

CALENDAR DATES

Term 3, 2015

20 th & 21 st July	Parent Teacher Discussions – 4.00 – 8.00 p.m.
21 st July – 8 th Sept.	Prep Swimming
22 nd July	PFA Meeting – 7.30 p.m. Staffroom
23 rd July	Cosmodome – Year 5
24 th July	School Tree Planting Day
24 th July – 11 th Sept.	Years 1 & 2 Swimming
28 th July	I.C.A.S. - English
28 th July	Parent Information Evening for Prep 2016
29 th July	Second hand uniform Sale – Stadium – 3.00 – 3.45 p.m.
29 th July	100 days of Prep
5 th August	Prep Zoo Excursion
6 th August	Indonesian Day – children wear red and white today
7 th August	Athletics Carnival – Years 3 – 6 – Bill Sewart Athletics Track
11 th August	I.C.A.S. - Mathematics
13 th August	School Council Meeting
20 th & 21 st August	Year 4 Sleepover & Excursion to CERES
22 nd August	Indonesian Language Immersion Day – Years 5 & 6
16 th September	Prep 2016 – Transition Session 1
18 th September	Last day Term 3 – 2.30 p.m. finish

Term 4, 2015

5 th October	Term 4 commences
23 rd October	Music Showcase – Robert Blackwood Hall
21 st November	EHPS Carnival
18 th December	Last day Term 4 – 1.30 p.m. finish

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Retirement – Gill Davidson

Recently Gill Davidson informed me that she is retiring from her role in Education Support at Essex Heights PS. Gill is one of our longest serving ES staff members and has been part of the Essex Heights community for nineteen years. Throughout that time she has assisted many children in their learning and her efforts have been greatly appreciated by all the families she has supported. I'd like to thank and congratulate Gill on a wonderful career in education, and wish her well for her retirement.

Help Shape the Education State

The most important thing that we can do as a school community is to make sure we give each and every student a great education and a great start to life.

Help shape the
Education State



I know from speaking to many of you that you have great ideas for how we can improve the education we provide our students at Essex Heights, and more broadly how we can improve our school system as a whole.

I also regularly hear ideas from our staff, our school council, and others in the community on how we can make our education system even better.

The Victorian Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State and has recently begun a consultation process – asking for us to share our ideas and experiences, our challenges and solutions – to help us improve our education system across the state.

This is an opportunity for all of us to have our say and play a role in shaping what our education system will look like in the years to come.

During the recent Term holidays, School Council President Trevor Sharrock, Assistant Principal Ina Kuehlich and I attended a Consultation Forum to represent and present the views of the Essex Heights community in this debate. I would encourage you to go to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au where you can join in the online conversations or read the Consultation Papers that are available.

As always, I invite you to share your ideas with me on what is working well and what we can do better.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Department of Education and Training (DET) conducts annual surveys on behalf of school communities. One of these is the 'Parent Opinion Survey' that is due for distribution next week. Therefore, approximately 80 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 DET 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

Class Visit – 1J

This week I enjoyed a visit with Jessica Chan and the children from 1J. They were involved in a Writing session for a Procedural Text on "How To Build a Snowman". They began with a very engaging activity at their tables building their own Snowmen out of cut up fruit, pretzels and marshmallows. Whilst doing this Jess encouraged the children to keep some key words in mind first, next, then, finally. After the Snowmen were completed and admired, they were all eaten, much to the delight of the children. This was followed by a class discussion on the correct procedure for making their Snowmen, modelled by Jess on the board. The children then completed their very first Procedural Text using the model; First, Next, Then, Finally. This provided a great structure for the children's writing and they had their recent experience to reflect on as well.

Thanks to Jess for her great work in developing the writing skills of the children in 1J, and for her leadership in the Science program across the school.



See you around the school,
Andrew



PARENTS & FRIENDS 'NEWS'

Hi everyone

The next **secondhand uniform stall** will be held in the Stadium next Wednesday (29 July), 3–3:45pm. We would love to see some helpers from 2:30pm. If you have a donation for the stall, please leave it in a lost property box or at the office.

We are collecting **lemons** and **plastic plant pots** (any size) for the Carnival. Please place them in the box at the office. We're still looking for more parents who can make **jams, chutneys, pickles** etc., and anyone who can make **candles or soaps**. Let us know by emailing us at ehps.carnival@gmail.com.

