

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### 100 Days of Prep!

Last week the Preps reached a milestone of their first 100 Days at School. This is quite an achievement and the teachers and children enjoyed a day of fun activities and a party lunch to celebrate.

They engaged in many activities based on the number '100' which helped them to focus and understand what they have achieved. I also presented them with a special 'Certificate' which they were very proud to receive! We are also proud of our Preps and the way they have settled so well into life at Essex Heights, and for the wonderful learning and development they have demonstrated.

Thanks to our team of Prep teachers Pam, Natalie, Melanie, Lisa and Felicity for the great job they have done over these first 100 days. Thanks also to the wonderful group of parents who assisted with the food and organisation for the party.



### Parent Opinion Survey

The Department of Education, Employment and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) conducts annual surveys on behalf of school communities. One of these is the 'Parent Opinion Survey' which was distributed last week. Therefore, approximately 70 randomly selected families will receive an envelope containing this year's survey to be completed over the next fortnight. The survey consists of a number of questions relating to school programs, teachers, leadership, policy and practices.

These surveys are anonymous and the data is collated by the DEECD and then returned to schools in the form of graphs and charts. The responses from our parent community are very valuable for our School Council so I would encourage any family who receives one of these envelopes to take the time to complete and return the survey.

### Deakin University Research Partnership

I was recently contacted by Dr Merrilyn Hooley of the Deakin University School of Psychology. They were seeking permission to contact parents of Prep and Yr 2 children to participate in a research project designed to explore the gender attitudes and behaviours of Australian children. The data gathering will take the form of short interviews (10-15mins) with the children, conducted at school, once every three years. There is also a Parent Questionnaire to be completed as part of the process. This research will provide an interesting insight into what is an important issue for educators, so I urge you to consider being part of this study.

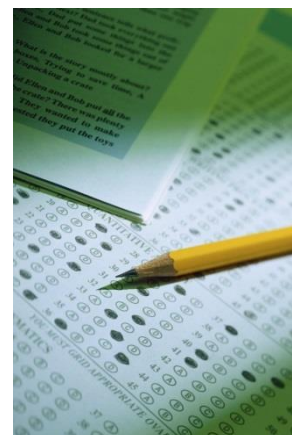
## CALENDAR DATES

### Term 3

8 <sup>th</sup> August	House Athletics Yrs 3-6 Bill Sewart Reserve
<b>11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – No school for students</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> August	I.C.A.S. Maths - Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Yr 2 Excursion – Werribee Mansion
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Maths Talent Quest – Entries to Latrobe
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Yr 4 Sleepover
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Yr 4 Ceres excursion
14 <sup>th</sup> August	School Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Parent Forum – 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Parent Forum – 9.00 – 10.30 a.m.
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Maths Talent Quest – Display of entries
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	Prep 2015 Transition 1
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Father's Day Breakfast
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Father's Day Stall
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	School Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>Last day of Term 3 – 2.30 p.m. finish</b>

### Term 4

6 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 commences
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Prep 2015 – Transition 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Maths Talent Quest – Award Ceremony
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Showcase 2014 – Robert Blackwood Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Prep 2015 – Transition 3
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Information Evening - Prep 2015 parents
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Prep 2015 Orientation Day
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 Orientation Day at Secondary School
19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last day for 2014 – 1.30 p.m. finish</b>



## ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Science

These competitions are facilitated in Australia by the University of NSW and at Essex Heights a large number of children from Yrs 3 to 6 participate in the Science, English and Maths competitions. Our recent results in Science this year were outstanding and are testament to the quality teaching and highly able children we have here at Essex Heights PS.

Congratulations to all involved.

I attach a summary of some of the outstanding individual results. Some certificates were presented at this week's Assembly.

### YEAR 3

CREDIT – top 20%	DISTINCTION – 10%	HIGH DISTINCTION – top 1%
Jake A	Jeremy C	
Tessica G	Daniel C	
Jake S	Ruby H	
Kathryn X	Benjamin L	
Amy Z	Abby S	
	Frederick Z	

### YEAR 4

CREDIT – top 20%	DISTINCTION – 10%	HIGH DISTINCTION – top 1%
Jay Syn C.	Orlando C.	
Celine H.	Angela C.	
Aaron L.	Jonathan T.	
Corey M.	Alexander Y.	
Patrick O.	Ashley N.	
Marvin O.		
Charlotte P.		
Anjali S.		
Kexin S.		
Daniel V.		
Sophie X.		

