CALENDAR DATES

Term 4, 2015

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PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

Rotary Club of Mt Waverley – Writing Competition

At this week’s Assembly we welcomed two members of the Rotary Club of Mt Waverley. They joined us to present awards to six Yr 5/6 children following a recent Writing Competition they sponsored. All Yr 5/6 children submitted a writing piece reflecting on the Centenary of ANZAC. These were then judged and one student from each class was selected for a prize that included a framed certificate and $50. We are grateful to the Rotary Club for their sponsorship of this event, and their encouragement of the children to consider and reflect on an important aspect of Australian history.
State Schools’ Spectacular 2015
Late last Term, students in Years 5 and 6 performed as part of the Essex Heights contribution to the massed choir in this year’s State Schools’ Spectacular at Hisense Arena. Highlights of this wonderful event will be broadcast by Channel 7 this coming Saturday, December 5th at 7:00pm. I can highly recommend it as a fine example of the performing arts talent in Victorian Government schools, as well as trying to “spot the Essex Heights kids”

Classroom Moving
During next week some classes will be relocating to different rooms for the remainder of the year, this is necessary as we plan for our 2016 grade configuration.
In next week’s Contact 1 will publish the teaching positions for 2016, naming teachers against their allocated grades or teaching areas.

Transition 2016 – Prep and Year 7
Our 2016 Prep students visited Essex Heights today and experienced their final transition session before commencing on Friday January 29th 2016. Again it was great to witness the enthusiasm and confidence of these students as they spent time becoming familiar with Essex Heights and their teachers. Orientation Day will also be happening for many of our Year 6 students next Tuesday, December 8th. We will all remember the heightened excitement and anticipation this brings as the students make their way to Secondary School for the first time, and begin the next exciting stage of their educational journey. We will be thinking of you all and wish you well.

Report Distribution and 2016 Class Visit – Tuesday, December 15th
Please note the scheduled day for the distribution of Reports and for the children to visit their 2016 teachers will take place on Tuesday, December 15th.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea – Thursday, December 10th – 11:00am
The partnership between parents and staff is a very positive aspect of the Essex Heights community. There are so many ways in which parents support their children and our programs through their willingness to give of their time. This includes classroom helpers, excursions, sport teams, choirs and music performances, canteen roster etc. As is traditional, the staff would like the opportunity to say thank you to all the parents who have assisted them throughout the year. Therefore we invite you to join us for morning tea on Thursday, December 10th at 11am in the Hall. Hope to see you all there!

Early Dismissal – Friday December 18th – 1:30pm
A reminder to parents that school will finish on Friday, 18th of December at 1.30pm. We will of course have After School Care commencing from this time. As is traditional, we will have a final assembly at 12.45pm and this will be conducted in the school Hall.
Please note that our final Contact will be distributed on Wednesday 16th December.

See you around the school,

Andrew
Literacy

Attention all Families,

All Take Home Readers will be collected at the end of this week: marking the end of Term 4 of 2015. This will give us the opportunity to do a complete stocktake and then update our lists to be ready for next year.

It is, however, strongly recommended that the reading habit continues over the holidays. A visit to the local library, holiday brochures, magazines, comics etc will do – variety keeps children happy and interested.

Holidays are also a great time to read together with your children and talk about what you are reading. Great bonding sessions!

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

The Literacy Support Team

Parents and Friends News

Hi everyone

We had a lively PFA meeting this week. We dissected the Carnival and decided how we’d prefer to use the money for our school. School Council meets tonight and will consider our requests. I’ll let you know next week what the final decision is...

We also farewelled Linda Cornell and Morwenna Griffiths, two great ladies who have done so much for PFA and the wider school community over the past 13 years (Linda) and 9 years (Morwenna). We have them to thank for the bike shed, Active Travel days, fun runs, Entertainment Books, World Teachers’ Day lunches to name just a few initiatives they introduced or supported. Both of them have run countless fundraisers, have helped in classes and have also been part of School Council during their time at Essex Heights. They have invested an outstanding amount of time and energy in our school. Thank you Linda and Morwenna!

Cheerio, Andrea J

CHRISTMAS SALE

Tuesday 15th December
11.30-4pm

In the Hall
Grab your last minute Christmas presents from wonderful goods from the Hand Made stall at the Carnival
Great assortment $1 - $30

BYO bag for purchases & Dollars to spend.

If you can help on the day please contact Steph on sscanning10@gmail.com
FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

HEAD LICE ALERT

Could you please take the time to check and treat, (if applicable) your child’s hair for head lice as I am getting quite a few reports of it across the school.

Here is the link for a good resource for head lice from the Department of Health for checking and treating head lice.


Thanks,

Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

THE LAST DAY THAT THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN THIS TERM IS FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

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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.