Carnival star #1:
The Bumpa Bouncer



Cheerio, Andrea J



Berita Bahasa Indonesia!

'Suara Dance' Prep-6 Dance IncurSION

A reminder that our Indonesian IncurSION is on **Thursday August 6th**.

Parents/Grandparents/Special Friends are invited to attend the performance during your child's session and/or the performance at the conclusion of the day, which will include students (please arrive 2.45pm for a 3pm start in the Hall).

Children are asked to wear red and white (or traditional Indonesian dress) on the day.

Class schedule:

9.00-10.00am	
3AW	3/4L
3CW	6S
4O	6D
4R	6T
10.00 – 11.00am	
5M	Prep B
5G	Prep C
5P	Prep L
	Prep ZP
11.30-12.30pm	
1C	2T
1W	2FB
1J	2B
1F	2S
2L	
Whole School Performance 3pm	



Prep 'Open Sessions' 'Ikut Kami - Come and Join in'!

'Open Sessions' for our **Prep classes** will be during **Week 5** of this term (Week of August 10th).

Parents/grandparents/special friends are invited to join us for an Indonesian lesson during your child's scheduled class for that week. Children will bring home an invitation with further details shortly. We look forward to you visiting 😊.

The Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association (VILTA) is launching a new event:

Indonesian Language Immersion Day
for Grades 5 and 6
on Saturday 22nd August from 9am to 3pm.

Please see me for further details.

Terima Kasih,
Alex 'Bu' Douros



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	24 th July 10.00 a.m.	Helen Giakoumatos, Christine Interrigi, Joann Tan
MONDAY	27 th July 11.00 a.m.	Elicia Chui, John Pan
WEDNESDAY	29 th July 10.15 a.m.	Lauren Beechey, Catherine Lee
FRIDAY	31 st August 10.00 a.m.	Jan Mattrow, Carolyn Hibbert, Sandy Chen

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Essex Heights Primary School is continuing with Rubbish Free Lunch days. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we ask that your child's food contains as few items as possible that must be thrown away. Ideally, your child's lunch will only contain items that will be eaten, composted or recycled.

Examples of how to pack waste-free lunch items are provided below. Reusable containers are a handy way to pack a rubbish free lunch. They also make it easy to buy food and drink in bulk (instead of single-servings) which can save money over time.

The Rubbish Free Lunch Challenge is one of Essex Heights Primary School sustainability education initiatives. By participating, students will have a better understanding of how we can take action to reduce our waste. Rubbish Free Lunches also save money and promote healthy eating.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the Rubbish Free Lunch, please don't hesitate to contact Marita Steward in 2S / V5.

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in Essex Heights Rubbish Free Lunch Challenge.

TIPS FOR THE RUBBISH FREE LUNCHES

Reusable containers- Using reusable containers is the cornerstone of a rubbish free lunch. Suitably sized containers will keep sandwiches intact and make little treats easy to pack. Although reusable containers may have a higher upfront cost and they are durable. They will save you money in the longer time and they help reduce waste.

Buying in Bulk- Buying items such as juice, yoghurt, crackers, biscuits and cheese in bulk quantities or containers, rather than in individual servings, will probably save you money as well as reduce waste. It also allows your child to drink or eat only as much as they want at one time, and they can reseal the container.

Recyclable Packaging- We understand that some children's lunches may need to contain packaged food items for dietary, religious or other reasons. Check which types of packaging can be recycled at school. You can also check which items can be recycled at home, by visiting the RecyclingNearYou.com.au website and searching under your council area.



Essex Heights Primary School

Lunchtime Dance



Lunchtime Dance will run in Term 3 for students in Years 1-4. The cost is \$35 for the 6 week program with each lesson running for 30 minutes. The classes will take place at lunchtime on Wednesdays in the hall and begin **Wednesday 12th August** and conclude **Wednesday 16th September**.

After School Dance classes are offered on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** for students in Prep to Year 4. Classes take place in the **Stadium**. Class begins at **3.40pm** and finishes at **4.25pm**.

