

CALENDAR

March

Fri 23 Ride2School Day
 Fri 23 School Photos
 Sun 25 Working Bee
 Tue 27 P-Yr 2 After School Dance presentation
 Thu 29 ICAS registration & payment due (Yrs 3-6)
 Thu 29 Instrumental Music Cycle 1 payment due
 Thu 29 Grandparents & Special Friends Day
 Thu 29 Hot Cross Bun delivery
 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

May

Mon 7 Zootopia Dance Concert (Group 1)
 Tue 8 Zootopia Dance Concert (Group 2)
 Thu 10 Mother's Day Breakfast
 Thu 10 School Fun Run
 Sat 12 Sayembara Lisan competition
 Tue 15-Thu 17.... NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
 Tue 29 ICAS Science

June

Mon 11 Queen's Birthday public holiday
 Fri 29 Instrumental Music Cycle 2 payment due
 Fri 29 Term 2 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.



School Hats - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

SCHOOL TOURS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

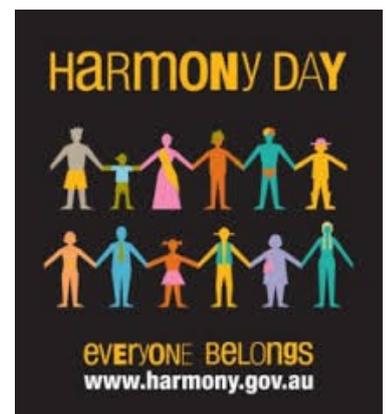
Dear parents and members of the Essex Heights community,

Harmony Day

This week we celebrated Harmony Day and it caused me to reflect upon the wonderful diversity that makes Australia such a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is *'everyone belongs'*. The day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity, and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

An important part of belonging is having the ability to engage in the community, know what is going on and to feel a part of that community. At Essex Heights we value and celebrate our wide diversity of cultures and the many languages spoken at home. I sometimes wonder however, whether by just communicating in English in our newsletter and school notices that we in fact do not effectively engage families where English is not their preferred language.

Our school wants to know how we can effectively communicate important information and messages to our non-English speaking communities. I seek your support and suggestions on where to start and how we can quickly and efficiently engage various groups into the life of our school. If you have any ideas or can help in some way, please contact me at the school.



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WORKING BEE

on SUNDAY

25th March

10am to 2pm

See you there!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Toys and Gadgets at School

We have become increasingly aware that children are bringing a variety of toys or gadgets to school to play with at recess and lunch times. These items may cause some conflict in the yard, or distress if they are lost or misplaced, and we would like to discourage them from being brought to school. We seek your support to encourage your children to build on their social skills, to make up games with their friends, to be active, use the school provided equipment and enjoy the fresh air.

We know that some students may need to use items such as fidget spinners to assist their concentration in class, however when they become a distraction they are defeating their purpose. If a staff member believes that any item is causing a distraction, the child will be asked to stop using it and to put it away.

We seek your support and thank you in advance for assisting with this

National Ride2School Day



Today was National Ride2School Day. It was so fantastic to see so many members of our community walking, scooting or riding to school. The bike shed was overflowing with so many bikes and scooters. A big thank

you to Miss Hipwell, Miss Capsalis and Miss O'Connor for their organisation and for the wonderful students who helped out throughout the morning. Also a very special thanks to the PFA for once again supporting a school event.

Please remember that we would encourage families to adopt a new healthy habit and to walk, scoot or ride to school as often as possible.

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March

23rd Madeleine H
24th Maria G
26th Oscar F
 Zara K
27th Nischal C
28th Gloria L
 Marcus W



Information on Compass, the School website, or sent home with students:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity & Due Date (where applicable)
Years 3 to 6	ICAS 2018 (voluntary participation) - 29 Mar
Selected Students	Sayembara Lisan Indonesian Speaking Competition - 28 Mar



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

A reminder that next week, Term 1 will culminate with our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Thursday 29th March between 11.30am and 2pm. The day will include a concert, class visits and a picnic lunch. We are looking forward to hosting all grandparents and special friends on that day.



