

CALENDAR

February

Mon 19	Prep students commence full time
Mon 19	School Council nominations close
Thu 22	Pink Stumps Day
Thu 22	Secondhand Uniform Sale
Thu 22	School Council
Fri 23	NO Student Free Day - <i>date to be rescheduled</i>
Fri 23	Welcome Picnic/BBQ
Mon 26	Mulgrave District Swimming Competition
Mon 26&Tue 27	Parent Teacher Interviews

March

Tue 6	PFA Prep Welcome
Tue 6	PFA AGM
Wed 7	Tennis Trials
Thu 8	St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools
Mon 12	Labour Day public holiday
Tue 13-Fri 16	Year 6 Camp
Mon 19	2018 school fees due
Thu 22 & Fri 23	School Photos
Thu 22	School Council
Fri 23	Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter School Sport finishes
Thu 29	Grandparents & Friends Day
Thu 29	Term 1 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, starting 6th February.



School Hats - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

SCHOOL TOURS

Fridays at 9.30am - commencing 2nd March
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, 7 September, plus one other date to be confirmed



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,

Essex Heights on the move!

This year our school will have a busy and exciting year evaluating how we have performed over the past four years and developing a new strategic plan for 2019 – 2022.

Our priorities this year are to:

- Continue the ***excellent academic development*** of the children in all curriculum areas
 - Teachers will continue to:
 - ◆ Build their skills to provide the highest possible program for our children
 - ◆ Motivate and set high expectations for children
 - ◆ Provide each child with the precise feedback on how they can improve/develop their skills further
 - Specific focus on Writing, Reading and Numeracy.
- Ensure that ***children are happy, safe and engaged*** at school
 - The School Wide Positive Behaviours program will:
 - ◆ uphold our school values
 - ◆ reinforce and reward excellent behaviour at school
 - ArtSEL program
 - ◆ Introduced for all children in 2018
 - ◆ Prep to Year 2 in semester 1 and Years 3 to 6 in semester 2
 - ◆ Will build personal and social skills that result in greater resilience, confidence and self-awareness
 - ◆ Will improve classroom focus and attention leading to better learning
 - Provide leadership opportunities for children across all year levels.

The staff at Essex Heights are passionate about the education that we provide for every child. We want them to reach their potential and be proud of our school. This year, as we review our performance and create our new direction, these elements will always be at the forefront of our mind. Later in the year there will be opportunities for parents to provide feedback about your understandings

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February

16th	Hridhaan S Riley M
18th	Stephanie C
19th	Ethan F Stefani N Alicia Z
20th	Daniel S Jailan F Rihan R
21st	Eric C James M Gemma M Keat Voon H
22nd	Daniel L May T Ruby B

and perceptions of the school. However please remember that parents are most welcome to chat with me or other staff at any time about any issue that you feel needs to be raised.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher meetings will be held on **Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February**. This is a great opportunity for parents or guardians to meet your child's classroom teacher to discuss matters of mutual interest, to ensure that the year is a most successful experience for all involved. Appointments can be made on the Compass portal - click on the Book Parent Teacher Interviews link on your home screen.

Be on time for school!!

Getting the right start to the day is very important. Children need to be settled in their class so that they can then fully participate in their learning. Therefore all teachers expect students to be in class by 8.50am. This allows time for getting organised, unpacking of bags, etc. so that all children are ready for learning by 9am. Please note that teachers will now mark the roll at 9am. Children arriving after 9am will be considered late for class. We realise that mornings can be tough, but please work with us to have your children at school punctually so that they can maximise their learning opportunities and have a smooth start to the day.

To better keep you informed of your child's attendance it is our aim, by later this term, to be able to inform you early in the day if your child is absent from school. Please help us do this effectively by having your child at school on time every day.

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Consent, payment, or response required on Compass for the following:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity & Due Date
Year 4	Marimba Ensemble - consent due now if participating
Year 5	Marimba Ensemble - consent due now if participating
Year 6	Marimba Ensemble - consent due now if participating
Years 5 & 6	Summer Inter School Sport - overdue
Whole School	Canteen Volunteer Request - asap
	Start of Year permission form - overdue
	Google Apps <u>opt out</u> - overdue
	School Council election self-nomination for parent member - 19th Feb
	Dance Program & Concert 'Zootopia' - 20th Feb
	Parent Teacher Interview
	2018 school fees - 19 Mar
Selected Students	Mulgrave District Swimming Competition - 21st Feb
	Tennis Trials - 25th Feb



Before School Care

The safety of our children is always paramount at Essex Heights. We have observed children arriving at school very early and well before staff are on yard duty. Staff commence yard duty each day from 8.45am, therefore we urge all families to refrain from dropping off children at school before that time.