### YEAR 5

CREDIT – top 20%	DISTINCTION – 10%	HIGH DISTINCTION – top 1%
Rex A.	Andre A.	Minji C.
Aaliyah M.A.	Quynh D.	Ling Jun L.
Minseo C.	Zoe G.	
Tiffany X.	Jeremy L.	
Joshua Y.	Madhumitha M.	
	Timothy W.	

### YEAR 6

CREDIT – top 20%	DISTINCTION – 10%	HIGH DISTINCTION – top 1%
Al Rayyan M.A.	Oscar C.	
Paige B.	Jonathan G.	
Tony C.	Phoenix H.	
Bryan L.	Daniel L.	
Sean N.	Viktoriiia M.	
Veronika P.	Margaret Z.	
Tej K.	Rachael Z.	

## Pupil Free Day – Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>

A reminder to parents that our **Pupil Free Day is next Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>**. The staff will be engaged in a range of professional development activities at school. If any parents need childcare, our BASC Program will be operating for the day; contact Paul Davis for booking information.

See you around the school,  
Andrew Crossett





## **From The Health Centre:**

There have been reports of head lice around across all year levels. The best weapon against this is regular checking (as stated below) and tying long hair back. Please read below instructions and check your children's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

### **Finding head lice**

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off. Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

#### **Step 1**

Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

#### **Step 2**

Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

#### **Step 3**

Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

#### **Step 4**

Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

#### **Step 5**

Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.



### **Treating head lice**

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under 'finding head lice') every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully.

The following points may also be helpful:

Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.

- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person's eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice. Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom. Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm set.

If you have any questions or concerns re this, please contact me in the Health Centre between 11am-3pm on 9807 4944

Julie Zuk, First Aid Officer



## **BASC**

**The Cooking Club** has hit town. Monday at Before Care was H U G E. The pancakes could not be cooked fast enough. The children had a great time helping and eating.

Next Monday we are cooking cupcakes and, on Thursday, Lemon Slice. Remember to put your name down on the list at the entrance of the Hall if you would like to attend. (You must be currently enrolled in the program).

We may be using eggs, coconut, sesame seed and dairy products.

Paul Davis



## **PARENTS & FRIENDS `NEWS`**

Father's Day is coming up, and what a way to celebrate by having Breakfast with your dad.

Thursday 4th September and Friday 5th September are our annual Father's Day Breakfast and Father's Day stall and, of course, this couldn't go ahead without your help. If you are available and can assist at either or both of these functions, please email the PFA at [ehpspfa@gmail.com](mailto:ehpspfa@gmail.com).



Notices will go home next week with Raffle tickets for sale.

Thank you to Jennifer and Raema for organising the uniform stall on Tuesday.

Enjoy your Weekend  
Betty Ciorciari



## **THEATRE OPPORTUNITY**

Parents,

As members of the EHPS community, we are fortunate to be offered the opportunity to purchase cheap tickets to a performance of **The Diary of Anne Frank**.

For this performance, the words to the well-known book have been set to music and will be performed by

**Greta Bradman (soprano)**  
**The Choir of Trinity College**  
**David Griffiths (clarinet)**  
**Svetlana Bogosavljevic (cello)**  
**Timothy Young (piano)**



**Where: Melbourne Recital Centre**

**When: Thursday September 4 at 7pm-8:30pm.**

If you are interested in purchasing tickets (ticket prices not finalised, but probably \$30 per adult and \$10/\$15 per child), please contact Miss Tanya Dolence in the music room, from 3:30-4:00 Tuesday - Friday.

Thank you.

# National Science Week

The school's theme for National Science Week 2014 16-24 August 2014

National Science Week is Food for our future: Science feeding the world. The theme was inspired by the International Year for Family Farming and can include topics like food security, agricultural sustainability and innovation.

## **DISCOVER THE NIGHT SKY – ASTRONOMY CLASSES**

Solar System Discoveries – learn more about astronomy in these evening classes at the Melbourne Planetarium. Join the Planetarium's Astronomer and discover some of the wonders of the universe. Explore a feature of Melbourne's night sky each evening, stargaze through telescopes (weather permitting) and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine with cheese.

Evenings start promptly at 7:30pm. Bookings required.

### **Thursday 14 August: Colours of the Universe**

The Universe is full of colours we can't see. Peer through the eyes of the remarkable telescopes that help us discover the true depth of the Universe.