School Council 2018

Last night the first meeting of our new School Council was held. I am very pleased to inform you of the office bearers for 2018:

School Council President: Kristen Steer

Vice President: Belinda Aisbett

Treasurer: Jennifer Bittner

PFA Liaison: Betty Ciorciari

Congratulations to the new executive of School Council and I look forward to working with them and all councillors in the development of our new Strategic Plan which will set a new and dynamic direction that will provide stimulating and high quality education for our children.

School Crossing and Road Safety

As you know Essex Heights PS is very conscious of the safety and wellbeing of every child in our school. Therefore, it sometimes concerns me when I observe unsafe compliance with road rules or careless and dangerous practices occurring just outside of our school fence. I would like to remind all families that children should cross the road **only** at the school crossing. With so much traffic in Essex Road at peak times, it is very dangerous for children and parents to cross anywhere else. Also it is very important for parents to model the right way to cross the road and so you should walk to the crossing with your child and cross the road there. Further, if you are dropping off or picking up your child from school by car, please park **only** in the appropriate areas and do not encourage your children to hurry across the road where it is not safe. Also please remember that the front Staff & Permit car park **IS NOT** a drop off/pick up zone, and parents and children must not be walking through that area because it is unsafe for pedestrian traffic. This is a big safety issue and that is why it is signed accordingly.

Enjoy your weekend and I hope that your football team wins!!! **Go Dees!!!**

George Perini
Principal

A promotional banner for 'Coles Sports for Schools 2018'. On the left is a circular logo with the text 'coles SPORTS for SCHOOLS 2018' and silhouettes of a runner and a tennis player. The main text in the center reads 'SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING'. On the right, two athletes are shown: a male runner in a grey singlet with 'coles SOLI' on it, and a female tennis player in a grey singlet with 'coles PEARSON' on it, holding a tennis racket and a ball. The background is blue with white stars. At the bottom left, there is a text box: '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.' The 'coles' logo is in the bottom right corner.

Collection box for Coles Sports for Schools vouchers is in the Office.
VOUCHERS MUST BE RETURNED BY NEXT THURSDAY (end of Term 1)



Working Bee

THIS SUNDAY, 25th March 2018

To all families of Essex Heights Primary School



You are invited to participate in our Working Bee on **Sunday 25th March** anytime between the hours of **10am and 2pm**. A reply slip has been forwarded to all families.

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

ICAS 2018



[International Competitions & Assessments for Schools \(ICAS\)](#) is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students. The assessments being offered at EHPS in 2018 are Science, English and Mathematics. Students in Years 3 to 6 are eligible to participate in:

Science - Tuesday 29th May

English - Tuesday 31st July

Mathematics - Tuesday 14th August

Participation in ICAS is voluntary.

Cost is \$10 per subject per student - PAYMENT IN CASH ONLY.

Enclose cash payment in an envelope (clearly labelled with child's name and class) and staple the completed ICAS Payment Form to the outside of the envelope. Return **by next Thursday, 29th March (last day of Term 1)**. Late entries will not be accepted.

Please note: one payment form per student (copy extra forms as required if more than one student per family).

The letter to parents, including the ICAS Payment Form, has been sent to families via Compass, and is available on the school website.

ENROLMENT FOR 2019 ENTRY



Enrolments for 2019 entry are now being accepted. If you, friends, family or neighbours, have a child due to start school in 2019, please collect enrolment forms from the Office, and submit by the end of Term 2 (29th June). This greatly assists our planning and preparation for the coming year, ensures the enrolment is considered in the first round offers for Prep, and that children can fully participate in the school transition program.

New families are invited to attend a **school tour**. These are held on Fridays at 9.30am. Numbers are capped on each tour so booking is essential - contact the Office on 9807 4944.

INTER SCHOOL TENNIS



On Wednesday 21st March, Sophie W, Aleks G, Natalene H, Raymond J, Erik W-C and Dejan R represented Essex Heights at the Mulgrave District Tennis Tournament held at PLC. We were fortunate to enjoy perfect conditions for the five rounds of fast four tennis that each student competed in. It was a tough competition on the day, with many defeats, but match wins to Aleks and Dejan, and Erik winning four of his five rounds. Several Tie-Breaks were also played, adding intensity and excitement to the competition. The students all represented our school beautifully, showing great skill and maturity on and off the courts. In the fast four competition, students are expected to keep score with their opponent, and all students display honesty, integrity and friendliness in managing this sometimes difficult task.



