale, Lindsay, and Nolan), Sustainability, Indonesian and Library
- ★ **Music** - Prep Choir, Years 1 & 2 Choir, Years 3 & 4 Choir, Chorale, Chamber Choir, and Marimba Ensembles (4CB, 4O, 4R, 5GAOU, 5GSM, 5WO, 6AOU & 6GSM)
- ★ Junior School Council

HOW TO ORDER:

1. Order from Arthur Reed Photos - go online to [teamphotos.arphotos.com.au](http://teamphotos.arphotos.com.au)
2. Enter the EHPS Access Code: T1803EH748
3. Follow the links to place your order.

Please **DO NOT** send any money to school. If unable to order online, contact Arthur Reed Photos by phone on 5243 4390 or email [enquiries@arphotos.com.au](mailto:enquiries@arphotos.com.au).

A copy of the Team and Special Presentations Photography flyer with ordering information is available in the Office.

## Little Big Shots excursion



Last year 4CT entered the *ACMI Screen It* film competition with their film *'Spending Time Wisely'*. *ACMI Screen It* received entries from all around Australia. The 2017 theme was 'Time', and 4CT won the Junior Primary Animation category.

In addition, three students from 4CT were interviewed by the television program, *Get Arty*. They were asked questions about the film process as well as technical questions. The *ACMI Screen It* segment is airing on Monday 25th June at 7am on 7Two. Tune in to see Ruby M, Reveka K and Oliver H's interview.

This year, 4CT's film was a finalist in *Little Big Shots*. This competition is described as 'Australia's premier film festival for kids'. It is 'a carefully curated collection of the best kids' short films from across the globe'. There are 80 films from 20 countries and they will tour around Australia and New Zealand. The films are separated into 'packages' according to age group or focus.

*'Spending Time Wisely'* has also been entered in the ATOM Awards. The finalists will be announced on 12th September. Australian Teachers of Media Inc. (ATOM) is an independent, not-for-profit, professional association that has been promoting the study of media and screen literacy for over 50 years. Their goal is to empower students, teachers, parents, and film enthusiasts to analyse and better understand the screen products we enjoy. The ATOM Awards have been held for the last 35 years and there are separate entry categories for education and industry. The Student Awards Presentation, where the winners of this year's primary, middle and senior secondary school categories will be announced, will be held at SAE Creative Media Institute Melbourne on Wednesday 14th November.

We had the pleasure of taking 23 students (including Emma Trace who is now at Ryton) to ACMI at Federation Square on Thursday 7th June. We had a lovely day. It was great to see the students Essex Heights values on display. It was really special for the Year 5 students, who are split up this year across six classes, and Ms Capsalis to be reunited again!

We wish them luck for September.



A special thank you to Jenny Austin, a teacher who is currently on leave from Essex Heights, for taking the time to join us on the excursion. She had a significant input into the production of the film. Thank you to parent helpers, Stephanie Trace and Melanie Brockway, for their assistance throughout the film and on the day of the excursion. It was also nice for Ina Kuehlich to come along despite her very busy schedule.

**Maria Capsalis**

*Year 4CT teacher 2017 & 4CB teacher 2018*



# INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTS 2018

## Guitar & Contemporary Band

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

7pm - Banskia Collaborative Space

## Brass & Woodwind

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

7pm - Hall

## Strings & Harp

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

6:30pm - St Faith's Church

## Keyboard Concert

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

6:30pm - Hall

## Piano Concert

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

7:30pm - Hall

## Percussion & Ukulele

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

6:30pm - Hall

## Winter Interschool Sport

Coordinator: Amy Hipwell



Years 5 and 6 played the last round of Winter interschool sport today against the Gold team from Mount View Primary School. It was really cold, but it was great!

Next Friday, 22nd June, is the finals.

	<b>EHPS</b>	<b>Mount View Gold</b>
<b>Rounders</b>	3	1
<b>Soccer</b>	<i>No game</i>	
<b>Netball A</b>	6	23
<b>Netball B</b>	0	10
<b>Netball C</b>	<i>No game</i>	
<b>Netball Mixed</b>	6	23
<b>T-Ball Mixed</b>	7	7
<b>T-Ball Girls</b>	14	3
<b>AFL A &amp; B</b>	18	21
<b>Matball</b>	23	0
<b>Bootball</b>	<i>No game</i>	

## Mulgrave District Girls' Soccer Gala Day

Selected Years 5 and 6 girls will represent Essex Heights Primary School in the Girls' Soccer Squad at the Mulgrave District Girls' Soccer Gala Day on Monday 25th June. This is a day of round-robin matches, where girls are provided the opportunity to participate in girls only fun in a competitive sports environment. Watch out for notification via Compass with more details. Consent and payment is due by Friday 22nd June.