### **Thursday 21 August: Starlight - Premiere screening of the new planetarium show**

We have watched the stars for thousands of years but how did we discover what they are? How they work? Why they change? The same stars we see shining in the night sky have inspired curiosity and wonder across all cultures and civilizations.

Speaker: Dr Tanya Hill, Curator of Astronomy, Museum Victoria  
Bookings essential. Call 13 11 02 or book [online](#).

#### **Contact details:**

Vera Gin  
Museum Victoria  
Email: [vgin@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:vgin@museum.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 03 9392 4842

See more at: <http://museumvictoria.com.au/planetarium/whatson/discover-the-night-sky/>

## **CONSERVING RARE AND THREATENED SPECIES**

Explore the Rare and Threatened species being conserved by the Royal Botanic Gardens with Neville Walsh, Senior Conservation Botanist, and Liz James, Conservation Geneticist. On this informal walk you will see some of Victoria's Rare and Threatened plants in cultivation

**When: Sunday, August 24 2014. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Where: Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne  
Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne, VIC, 3000

Theme: Environment and nature

Cost: Free

## **GREENING THE GARDENS**

Join Landscape Architect, Andrew Laidlaw on a tour of the Melbourne Gardens' vibrant, diverse and healthy wetland. Learn how the Gardens has reduced the reliance on mains water while maintaining high-quality landscapes and water bodies.

**When: Saturday, August 23 2014. 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

Where: Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne  
Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne, VIC, 3000

Theme: Environment and nature

Cost: FREE but bookings are essential - call 03 9252 2429

#### **Contact details:**

Susannah Jepson  
Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne  
Email: [susannah.jepson@rbg.vic.gov.au](mailto:susannah.jepson@rbg.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 03 9252 2429

Welcome back to school banking in term 3. Participation in term 2 was fantastic and the **school received \$650 in commission** from the Commonwealth Bank (we receive 5% of a child’s deposit up to deposits of \$200 in commission from the bank).

Currently about 280 children are banking through the school which is about half of the school population. However, we noticed that weekly participation has dropped in the last weeks and we would like to **encourage all bankers to join in weekly again**. It is great to get into the habit of saving at an early age and you also help raising funds for the school. Furthermore it teaches the children to correctly fill out their own deposit slip.

Please remember that to get the bonus interest your child will have to make at least one deposit every month.

**However, we would like to encourage more students to join.** Saving is a great habit to get into and it helps the children with their money managing skills in the future. How often do your children handle real money these days? This is a chance for them to count their own coins and get familiar with them. If you would like to join the banking program please open a Commonwealth Youth Saver account for your child or contact Stef on [sscanning10@gmail.com](mailto:sscanning10@gmail.com) if you are unsure about the procedure.

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteer helpers that make time every Friday to help run the banking program.

Stef Wendler-Canning



## CANTEEN

<b>DON'T FORGET</b> – Please report to Front Office to sign the Visitor’s Book and get a Visitor’s Label before proceeding to the Canteen.		
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Katy Smith, Natalie Murphy
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY.</b> Students do not attend school today and <b>No Canteen</b> is operating.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>10.15 a.m.</b>	Amanda Kelsall, Lauren Beechey, Chinthana Wijeweera,
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Penny Fleming, Mami Kojima, Leigh Sherpa

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# ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Calendar

### AUGUST 2014

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
				1 <sup>ST</sup>		
4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup> House Athletics Yrs 3 - 6		
11 <sup>TH</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY - NO SCHOOL	12 <sup>TH</sup> I.C.A.S Maths Yrs 3,4,5,6,	13 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup> Yr 4 Sleepover School Council	15 <sup>TH</sup> Yr 4 CERES Excursion		
18 <sup>TH</sup>	19 <sup>TH</sup> Parent Forum	20 <sup>TH</sup> Parent Forum	21 <sup>ST</sup>	22 <sup>ND</sup>		
25 <sup>TH</sup>	26 <sup>TH</sup>	27 <sup>TH</sup>	28 <sup>TH</sup>	29 <sup>TH</sup>		

### SEPTEMBER 2014

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup> Prep 2015 Trans 1	3 <sup>RD</sup> Preps - Zoo Exc Yr 1 & 2 - Incursion	4 <sup>TH</sup> Father's Day Bkfast c	5 <sup>TH</sup> Father's Day Stall		
8 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup> School Council	12 <sup>TH</sup>		
15 <sup>TH</sup>	16 <sup>TH</sup>	17 <sup>TH</sup>	18 <sup>TH</sup>	19 <sup>TH</sup> Last day Term 3 2.30 finish		

### OCTOBER 2014

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
6 <sup>TH</sup> Tm 4 commences	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>		
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27 <sup>TH</sup>	28 <sup>TH</sup>	29 <sup>TH</sup>	30 <sup>TH</sup>	31 <sup>ST</sup> Showcase 2014		



## Transition Evening (Parents)

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2014**  
7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

This evening is for interested parents of children who will be commencing Prep in 2015. We will introduce our Transition Program, explain how you can help prepare your child for the start of school, and visit the Prep Classrooms. Child care will be available. Please R.S.V.P. by 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.