Thank you to the parents who supported this event on the school trials and tournament day. Special thanks also to Stefanie Wendler-Canning for organising the local Essex Heights Club courts for us to use on our trial day.

If your child is interested in playing tennis and you would like some information about Hot Shots or Club Tennis, please come and see Elisha or Amy in the Stadium.

Elisha Cotterell



WEET-BIX TRYATHLON



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon at Catani Gardens in St Kilda on Sunday 11th March. The weather was perfect and they joined a group of 2600 kids from around the area to swim, bike and run. The 7 to 11 year olds completed a 75m swim in the bay, a 3km ride on a closed road, and a 500m run to a very exciting finish line where they received a medal! The 12+ age group doubled those distances (150m swim, 6km ride, 1km run), a very impressive feat!

It was fantastic having so many Essex Heights PS families down there participating, showing that our school values health and fitness and getting involved in community events!! I was so proud of all of them for getting out there and having a go, most of them doing a triathlon for the first time which was quite a daunting experience, especially with so many other participants around!

I am hoping to get an even bigger group down there next year, so keep an eye out later in the year when they announce the date for 2019! I will post the information and also start some fitness training with them before the end of term 4. It's a fantastically run event, a lot of activities for the kids, and even a free Weet-Bix breakfast! Not to mention the great experience they will have getting active and having fun with their friends!

Thank you as well to all the parents who supported their children by getting them there bright and early Sunday morning! It was a long morning but definitely a worthwhile one!

*Thank you,
Amy Hipwell
Physical Education Teacher*





Terima Kasih!

Thank you to Erin and her family for their gifts of packages and menus from various restaurants in Bali towards the Indonesian program on return from their 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 Rudraksh (5WO) for being drawn out of the 'Murid Bagus' box this week. Rudraksh's word for the week is 'coklat' which means both 'brown' and 'chocolate'.

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.

Sayembara Lisan - Speaking Competition

The Sayembara Lisan Indonesian Speaking Competition is happening again this year; it will be held on **Saturday 12th May**. Students who have expressed interest have received permission forms via Compass. Consent is due by next Wednesday, 28th March.

The links for Prep to Year 4 are below. Students will choose one to perform:

Prep to Year 2:

Pelangi – pelangi - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7svVeEhdbE8>

Bangun Tidur - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzBn8rKsCMY>

Years 3 and 4

Layang Layang - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvvVz6Zzwa4>

Awan - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1pa1JOJMd0>

Years 5 and 6

Students have been given their poem to practice.

Please continue to support students in practising their numbers, colours and greetings as written on the competition material that has been sent home.

*Salam,
Bu Sarah*

SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

Coordinator: Marita Steward



The 2018 School's Clean Up Day or SCUD was an important whole school event held after recess at the beginning of March. The Sustainability Captains spent time making sure we had gloves and bags to gather all the school and neighborhood rubbish which collects around our landscaped school grounds.

After recess the bell rang and all the classes came to collect gloves and bags.

We used to have a lot more litter from lunchboxes. Now that we eat inside, most of the wrappers and uneaten food can go back into the lunch box to be taken home.

After ten minutes the whole school had been covered by students sorting any rubbish into the recycling and landfill bags.

The Year 5's and 6's then added 95% of everything collected to a fishing net. The net soon filled with items which could make their way into our storm drains, Damper Creek, and perhaps even our Bay. We showed the net to everyone at Assembly, hoping that we could improve at Essex Heights. Especially with disposing of our Quelch wrappers.

Marita Steward



Polly, Hanne (not shown), Edolie and Alyssa made sure that all the bags were sorted into recycling and landfill.



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 26th March at 11.15am Irit Ziv & John Pan

Wednesday 28th March at 9.30am Stephanie Trace & Erica Baddeley

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.