Please note that sushi will not be available on Wednesday 9th & Friday 11th December

LAST CANTEEN DAY FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Dear Parents,
Thank you to all those parents that have paid their accounts for 2015. It is really appreciated. The program needs all outstanding debts paid this week.

The January Vacation Care is out. Please enrol early to avoid missing a place.

Next week the program will be having its Christmas Party on the 10-12-15. It is going to be huge.

Could parents please put their child’s name down on the RSVP sheet in the hall if attending.

Thank you
Paul Davis
# December 2015

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**PSW Mount Waverley**  
288-290 Stephensons Road, Mount Waverley VIC 3149.  
Phone: (03) 9768 0335  
**Summer Trading Hours**  
(5th Oct - April)  
Mon to Fri: 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Sat: 9:00am - 5:00pm

- *5% off all school uniforms & 25% off all school shoes promotion runs from Mon 9 Nov to Fri 18 Dec 2015.  
- Lay-bys require a 20% deposit.  
- Promotion not valid online.  
- New Lay-bys are not available in Jan 2016.  
- Lay-bys must be picked up before Wed 27 Jan 2016.  
- Store trading hours are subject to change, check the website for latest information. www.psw.com.au.  
- Retail stores will close at the end of business Fri 18 Dec & re-open for usual trading hours week commencing Mon 4 Jan 2016.  
- Retail stores will also be closed Tues 26 Jan for the Australia Day Holiday.  

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**UniforM Sale!**  
**5% off Uniforms**  
**25% off All School Shoes**  
**From Mon 9 Nov to Fri 18 Dec 2015**  
Plus Extended Lay-by until 27th January 2016
PRODUCTS & SERVICES ADVERTISED IN ‘CONTACT’ ARE PLACED ON A PAID BASIS AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY BEING PROMOTED BY ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

MINKY’S WATER SAFETY FUN DAY

Saturday 5th December 2015 11.30am - 3pm

Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre
626 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley VIC 3159

DJ | inflatables | Body boarding | Boat rides
| Stand-up paddle boarding | Special sporting hero appearances
| Formal presentations | Mascots & furry friends
| Underwater photography | Face painting | Balloons & clowns
| Aquatic competitions | Jumping castles | Dunking machines
| Trampolines | Group exercise classes | BBQ
| Aquatic organisations | Life savers

For kids triathlon races,
CPR and water safety presentation for parents,
And free swimming lessons for all ages & abilities
Please reserve your child’s spot on 92713600

ROBOLEGO

e2 Young Engineers brings you RoboLEGO, a robotics program which offers all the fun of building LEGO® models PLUS software programming

In our after-school enrichments classes, students will be able to build and program a new robotics LEGO® model in each class using working motors, sensors and LEGO® USB Hub. Building instructions are included in the software. With the help of our trained instructors students will be able to enhance their physics, mathematics and engineering skills.

After-school program starts from Term 1, 2016 at various locations including Malvern East, Wheelers Hill and Hughesdale. Please check our website for more details

Enrol online at www.semelbourne.young-engineers.com.au
Email: melbourne@young-engineers.com.au
Ph: 0415987291 / 0385552335
Website: http://www.semelbourne.young-engineers.com.au/

Limited spots available — enrol now!

ROBOLEGO

LEGO® kits, computers, motors, sensors, batteries and instructions will be provided

THE PANCAKE PARLOUR

BUY ONE SHORT STACK
(Two buttermilk pancakes with your choice of cream, ice-cream or whipped butter and topped with maple-flavoured syrup)
AND RECEIVE A SECOND SHORT STACK FREE.

For restaurant locations www.pancakeparlour.com.au
After School Dance classes will continue to be offered in 2016 for students in Prep to Year 4 at Essex Heights Primary. Classes take place in the Stadium by Georgia Lombard from Creative Dance and Drama. Prep/Year 1 will be on Tuesdays and Year 2-4 will be on Wednesdays. Class begins at 3.40pm and finishes at 4.25pm.

The Term 1, 2016 Dance program commences on the following dates:

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The program provides children with the opportunity to:

- Learn basic warm up routines
- Learn a choreographed dance routine
- Create their own movements
- Perform the dance for a small audience at the end of the term

If you would like your child to participate please obtain a registration form from the school office or visit creativedanceanddrama.com and request an After School Dance form via the contact page.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama
0402 024 891
THE CHRISTIAN SRI TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Warmly Extend An Invitation To
Parents, Family and Friends to their

ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS EVENT

To be held on
Tuesday 8th December 2015
11.30 to 12.10pm

In The School Assembly Hall

Celebrating Christmas
In Song, Drama and Music
Thanks to our Carnival sponsors: