CALENDAR DATES

Term 2, 2015

15\textsuperscript{th} May  
Indonesian Classes for Parents start (3.00 - 3.30 p.m.)

18\textsuperscript{th} May  
Fun Run - RESCHEDULED

19\textsuperscript{th} May  
Dance Concert 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. start – Ashburton Primary School Hall – Students A - L group

20\textsuperscript{th} May  
Dance Concert 6.30 –p.m. for 7.00 p.m. start – Ashburton Primary School Hall – Students M – Z group

21\textsuperscript{st} May

22\textsuperscript{nd} – 27\textsuperscript{th} May  
Book Fair – Library (Before & After school)

25\textsuperscript{th} May  
Brass & Woodwind Concert – Hall at 7.00 p.m.

27\textsuperscript{th} May  
Prep – Teddy Bear’s Picnic

1\textsuperscript{st} June  
Percussion Concert – Hall at 7.00 pm.

2\textsuperscript{nd} June  
Years 3 & 4 – Indigenous Incursion – NOTE NEW DATE

3\textsuperscript{rd} June  
I.C.A.S. – Science

3\textsuperscript{rd} June  
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – Year 4

4\textsuperscript{th} June  
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – Year 2

5\textsuperscript{th} June  
PUPIL FREE DAY – Students do not attend school

8\textsuperscript{th} June  
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Students do not attend school

9\textsuperscript{th} June  
Keyboard Concert – Hall at 6.30 p.m.

9\textsuperscript{th} June  
Piano Concert – Hall at 7.30 p.m.

15\textsuperscript{th} June  
Strings Concert – Hall at 7.00 p.m.

22\textsuperscript{nd} June  
Guitar Concert – Banksia Building at 7.00 p.m.

26\textsuperscript{th} June  
Last day Term 2 – 2.30 p.m. finish

Term 3, 2015

13\textsuperscript{th} July

20\textsuperscript{th} July  
Term 3 commences

18\textsuperscript{th} September  
Last day Term 3 – 2.30 p.m. finish

Term 4, 2015

5\textsuperscript{th} October

18\textsuperscript{th} December  
Term 4 commences

Last day Term 4 – 1.30 p.m. finish

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Indonesian Language Competition

Last Friday we had 27 children from Prep – Yr 6 participating in an Indonesian Language Oral Competition. The children were required to listen to questions asked in Indonesian and answer appropriately. They also read out an Indonesian poem or written piece for the Examiner with a focus on correct pronunciation. Thanks to Indonesian Teacher – Bu (Alex) Douros and the hardworking children for their efforts in preparation. All I have to say is ……. “bagus sekali”

Class Visit – 2S

I enjoyed spending time with Marita Steward and the children of 2S yesterday during a literacy session. This was a ‘writing’ lesson and Marita had been introducing the children to the structure and purpose of ‘procedural text’. The initial brainstorm reminded them of the need for a ‘materials list’ as well as ‘steps’ describing the procedure to be explained. In this instance it was the process of brushing your teeth. I worked with a small group as we discussed and wrote up a draft of the steps in this process. The children had come prepared with their own toothbrushes and toothpaste from home, so we then went to the sink and followed the written draft to see if it was accurate.
This proved to be an interesting exercise as the children were able to identify several missing elements in their ‘procedural text’ that they were able to improve after the practical exercise. It was a terrific example of connecting a writing exercise to a real life experience, and that certainly made the learning more effective and relevant for the children.

Thanks to Marita for her great work in developing the writing skills of the children in 2S. Thanks also for her leadership in environmental and sustainability matters across the school, and her contribution to the School Council Grounds Committee.

‘Splash of Color’ Dance Concert
There is great excitement among the children now as we look forward to next week’s Concert. The final dance sessions have been completed and we are looking forward to the Rehearsal Days and then the Concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Please ensure you have read all the parents bulletins that have been distributed, returned the Permission Form for the Rehearsal Day and purchased your tickets online at;

www.trybooking.com/hqar

All notices are available on the school website

Volunteers in Schools – Thank You!
This week is the 26th “National Volunteer Week” and I would like to add my thanks to the wonderful support we receive here at Essex Heights from many volunteers. We have a dedicated team of parents, and others, who regularly give their time to support the children and staff in our great school community. Your support is crucial as we seek to provide the best opportunities for the children in our care and we couldn’t do it without you! So, thank you to all who volunteer time for Essex Heights PS, it is greatly appreciated.

