

CALENDAR DATES

Term 1, 2015

5th March6th March9th March10th – 13th March18th March19th March20th & 26th March20th March27th March27th March

Term 2, 2015

13th April19th May20th May3rd June3rd June

PUPIL FREE DAY – Students do not attend school on this day

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LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Students do not attend school this day

Year 6 Camp – Forest Lodge

PFA Annual General Meeting – 7.30 p.m.

New School Council – 1st meeting

School Photo Days

PFA Welcome Event – 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Last day Term 1 – **2.30 p.m. finish** ←

Term 2 commences

Dance Concert – Ashburton Primary School Hall – Students A - L group

Dance Concert – Ashburton Primary School Hall – Students M – Z group

I.C.A.S. – Science

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – Year 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pink Stumps Day

Last Thursday we conducted our annual “Pink Stumps Day” grudge match between the Staff and a team of Yr 6 children. This is a fun event and both teams were supported by the rest of the school who came out to watch. Having said that, there was a clear bias in the crowd support with the Yr 6 Team certainly being the favourites! Not sure why?

Following a hard fought match, the Staff was victorious this year for the second year in a row. I would like to acknowledge the great way both teams competed and the massive variation of skill level in the staff team! ☺

Thanks to; Anita Dix for her passion and enthusiasm in organising this event; the staff and children for supporting the event by dressing in pink; the PFA for supplying apples and icy-poles for the whole school and everyone who donated as we raised over \$800 for the McGrath Foundation which is a mighty effort

A great day all round!



Essex Heights Dance Program – ‘Splash of Colour’



The ‘**Splash of Colour**’ Dance Program and Concert’ began this week with all children having the first of their eight sessions with our Dance Teacher, Georgia Lombard. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children, which we have not offered before, and we look forward to the Concert in May when we can see the results of their sessions.

A reminder to parents who have not yet paid their \$20 Incursion charge, for the tuition, to do so as soon as possible.

A Prep group getting into ‘Blue Suede Shoes’

Instrumental Music Provision

Our Instrumental Music provision is highly valued within our school community and is very much part of the culture of our school. It is a program that is widely acknowledged to be exceptional at the primary level.



Shortly, Family Statements will be sent out to all families involved with this service. In order that we can continue to provide this program at minimal cost it is crucial that these accounts are paid in advance and I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Currently our Instrumental Music program is supported by the following personnel:

Alyssa Kennedy (Co-Ord)	Violin, Viola, Cello & String Ensembles
Chris Dunn	Clarinet & Saxophone
Maurice Duband	Piano & Keyboard
Sarah Green	Flute & Beginner Band
Sasha Hartdobler	Piano & Keyboard
Peter King	Guitar & Guitar Ensembles
Ken McDonald	Trumpet, Trombone & Concert Band
Mary Macmillan	Double Bass
Bryn Weightman	Percussion / Drum Kit, Marimba & Ukulele

Clean Up Australia Day

Last Friday we enthusiastically joined in the local ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ by cleaning our own school grounds. Most classes participated and we were very pleased with how little rubbish we were able to collect. This proves that we are doing a great job each day in keeping our school clean and tidy.

In conjunction with this event, many children also entered a colouring and poster competition and all the entries are on display in the Hall. At Monday’s Assembly we announced the winners and presented them with a small lunch/snack box.

Thanks to all the children and teachers for supporting this worthwhile environmental initiative. Particular thanks to teachers, Marita Steward & Glynn Campbell, and the Sustainability Captains for their role in organising the day.

Every Day Counts



We all want our students to enjoy a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school!

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind. So if your family needs assistance in this regard, please contact the Office and we will arrange for someone to talk to.

Yr 6 Camp – Forest Lodge

Our Yr 6 children and teachers will venture off on Tuesday morning to Forest Lodge camp, out of Yarram in South Gippsland. It is a four day outdoor adventure style camp that offers a range of experiences and activities for the children to enjoy. These types of camps are wonderful as they offer opportunities that are not possible in a normal school setting, as well as building the children's independence and social skills.

I am travelling down to the camp on Tuesday afternoon to stay overnight and for Wednesday's activities so will include some stories in next week's Contact.