If you need to leave your children at school early, then please make the appropriate arrangements with our excellent Out of School Hours Care program. For more information please see the Before and After School Care notice later in this edition of the newsletter or contact Paul Davis, the OSHC Coordinator, on 9807 2615.

A few important items that you should note over the next week:

- ★ Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible at Pink Stumps Day next Thursday.
- ★ The PFA Welcome Picnic/BBQ is a great event and I hope you can make time to come next Friday night.

Happy Chinese New Year to all in our EHPS community who are celebrating.

I look forward to seeing you around the school next week.

George Perini
Principal



WELCOME
to our Preps who started school
on Wednesday 7th February.



Peer Mediators

Year 6 students have been participating in a leadership program, Stride. This program facilitates the process of supporting the Prep students be safe and learn positive behaviours in the playground.

SCHOOL LEADER'S BADGE PRESENTATION

Our 2018 Student Leaders were presented with their badges by Mr Michael Gidley MP, State Member of Parliament for Mount Waverley, at Assembly on Monday:

School Captains: Alex C, Sophie W, Isabelle D & Dimitri P

Art Captains: Chrissa H, Vivian P, Emma Q, Aysha K, Ajay A, Ella S & Aimee S

Music Captains: Natalene H, Huey N & Yura K

House Captains: Avril T, Simon C & Luke C for Drysdale, Thomas M & Alkimini K for Boyd, Madeleine H & Jimmy O for Lindsay, and Nathan W & Ariana P for Nolan

Sustainability Captains: Polly Y, Hanne W, Alyssa L & Edolie R

Indonesian Captains: Alma Z, Anastasia S & Malavika C

Library Captains: Tarni M, Eliza B, Aleks G, Sienna P, Nathan V, Olivia D, Ella M & Monique A



**PLEASE
NOTE:**

NO Student Free Day on Friday 23rd February

The Student Free Day previously advised on 23rd February has been rescheduled; new date to be confirmed. Therefore, Friday 23rd February is a normal school day and students are expected at school.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February. Bookings are now open and are made via Compass. Use the 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews' link on your Compass home screen. If required, please refer to the Welcome to Compass parent information booklet under the Compass menu on the school website for instructions.

2018 SCHOOL FEES

The 2018 student charges and voluntary contributions have been issued to parents/guardians via Compass. The fees for 2018 are student charge (\$330 per student) and voluntary contributions for First Aid Officer (\$30 per family), grounds and maintenance (\$30 per family), and ICT (computer) support (\$30 per family).

Payment is to be made by Monday 19th March 2018, unless other arrangements are made with our Business Manager, Barbara McCann. If you need to speak to Barbara, contact her at the School Office (except on Wednesday). Payment by Compass Pay is preferred, but can be made in cash (correct amount please as no change is held in the Office), cheque payable to "Essex Heights Primary School", or Eftpos/credit card (VISA/MasterCard) at the Office. Online payment is available via BPay; details on your statement available at the Office.



**Thursday 22nd February
11.30am to 1.30pm
Year 6 vs Teachers Cricket Match**

Bring a gold coin donation



Dress up and wear pink



Come & join in the fun! ALL WELCOME



Zootopia



Prep to Year 6 Dance Concert

Four students win a competition at their school to visit a new open range zoo called Zootopia. The visit to Zootopia is exclusive to the students and they learn interesting facts about a variety of animals. One of the students gets lost along the way. Will they find him before they have to leave?

This is an exciting event that is part of our Health and PE Program and involves all students from Prep to Year 6.

Students will participate in **8 x 30 minute group dance sessions** (1 session per week, beginning week of 19th February) which will culminate in a spectacular Dance Concert at Forest Hill College on **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th May**.

Please refer to further details via Compass. Please note that payment will be required no later than Friday 23rd February.

*Thank you,
Alex Douros
on behalf of Georgia Lombard, Dance Teacher*

Everyone is invited to our

WELCOME PICNIC



- ★ Sausage sizzle
- ★ Cold drinks for sale
- ★ Cool tunes

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY
6pm to 8pm
at school



- ★ Bring a picnic rug or some chairs
- ★ Buy your dinner or bring your own
- ★ Watch the sun set and meet a few new friends
- ★ ALL WELCOME!

