PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

As we enter the final week before our first Essex Heights carnival (only 9 days to go) I would urge you to continue to keep an eye on the various notices, bulletins and website updates. Where there are requests for help, please consider supporting and helping to make this a fantastic community event and fundraiser.

Please check out the school website, and the Carnival Facebook page for details including the ‘early bird’ ride tickets which expires Monday Nov 16th.

A big thank you to all the families who supported publicising the Carnival by taking bundles of flyers for distribution in your street or neighbourhood. We have covered a large part of the local area. The map is still on display in the Office and more flyers are available if you are able to continue the ‘letter box drop’.

Please refer to the additional information and requests in this Contact.
Yr 5 LAMP Leaders Program

Each year a group of Yr 5 children participate in our Leadership and Multicultural Program (LAMP) lead by Ina Kuehlich. The children explore the cultural diversity evident in our community, explain and share from their own culture and prepare a presentation morning to the rest of the Yr 5 children and invited parents. This has become a terrific celebration of the various cultures represented in our school and also is positive leadership training for the children involved as they prepare for those roles in Yr 6. This culminated with their presentations and a Multicultural Display and morning tea yesterday which was appreciated by all who attended. Congratulations to our LAMP Leaders and thanks to Ina for facilitating the program. Thanks also to the parents who assisted their children to present the cultural artefacts and also attended on the day.

Class Visit – 6S

I enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with Renae Simpson and the children of 6S last week. The children were working in a range of small groups on targeted reading activities connected to their Unit of Study this Term. Some groups worked independently (including using ICT) whilst another worked with Renae. I joined one of these groups for a reading and discussion session on one of the new literacy resources funded by the PFA. Following previous discussion on the topic ‘Heroes’ we read together about the life story of Nelson Mandela. The children had some knowledge of his story, but were fascinated to learn a great deal more. We had some interesting discussion raised by the text including trying to define when is ‘anti-government’ violence terrorism, and when is it justified? Big issues!

Thanks to Renae for her great work in preparing the children for the transition to secondary education shortly, and for her leadership in the Yr 5/6 Team.

See you around the school,

Andrew
Hi everyone

9 days until the Carnival!

Remember to buy ride passes for your kids online. Cheap prices end Monday, so don’t miss out: trybooking.com/JMZW. Cash and credit card sales are also available at the front gate most days this week.

We need lots of volunteers to work on the stalls. Please look out for emails or notices from your parent reps asking for help on the stalls. If everyone does an hour, then it will be easy and enjoyable for us all. Special thanks to all the parent reps for bringing this all together.

This week we’re asking families to bake something for the Carnival cake stall. You should have received your cake kit by now – they went home yesterday. Your cakes, slices or biscuits can be delivered to the school on Friday 20 Nov 3–4pm, or Saturday 21 Nov before 10am.

If you can spare some time next Tuesday (17 Nov), please come to the canteen in the stadium and help us pack lolly bags.

Thanks so much if you’ve been saving secondhand books, toys or DVDs for the Carnival. These can be delivered to the Stadium during school hours next week, or this Sunday (15 Nov) between 10 and 11am.

Thanks to everyone who has or is helping out. It’s all coming together! If you haven’t yet, please remember to:

- Donate some chocolate for the Lob-A-Choc stall
- Donate any old storybooks, maps or wrapping paper for the Handmade Stall
- Let us know if you have a trestle table we could borrow, or you have an RSA certificate and can help on the bar for an hour (email us at ehp.s.carnival@gmail.com)

Belated thanks to all our secondhand uniform stall helpers: Pauline, Raema, Jacinta, Jess, Fiona and Christine. You’re all stars! They helped Jen throw out all the old-logo items, as they will no longer be sold. The lost-property boxes will be sorted in the last week of this term, and named items will be returned. Please make sure clothes have both a first and last name. The only new items that we now have for sale are sizes 14 and 16. If you can use these items we would love to do a deal to get rid of them!

Thanks so much for helping our wonderful school

Andrea J

PS Remember to book rides wristbands for your kids – for a whining-free Carnival day!

PIANO & KEYBOARD CONCERT
ESSEX HEIGHTS HALL
16TH NOVEMBER
KEYBOARD 6.30PM
PIANO 7.30PM
Year 3 Writing

In Writing sessions, the Year3s have been working on developing their skills in writing Informative Texts. Below are some samples of students’ work. The topic was Essex Heights Primary School.

“We are happy at Essex Heights Primary School. We have one another at Essex Heights Primary School. We don’t care how you look. Our teachers are nice at Essex Heights Primary School. Our teachers give students challenges. We have chickens at Essex Heights Primary School”.

Luke K-J in 3CW

Essex Heights Primary School was built in 1963. It is 52 years old. Here are some facts about the school.

Essex Heights is a wonderful place to be in. Over 500 students go there. Essex Heights is located on Essex Road near Huntingdale Road. Most people go there to learn many new things. The colour of Essex Heights uniform is green.

