PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Pupil Free Day

Last Friday was a productive one for the Staff. The Teaching Team spent time together focussed on one aspect of our current ‘Annual Implementation Plan’ (AIP) - “Build the practice of every teacher by adopting a whole school approach to instructional practice and an agreed instructional model”. This involved presentations, discussions and activities based on current research into what makes effective teaching and learning. We feel that is important we keep focussed on well researched and evidenced based practice and this day provided us the time to really reflect on and explore these questions.

The Education Support Staff enjoyed a workshop with a visiting psychologist looking at children with ‘challenging behaviours’, their causes and positive responses. Again, they appreciated having the time to work together, with an expert, to build their personal and collective skills.
Singapore International Choral Festival

Best wishes to Tanya Dolence and the Chamber Choir children travelling to Singapore on Monday to compete in this exciting event. They have been working hard in rehearsals and are really looking forward to performing next week. Well done to Tanya and the Choir for their preparation. Thanks also to the parents who have been working hard in fundraising and support of this trip behind the scenes. I look forward to reporting on this in Contact in a fortnight as I am travelling with the group to cheer them on! 😊

Class Visit – 4G

Yesterday I enjoyed spending time with Brianna Golsworthy and the children on 4L during a group writing session. This was another in a series of lessons that Brianna has taken with the children around the structure of an explanatory text. The children began by watching a short YouTube clip on the life cycle of sea turtles. They then worked in groups sharing their notes and constructing a draft oral presentation on the topic. This is great preparation for them to eventually draft their own written piece, teaching appropriate structure and language for this writing style.

Thanks to Bri for her work in developing the writing skills for the children, her contribution as part of the Yr 4 Team and her leadership with ICT across the school.

Konnective’ – Communication App

A reminder to parents about our communication app ‘Konnective’ that is used to share school events and news with parents. If you are not connected yet it is very simple and we have attached a flyer in this Contact outlining how you can join. Then, there are ‘General Updates’ that come to all subscribers as well as Year Level specific updates for the grades your children are in this year.
Father’s Day Breakfast

The PFA are planning and working towards the ‘Essex Heights Father’s Day Breakfast’, on Thursday September 1st. A great opportunity for the Dads to enjoy brekky with their children and take the chance to visit school and celebrate Father’s Day together. Put the morning aside and plan to join us for what has become a big day on the school calendar.

See you around the school,

Andrew

Science Rocks

Origin Energy is running a competition for students in Years 3 to 8.

It is called LittleBigIdeas.

Students have to come up with a big idea. “It could be a new invention, an improvement to something that already exists or a clever idea that helps make the world around us a better place.” The three winners in each age group will fly to the USA for an all expenses paid innovation adventure, visiting NASA Kennedy Space Centre, Epcot Theme Park at Disneyworld and Ripley’s Believe It or Not.
Interested?

Describe your littleBIGidea in 200 words or less. To help explain or illustrate your idea, you can also create and submit a video, image or diagram. Online entries close 11:59pm AEST 30/09/16. Mail entries must be sent by 30/09/16 & received by last mail 7/09/16.

Rules

• If you’re making a video, it must not exceed one minute in length. Videos longer than a minute will mean your entry is automatically disqualified. Sorry!
• If you’re uploading an image or diagram, you shouldn't use it as a way of getting around the 200 word limit. Having lots of text on an image may count against you. Some text is acceptable. Use your judgement.
• You cannot enter more than once – so make sure you’re happy with your entry before you hit ‘submit’. If you submit two entries, we can only accept your first entry.
• Major Prize winners must be available to travel to the USA within 12 months of the winners being announced.

Hints

• Every idea is welcome. No idea is too little or too big. The important thing is how it can help people or make their lives easier.
• Winning entries will be chosen based on an exceptional demonstration of originality, creativity, practicality, imagination and innovation. You should aim to come up with something that will blow our judges’ minds.
• We’re looking for original ideas, but we understand this isn’t always as simple as it sounds. If you find your idea already exists in some shape or form, try thinking about a fresh new take on it – could your idea be a new and improved version, for example?
• If you had unlimited money and lots of help, it should theoretically be possible to make your invention or bring your idea to life.

Entry Form  https://www.littlebigidea.com.au/#entry-form

2015 Winners

Oscar Robert Mason (Years 7 & 8) was recognized for thinking up the 'Baby Buddy' a baby seat designed to alert people to the presence of a child trapped in a hot car by utilising the car horn and a bright light.

Greta Cummins (Grades 3 & 4) won for her fantastic vehicle safety product – a small device that contacts emergency services once your car's air bag has been deployed and alerts them to your exact position using GPS technology.

William Grame (Grades 5 & 6) was awarded for his design of a small, lightweight test strip disposal unit that can fit into a diabetic’s testing kit.

Start Thinking and Good Luck!

Mrs Austin and Ms Steward
Science Coordinators
Hi everyone

Remember to put Thursday 1 September in your diary for a Father’s Day breakfast, and Friday 2 September for the Father’s Day stall.

