Assistant Principal’s Report

Transition

This week some classes have begun the process of changing to different classroom spaces, in preparation for 2017. This process is a component of the whole school transition program, which includes the allocation of children to new classes for the following year. Level teams and teachers are completing this documentation, preparing reports, and continuing to engage students in interesting and challenging classroom activities.

Year 5 and 6 students are also contemplating change, with the Year 5s preparing to be considered for leadership positions, and Year 6 students eagerly practising for Graduation.

Over the past few days many students have taken the opportunity of a visit to the Dental Van, where they have had a dental check and have also been reminded about correct toothbrushing techniques. Fortunately the rain has held off for most trips to the van!

Library Returns

3F have relocated to the library and will be there for the rest of the term. Consequently, there will be no further borrowing from the library and we request that all library books are returned as soon as possible so that they can be shelved. Students should leave books in the large tubs at the entrance to the library, to avoid disrupting 3F.
Grounds

The process for the renewal of the surface of the Junior Oval has continued, with a contractor visit to plan the next stage of the process. We are looking forward to the transformation of the oval to a green space where the students can enjoy sport and outdoor play. Thanks to the wonderful fundraising efforts of the PFA which has made this possible.

Music

The Piano and Keyboard Concert on Monday night was a delight to attend! It was great to watch the concentration on the students’ faces as they performed. Some students were performing for the first time, and they did so with confidence and enthusiasm. There was even some improvisation!

The students in Chamber Choir and Guitar Ensemble are looking forward to performing tonight in the Oxfam Concert at Box Hill Town Hall. Thank you to our instrumental teachers and to Alyssa Kennedy and Tanya Dolence for their enthusiasm, encouragement, planning and expertise in the area of music at Essex Heights.

Enjoy the next week,

Joan Scott
Assistant Principal

GROUNDSON COMMITTEE

SUMMER WATERING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hello families,

As the hot summer holidays are fast approaching, we are looking for volunteer families to help water our school’s lovely gardens over the break. The commitment would be an hour or so, two to three times over one week only. This means we need five or six families – each taking one week of the holidays. Hoses and water tanks supplied! Let us know your availability for the dates below by contacting kristen.m.steer@gmail.com, first in best dressed!

Week commencing:
25th December
1st January
8th January
15th January
24th January

Many thanks,

Kristen Steer & the EHPS Grounds Committee
FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

This is a reminder after the weather/health events on Monday night in Melbourne, for families to review their children’s (and own) asthma and hay fever plans.

Are all your Ventolin inhalers in date?

Do you have a spacer to effectively administer Ventolin or inhaler to your child for the most effective use of this as recommended by the Asthma Foundation?

Should your child be on a preventer?

If you have any concerns, please see your GP for a review, or in an emergency dial 000 for an ambulance.

For more information on Asthma from the Health Department, please copy the link below into your web browser:


Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

MUSIC NEWS

On Wednesday (16th of November), the Contemporary Band was invited to visit Glen Waverley Primary School to have a joint performance with their school band. It was a good experience to meet other musicians and fun for both bands to have a combined performance for the song ‘Let it Play’.

Next, the Glen Waverley Primary School band performed ‘Waka Waka’ by Shakira and we performed our two Showcase songs, which were ‘Stitches’ by Shawn Mendes and ‘Let’s Dance’ by David Bowie.

We would like to thank Ms Dolence for all her support and arranging this opportunity for us, the Mums for giving up their time to drive us there and Peter King for his guidance.

Jay Syn C, 56R

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Thank you for all the jars that have been donated. We now have enough – thanks again!

Year 6 Graduation Committee
and students
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Dear Parents,

Could families please have their accounts up to date by the 9th December 2016. If you need care after this date, you will be required to pre-pay and pre-book. Any care that is pre-paid and not used will be credited to your account. You will not be charged for pre-booked care that is not used from the 12th to 20th December 2016. Pre-booking forms are now available from Before and After Care.

Everyone is really enjoying the Christmas activities. Helen has done a great job organising some really fun and interesting workshops. We hope you enjoy this week’s activities. I know everyone is loving pancake Tuesday.

Christmas activities planned for next week are:

Monday ............... Decorating baubles with Christmas sequins
Tuesday ............... Pancake Breakfast (BSC)
                    Decorative Christmas symbol
                    multi-coloured scratch pads (ASC)
Wednesday .......... Movie – Jingle All the Way
Thursday .............. Christmas cooking (BSC)
                    Make your own coloured glass
                    baubles (ASC)
Friday ................. Christmas cooking

The January Vacation Care Program will be out on 2nd December. The program will operate from the 16th January 2017 until children resume school for 2017. All enrolment forms need to be delivered to Paul Davis during program hours. We cannot accept enrolments over the phone and please do not leave forms at the front office. Please ensure that you enrol early as spaces are limited.

Thank you,
Paul Davis
(Phone 9807 2615 or 0417 941 986)

CANTEEN

MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER
11am     Stefanie Wendler-Canning & Sarah Cobelli

WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER
10am     Catriona Corben, Angela Hoemann & Liangi Wang

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER
10am     Jan Mattrow, Doreen Lai Mun Lim & Irit Ziv

Any queries phone Maria on 0409 934 573.
If you are unable to help, please ensure that you advise
Maria as soon as possible.
DON’T FORGET – Please report to the Front Office to sign the
Visitor’s Book and get a Visitor’s label BEFORE proceeding to
the Canteen.
FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

Bin Roster

Thank you to our volunteers who put the yellow lidded bins out.
Sunday 27th November ........... Ziv family

It’s the growing season and that means weeds!!