Annual Essex Heights Book Fair
I draw your attention to the annual Book Fair that is taking place in the Library, starting next Friday 22nd May. This is a great opportunity to purchase books at a very good price, encourage your children’s reading habits and also support the Essex Heights Library. We receive a commission on total sales that is used to purchase new books for the Library which is a great bonus for us.

Please see the details in this Contact for days and times.

Drop Off Time Before School
I would like to remind parents that the yard is not supervised by staff before school until 8:45am. This means that children should not be dropped off before 8:30am in the morning. If you need to leave the children before that time then they should be booked into the Before School Program and you can make that booking by ringing 9807 2615.

Prep Enrolments 2016
I am very busy at the moment with school tours for prospective families to join us in 2016 and beyond. If you have children who will be starting Preps at Essex Heights in 2016, please ensure an enrolment form is lodged at the Office by the end of this Term. This will enable us to begin planning for next year.

See you at the Dance Concert,
Andrew
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Next week is going to be another big week at Aftercare.

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For those families who do not know Jess McCartney here is a snapshot of his achievements.

He is a high end performance coach who has worked with national and international athletes and teams. He is heading off to the Netherlands in June to help with their local hockey competition and national hockey team. He has worked with the Australian and Sri Lankan cricket team, several district cricket and hockey teams to name but a few. We are very lucky to have Jess on board.

Jess provides us with activities that require strategising, problem solving, physicality and most importantly fun. He tailors his games to ensure all children can access the activity and achieve a level of success. With his skill set and the extensive amount of work he has done for the Australian Sports Commission he is well versed in ensuring children are having fun while exercising.

If you need to contact the program, please call 9807-2615 or 0417-941-986 before 3.20 p.m. if you require us to collect your child from the classroom.

Thanks
Paul Davis

PARENTS & FRIENDS ‘NEWS’

Hi everyone,

I hoped all the mums enjoyed unwrapping their little gifts on Mother’s Day. Thanks so much to Stef and Andrea F. for running the Mother’s Day Stall. And thank you to Jen, Deanne, Tristan, Hedi, Andrea H., Bred, Diana, Cindy, Sharon, Xiaoe, Soye, Tonia, Pooja, Mrudula, Mina, Jo, Tara, Rosa, Ranya, Morwenna and everyone else who helped with setup and sales. We couldn’t do it without you.

Thanks also to all the school banking helpers – Anusha, Jocelyn, Rosa, Lena and Morwenna – who coped without Stef and most of whom come every week to do the banking for all our children. We’ll need some new regular banking helpers next year to enable the program to continue. If Fridays don’t work for you, it’s possible in 2016 to move banking to another day. Please email Stef at ehpspfa@gmail.com if you think you could help.

Thank you to Morwenna for doing a heap of work to organise the Fun Run. And thank you to all those who offered to help: Ha Tran, Huong, Virginia, Jo, Gayani, Tao, Nan, Jessia, Jassmine, Elicia, Jo, Chinthana, Megan, Andrea H, Tao, Mina, Jenny Q, Maren and Betty. It’s wonderful that so many people are willing to lend a hand.

See you at the dance concert, if not before.

Andrea J (Abby S, 4R, and Jake S, 4O).

Berita Bahasa Indonesia!

Sayembara Lisan: State-wide annual Indonesian Oral Competition

Congratulations to our 27 students from Years Prep-6 who competed in this year’s language competition, last Friday (May 8th).
They were excellent ambassadors for the school and our language program. Many of the examiners were native speakers and praised the children on their efforts! Thank-you to the families who assisted with practices at home, even if they didn’t understand it all!

Also thank-you to parents who made it possible for their children to participate by taking them on the day.