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT – NO ALCOHOL PLEASE



Murid Bagus - Good Student

Each week in the Indonesian program, many students show respect and are an outstanding example of how to behave. When students are displaying the school values in the Indonesian Room, they are invited to put their name and an Indonesian word into the 'Murid Bagus' (Good Student) box.

The number of names in the 'Murid Bagus' box is growing rapidly! It is so wonderful to continue to see so many students displaying the Essex Heights values in their learning in the Indonesian room!

Congratulations to Ellie from 1D for being drawn out of the 'Murid Bagus' box this week. Ellie's word for the week is 'kucing' which means 'cat'.

I encourage you to discuss with your child about their learning in the Indonesian program: which day their class attends Indonesian, some words they know, and cultural aspects of Indonesia they are interested in. I'm sure they would also love to share ways in which they are displaying the Essex Heights values throughout their learning.

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

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

Coordinators: Amy Hipwell, Elisha Cotterell & Ben Wooster



Another fantastic round for our Years 5 and 6 students playing Summer Inter School Sport with Mount Waverley Primary School today.

A big thank you to all the parent helpers. Please see Mr Wooster if you'd like to help.

Summer Inter School Sport information, including consent and payment, was advised via Compass.

	EHPS	Mount Waverley
Endzone B	0	22
Hot Shots	272	484
Bootball White	6	11
Softball A Mixed	14	7
Softball A Girls	13	8
Softball B Girls	0	14
Volleyball A	0	2
Volleyball B	2	1
Kanga A	40	259
Kanga B	90	108
Kanga C	35	51

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Coordinators: Elisha Cotterell & Amy Hipwell

Hi Parents,

I hope you have all settled into Term 1. I am very excited to be one of the new P.E. Teachers this year at Essex Heights! We have a lot of exciting sporting activities happening this year, but if your child has ever expressed an interest in participating in a triathlon, there is an exciting opportunity for them to participate in the upcoming Weet-Bix TRYathlon. This event will take place in Catani Gardens, St Kilda, on Sunday 11th March.

I would love to have a group of children down there on the day participating in a short swim, bike and run. The distances will depend on your child's age. Due to the nature of the event, it will not run as a "school led" activity and you will be responsible for transport and supervision of your child. Further information regarding the event is available on the Weet-Bix website:

<https://tryathlon.com.au/locations/melbourne>

At this point, I am asking anyone who would like their child to participate in this event to register through the site above and list "Essex Heights Primary School" as their school in the options tab. If we get 15 students registered under the school it will make us eligible for prizes and giveaways. Registrations close on Sunday 4th March.

I would love to have some training sessions at school for any students who have registered and would like some tips on how to complete a triathlon and some general fitness training. I will be attending the triathlon on the day to support any students who are participating.

If you are interested and have already registered your child, or would like some more information, please send an email to hipwell.amy.a@edumail.vic.gov.au with your child's details.



The poster features two young children, a boy and a girl, smiling and holding their medals. The boy is wearing a blue and white triathlon jersey and a blue cap with 'aupa' on it. The girl is also in a blue and white triathlon jersey and a blue cap. They are standing in front of a blue background with a red ribbon graphic. The text 'Give it a try!' is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font. Below this, it says 'For 20 years Weet-Bix has been inspiring Aussie Kids to live happier, healthier and more active lives.' The dates 'Bendigo 4 March' and 'Melbourne 11 March' are listed. At the bottom, it says 'Enter now: tryathlon.com.au'. There are also logos for various sponsors like Weet-Bix, Razor, Trek, Asics, etc.

Thank you!
Amy Hipwell



The banner features the 'coles SPORTS for SCHOOLS 2018' logo on the left. The main text reads 'SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING'. On the right, there are images of two athletes: a male athlete in a grey singlet with 'coles BOLT' on it, and a female athlete in a grey singlet with 'coles PEARSON' on it, holding a tennis racket and a tennis ball. The 'coles' logo is at the bottom right. Below the main text, it says 'We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.'

Collection box for Coles Sports for Schools vouchers is in the Office.

