

CALENDAR

March

Mon 5	Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 5	JSC badge presentation
Mon 5	School Council ballot closes 4pm
Tue 6	Monash Waverley Division Swimming Finals
Tue 6	PFA Prep Welcome 7pm
Tue 6	PFA AGM 8pm
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
Thu 15	Christian SRI commences (P-Yr 6)
Mon 19	2018 school fees due
Mon 19	Woolworths Earn & Learn presentation
Wed 21	Harmony Day
Thu 22 & Fri 23	School Photos
Thu 22	Buddhist SRI commences (Yrs 3-6)
Thu 22	School Council
Fri 23	Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter School Sport finishes
Sun 25	Working Bee
Thu 29	Grandparents & Friends Day
Thu 29	Term 1 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

April

Mon 16	Term 2 starts
Wed 25	ANZAC Day public holiday
Thu 26	Student free day

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

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, 26 April & 7 September



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and members of the Essex Heights community,

School Council Ballot

All families should have received ballot papers for the School Council Parent Ballot. The papers were distributed via the youngest child attending the school last Friday. Please ensure that you vote for your preferred representative on School Council. Please note that the **ballot closes at 4pm on Monday, 5th March**. If you have any queries please contact the school through the School Office.

Zootopia – a marvellous Dance Concert

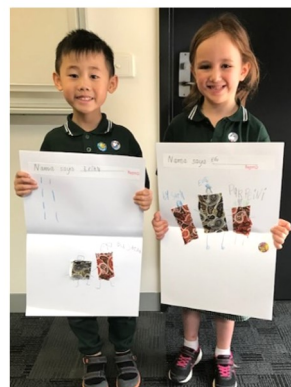
I am really looking forward to our fantastic dance concert in May. Children have started their rehearsals and learning their dance moves. I am told that it is an entertaining and vibrant show that once again showcases the talent of our children.

Georgia Lombard, our extraordinary dance teacher, has really been pleased with the progress that the children are making. It must be noted that dance and movement is part of the Victorian Curriculum in Health and Physical Education and is therefore a compulsory activity for all students. Information about the concert dates, costs and costume requirements has been distributed to all families. If there are any questions please contact the school for clarification.



Indonesian Program

Once again this week I was pleased to see the great work of our Prep students in Indonesian. Brian and Eva from



Prep B showed me the wonderful characters they had made with Bu Sarah. They created a picture of a person using Batik, their own imagination and drawing skills. I was surprised that I made it into Eva's work. I am glad that all the characters were smiling!!! Great work everyone, BAGUS!!!!!!

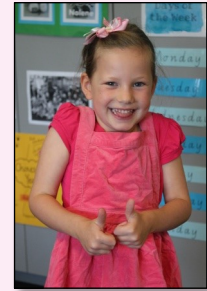
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March

- 3rd Cameron A
Daniel P
Jordan K
Sophie C
- 4th Tamara A
Monique A
- 5th India C
- 6th Mia A
Yura K
Aiden P
- 8th Jane L

More Pink Stumps Day fun ...



Information provided to parents/guardians:

Please consent, pay, or take note of information provided on Compass

Year/Group	Notice/Activity & Due Date (where applicable)
Year 1	Family Guest Speakers
Year 2	Studyladder
Year 6	Year 6 Camp - 8 Mar
Years 4, 5 & 6	Marimba Ensemble - consent due now if participating
Years 5 & 6	Summer Inter School Sport - overdue
Whole School	Start of Year permission form - overdue
	Google Apps <u>opt out</u> - overdue
	'Zootopia' Dance Program & Concert - overdue
	School Council Election Ballot - 4pm on 5 Mar
	2018 school fees - 19 Mar
	'Zootopia' Dance Concert costume list
	SRI (opt in)
	Maths Ninja Challenge
	PFA - welcome, membership, spend & support, school banking



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Junior School Council

Next Monday, 5th March, at our weekly assembly, Junior School Councillors will receive their leadership badges. Julia Banks MP, Member for Chisholm, our local federal representative, will present our young leaders with their badges. Parents are welcome to attend to see their children recognised for their leadership.