Internet Safety for Your Children

I would like to draw your attention to the 'Cybersmart – Parents Guide to Online Safety' booklet that children in Yrs 3-6 will bring home this week. This booklet is produced by the **Australian Communications and Media Authority** and provides simple explanations and tips for parents around some of the key cyber safety issues for children. Whilst teachers deliver the cyber safety message at school, it is critical that parents are informed and proactive in their monitoring and education at home as well. This is an important area for us to work in partnership.

Please take the time to read this excellent little publication and follow the links if you need more information.

Thanks to teacher Andrew Russell for arranging this resource. He can also be contacted for further advice or assistance.

See you around the school,

Andrew Crossett
Principal



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Friday 20th March is the Family Welcome event running from 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. The PFA are very excited to host this event as it is a perfect way to meet new families, sit back and relax with a sausage sizzle and drinks or BYO. We are very lucky this year as we will be entertained by a band with former Essex Heights students, **DYNAMIC** previously known as **UNIT TWO**. Hopefully the weather will be kind!!! HELP is required in cooking the BBQ and serving. Please email the PFA at ehpspfa@gmail.com if you are able to help.

It's that time of year again when leading up to Easter, the PFA will be selling YUMMY hot cross buns as a fundraiser. Watch out for Notices coming home soon.

The annual general meeting for the PFA will be on the 18th March at 7:30pm in the staffroom, I welcome you to come and see how much fun it is to be a part of the PFA and to hear your ideas.

Enjoy your long weekend

Betty Ciorciari



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will be taken on the 20th and 26th March. and envelopes for class and / or Family photos have been sent home today. It is requested that you make payment online and details for this will be sent home shortly. Special group photos will also be taken on these days and all the photos are a great memento of their time at Primary School.

Please return the envelopes to school prior to the 20th March. A class timetable for the taking of the photos will be prepared soon.



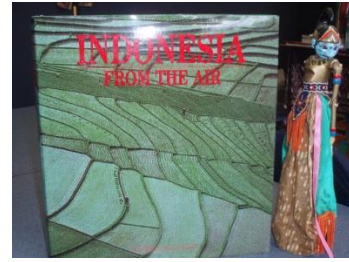
Berita Bahasa Indonesia!

Our Classroom

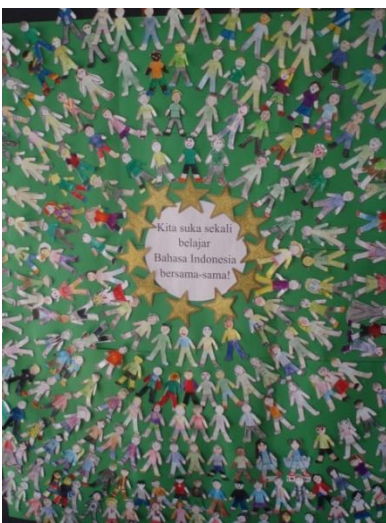
Thank-you to all the families who have bought/donated some beautiful items to the Indonesian room. Every little addition adds to the beautiful learning space for the children. In addition to these, the students have completed an impressive display about their collective learning of Indonesian.



Thank-you to Kiska A. (Yr 4) & family for these fans and dolls following their recent trip to Indonesia.



Thank-you to Akira and Zian A. (Yr 1) & family for our new book and wayang golek (wooden puppet)



We love learning Indonesian together!



Whole school display



Tanggal Penting: Important Dates/Events

February 28th – March 25th

From Lontar to Canvas – Traditional and Contemporary Indonesian Art Exhibition
The Highway Gallery
14 The Highway, Mt Waverley (Free Entry)

Sunday April 19th

Indonesia Street Festival

Queen Victoria Market
513 Elizabeth St
Melbourne,
Details: www.visitvictoria.com/regions/Melbourne/Events/Multicultural/Indonesia-Street-Festival

Friday May 8th

Sayembara Lisan – Statewide Indonesian Language Competition (open to all children in Years Prep-6) – details to follow

Please look out in next week's newsletter for information regarding our parent Indonesian language lessons which will commence in term 2.