*Thanks,
Maria Vlahos*

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Coordinator: Paul Davis

Dear Parents,

The **April Vacation Care Program** is out now. Enrolment forms can be picked up during program operating times. If you require care during this period please be prompt enrolling your children. Some of the activities planned are: Star Wars Lego Workshop by Brickz4Kids, the *Peter Rabbit* movie, Dinosaur fossil digging, the *Sherlock Gnomes* movie, Party Day, box construction and cooking choc mint cheese cake cupcakes.



With the end of the term drawing to a close, the program would appreciate it if families could **finalise their accounts** before the end of the term.

If a third party is to collect your child from After Care or the Vacation Care Program can you please inform the program. You will need to provide the program with the name of the person collecting your child/children and the day this will occur. The third party will need to bring a photo identification to verify their identity. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

For the past week we have been celebrating Easter. This has been a lot of fun for the children as they have been part of a fun and engaging activities centring on the Easter theme. I would like to invite families using the program to provide us with other cultural celebrations that we can incorporate into program planning. The program wants to resource the rich fabric of cultures that is interwoven through the Essex Heights community. These cultures form an ornate tapestry that can only enhance the children's learning experiences. Please contact me with any of your ideas or suggestions at davis.paul.d@edumail.vic.au

Thank you,
Paul Davis

SCHOOL BANKING

Coordinator: Angela Millan



School Banking Specialist at Assembly



There will be a School Banking Specialist at assembly **on Monday, 26th March**, to talk to the children about our School Banking program.

After the assembly, they will be conducting an **Information Session for Parents** and will be happy to answer any questions.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

Angela Millan
School Banking Coordinator

AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE DANCE CLASS

Georgia Lombard



The After School Creative Dancers are ready to present their dance to their families. Performing for an audience is a special part of the program, and the dancers look forward to showing off their moves. The performance will take place on **Tuesday 27th March at 4.15pm** in the Stadium. Please wait outside to allow time for the students to rehearse. You will be invited in just before the performance is about to start.

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

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance & Drama

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

PFA President: Andrea Fyfe



Hot Cross Buns



Thank you for all those who have supported this fundraiser by placing orders. Please note that hot cross bun orders are now closed, and we **cannot** take any late orders.

The hot cross buns will be **delivered to students on Thursday 29th March**, which is Grandparents & Special Friends Day and the last day of term.

If you are able to help with distributing the bags of buns, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/2018PFAhelp> and come along at 10am to the Hall.

Ride2School Day

It was great to see so many students being active and riding/scooting/walking to School this morning. Thank you to Fiona for organising the healthy treats.



Calling All Dads

The annual Mother's Day Breakfast will be held on **Thursday 10th May**. We are looking for a team of Dad's that would be happy to run this event. The PFA will of course be there to support and assist. If you are interested please let us know by contacting us via email on ehpsfa@gmail.com or registering your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/2018PFAhelp>.



Entertainment Books

The books have arrived, so order your [2018|2019 Entertainment Books](#) now and start using the vouchers these school holidays and save.

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

Have a great week,
Andrea Fyfe
(Mum to Caitlin, 4CB)



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Tuesday 27 March 7.00pm
Brimacombe Hall

Kingswood talks
College



Keeping children safe online

Kingswood College is working with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to keep our students safe online. We have adopted the *eSmart digital licence* program and are working with staff and students to provide a safe online learning and social environment for everyone. Staff from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation will talk about the program and the importance of working with students to be responsible cyber and digital citizens.

Lucinda Malgas Journeys Precinct Leader and Di Mawby College Counsellor will also be speaking about our priority of student wellbeing and how keeping students safe online is dependent on a strong partnership between parents, students and teachers.

This is a must attend free information session for all parents of students from Prep — Year 12. For catering purposes please RSVP including your name and mobile to reception@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au by Friday 23 March.



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OPEN DAY 2018

TUESDAY 24 APRIL



ASHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Location:
Ashwood High School
Vannam Drive Ashwood

Tours & Information Sessions:

9:15am	School Tour
10:15am	Principal's Address
11:15am	School Tour
4:30pm	School Tour
5:00pm	School Tour
5:30pm	School Tour
6:00pm	Express Tour
6:30pm	Principal's Address

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