Compass – a great way to communicate

Essex Heights is committed to improving and facilitating communication between our school and home. As a result, we have introduced Compass which is a web based system that allows families to access up to date information about the school or make a number of tasks easier for families.



The Compass parent portal includes many features such as:

- Ease of communication with your child's teachers and vice versa
- The ability to update your family contact details
- Obtaining news feeds about important school information
- Viewing the school calendar and future events
- Approving and paying for school events, excursions and fees
- Monitoring your child's attendance and entering explanations for absences or lateness
- Downloading and viewing your child's semester reports
- Booking parent teacher interviews online

The Compass home screen

The home screen provides you with relevant alerts and news, as well as quick access to your child's profile.

School Calendar
View details of upcoming events, your child's timetable and other relevant school-wide activities.

Your children
Provides you with a quick summary of available options and highlights a summary of upcoming and overdue tasks.
To access more information click on the relevant quick link or select Profile to access detailed information about your child.

Welcome to the Hogwarts P-12 Portal
Use the links listed for each of your children to explore the portal. Please keep your mobile phone number and email address up to date (Tools > Update My Details). The school will use this to contact you regarding attendance, events, news and more.

Harry POTTER

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Send email to Harry's teachers
- Add Attendance Note/Approval (Approved Absence/Late)
- View Academic Reports
- Book Parent Teacher Interviews
- 1 overdue learning task
- 1 learning task due in the next week

Compass

My News

- Course Confirmation/School Payments**
Course confirmation and/or school payments available for completion. Click here to proceed.
- Event Consent/Payment Required**
There are 2 event(s) awaiting your consent and/or payment. Click here for more information.
- Attendance: Attendance Note/Approval Required**
Harry was recorded as 'not present' or 'late' without explanation. Click here for more information.

Winners!
Congratulations to our Quidditch Team winning the World Cup!
4 days ago by Severus SNAPE

Main Menu
Allows you to access other Compass and school resources. The tools icon allows you to update your contact details and change your password.

Alerts
Custom notifications for items that require your action or attention. These may include excursion notifications, ordering options for school photos, absence notifications, surveys, student report availability and more.

News
Recent school news items and information relevant to you. This may include newsletters, details of upcoming events and much more.

We encourage all families to regularly use the Essex Heights Compass portal. Compass is accessible on any modern web browser or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps.

To log in to Compass you will require your unique family username and password. These details have been provided to you by the school. If you have lost your details, please contact the Office and your access will be reset (your user name will be confirmed and a new password provided).

More information about Compass can be obtained from the school website at

<http://www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au>. Go to the **Compass menu** on the home page or use the link in the Compass item in **Recent News**. From both of these locations you can then view the Welcome to Compass parent information booklet and the Payment Information Guide.

If you have any queries about the use of Compass, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

George Perini
Principal



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 Prep to Year 6 students.

**Concert Nights: Monday 7th May (Group 1) and Tuesday 8th May (Group 2)
at Forest Hill College**

Please ensure you are aware of which dance group your child is in (i.e. 1 or 2) and therefore the Concert night they will be participating in.

We congratulate all our Years 5 and 6 students who auditioned for a speaking role in 'Zootopia'. Their preparation and enthusiasm was outstanding. Well done to all the students who were awarded a part. Some students will go on to form part of our important backstage crew who will ensure a smooth running show!! Thank-you to Ms Johnston, Miss Boyle, Miss Misso, Miss Davies and Miss Gilbert for their ongoing work with the students.

A request for help please

We are looking for any parent volunteers who would be available to assist with the purchasing of some materials (including cutting) and the possibility of some light sewing.

If you would be available to assist, please contact me directly by no later than next Friday, 9th March.

Thank you,

Alex Douros

on behalf of Georgia Lombard, Dance Teacher

douros.alexandra.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

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2018

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OUR SCHOOL
AND GET COLLECTING**

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.

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



Working Bee

Sunday 25th March 2018



To all families of Essex Heights Primary School
Please save the date!

