

CALENDAR

September

Sat 16	Victorian State Schools Spectacular
Wed 20	Yrs 1 & 2 Swimming Program
Wed 20	Yrs 3 & 4 Jump Off
Thu 21	Yrs 1 & 2 Jump Off
Fri 22	Footy Colours Day / Hot Dog Day
Fri 22	Last day Term 3 - 2.30pm dismissal

October

Mon 9	First day Term 4
Fri 13	Yr 6 Graduation Photo
Tue 17	Prep 2018 Transition Session 1 11.45am
Tue 24	PFA Meeting 7.30pm

November

Thu 2	Music: Count Us In
Thu 2	Showcase
Tue 7	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Wed 8	Prep 2018 Transition Session 2 11.45am
Tue 21	Prep 2018 Transition Session 3 11.45am
Tue 28	Prep 2018 Information Evening 7pm

December

Tue 5	Prep 2018 Orientation Day
Tue 5	PFA Meeting 7.30pm

Students do not attend school on public holidays or student-free days.

Whole School Assembly

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

School Banking - every Tuesday.

SCHOOL TOURS

Fridays at 9.30am

Bookings essential - please call School Office

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

are being accepted now.



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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

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,

Due to ongoing staff illness we have not been able to produce our regular full Contact again this week. Instead we are providing an 'update' newsletter so that everyone has the latest information.

District Athletics - 4 September

Monday was a lovely day for the Yr 3-6 Athletics Team to compete in the Mulgrave District Athletics Carnival at the Bill Sewart Athletics Track. The children in our team made everyone proud with the way they competed and behaved throughout the day. There were also some outstanding individual results with children placing in an 'A' event qualifying for the next level of competition, the Monash/Waverley Division Finals, held in October. Congratulations to the following children for their individual success:

Luke C – High Jump & Long Jump

Jimmy O – Discus

Adrian L – Triple Jump

Audrey L – High Jump

Caitlyn D – Triple Jump

Tessica G – Shot Put

Imogen T – High Jump

Luke C, Storm A, Tom F, Jimmy O – Relay Team

Thanks to Ben Wooster for his organisation with the support of the teachers, and to Andrew Russell and Chris Cavill for their assistance on the day. The children and teachers also appreciated the parents who came along to support their efforts.

New Junior School Council (JSC)

Our new JSC members, for this half year, were presented with their badges at last week's assembly. The JSC is a very important part of our school. It is the voice of students and an avenue for them to take part in some important school initiatives, as well as making a difference at a local level. I would like to thank Fiona Nicholson Stocker for making the time to attend the assembly and present the badges to our JSC representatives.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

2M

Last week Emma and Jack from 2M completed their writing task as authors and illustrators. I was so pleased to see their excellent work. They were both very proud of their excellent presentation and perseverance in completing their task. Well done Emma and Jack, keep up the good work!!



Year 4 Sleepover and Ceres Excursion

Last Friday I joined the Year 4 students on their excursion to Ceres. I was very impressed with the children's behaviour and interest in the many different activities. They rotated through four activities: paper making, a walk along the Merri creek, learning about worms and mini-beasts and lastly understanding more about rubbish and the environment. The children asked very interesting questions and really got a greater understanding of the issues related to sustainability and our environment. I know that all of the children had a great time and learned so many new and exciting things.

This excursion followed a sleepover at school on the Thursday night. For many children it was their first experience of sleeping away from home. I know that the children were very excited and loved the opportunity of spending an evening with their friends. Congratulations to the whole year 4 team for organising a marvellous experience for the children.

Show case 2017

Please note that Show case this year will be held on **Thursday 2 November** at the Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash University. This is the Thursday before the Melbourne Cup.

Footy Colours Day

This year Footy Colours Day will be held on Friday 22 September. Let's make this another special day with children dressing up in their favourite football colours. ***Please note that the Canteen will not operate next Friday. 'Red and Blue are the most acceptable colours', of course !!!!!***

Chess Team

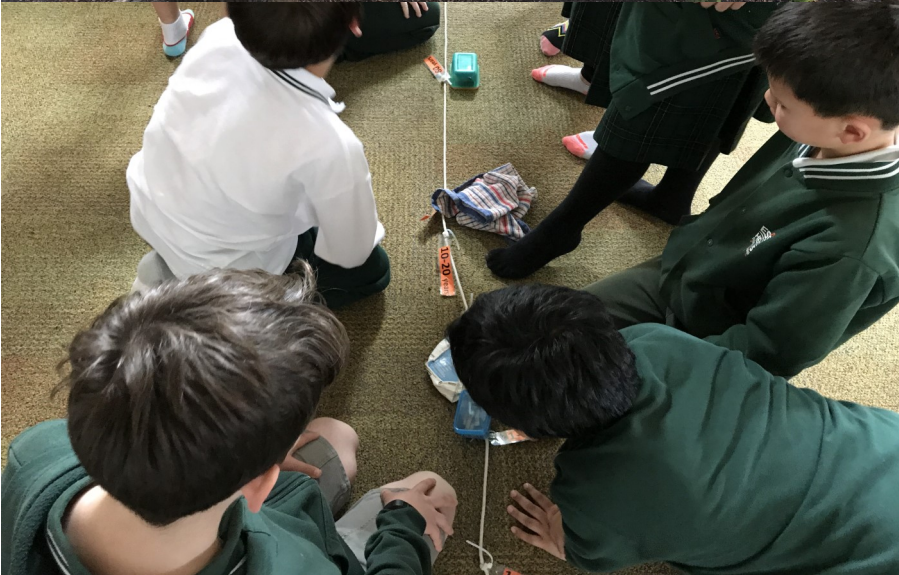
Congratulations to the Chess team who did very well at their interschool competition this week. They have now qualified for the State Semi—Finals later in the month.