Jake, Abby, Trev and I are off on a family road trip around the USA from next week for the remainder of the term. (Exciting, I know!) The marvellously capable Andrea Fyfe will be holding the fort for me while I’m away. You can contact her, or Maria or Kaye, via email at any time (ehpspfa@gmail.com).

Enjoy all the upcoming activities, and I’ll see you in October! Cheers

Andrea J

SECONDHAND UNIFORM STALL
Thursday 18 August in the Stadium, 3–3:45pm
Helpers needed from 2:30pm. Donations can be left at the front office or in the lost property boxes: no old logo items please and also please remove your child’s name off the donated items otherwise they may be returned to you!

Bread Fundraising

In addition to the Money Munchers, The Junior School Council is raising funds for the children of Timor Leste through a bread run from JT’s Bakery from Pinewood.
For a gold coin donation, bread is available in the staffroom for the staff and will be available for the parents and friends after school each day.

Thank you to JT’s Bakery for providing the bread.

Please support this worthy cause. We appreciate your efforts.

The Junior School Council

JT’S Bakery Café
Shop2 Centreway,
Pinewood Shopping Centre
Mt Waverley
Ph: 887 8660
Dear Parents,

The Curriculum Day Program was a huge hit. The children went to see THE BFG and they loved it. The wonderful multiplex at Knox was as always very accommodating to our group.

This Thursday Greg from Kids Unlimited is doing a workshop on solving Rubiks Cubes. If you want to attend and you can bring your own cube to the workshop that would be great. We only have a limited number of cubes so if you have one bring it along. On Tuesday We will be doing Dance and Drama. On Wednesday we will be doing sand design Boomerangs.

Thank you,

Paul Davis

WORKING BEE – THIS SUNDAY
Sunday August 7th, 10am-2pm

Our next Working Bee is coming up and we are looking forward to many families joining us for a few hours to take care of some simple gardening, tidying and handy works around our school.

There's a few specific jobs we would really like to get done before Spring...check out the list below - and if you can help with the tools we'll need, please bring them along with your gardening gloves!!

* Swale river bed planting
* Digging in sleepers at front of school to stop erosion
* Assembly and installation of new planter boxes in the veggie patch - soil, and plant out
* Guttering to be cleared at back of Stadium
* Cages and Drainage Pits to be cleaned of leaves
* Planting near Art Room
* Cleaning out shed and oiling school owned tools

TOOLS!! Bring your spade/shovel; rake and broom, and if you have a wheelbarrow that would be great. We also need a couple of handy mums and dads with a drill /drill bits for the planter box assembly.

EHPS GROUNDS COMMITTEE
**Canteen**

**MONDAY** 11.00 a.m. 8th August
Sandy Shen, Karen Lam

**WEDNESDAY** 10.00 a.m. 10th August
Rebecca Turner, Gayani Wanigasoori

**FRIDAY** 10.00 a.m. 12th August
Penny Fleming, Caroline Thomas, Erica Baddeley

*If you are unable to help please ensure that you advise Maria as soon as possible. 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. Any queries phone Maria on 0409 934 573*

**ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Calendar*

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**Platypus Junction**

Platypus Junction Group is a privately owned and family operated early learning and childcare centre delivering high quality long day care and education for families with children from 3months - 5years old for twenty years.

Platypus Junction Group is opening a brand new purpose built early learning and childcare centre at 5 Nexus Business Park, Mulgrave.

Platypus Junction Mulgrave is situated on level 3 and 4 at Nexus Court, Mulgrave. Level 3 will house our welcome area and five separate age grouped rooms from the babies nursery to 3 and 4-year-old Kindergartens with two level 3 outdoor learning areas.

The playground is a fabulous rooftop garden and adventure learning space. A landscaped green playground with fruit trees, citrus and veggie patches mixed with sandpits and water play features and wonderful spaces for stories and experimenting.

For more information or to enrol, visit: www.platypusjunction.com or speak with Felicity, Michelle or Rebecca on 1300 261 885

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**Basketball Skills and Development**

*Come along and see if basketball is for you.*

- **Where:** Essex Heights Stadium
- **When:** Wednesday 4.30 – 5.30 for term 3.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Who:** Grade preps, Grade 1 & 2 & have not played basketball before.

We would love to see you there, bring along a basketball (size 5) if you have one. The more the merrier, bring a friend too if you like.

If you would like more information please contact Raema 0425 829 181

Coaches Raema Ford & Jen Bittern

The clinic is sponsored by E.Bees basketball club. http://www.ebeesbasketballclub.com/
A STORY FOR EVERYONE.

To a child a book is not just a book; it’s a journey to wherever their imagination wants to take them. The Lions Club of Wheelers Hill invites you, as parents, to take your children on a journey of excitement to their Book Sale at Blackflat Community Centre – Cnr. Waverley and Springvale Roads in Glen Waverley on 6-7th August.

There will be 100’s & 100’s of books for children of all ages, From Infants through to teenagers.

Prices for these books range from $0.50 to $3.00 and the Doors will open at 8.00am on Saturday and at 9.00am on Sunday. Oh yes, we also have 1000’s & 1000’s of books for adults as well.
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