Terima kasih
Alex 'Bu' Douros



Splash of Colour

Prep-6 Dance Concert

Tuesday May 19th and Wednesday May 20th

A request for help please

We are looking for a parent volunteer and/or small committee 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 leave your name and contact details at the office by no later than Thursday March 12th.

Thank-you

Alex Douros ☺

(on behalf of Georgia Lombard – Dance Teacher)



CANTEEN

DON'T FORGET – Please report to Front Office to sign the Visitor's Book and get a Visitor's Label BEFORE proceeding to the Canteen (in the Stadium).

FRIDAY	6th March 10.00 a.m.	Labour Day Holiday – Students do not attend school
MONDAY	9th March 11.00 a.m.	Public Holiday – Students do not attend school
WEDNESDAY	11th March 10.15 a.m.	Jacinta Savage, Deanne McKay
FRIDAY	13 th March 10.00 a.m.	Katy Smith, Xiave Yu,

REMINDER

Thursday 5th March and Friday 6th March are Pupil Free Days and students do not attend school on these days. Contact Before & After School Care Program to enquire about vacancies.

Also Monday 9th March is a Public Holiday and the school is not open on this day. Students return to school on Tuesday 10th March.

YEAR 3 GUINEA PIGS

Great excitement Cutiepie and Snuggles have had 3 babies!

Guinea pigs

Guinea pig, also called the cavy is a species of rodent animals. Despite their name, these animals are not in the pig family and not from Guinea. The lifespan for a guinea pig is about 4-5 years on average. There are more than ten breeds of guinea pigs around the world.

My favourite breeds are American, American crested, Teddy and Dutch. We have 9 guinea pigs in our school. Cutiepie and Snuggles are the Grade 3 guinea pigs. Cutiepie had her babies on 19/2/15. The babies were so cute and adorable. There are 2 black and creamy ones and 1 black one.

Baby guinea pigs like to eat: carrot, celery, strawberries, parsley and more. Remember, adult guinea pigs eat the same food too. Baby guinea pigs like it more when people are quiet, so please don't yell.

Did you know a female guinea pig is called a sow and a male is called a boar. In the olden days, scientists discovered that there was a giant guinea pig and it was enormous. It weighed 700 kilograms! Scientists nicknamed it Guinea-zilla!!

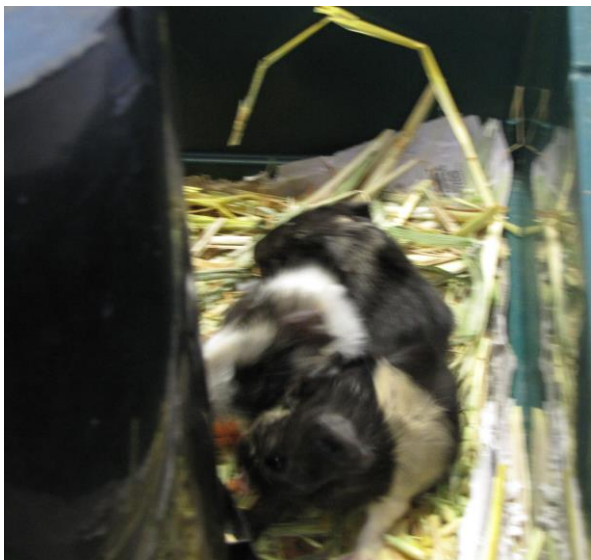
If you are taking the guinea pigs home on the weekend, please give them lots of love and care. Thank you for respecting the guinea pigs.

By Harpita 3AW

GUINEA PIGS!

Do you know about the guinea pigs? They had babies! They had three beautiful, cute, ADORABLE babies! Some of them are bigger, some are fluffier but all of them are so ADORABLE!
Thank you for reading my information about the guinea pigs.

By Ariana 3AW



ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Calendar

MARCH 2015

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
2ND Parent Teacher Discussions	3RD Parent Teacher Discussions	4TH Book covering in Violet	5TH PUPIL FREE DAY	6TH PUPIL FREE DAY		
9TH Labour Day Public Holiday	10TH Year 6 Camp	11TH Year 6 Camp	12TH Year 6 Camp	13TH Year 6 Camp		
16TH	17TH	18TH PFA - AGM	19TH School Council - New	20TH School Photo Day PFA Welcome Event		
23RD	24TH	25TH	26TH School Photo Day	27th Grandparents & Special Friends Day Term 1 finishes 2.30 p.m.		

