ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week Andrew Crossett, our Principal, has continued with some personal leave.

Oxfam Concert

Last Thursday evening the Chamber Choir, Guitar Ensemble and the Essex Heights Band played in the Oxfam Concert at Box Hill Town Hall. Congratulations to all of the students on their performance and the way in which they represented our school. Thanks to Tanya Dolence and Peter King, and to Carolyn Wilson who also attended.

Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 students are looking forward to their Graduation lunch and ceremony on Friday 16th December. Thanks to the parent committee for organising the lunch, and to Janet McGinn and the Years 5 and 6 teachers for their preparation of the students for their big day.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

The Parent Helpers Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 15th December at 11am in the Hall, and we would love to see a large group of volunteers attending. This give the teachers an opportunity to show their appreciation of all the efforts put in by our volunteer parents and community members. A delicious morning tea is planned, so please keep the morning free.

Enjoy the next week,
Joan Scott
Assistant Principal
MUSIC NEWS

Essex Heights Primary School lifts the roof at Oxfam

Musical talents from Essex Heights PS were on display once again at Oxfam 2016. Chamber Choir, Guitar Ensemble and the Essex Heights Band all performed their hearts out at the Oxfam Concert on Thursday 24th November at the Box Hill Town Hall. The music festival for schools is a charity event put on by Oxfam Australia. Money raised from this year’s event will go to the following three projects:

- Clean water, healthy lives – saving lives by helping to provide clean water in disaster prone areas.
- Gender equality – changing perceptions of the role of women in places like Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, India and Solomon Islands.
- Close the gap – addressing Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders health issues.

So if you are a passionate performer, looking for some fame, and would like to help a worthy cause, get involved in the next year’s Oxfam music festival for schools. Thank you to Tanya Dolence and Peter King for their ongoing support and encouragement.

Isaac  
Music Captain

GROUND 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
**TAKE HOME READING**

Dear Parents,

**Take Home Reading Books** will not be sent home from **Friday 2nd December**.

We would really appreciate you looking at home for any Home Reading Books and returning them to your child’s class. We even welcome back books that may have been missing for a few years ... no questions asked!

*It’s important* that your child still reads at home, so maybe you could borrow books from your local library or look on your own bookshelves for books that your child can read.

*Thank you,*

*The Literacy Support Team*

**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Dear Parents,

Please ensure that **accounts** are brought up to date. All accounts will need to be cleared **by 9th December 2016** at the latest.

Next Thursday is the Before and After **Christmas Party**. If you are enrolled in the program and you would like to attend, just get your parents to sign the Christmas Party attendance sheet which will be at the sign out table during program hours. We are going to have plenty of treats, fun and laughs. All food and drink will be provided, and there is no extra charge to attend.

The Christmas activities planned for next week are as follows:

- **Monday** ............... Decorate your own Christmas tree with heaps of shiny, sparkly, colourful decorations
- **Tuesday** ............... Wrap your very own Christmas present decorations
- **Wednesday** ........ Movie - *A Muppets Christmas Carol*
- **Thursday** ............ **Christmas Party**
- **Friday** ................. Christmas colouring competition – there will be prizes!

The program will be **updating family enrolment forms**. If you have been enrolled in the program for two years you will be required to complete a new enrolment form with your current information. This is vital for the program to operate efficiently and effectively.

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 5TH DECEMBER**

11am  Erica Baddeley

**WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

10am  Kate Reichman

**FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER (last Canteen day)**

10am  Katy Smith, Natalie Murphy & Diana Maggs

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.

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**Please Note:**

**LAST Canteen day is Friday 9th December**

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I would like to thank all the volunteers who came in and supported me. You made my transition to the role of Canteen Manager very easy and enjoyable. I loved working and chatting with all of you. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a relaxing break, and look forward to working with you again in 2017. If you haven’t volunteered yet and would like to, watch out for a notice in the first school week of 2017.

Thank you once again,

Maria

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**FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY TEAM**

**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
Hi all,

On Friday afternoon, 136 trays of juicy, delicious mangoes (that’s a ton – literally) were delivered to the school. I hope you are enjoying them! Big thanks to Sharon Leong for believing it could work and making it happen. Thanks also to Andrea, Luke, Sophie, Willemijn, Fiona and all the other parents who helped. This effort raised over $700 for the school.

Our last secondhand uniform stall for the year was held on Friday. Many parents snapped up a bargain, and the team raised over $300 for the school. Huge thanks to Jen Hill for organising the stalls this year, and for her trusty helpers Raema, Pauline, Sophie and Mel. You are in our debt.

The PFA has recently formed a fundraising partnership with Airstream Café at Century City, Glen Waverley (opposite Village Cinemas). When you dine at Airstream, not only will you receive a 5% discount on the bill, but they will also donate 5% of the bill to our school. Everyone’s a winner! Look out for a discount card coming your way soon.

Many parents have expressed the wish for an opportunity to say goodbye to Andrew Crossett before he leaves Essex Heights at the end of the year. So we’ve decided to hold a Farewell Family Picnic on the evening of Monday 19th December (the night before the last day of school) from 6pm to 8pm. Bring your own dinner, drinks and picnic rug, and have a relaxing evening on the Heights with the chance to wish Mr Crossett well. More details coming soon.

Our last PFA meeting for 2016 was enjoyed last night. We dissected the events and fundraisers that we’ve held recently, and discussed some plans for next year. We have $40,000 of PFA funds to spend, so we’ve made some recommendations to School Council for them to consider at their meeting tonight. We’re keen to support some new sports and classroom resources, as well as see some improvements in the playgrounds.

Have a good week,

Andrea J
### EHPS Calendar

#### November 2016

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#### 2017 School Year

**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.

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 Saslisbury Rd, Ashwood
Monday 7pm – 8pm
Contact Chris at chrismearab@gmail.com

1st West Waverley Joey Scouts
(also accepting 5 year olds)
Fairway Ave, Mount Waverley
Tuesday 6.45pm – 8.45pm
Contact Sarah at 1swaverleyjoeyjungs@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 schools), Parents, Psychologists, Counsellors, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, School Leaders, Nurses, Health Workers (and anyone interested)

Monday November 7th, 2016
7pm to 8.30pm
Davids Arts & Entertainment Centre
Cox St & St Georges Rd, PRESTON
$20 per person (or the door) NO ENTRIES
Parking available on-site

BOOK your place!
Email: nchpinithialanagdenu@gmail.com
Use your name and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
$20 each - NO ENTRIES
Enquiries: 03 9335 771

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists. Working in private practice in Melbourne, he is on the Board of the Australian Psychological Society, the Family Peace Foundation, Project COCO and Smiling Mind and was a Community Ambassador for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria, Australia and Pegasus Victoria. He founded the Marty Carlin 21 fund in 2011 and was the first psychologist featured on The Today Show. He has been named Psychologist of the Year for 11 years as well as Psychologist of the Year for the top rating Morning Show with Neil Mitchell on Fairfax Radio 3MA. He is a specialist in the Hawthorn Football Club. He is married to Therese and has 2 sons.

Dr Carr-Gregg presents to a full house at Dunsborough Pavilion on September 12th, 2016
60 Years of AIAV

An Exhibition of Photographs

Celebrating the history of the Australian Indonesian Association of Victoria and its contribution to harmonious relationships between our two countries.

The Highway Gallery
14 The Highway, Mt Waverley (Mel'way 70 E2)
Wednesday 30 November – Sunday 11 December

Official Opening: Saturday 3 December, 1 pm
Opening Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12 to 4 pm

Enquires: Anton 0430 038 176