## Prep Transition 1

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014**  
11.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

**Specialists Sessions** - Please bring your child to the School Hall today. Children should bring a named, filled water bottle.

**Parent Session** - meet the Principal and the Prep Co-Ordinator

## Prep Transition 2

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**  
11.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

**Numeracy** - Children will participate in fun mathematics in the Prep Rooms. On this day we ask you to bring your child to the School Hall again. Children should bring a named, filled water bottle.

**Parent Session** – School Readiness



## Prep Transition 3

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**  
11.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

**Literacy** – Book your child in for fun with Literacy in the Prep rooms. This session will be run by the Prep Teachers. Bring your child to the School Hall to find out which classroom your child will visit today. Children should bring a named, filled water bottle.

**Parent Session** – Meet School community representatives, PFA and School Council.

## Parent Information Evening - Prep 2015

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**  
7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

For parents of children **ENROLLED** for Essex Heights Primary School who will be commencing Prep in 2015. This will be an opportunity for the 2015 Prep team to inform parents about:

- Start of year procedures
- What your child needs to bring to school
- A typical Prep day.

Child care available.

Please R.S.V.P. by 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

## Orientation Day

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2014**  
9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Children are to bring playlunch and lunch today as well as a drink and hat. Session will include playtime with Year 5 buddies. Children can be dropped off ready for a 9.30 a.m. start and parents will then collect them at 1.00 p.m. An opportunity for last minute shopping!



## Bookings are requested for ALL sessions.

To register your attendance, please ring the school Office on **9807 4944** or email the school

[essex.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:essex.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)





ASHWOOD COLLEGE PRESENTS



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**SCHOOL EDITION**

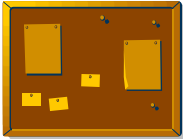
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
ROBERT LOPEZ & JEFF MARX  
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY  
JEFF WHITTY

BASED ON AN ORIGINAL CONCEPT BY  
ROBERT LOPEZ & JEFF MARX

**12TH 13TH 14TH  
AUGUST**

ASHWOOD COLLEGE  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE  
**7PM**





# COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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## KUMON



### AUGUST FREE TRIAL Must Register By 11 August!

Trial the Kumon English or Maths Programme over two weeks ... for free!

We want to give families the opportunity to experience how we develop children's reading and calculation ability, as well as these attributes:

- Concentration and positive study habits
- An ability to learn advanced materials
- Increased confidence and a love of learning.

Please contact your local Kumon Instructor for details. Terms and conditions apply.



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37 Virginia St (St.Johns Uniting Church) Mt.Waverley

Contact RAJ on 0422 287 734 / 8787 8575

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Community and Private Dental Services  
7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton  
Call 9885 6822 to arrange an appointment

# Smile

#### FREE

Dental checkups and general treatment for eligible children and teenagers.

#### FREE

0 – 17yrs for holders or dependants of Health Care Cards or Pensioner Concession Card

#### FREE

No Gap Bulk Billed Checkups and general dental treatment for children and teenagers 2yrs – 17yrs eligible for Medicare Child Dental Benefits Voucher

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#### Tickets

Primary school age	\$12
Concession	\$18
Adult	\$22

#### Performances

Thursday	August 21	6:30pm
Friday	August 22	7:30pm
Saturday	August 23	2:00pm
Saturday	August 23	7:30pm

Warrandyte High School Theatre

Tickets available online at:

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

Phone: 9844 2749



## BASKETBALL FOR BEGINNERS

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- Structured 8 week program for 6 to 12 y/o beginners. Boys & Girls. \$85 for term includes: Coaching & training reversible. Youngest Aussie Hoops groups receive ball and carry bag.

A structured 3 tiered program to fast track players to club competition. A combination of skill development and game play. Aussie Hoops Program for total beginners 5 to 9. Rookies group for developing players. Club prep/ready groups for players nearby there.

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