The top 5 players were:

Zian Shang, Justin Leung, Raymond Jiang, Kai Hickcox and Nathan Wu



Year 4 at Ceres



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



HOT DOG DAY – Friday, 22nd September

Please get your order forms in as soon as possible, last orders **Wednesday 20th September**. If you are able to help with cooking and packaging orders on the day please register at <https://tinyurl.com/EHPShotdog17>.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to Steph and Willemijn for the great job organising the Father's day stall, I know it's quite a challenge finding new gift ideas each year to please our young shoppers and their dads.

Also thanks to everyone that helped on the day Mina, Andrea J, Jan, Fiona M, Fiona S, Anusha and her mum, Soye, Nicole, Sam, Sophie, Steph T, Dee, Heather, Helen and anyone we may have missed.

FATHER'S DAY BBQ

What a great turn out for the Father's Day BBQ. Thank you to Betty, Fiona, Kaye, Andrea J, Steph T, Jan, Jen and Steph for all their efforts to make the night a success. We hope the change of time allowed some father's that found it difficult to attend the breakfast functions the opportunity to attend.

FUN RUN

It has been a while since the FUN RUN but I wanted to congratulate and thank all the students and families for their efforts in raising over \$9000, the fun run is one of our major fundraisers and the proceeds go to further enhancing the playground. Special thanks to the following students that all raised over \$100 dollars, their prizes were handed out at Assembly on Monday.

Zachary N (PB)	Zoe S (PB)	Oliver S (PL)	Finn C (1P)	Jai S (1P)
Allison S (1P)	India C (1G)	Thanasi P (1D)	Hridhaan S (1D)	Phileas L (2LB)
Karl S (2D)	Oliver S (3G)	Ruby M (4CT)	Kyla W (4CT)	Brandon L (4G)
Gemma M (4G)	Charlotte N (4G)	Kayla S (4R)	Azaan H (5/6T)	

The class that raised both the highest funds and had the most \$20 or more fundraisers was 1P.

2017/2018 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Purchase an Entertainment Membership now and you'll receive

BONUS 2x EVENT Cinemas Saver eTickets PLUS FREE DELIVERY in time for the school holidays!

Hurry, e tickets are going fast!!!

Have a great week
PFA Committee

Jump Rope for Heart

EHPS is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we'd love your support!

You are invited to register your child to raise money for the Heart Foundation (please note that this is optional). Please go to our [school fundraising page](#) to register.

In the last week of Term 3 we will be holding a Jump Off to celebrate the conclusion of the program at school. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the Heart Foundation on the day of their Jump Off:

Years 3 & 4 Jump Off Wednesday 20th September

Years 1 & 2 Jump Off Thursday 21st September

Victorian State School Spectacular

On Saturday 16 of our students will be participating in the 2017 Victorian State School 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, purchase tickets through [Ticketek](#).

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.

We are so proud of all of the students and hope that they have the most memorable experience in the show. A big thank you to Kirsten L, Victoria G and Lauren D for all of their hard work in preparing the children.



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Place your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers (stick them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet if you have one) in the Collection Box in the School Office.

**Please return
earn & learn no later than
Thursday 21st September**

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 18th September at 11.15am Maria Akritidis

Wednesday 20th September at 9.30am . Sophie Sauntner

Friday 22nd September at 10am **NO CANTEEN**

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.

LUNCHTIME DANCE

Lunchtime Dance will run in Term 4 for students in Years 1 to 4. The program is for six weeks, with each lesson running for 30 minutes. The cost is \$40. Classes take place at lunchtime on Wednesdays in the Hall, beginning on **Wednesday 18th October** and concluding on **Wednesday 29th November**.

NOTE: There will be no class on Wednesday 8th November.

Children will participate in a variety of warm up routines, create their own movements through activities, and learn a choreographed dance to be performed at the end of the last session for family and friends.

There are currently places available in this class. If you would like your child to participate, please obtain a [registration form](#) from the School Office or website, or visit creativdanceanddrama.com and request your desired form via the contact page.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance & Drama



AFTER SCHOOL DANCE

After School Dance classes are offered on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** for Prep to Year 6 students. Classes will take place in the **Stadium**. Classes begin at **3.40pm** and finish at **4.25pm**.

The Term 4 After School Dance program dates are:

Prep to Year 2: Tuesdays, 10th October to 5th December. The cost is \$80.

Years 3 to 6: Wednesdays, 11th October to 6th December. The cost is \$80.

NOTE: There will be no classes on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November.

Children will participate in a variety of warm up routines, create their own movements through activities, and learn a choreographed dance to be performed at the end of the last session for family and friends.

There are currently places available in these classes. If you would like your child to participate, please obtain a [registration form](#) from the School Office or website, or visit creativdanceanddrama.com and request your desired form via the contact page.

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