ArtSEL

Nikki Olsen



Volunteers Needed

Would you be willing to assist the ArtSEL program by helping to prepare resources - cutting, laminating, etc.? If you can help, please contact Nikki Olsen.

SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

Coordinator: Marita Steward



Recycling Bin Roster

Thank you to our volunteers who put the yellow lidded recycling bins out:

Sunday 18th February McKindley family

Sunday 4th March McKindley family

Sunday 18th March Dobradi family

We are looking for volunteers who are able to put our yellow lidded recycling bins out on Sunday evening ready for the fortnightly collection on Monday morning from 27th May. If you can help, please put your name down on the roster in the Office.

If you have any queries, please see Marita Steward (56A).



HEALTH CENTRE

Julie Zuk



Headlice

I have already had a few notifications of headlice across the school. The Department of Health factsheet on [treating and controlling headlice](#) is recommended.

Once again, can I remind you the best defence against headlice is regular checking and early treatment if found, and tying back of long hair.

Any questions or concerns, please call me on 9807 4944 between 11am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Coordinator: Paul Davis

Dear Parents,

The **safety and well being of your children** is the program's number one priority. We have implemented a number of measures to ensure that this is followed through in our daily operations. This is why if a third party collects your child we will always contact you and ask that third party for photo identification. If you are employing a third party to pick up your child can you please inform the program. Even if you have the third party nominated on your enrolment form, let us know to avoid any confusion and please ensure that they bring photo identification. The bottom line on this is if you do not notify us and or the person does not have photo ID, we are unable to release the child from the program. This measure is to ensure your child's safety.

The **April Vacation Care Program** will be out shortly. Please ensure you enrol early if you require care during this period.



Thank you to all those families that have returned their **updated enrolment forms**. We really appreciate your co-operation.

The Chinese New Year celebrations were fantastic. It was also great to see so many parents and grandparents getting involved in the activities. You are more than welcome to join in any of the after care activities.



The activities planned for next week are:

- Monday Stadium Games
- Tuesday Water Colour Painting
- Wednesday Stress Ball
- Thursday Crayon Resist Painting
- Friday Stress Balls

Remember if you need to contact the program, phone 9807 2615 or 0417 941 986 or email davis.paul.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you,
Paul Davis

MUNCH & CRUNCH CANTEEN

Canteen Manager: Maria Vlahos



Canteen Volunteers

Our Canteen can only operate successfully with a team of volunteers. A request for Canteen volunteers has been sent home, or a replacement copy can be obtained from the Office or the school website. If you are able to assist, please complete the reply form and return to the Office as soon as possible for the preparation of the roster.

Maria Vlahos
Canteen Manager

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

PFA President: *Andrea Fyfe*



PFA Meeting

We had our first meeting for 2018 on Tuesday evening and it was lovely to have some new parents come along. There are lots of activities for 2018 and planning is already underway for a number of them.



Secondhand Uniform Sale

Thursday 22nd February in the Stadium from 3pm to 3.45pm

Helpers needed from 2.30pm.

Donations can be left at the Office or in the lost property boxes. Please mark the bag "donations"; remove your child's name from the items, and please no "old" logo items, or stained or torn items!

Welcome Picnic/BBQ

Everyone is invited to the Welcome Picnic/BBQ which will be held on **Friday 23rd February** between 6pm and 8pm on the Heights.

This is a great chance to meet other families at the school as well as catch up with some familiar faces. We will have the BBQ fired up (sausages and drinks available to purchase) or bring your own picnic to enjoy.

The PFA can be contacted via email on ehpspfa@gmail.com.



Have a great week
Andrea Fyfe
(Mother of Caitlin D in 4CB)

CHESS CLUB

Coordinator: *Andrew Russell*

The Term 1 Chess Club commenced on Wednesday 14th February and will run for seven weeks until Wednesday 28th March. Classes run on Wednesdays from 3.40pm to 4.30pm. Lessons cost \$13.00 per lesson or \$91.00 for the full Term 1 tuition (seven lessons). The registration form can be collected from the School Office or accessed on the school website.

Chess Club is run by Chess Ideas. To register, or if you have any enquiries, please go to their website (www.chessideas.com.au) or contact them on 9532 8370.



AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE DANCE CLASS

Georgia Lombard



An After School Creative Dance Class is offered for Prep to Year 2 students on Tuesdays in Term 1 from 3.40pm to 4.25pm in the Stadium, from 20th February to 26th March.