APRIL 2015

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
13TH Term 2 begins	14TH	15TH	16TH	17TH		
20TH	21ST	22ND	23RD	24TH		
27TH	28TH	29TH	30TH			

MAY 2015

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
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4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	
11th Term 2 begins	12th	13th	14th	15th		
18th	19th Dance Concert A-L	20th Dance Concert M-Z	21st	22nd		

St Luke's Twilight FIESTA

Saturday
14th March 2015
3pm 'til 8pm.

94-96 ESSEX RD,
MT WAVERLEY

Market Stalls Live Music
Jumping Castle White Elephant
Gourmet Food Animal Farm
Plants Books

Ashwood Wolves Basketball Club Needs
YOU!



We are looking to bolster our U10 girls and
U12 boys teams

(ages as at 31/12/2014) for the upcoming
Winter 2015 season, commencing Term 2.
Players of all abilities welcome ☺
For further information:

U10 Girls - Julie Caune, 0433 310 634,
caune@bigpond.com

U12 Boys – Sharyn Francis, 0438 524 147,
cslfran@bigpond.net.au

**Kinder
Open Day**

**Sat 21st March
10am-12pm**

Positions available in our
funded 4yo program

Surprise entertainment
for children

Ashwood Children's Centre
8 Yooralla St, Ashwood

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FROM LONTAR TO CANVAS - Painting the World

featuring a range of painted art from traditional
formats on palm leaves and bark to modern pieces,
including some works of two very different
contemporary Melbourne artists of Indonesian
background, Rowan Djakusuwarno and
Ellen Eitbaar, et.

The Highway Gallery
14 The Highway, Mount Waverley
(Near 70 E2 Ample parking nearby. Close to station)

Free entry - donations gratefully accepted

28 February - 25 March 2015
Gallery hours: 12 noon to 6pm every day

Exhibition opening event

You are cordially invited to our
opening night on Friday 27 Feb. 7 - 9 pm

The exhibition is to be opened by
Ibu Dewi Savitri Wahab, newly appointed Consul
General of the Republic of Indonesia for Victoria and
Tasmania.

Dance performances by five talented girls
from the Minang Salyo dance group.

Light refreshments, catering by Tante Di

Raffle - "Illuminations - the Writing Traditions of
Indonesia, featuring manuscripts from the National
Library of Indonesia" tickets \$5.00, to be drawn
3 pm Wednesday 25 March 2015

Traditional Balak text and figures drawn on folding bark strips,
North Sumatra.

School groups and special interest groups most welcome
- please contact Halina 9525 2683

A Very Special Occasion
Saturday 14 March 2015, 2 p.m.

A unique opportunity to hear Robyn Maxwell, recently
retired Senior Curator of Asian Art at the National Gallery
of Australia, Canberra. Robyn will offer an expose of
exhibited pieces of traditional Kamasan art from east Bali.
All welcome - an event not to be missed!

Funded by City of Monash Council grant. www.museumofindonesianarts.org We acknowledge the support of Kabo Lawryns



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At South Oakleigh College we are committed to providing a learning environment where students can excel. We recognise that students have individual needs in order to achieve both academically and socially. Individual learning programs are designed to meet the needs of all our students.

Important Dates for Year 6 Students

Open Night and Information Night
for the Accelerated Program:
School Theatre at South Oakleigh College
Wednesday 22 April, 2015
7:00 pm

Final date to submit the Accelerated
Program application:
Wednesday 29 April, 2015

Selection Test:
Saturday 2 May, 2015
9 am - 12 noon

Scholarship Closing Date:
Friday 29 May, 2015



SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2015 AT 7PM



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- SOC TV Studio Fortnightly Broadcast Panel
- Vibrant Performing Arts program: Instrumental Music options, Ensembles, Production, Talent Night, Theatre Nights
- Small class sizes for support in Literacy and Numeracy
- Wide range of extra curricular activities including Sport, Debating and Peer Support.