You are invited to participate in our Working Bee on **Sunday 25th March** anytime between the hours of **10am and 2pm**. A reply slip will be forwarded through Compass soon.

This working bee is a **major event** which aims to prepare the grounds for the coming wetter season.

It will be a fun day for parents and children to join together and enjoy beautifying the school grounds by:

- ★ Weeding and mulching garden beds – at the front of school, Art Room, behind the Banksia building, and native garden
- ★ General tidying of the school grounds and drains
- ★ Clear storm water pits
- ★ Weeding the Swale
- ★ Dig out chook pen
- ★ Permanently place chairs in the Memorial Garden
- ★ Add soil to raised veggie beds



Please stay for *refreshments* and a *sausage sizzle* at the conclusion of the day.



Thanking you in advance
Essex Heights PS Grounds Committee

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 macintenance (\$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.

STUDENT FREE DAYS

The following days have been confirmed by School Council as Student Free Days at EHPS:

Thursday 26th April and Friday 7th September 2018. Students do not attend school on these days.

Students enrolled in the Before and After School Care program will be able to access care from 7am to 6pm if required.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (SRI)

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) is offered this year with two classes - Christian and Buddhist . Information has been sent to parents/guardians on Compass. The classes will run for 30 minutes at lunchtime on Thursdays.

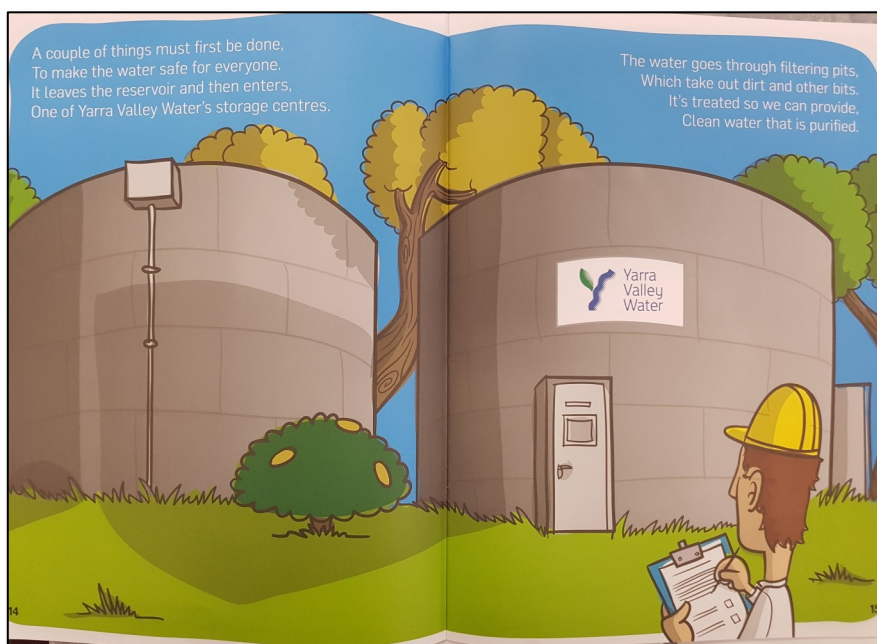
Christian SRI is offered for Prep to Year 6 students and is scheduled to commence on Thursday 15th March (final confirmation pending).

Buddhist SRI is offered for Year3 to 6 students and is scheduled to commence on Thursday 22nd March.

If you want your child to participate, please provide consent via Compass.

YEAR 2 YARRA VALLEY WATER INCURSION

On Monday the Year 2s had an incursion by Yarra Valley Water. The speaker, Will, was very engaging and taught us all about the water cycle as well as what happens to water before it comes out of our taps. Some comments from the Year 2 students were, "he was so funny", "E_V_A_P_OR_A_TION", "I can't believe if we leave our tap dripping it will be 40 buckets of water!". Thank you Yarra Valley Water for providing this amazing experience.





Terima Kasih!

Thank you to Leo and his family for their gift towards the Indonesian program on return from their Bali holiday. If any families are heading to Indonesia, please bring back plenty of photos and stories for your child/ children to share with us in our classes. Perhaps they can bring back some takeaway menus, entrance tickets, and other artifacts to give us insight into the places they visited.



