PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thanks to our Education Support (ES) Staff

August is “ES Recognition Month” where we have the chance to formally thank a group of people who make an invaluable and indispensable contribution to our school. Their roles are diverse and include those who work in the Office, those who work supporting individual students in classrooms, taking care of the maintenance jobs, running our canteen and the OSHC program. The one thing they have in common is a desire to support the school and to help our children and our school community. They are dedicated, hardworking individuals who will do whatever it takes to meet the staff and childrens’ needs.

They really help to make Essex Heights an excellent place to work and learn. Quite simply we could not operate without these people, so on behalf of the children, parents and teachers …… Thank you to our fantastic ES Team!!

OSHC Program

Whilst talking about the ES Staff, I would like to highlight the wonderful service that our Outside School Hours Care program provides to our families. Paul Davis and his team run an outstanding program that is greatly appreciated by the children and families who rely on having this after hours service at school. The OSHC program is a crucial part of our school community and I would like to thank all their staff for the important contribution they make to Essex Heights.

Excursions, Incursions, Camps and Special Events

At Essex Heights we have a comprehensive program of enrichment activities that complement and enhance the classroom learning for the children. This week in particular sees a range of these activities across many year levels, providing the children with wonderful learning opportunities beyond their classrooms.

Monday

Yr 6: visited ACMI at Federation Square in support of their studies this Term on “Belonging” and the concept of migration.

Preps: hosted Firefighters and a truck to help them understand the role of Community Helpers.
Tuesday

Yr 2: travelled to Werribee Mansion for a range of experiences to build the children’s understanding of “The Past in the Present”
Preps: heading to the Syndal Swim Centre for another of their 8 Swimming Lessons this Term

Wednesday

Whole School: As a celebration of “Science in Schools Week” a range of activity stations were set up in the Stadium. The children were learning about the properties of “Light” whilst having fun at the same time.
State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal for the selected Yr 5/6 children
Yr 1: enjoying another in the weekly Science Workshops conducted by Deakin University Science Pre-Service Teachers

Thursday

Yr 3: travelled across the Westgate Bridge to Scienceworks and the Planetarium to extend their understanding of the Solar System and light.
Yr 4: will be coming back to school tonight for dinner, fun activities and then a sleepover in the Violet Building. This is the first stage of our Camping Program and introduces the children to spending the night away from home.

Friday

Yr 4: will arise early (very early most likely 😊) for breakfast at school. Then aboard the bus for the trip to CERES and a day of environmental activities in support of their studies in the Environment.
Yr 1: heading to the Syndal Swim Centre for another of their 8 Swimming Lessons this Term

Whilst this is a particularly busy week, these activities are an important part of planning a comprehensive and engaging program for all the children.

Deakin Partnership – 3D Printing

If you are on Konnective, you will already know that we have an exciting new project in partnership with Deakin University. They have provided Essex Heights, along with four other schools, a new 3D Printer free of charge. They are asking us to explore how this innovative technology may have application in the classroom and how we could incorporate it into our curriculum. During 2015, the printer will be used by the Yr 4 Team and they will contribute to a professional discussion facilitated by Deakin exploring the possibilities. Even better, once this project concludes, they will donate the 3D Printer to us permanently for use by any teacher in the school. Yet another example of the benefits to Essex Heights of our strong relationship with Deakin University.

Class Visit – Art Room

Yesterday I enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Art Room and spend some time with Anne Wootton and the children from 1C. Anne was introducing the children to a new activity using clay. The children had already constructed a castle in other mediums, so this week it was drawing into a clay tablet to make a castle design. This will then be fired and threaded with ribbon to make a wall hanging. Clay is a terrific medium for the children to use and they were highly engaged in this activity. We are very lucky at Essex Heights to have a kiln to fire the clay as this expands the uses and art activities that are possible in this medium.

Thanks to Anne, Carolyn Walker and Alex Douros for their work in the Visual Arts program, and for the creative ways in which they are using clay and the kiln.

See you around the school,
Andrew
Hi all

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Father's Day breakfast is being held on Thursday 3rd September. If you can help set up on Wednesday night (7.00 pm onwards) or at the breakfast (either Session 1, 6:30–8.00 am or Session 2, 7:45–9am) it would be greatly appreciated. Please register your details and availability online. And remember to return your reply slip if your family is attending, as well as your raffle tickets!

ALSO, our Father's Day stall is being held on Friday 4 September. If you can help set up on Thursday night (8.00 pm onwards) or at the stall on Friday (any time between 9am and 2pm) that would be terrific. Even an hour would be a big help. Once again, please sign up online.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about the Carnival, please speak to your class contact or email us at ehps.carnival@gmail.com. Or just bail one of us up in the playground!

With the exception of the handmade stall, it’s all a bit quiet at the moment, but preparations for the stalls will start in earnest in September. If you missed the list of stalls, it’s on the Carnival Facebook page.

Our next PFA meeting is on Wednesday 26 August at 7:30 pm in the staffroom. Hope to see you there!

Cheerio for now

Andrea J

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Berita Bahasa Indonesia!

Prep ‘Open Sessions’

It was wonderful to have so many parents, grandparents and special friends join us for an Indonesian lesson on Friday August 14th. Many went away with a few new Indonesian words! The children enjoyed working with their visitor/s to create a ‘potret keluarga’ – family portrait.