The Term 3, 2015 **After School Dance** program commences on the following dates:

Prep/1	9 sessions	\$90	Monday 20 th July
Year 2-4	9 sessions	\$90	Wednesday 22nd July

In the last session of both the Lunchtime Dance and After School Dance programs students will perform their dance routines for family and friends giving the children a sense of achievement. They will also be provided with the opportunity to perform at the school assembly.

There are a limited number of places available in these programs. If you would like your child to participate please obtain a registration form from the school office or visit creativdanceanddrama.com and request your desired form via the contact page.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama



Interlude Patisserie would like to say thank you to Essex Heights Primary School and the local community for welcoming us to the neighbourhood with such warmth and friendliness.

As a new business in the area we can whole heartedly say what a lovely community it is and the people have made us feel entirely at home.

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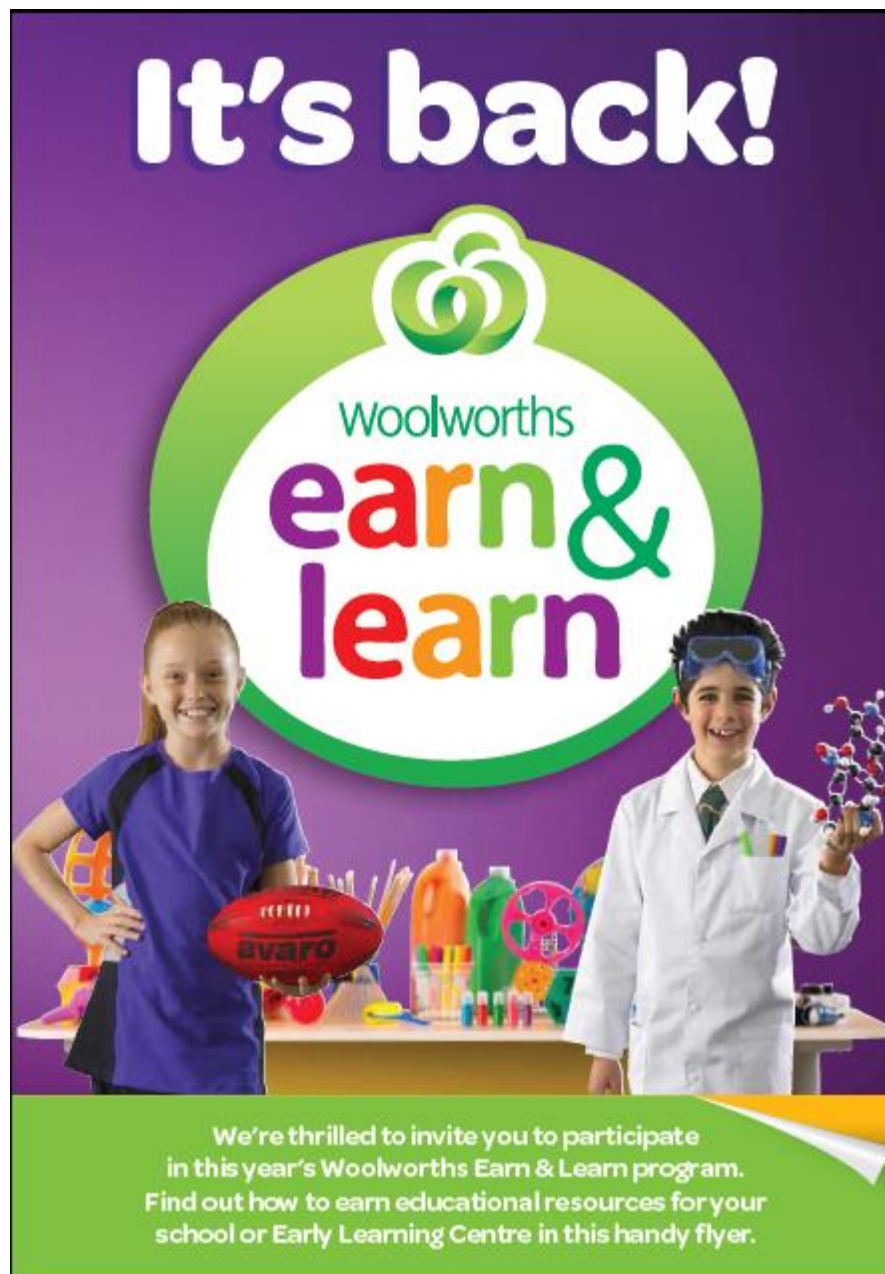
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This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet which you can get at Woolworths and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school in the Front Office or at your local Woolworths with the school name written on it.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