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 Alexander (1P) and Mischa (56S) for being drawn out of the 'Murid Bagus' box this week.

Mischa's word for the week is 'bioskop' which means 'cinema', and Alexander's is 'kuning' which means 'yellow'.

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'*

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Coordinators: Maria Capsalis & Alexandra O'Connor

JSC Badge Presentation

The Junior School Councillors will be presented with their badges at Assembly on Monday, 5th March, by Julia Banks MP, Federal Member for Chisholm.

SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

Coordinator: Marita Steward



Dear Essex Heights,

As Schools Clean Up Day 2018 approaches, I wanted to personally thank you for committing to get stuck in and clean up your local environment.

We have over 2,000 school sites registered this year, with registrations still pouring in. Not only do these events directly benefit our environment and communities, but they help educate young Australians about the responsible disposal of rubbish. Without you, this impact would not be possible.

All that leaves to me to say is that I hope you enjoy your clean up and remember, if it is not safe, do not pick it up!

Regards,

Ian

Ian Kiernan AO

Recycling Bin Roster

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

- Sunday 4th March McKindley family
- Sunday 18th March Dobradi family
- Sunday 1st April 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).



MUNCH & CRUNCH CANTEEN

Canteen Manager: Maria Vlahos



Canteen Roster

Please remember to sign the Visitor's Register in the Office before coming to the Canteen.

- Monday 5th March at 11.15am Rebecca Protheroe & Allan Garner
- Wednesday 7th March at 9.30am Angela Millan & Vicki Milevski
- Friday 9th March at 9.30am Aida Brydon, Sherry Yip & Eling Chen

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.

Thank you,
Maria Vlahos
Canteen Manager



Welcome Picnic/BBQ

I hope everyone that came along to the Welcome Picnic/BBQ on Friday enjoyed the lovely summer's evening. It was a great turn out and wonderful to see so many families taking the opportunity to catch up, and welcome new families to the community.

Thank you to the team of helpers - Ava, Caitlin, Charlotte, Chris, Doug, Eliza, Fiona, Franz, Kathryn, Kaye, Luke and Sam. It was a very warm night for those on BBQ duty, but the great sausages were appreciated by all.

Also thank you to Bakers Delight Burwood One for donating the bread and hot cross buns. We truly appreciate their ongoing support at a number of events throughout the year.



PFA AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next Tuesday, 6th March, at 8pm in the Staff Room. All welcome.

PFA Membership

As the name suggests the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) is made up of parents and friends. A friend of the school includes grandparents, neighbours, aunts, uncles, and more. All are welcome and are invited to become a member of the PFA for 2018. To join, please complete and return the membership form and \$2 annual fee. The form can be found attached to the Compass post that went out on Monday 19th February.

Helpers Needed

Throughout the year the PFA organises and runs a number of wonderful events for the children and the community as a whole; to do so we need your help. Helping out is a great way to meet other parents and contribute to the fundraising goals of the PFA. If you can spare some time please let us know by registering your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/2018PFAhelp>.

Entertainment Books

Now is the time to pre-order your 2018-2019 Entertainment Book to receive the Early Bird bonus offers valued at over \$100. See information on the next page.

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

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

The brand NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment™ Memberships will be available from mid-March!

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We are raising funds for our School and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our School. PLUS, order now to receive **over \$100** of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

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Essex Heights Reserve, Outlook Road, Mount Waverley VIC 3149

Saturday Mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am

The season kicks off on **SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018**

We would like to invite Boys and Girls from Pre-prep – Grade 6

All sessions are aimed at providing a safe, fun & family friendly environment .

Register now - www.aflauskick.com.au

Please contact - Oudom Chhit on 0413 512 199 or

email on Oudomchhit@gmail.com

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St Luke's Autumn **FIESTA**

**Saturday
17th March 2018
12noon 'til 5pm.**

**94-96 ESSEX RD,
MT WAVERLEY**

Market Stalls	Live Music
Jumping Castle	White Elephant
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Plants	Books



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