Looking for help please.....

If there are any parents who would be available to assist with the designing- creating of a simple pattern, cutting out and sewing of some Indonesian costumes (Indonesian top), could you please contact me directly douros.alexandra.k@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Terima Kasih banyak
(thank-you very much)

Alex ‘Bu’ Douros
FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE
We have had reports of a couple of Influenza A cases diagnosed in our students. Please read below the symptoms and differences with the common cold. Please also check the links below if further information is required and seek medical assistance if necessary. Children diagnosed with this must stay home while unwell.

**Symptoms of flu**
Flu symptoms develop one to three days after infection and include:

- high fever, chills and sweating
- sore throat
- runny or stuffed nose
- weakness
- headache
- general muscle and joint pains (in the legs and back)
- a non-productive (dry) cough that can later become more severe and productive (sputum or mucous is coughed up).

**Flu is not the common cold**
The flu is more severe than a bad cold because:

- Cold symptoms last from two to a few days, whereas the flu can last up to a week.
- The flu causes a high fever, whereas a cold sometimes causes only a mild fever.
- Muscular pains and shivering attacks occur with the flu, but not with a cold.
- Colds cause a runny nose, while the flu usually starts with a dry sensation in the nose and throat.
- Flu symptoms come on quickly whereas colds develop more gradually


http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Influenza_the_flu/

Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

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**BANKING NEWS**

**Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read**

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
We are again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet which you can get at Woolworths and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school in the Front Office or at your local Woolworths with the school name written on it.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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**Canteen**

**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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Essex Heights Primary School
Lunchtime Dance

LUNCHTIME DANCE CLASSES ARE NOW FULL.

Classes will begin on Wednesday August 19th instead of Wednesday August 12th. The first three sessions will run for 40 minutes to make up for the late start.

Thank you for your understanding.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama

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FATHER’S DAY STALL

When: Friday 4th September
Where: School Hall
What to bring: Money & a carry bag

Father’s Day gifts range from $1 - $6

The PFA are looking for helpers on the day. Any amount of time you can offer would be appreciated. Please register your details and availability at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aada829a2ff2-fathers2 Morning tea will be provided. Thanks Stef – sscanning10@gmail.com & Andrea – ajfyfe@optusnet.com.au
### SCHOOL TRANSITION SESSIONS PROGRAM

for children commencing Prep in 2016

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This evening is for interested parents of children who will be commencing Prep in 2016. We will explain the Curriculum for the first years of school and visit the Prep Classrooms.

**Child Care will be available.**

Please RSVP by 27/7/15

### 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 16th 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 14th 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 30th October over a cup of tea or coffee.

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 are to bring playlunch and lunch today as well as a drink and hat.

Session will include playtime with Year 5 buddies.

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

**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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**Starting School?**

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Registering and logging in to Konnective

Step 1: Download the Konnective app from the AppStore or GooglePlay

If you don’t have an Apple or Android smartphone you can register on the Konnective website and choose to receive messages via email.

Step 2: Register with Konnective

When you open the Konnective app tap on the Register button.

Enter your email address, first name, last name and setup a password that you will remember (phone number is optional).

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You will be sent an email asking you to click on a link to verify your email address. Check your spam/junk folders if it does not arrive.

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Enter your email address and the password you set when you registered.

You will now see the Konnective Welcome page. Click “Search for a business” and follow the instructions to connect to feeds relevant for you (you can also access this via My Connections in the menu).

You can automatically connect to any public feeds (those with a Connect button) or else Request Approval to be added to any other feeds that are relevant to you. Upon Requesting Approval, the connection will remain in a pending state until you can be reviewed and approved onto that feed by the school or business.

For any help or queries, please contact support@konnective.com.au

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St. Luke’s Preschool

Have you missed out on a Kinder spot?

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[bullet points]
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For enquiries, contact our Enrolment Officers:
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- 4-year-old: Tonja - 0433 594 016

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Our 2015 Kindergarten Hours

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3 YO & 4 YO places still available for 2015!

We are the only local kindergarten to offer a government-funded longer-day program. Getting your children ready for full time school.

Optional Extended Session times - Before and After Care

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Clare King 0418 303 574  
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Jan King 0417 471 373  
(B.Ed, Reading Recovery trained)

Romsey Primary School 150th Anniversary Open Day
Saturday October 24th from 10.00am – 4.00pm

All past students, families and staff of Romsey Primary School are invited to our 150th celebration at the current school site in Station Street, Romsey. Visits to the old school will be available, and there will be displays, demonstrations, a mini market day, and gourmet bar-b-cue lunch on the day. An official ceremony will be held at 2.30pm. Other activities in Romsey over that weekend include a special screening of Dusty at the Mechanics Institute with an old time supper afterwards on Saturday evening, a special World Children’s Day activity program at Sydney Seymour Cottage (hosted by the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society) on Sunday and a family picnic day at the old school site also on Sunday. Some of the local cafes, restaurants and hotels will be offering special deals for those attending the Open Day at Romsey.

All good reasons to come along and catch up with old acquaintances!
For further information visit the Romsey Primary school website www.romseyps.vic.edu.au or call 03 5429 5099. Email your attendance to romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au