The program provides children with the opportunity to:

- ★ Learn basic warm up routines
- ★ Learn a choreographed dance routine
- ★ Create their own movements
- ★ Perform the dance for a small audience at the end of the term

The cost is \$60. Registration forms are available in the Office. Return your forms with the payment to the Office.

The After School Dance class for Years 3 to 6 will not run in 2018, however a lunchtime class will be offered for students in these year levels from Term 2.

If you have any queries please contact Georgia Lombard on 0402 024 891.

Georgia Lombard
[Creative Dance & Drama](#)

CABRINI EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT 50% DISCOUNT



student discount

Did you know that all children from
our school can claim a

50% DISCOUNT

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Saving

\$205

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\$240

from 8pm-8am Weekdays
and Weekends

To claim the discount mention our school when attending Cabrini Emergency so the 50% Student discount is applied.

For further information contact Trish Ennis,
Cabrini Emergency on 9508 1489 or email
tennis@cabrini.com.au

* The 50% discount applies to the attendance fee only and does not include any further out-of-pocket expenses such as x-rays and blood tests - Cabrini is a private, Catholic, not-for-profit healthcare service that does not rely on funding from government or the Catholic Church. Therefore, fees must be charged for emergency medical care. Unfortunately health insurers do not cover emergency attendances, so the fees help cover costs

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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ESSEX HEIGHTS NETBALL CLUB

Essex Heights Netball Club is commencing netball training on Thursday 15 February 2018, from 3:30pm. Training is on the school netball courts, unless the weather is inclement, in which case, training will be in the school stadium. Girls and boys from Year 2 are welcome to join in training.

For further information please contact Rosemary Gillespie on 0408 070 435.

Junior Campus School Tours

School Tours for the MWSC Junior Campus (Years 7 and 8) are currently available on the following dates:

- Thursday 22 February @ 9:15am
- Thursday 1 March @ 9:15am
- Thursday 8 March @ 9:15am
- Thursday 15 March @ 9.15am
- Wednesday 18 April (Term 2) @ 9:15am

[Register online](#) for the date you would like to attend.

College Open Day/Night is on Thursday 26th April commencing at 4 pm (more information available soon).



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Senior Campus Lechte Road, Mount Waverley VIC 3149 T +61 3 9803 6811 F +61 3 9887 9308
Postal Address PO Box 346, Mount Waverley VIC 3149

www.mwsc.vic.edu.au



Junior Saturday Footy

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN for 2018!

www.saturdayfooty.com.au



Play Junior Footy on a SATURDAY in 2018 !

EMMAUS ANIMALS JUNIOR FC is gearing up for another season. We have Under 10 & Under 12 teams who play in the Eastern Primary Schools Football League on a Saturday Morning.

We have some exciting news that Stephen Lawrence, 1991 Hawthorn Premiership Player, is returning to coach our Under 12 team this year ... what a fantastic experience for the girls and boys!

For our Under 10s team, the amazing Sue Fearn-Wannan will be our coach. Sue has previously played with the Whitehorse Colts, trained with the Box Hill Hawks VFL Squad in 2017, and will play with the Emmaus Animals Seniors in 2018.

Join us on the following dates:

Registration Night - Wed 28th Feb from 5.30 - 6.30pm, at our brand new clubrooms at Bennettswood Reserve, Holland Avenue, Burwood (next to Deakin University)

Pre-season training on the following 3 Wednesday evenings at the same time and venue, and

Super Saturday Carnival kicks off the season on **Saturday 24th March**.

Come down for a kick!

REGISTRATION FEES

The fee of \$185 for the 2018 season includes a personalised, reversible Emmaus Animals Training Jersey, Team Photo, Trophies, Insurance, and Match & Umpire fees throughout the season. If you have more than one child in your family the registration for each subsequent child/children is \$180.

If you would like a registration form emailed to you or if you have any questions please email the Registrar, Susie Carrick at

susanjcarrikk@gmail.com



Ashwood Auskick

Essex Heights Reserve, Outlook Dr, Mount Waverley

Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:00am

Season commences 21st April 2018

For more information contact Oudom Chhit on 0413 512 199

Visit the website below to register online

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Tuesday Feb 20 at 6 pm

Venue:

The Highway Gallery,
14 The Highway
Mt. Waverley, VIC 3149

Visiting Hours:

Wed-Sun 12-6 pm
(Extended for this show)

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