The vegie patch needs ongoing weeding and general maintenance, so if you have a green thumb or can lend a hand watering, please contact Caroline Thomas on 0411 453 945.

Donations of clean 1L and 2L ice cream (or similar sized yoghurt) containers are still appreciated. Please place containers in the purple tub located in V5.

Regards,
Marita Steward and the Sustainability Captains

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Hi all,

Mangoes are on their way! They’ll be delivered to the school tomorrow (Friday 25th). Please collect your mango trays from the Stadium between 3 and 4pm on Friday. If you can’t make this time, you can collect them on Saturday between 9am and 10am, again at the Stadium. Thanks to Sharon L and Andrea F for bringing this together.

Remember that the next secondhand uniform stall will be on Tuesday 29th November in the Stadium from 3pm to 3.45pm. Helpers are 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!

Our next PFA meeting is Wednesday 30th November from 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We’ll be discussing the staff wishlist for school development, and making a recommendation to School Council about how we’d like to spend the money we helped to raise in 2016 (over $35,000). So if you want to have a say, please come along! It’s our last meeting for the year, so we’ll have some nibbles and drinks to share too.

Hope to see you then,

Andrea J
## EHPS Calendar

### November 2016

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| Keyboa rd Concert 6.15pm  
Piano Concert 7.30pm |        |           | OSHC Committee 5pm  
OXFAM Concert 7pm |        |          |        |
| 28     | 29      | 30        |          |        |          |        |
|        | Secondhand Uniform Sale 3pm | PFA Meeting 7.30pm |          |        |          |        |

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|        | Finance Committee 6.30pm  
School Council 7.30pm |    |          | Transition – Whole School | Prep 2017 Orientation Day 9.30am |        | 8      |
|        |        |           |          |        |        |        |
| 12     | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16     |          | 19     |
| Yr 6 Graduation Lunch 12.30pm  
Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony 7pm |        | Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11am |        |        |        |        |
|        | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23       | 25     |
| End of Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal |        |          |          |        | CHRISTMAS DAY |        |

### 2017 School Year *** updated ***

Term 1: Monday 30th January to Friday 31st March

*Teachers & Staff commence/State wide student free day –
NO STUDENTS: Monday 30th January*

*EHPS Curriculum Day – NO STUDENTS: Tuesday 31st January*

*Years 1 to 6 Students start: Wednesday 1st February*

*Prep Students start: Thursday 2nd February (staggered start, finishing at 1pm)*

Term 2: Tuesday 18th April to Friday 30th June

Term 3: Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September

Term 4: Monday 9th October to Friday 22nd December
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Products & services advertised in Contact are placed on a paid basis and are not necessarily being promoted by Essex Heights Primary School.

Look! There’s a Dog at School
Written by Annette Van Zetten (Story Dogs volunteer)
A fun rhyming story about a dog named Summer. She would like us all to be kind to each other. Meet her friends and see them play, it’s a happy life being Summer dog, especially on a school day.
$17.95 per copy (includes $1 donation to Story Dogs & free post within Australia when purchased from my website – www.annettevanzetten.com)
Order now in time for Christmas.

Joey Scouts - Prep Students
Joey Scouts is the youngest section of the Scouting Movement, targeting girls and boys aged 6 to 7.
Local groups currently have some vacancies for Prep students interested in trying Scouting. Contact one of the leaders below now to arrange a three week trial.
2nd West Waverley Joey Scouts
24 Salisbury Rd, Ashwood
Monday 7pm – 8pm
Contact Chris at chrisomeara5@gmail.com

1st West Waverley Joey Scouts
(accepting 5 year olds)
Fairway Ave, Mount Waverley
Tuesday 6.45pm – 8.45pm
Contact Sarah at 1stwestwaverleyjoys@gmail.com

Waverley Valley Joey Scouts
Valley Reserve, 2 Willis St, Mount Waverley
Wednesday 6pm – 7pm
Contact Jane at wv.groupleader@gmail.com

Adult volunteers also welcome!
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents

Tackling Anxiety and Building Resilience in Young People

For Teachers, Teacher Aides (Primary and Secondary Levels), Parents, Psychologists, Counsellors, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Nurses, Health Workers (and anyone else interested).

NEW DATE! BOOK NOW!
Tuesday December 6th, 2016
7pm to 8.30pm
Daviebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Cor Bell St & St Georges Rd, PRESTON
$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS
Parking available on site
BOOK your place!
Email rick@CriticalAgendas.com.au
Include your name and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
$20 each - No EFTPOS
Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists. Working in private practice in Melbourne, he sits on the Board of the Australian Psychological Society, the Family Peace Foundation, Project ROCKET and Smiling Mind well as being a Community Ambassador for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Postvention Australia, and Playgroup Victoria.

He founded the charity CanTeen 31 years ago and was the first psychologist featured on This is Your Life. He has been resident psychologist on Ch 7’s Sunrise for 11 years as well as Psychologist for the top rating Morning Show with Neil Mitchell on Fairfax Radio 3AW. He is a special Patron of the Hawthorn Football Club. He is married to Therese and has 2 sons.

Netball Clinic

Date: Wednesday 30th November
Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Location: Essex Heights Primary School Netball Courts

Girls and boys in Year 2 are welcome to attend!

Come and see if you would like to join a team and play Saturday netball in 2017.

Contact: Rosemary Gillespie
0408 070 435