SCHOOL TRANSITION SESSIONS PROGRAM for children commencing Prep in 2016

PARENT EVENING	PREP TRANSITION 1	PREP TRANSITION 2	PREP TRANSITION 3	INFORMATION EVENING	ORIENTATION DAY
Tuesday 28TH JULY, 2015	Wednesday 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2015	Wednesday 14TH OCTOBER, 2015	Thursday 29th October, 2015	Tuesday 17th November, 2015	Thursday 3rd December, 2015
7.00– 8.30 p.m.	11.45 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.	11.45 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.	11.45 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.	7.00 – 8.30 p.m.	9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
<p>This evening is for interested parents of children who will be commencing Prep in 2016. We will explain the Curriculum for the first years of school and visit the Prep Classrooms.</p> <p>Child Care will be available.</p> <p>Please RSVP by 27/7/15</p>	<p>NUMERACY – Classroom session Children will participate in fun mathematics in the Prep rooms. Please bring your child to the School Hall today to find out your room.</p> <p>Children should bring a named, filled water bottle.</p> <p>PARENT SESSION – Health Matters – Julie Zuk, First Aid Officer at Essex Heights Primary School</p>	<p>SPECIALIST SESSION On this day we ask you to bring your child to the School Hall again.</p> <p>Children should bring a named, filled water bottle.</p> <p>PARENT SESSION – Preparing your child for Learning.</p>	<p>LITERACY – Classroom session 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 water bottle.</p> <p>PARENT SESSION – Meet School community representatives, PFA, School Council & Out of Hours School Care.</p>	<p>For parents of children ENROLLED at Essex Heights Primary School for Prep 2016. This will be an opportunity for the Prep team to inform parents about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of year procedures • A typical Prep day • You, your child & the school <p>Child Care will be available.</p> <p>Please RSVP by 16/11/15</p>	<p>Children are to bring playlunch and lunch today as well as a drink and hat.</p> <p>Session will include playtime with Year 5 buddies.</p> <p>Children can be dropped off ready for a 9.30 a.m. start and parents will then collect them at 1.00 p.m.</p>

MORNING SESSIONS – Whilst the children are participating in these experiences, you will have the opportunity to meet other parents and members of the school community.

On **Wednesday 16th September**, Julie Zuk, our school First Aid Officer, will outline some important matters related to the health and wellbeing of children starting school.

On **Wednesday 14th October**, staff experts in the development of Literacy and Numeracy will speak to parents outlining what you can do to help prepare your child for learning in Prep

School Community members will be available to join with you on **Friday 30th October** over a cup of tea or coffee.



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



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ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Calendar

JULY 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD		
6 TH	7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH		
13 TH Term 3 starts	14 TH	15 th	16 TH	17 TH		
20 TH Parent Teacher Discussions	21 ST Parent Teacher Discussions	22 ND	23 RD	24 TH Tree planting day		
27 th	28 th ICAS English	29 th 100 days of Prep	30 th			

AUGUST 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th		
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th		
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st		
24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th		
31 st						

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Kelly Sports Calisthenics starts this Friday lunchtime - 24th July – transferred from Tuesdays

As the initially scheduled timeslot for the program this term clashes with upcoming swimming sessions, **we have transferred the Calisthenics program to Friday lunchtimes, effective this Friday.** I'm very pleased to advise that we have just secured an exciting coach to return to the school program in the revised scheduled timeslot, effective next Friday, 24th July until the end of term (18th Sept). Accordingly, we will run a **9 week program for \$90 online.**

Please click on https://www.kellysports.com.au/kelly_events/index to find all the details of our new Term 3 programs (once you enter your postcode and use the filter) so you can re- enrol online to reserve a place asap. A copy of the relevant program flier is also available when you click on "find out more" if you want further information.

I look forward to seeing your child(ren) continuing to enjoy their involvement in Kelly Sports clinics.

Regards

Mark Louis

Managing Owner, Kelly Sports Burwood & Dingley



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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 1st and 2nd of August.

There will be 100's & 100's of books for children of all ages, from infants through to teenagers.

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