Looking forward to a fun day of friendly competition,  
**Mrs Elisha Cotterell**  
P.E. Teacher

## Year 2 Crafty Constructions

The Year 2 students will be making a crafty construction out of recyclable products. Please collect recyclable products so they have options for their designs! Some examples could be boxes of different shapes, egg cartons or clean and dry milk/yogurt cartons. They can be brought in anytime, but must be in by Wednesday 20th June, as we will be making our construction on that day.

*Another date to remember* : our **exhibition** of our construction will be Friday 22nd June at 2.45pm.

## Years 5 & 6

### Calling for cardboard!

We are going to do a construction project as part of our Federation Unit and would like donations of unsoiled cardboard sent to school with your child.

*Thank you,  
Brianna Golsworthy*



## Year 6 Jacket and/or T-shirt Printing

If you have not yet delivered your Year 6 student's jacket and/or t-shirt to PSW for printing, you have until the end of Term 2 (Friday 29th June) to deliver it. Printing will not be available after this date.

If you have any queries, please contact Caroline Thomas on 0411 453 945.

## Lunchtime Dance

*Georgia Lombard*



### Term 2 Performance

The performance for parents to finish Term 2 tuition will be on Tuesday 19th June at 2pm in the Hall.

### Term 3 Classes

Lunchtime dance classes will run on Tuesdays in Term 3 for students in **Years 3 to 6**. Lessons will commence on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July** and conclude on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

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 the school website, or [creativedanceanddrama.com](http://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 18th June - 11.15am to 1.45pm ..... Manami Wong

Wednesday 20th June - 9.30am to 1.45pm ..... Qingfang Yu & Catriona Corben

Friday 22nd June - 9.30am to 1.45pm ..... Amanda Kelsall & Erica Baddeley

*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,

On 2nd July 2018 the **new Federal Government Child Care Subsidy (CCS) Scheme** will replace all existing government childcare payments.

Under the new Australian Government Department of Education and Training funding legislation, I will be unable to offer any childcare fee reductions unless you have:

1. Created a myGov account that is linked to your Centrelink online account
2. Completed a Child Care Subsidy (CCS) assessment
3. The parent/guardian that has completed the CCS transition/assessment must see me to sign a Complying Written Arrangement (CWA). **This form is mandatory under new legislation.**

### **This needs to be done by the 2nd July 2018.**

I am endeavouring to ensure that this is a seamless transition for all families. If you need me to check anything in relation to your accounts please do not hesitate to contact me. I will try to support families through this process as much as I can.

You can contact me on:

- 9807 2615
- 0417 941 986
- davis.paul.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

You can find out more information at: [www.education.gov.au/childcare](http://www.education.gov.au/childcare)



The **July Vacation Care program** is out now. Vacation Care enrolment forms can be collected from the program. Please enrol early if you require care during this period as spaces are limited.

I would just like to thank the families that have been so conscious paying their **accounts**. It's greatly appreciated.

Next week's **After School Care Activities** are:

- Monday ..... Children reading their stories with Sue
- Tuesday ..... Oil and Water Painting with Katie
- Wednesday ..... Making catapults with Eric
- Thursday ..... Soccer with Rita
- Friday ..... Cooking with Maria



Thank you,  
**Paul Davis**

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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# Photography Exhibition

Chinese Photography Association of Victoria Australia  
澳大利亚维州华人摄影协会



**June 6 to 17**

## Annual CPAVA Photo Exhibition

Latest photos presenting amazing scenery, social, cultural, and art forms from Australia and China and around the world.

### Open Time

6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 12pm-4pm

A DVD continually showing in the mini Gallery Theatre  
*This Exhibition is supported by the City of Monash*

## The Highway Gallery

14 The Highway, Mt Waverley, Mel 70 E2  
Enquiries: 9807 7261 or 0425 793 461 Ample parking

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**Sport  
Fitness  
Confidence  
Self Defence  
Discipline  
Fun  
Friendship**

# Karate Classes

**Free Uniform – Book in early!!**

**Thursdays:**

**Essex Heights Primary School**  
Essex Road, Mount Waverley

Juniors, 7 to 13 years, 6:30pm to 7:45pm  
Teenagers & Adults, 6:30pm to 8:15pm



## LION BUSHIDO KARATE ACADEMY

[www.lionbushido.com](http://www.lionbushido.com)

LBKA Centers:

**Forest Hill – Wantirna – Rowville – Glen Waverley – Mount Waverley  
Dandenong - Doncaster East  
Fountain Gate – Narre Warren South – Patterson Lakes**

**FREE Trial Class – Phone 9887 4098**