Indonesian Language Classes for Parents
Just a reminder that parent classes begin this week: Friday 3.00 pm in the Indonesian Room

Some interesting reading…… ‘Why Learn Indonesian’

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH INFORMATION 2015

‘THE SCIENCE OF LIGHT’

Expressions of Interest must be received by Marita Steward in (2S) by the 27th May, 2015

The multiple categories aim to stimulate students in the following ways;

✓ Encourage independent self-motivated project work amongst students of science;
✓ Provide opportunities to communicate their achievements to a wider audience;
✓ Provide opportunities for recognition of effort and achievement in a scientific enterprise;
✓ Promote involvement in processes of science and its communication;
✓ Display primary and post primary student’s work to the public.

The categories students compete in are:
Experimental Research
Working Models
Games
Posters- Scientific Wallcharts
Video Productions
Creative Writing
Inventions
Computer Games
Science Photography

Entry fees apply
Individual- $8.00 per entry
Group- $15 (max 2 students)

Visit Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV) website OR

Marita Steward
Science Talent Search Co-Ordinator (2S)
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).

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Book Fair 2015

Starts next week

When: 22nd May – 27th May

Where: School Library

Times: 8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
       3.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.
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‘Splash of Colour’

Dance Concert

May 7th 2015

Dear Parents,

Our Prep-6 Dance Concert – ‘Splash of Colour’ is fast approaching! There will be a rehearsal during the day on Tuesday May 19th (A-L group) and on Wednesday May 20th (M-Z group). Please note this is not a dress rehearsal.

Time: 8.50am arrival for 9.00am departure (students will travel from school by bus to Ashburton Primary School). Our expected return to school is by lunchtime (approx. 1.30pm).

Transport: Bus (with seatbelts)

Cost: There is no cost to children. Travel costs will be covered by the school.

The children will need to bring:
- Morning tea / snack in a named bag
- A drink bottle (no cans or fizzy drinks)

For everyone’s convenience on the day, we request that snacks of yoghurt or dips be avoided and that students participating in the rehearsal on Wednesday do not have a lunch order on that day.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return to your child’s teacher by no later than Friday May 15th.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

Georgia Lombard
Dance Teacher

Alex Douros
Dance Co-ordinator

Andrew Crossett
Principal

‘Splash of Colour’ - Dance Concert

Name of Student: ___________________________ Class: ____________

I do / do not give permission for my child to participate in the ‘Splash of Colour’ Dance Concert rehearsal on Tuesday May 19th or Wednesday May 20th 2015.

I authorize the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Date: ____________

♀ Day: Mother/Guardian ............................................

♂ Day: Father/Guardian .............................................
May 11th, 2015

Dear Parent/s,

We are really looking forward to our up-coming whole school dance concert. The students have been working hard during practices and are very excited to be presenting their dances to families and friends of EHPS.

Date: Tuesday 19th May (A-L group)
       Wednesday 20th May (M-Z group)

Venue: Ashburton Primary School Hall
       Fakenham Rd, Ashburton.

Parking: The left hand side of Fakenham Rd opposite the hall is permit parking. Please check signs carefully when parking. There is parking on the school side and along Carool Rd and Stocks Ave. There is also some parking available nearby at Ashburton Reserve.

Time: 6.30pm arrival for a 7.00pm (sharp) start.

Assembly points:

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Please note that there are a couple of different entrances to the gymnasium/Performing Arts room and there will be staff around the hall to assist you.

At the conclusion of the concert, children will be picked up from their assembly point (either the gymnasium or Performing Arts room). These areas may be busy at this time, so we would appreciate your patience as we exit everyone from the building.

Children must be signed in and out at the beginning and end of the evening with their supervising teacher.

Costumes: Children are to come in full costume (any additional items as indicated on the costume notice will be distributed on the evening). Make up is optional but highly recommended (brown eye shadows, blush, black mascara and eyeliner and a red lipstick). Children are also asked to bring a named drink bottle (with water) and a quiet game/activity to play while they are waiting for their item in the concert.

Photography: We encourage parents to take an abundance of photos before the commencement of the concert, as flash photography during performances can be quite distracting for the children.

Thank you, we look forward to a wonderful evening

Georgia Lombard  Alex Douros  Andrew Crossett
Dance Teacher   Dance Co-ordinator   Principal
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