We also have music classes: saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, drums, piano, string instruments, ensembles, flute and Marimba (you have to be in Year 4 or over to do Marimba). We also have Indonesian classes and playgrounds. There is the Prep playground, a Year 1 and 2 playground and a Year 3 - 6 playground. There is also a library and an office. Mr. Farwell was the first principal but now Mr. Crossett is the principal. Mr. Crossett speaks at Assembly (on Mondays). The assistant principals are Ina and Mrs. Scott.

Essex Heights is a lovely place and I hope you enjoy it.

Inoke in 3AW

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Berita Bahasa Indonesia!

Wonderful Indonesia Festival

This event will not only showcase an array of Indonesian food stalls, but will also feature interactive traditional musical performances and diverse cultural and heritage exhibits. There’ll be a performance by Justice Crew as well as an appearance from MasterChef 2015 Final Four contestant - and dessert king - Reynold Poernomo!

Date: Saturday November 14th
Time: 10am-5pm
Venue: Queensbridge Square
Southbank
Cost: Free
For more information:
http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/Festivals/Multicultural/Pages/a73e48ac-2c84-4314-9624-c241e2fb37c5.aspx
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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.*
## SCHOOL TRANSITION SESSIONS PROGRAM for children commencing Prep in 2016

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### 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.

Children should bring a named, filled water bottle.

### SPECIALIST SESSION
On this day we ask you to bring your child to the School Hall again.

Children should bring a named, filled water bottle.

### PARENT SESSION – Health Matters
Julie Zuk, First Aid Officer at Essex Heights Primary School

### PARENT SESSION – Preparing your child for Learning

### 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.

### PARENT SESSION – Meet School community representatives, PFA, School Council & Out of Hours School Care.

### 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:
- Start of year procedures
- A typical Prep day
- You, your child & the school

Children can be dropped off ready for a 9.30 a.m. start and parents will then collect them at 1.00 p.m.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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- **2nd**: PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
  Children do not attend
- **10th**: Prep 2016 Parent Info Evening
- **17th**: Prep 2016 Parent Info Evening
- **24th**: Prep Farm Excursion
- **16th**: Year 6 Graduation
- **14th**: Year 6 Big Day Out
- **18th**: LAST DAY TERM 4  
  1.30 P.M. FINISH
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

PRODUCTS & SERVICES ADVERTISED IN ‘CONTACT’ ARE PLACED ON A PAID BASIS AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY BEING PROMOTED BY ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

HILLTOP MARKET
SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2015
9am – 2pm

CAKES
CRAFT
PLANTS
BOOKS
JEWELLERY
WHITE ELEPHANT
GOURMET FOODS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
SAUSAGES/BURGERS
JUMPING CASTLE
FRAMES & PAINTINGS

LOTS OF FUN!

High Street Road Uniting Church
Mount Waverley
482 High St Road Mt Waverley - Cnr Stewart St
Melway 61 G12

2015/16 Little Aths season has begun

Waverley Little Athletics Centre Inc.
Little Athletics is for children aged 5-15 years old
(Weds or Fri)

COME & TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Be part of the
2015/16
Little Athletics
Season at
Waverley!

Full season memberships from $180
min $10 per additional child.

www.wlac34.org
or contact the:
President: president@wlac34.org
Registrar: registrar@wlac34.org

We are based at Central Reserve, Glen Waverley

TALKING TEENS
AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL IN, ASK QUESTIONS, MEET OTHER PARENTS AND SHARE IDEAS THAT WORK!

- Do you wonder why they aren’t listening to you or how to deal with their anger?
- How do we talk so they will listen?
- Do you want to maintain a connection with them?
- Take some time out for parents

WHERE: Mulgrave Neighbourhood House, 36-42 Mackie Road, Mulgrave
WHEN: Wednesday’s Nov 11 - Dec 9
7pm – 9pm (3 sessions)
WHO: Dads, Mums & Carers of teenagers 12-18 years
COST: FREE (bookings essential)
CONTACT: Helena at Parentzone
3735 6134 or 0486 501 204

SURVIVING SEPARATION
ARE YOU A SEPARATED PARENT IN ONGOING CONFLICT WITH YOUR CHILD’S OTHER PARENT?

DO YOU WANT TO...
- Better manage your parenting arrangements?
- Develop skills to better manage the emotional chaos you experience?
- Learn how to best support your children?
- Build new skills for you and your children’s futures?
- Have the chance to talk to other parents in similar situations?

A Post Separation course will be held over two Saturday's that will address the above and further issues.
The course is recognised as a Post Separation Parenting Program with the attendance Certificate, recognised by the Family Court.

WHERE: Anglicare Victoria
7-11 Shipley Street, Box Hill
WHEN: Saturday November 14
Saturday November 28
TIME: 10am – 3pm
COST: FREE (bookings essential)
Creative Dance Classes 2016
Essex Heights Primary School

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:

- Prep/1 6 sessions $60 Tuesday 16th February
- Year 2-4 6 sessions $60 Wednesday 17th February

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