PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Year 4 Sleepover
The Yr 4 children and teachers participated in our second only “School Sleepover” last week. The children came back to school at 5pm, enjoyed games and a lovely BBQ meal, entertained each other with a ‘Skit Night’ and settled into four classrooms in Violet Building to sleep the night.

The next day they rose early (as there are no blinds on the windows), ate brekkie at school then got an early start to the environmental education centre in Brunswick, CERES. This program complemented their Unit of Study for Term 3.

This is a great introduction to our Camping Program and familiarised the children with the behaviours and expectations for their Yr 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill next Year.

Thanks to the great team of parents who came and organised the BBQ meal for the children, and joined in for the excursion. Thanks also to the Yr 4 teachers Sonja Ludvik, Alexandra O’Connor and Andrew Russell for organising this wonderful experience for the children. Thanks also to Ina Kuehlich and Kathy Halliday who also slept over to help with supervision.
Showcase – Friday, October 23rd
I am really looking forward to our Essex Heights “Showcase” next Term. The children and teachers are rehearsing and preparing to present another amazing show, and we would love everyone in the Essex Heights community to be there. Please note the date now in your diaries and watch Contact in coming weeks for updates and information. Online ticket sales will open in Term 4, closer to the Showcase date.

Reading to Children is Important
I think every parent knows the value of reading books to young children. However, I have an Age article in my files that states: “Reading together still important after children start school, expert says”. Professor Bridie Raban, at the University of Melbourne’s Graduate School of Education makes the point that many parents stop reading to their children after they reach school age, and this is a lost opportunity to continue to develop their literacy skills

“Research identifies a clear link between the development of good literacy and numeracy skills at an early age and higher levels of educational achievement, employability, higher earnings and social participation later in life,” she said.

Despite the bells and whistles of digital books, 86 per cent of Australian children preferred a traditional book.

The article provided the following tips for parents:

Reading tips

1. Make reading part of the daily routine. Make a bedtime story something to look forward to.
2. Read regularly yourself.
3. Join a local library.
4. Read books on different topics and find themes that interest your kids.
5. Play word and word association games.
6. Talk with your child: it builds communication skills, vocabulary and increases confidence.

Source: Literacy Solutions and Optus

The online article can be found at:

Happy Holidays (a little early)
I shared with the children at Monday’s Assembly that I am taking some leave for the final three weeks of Term 3 and traveling to Sri Lanka with my wife and some friends. I am looking forward to the cultural experiences in a country I haven’t visited before ……. and some warmer weather!

I’d like to wish Essex Heights families and staff a great break (in three weeks’ time) and look forward to an exciting Term 4 after the holidays.

Thanks to Assistant Principals Ina Kuehlich and Joan Scott, and Business Manager Barb McCann who will all take on extra duties in my absence.

See you in Term 4,

Andrew
**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

Hi all

Tomorrow (Friday) is Principal’s Day. On behalf of all the parents and children, I’d like to give warm and sincere thanks to Andrew, Joan and Ina for the wonderful job they do leading our school. They are instrumental in setting a beautiful culture at Essex Heights, a place where our children are nurtured and do indeed “have fun here every day”. Thank you!

Make sure you’ve returned your slip to attend our Father’s Day breakfast on Thursday 3rd September. And get those raffle tickets in too as there will be some great prizes on offer. If you can help set up the night before or at the breakfast itself, please register online.

Come along and help the children choose something special at our Father’s Day stall on Friday 4th September. Please sign up online to help set up on Thursday night or at the stall on Friday.

Order forms will soon go home for Hot Dog Day, which will be held on the same day as Footy Colours Day: Thursday 17 September. Be sure to return your child’s form and money by Friday 11 September.

“See you around the school”

Andrea J

**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

On the 3-9-15 the Before Care Program will operate out of Eucalyptus.

Next Week we will be making Father’s Day cards. We have heaps of wonderful materials to decorate your cards so come along and make Dad a really special card.

Thank you to all those families that have kept their accounts up to date. If you are unsure whether your account is overdue just email me at davis.paul.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

The September Vacation Care Program will be out on the 7/09/15.

**Berita Bahasa Indonesia!**

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
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

There is less than a month to go for the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge! The challenge finishes on the 14th September and you must have your books logged by the 13th so we can verify all books online. Please encourage your child to finish this challenge and assist them to log the books. We will verify all books at the end of the challenge.

Congratulations to those students who have already read the required number of books! Remember: “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” — Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

In The Age Wednesday 26th August:

“If you’re suffering with the flu, or taking care of a child who has it, you’re not alone.

Schools, childcare centres and offices have been hit hard in the past fortnight, as the number of flu cases in Victoria increases.

Yet, the peak of Victoria's flu season this year isn't expected until September.

"We're on the cusp of the peak at the moment," said Dr Alan Hampton of the Influenza Specialist Centre.”


I have been seeing a lot of children in the Health centre who are quite unwell with high temperatures and other cold and flu symptoms.
Please keep unwell children at home as they are not going to learn anything while unwell and so promoting full recovery and to prevent cross infection to other members of our school community.

Thank-you,
Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

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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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
PARENT EDUCATION SESSIONS
DADS – KEYS FOR SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

Wednesday 9 September 2015, 7 –9pm

COST: Free

SPEAKER: Jarrod Bradley

VENUE: Malvern Town Hall, Banquet Room, 1251 High Street, Malvern

Do you find it difficult to spend time with your family? What is your role as a father or male partner? How do you support your partner? How do you play with your children? How can you support your children to grow up strong, resilient and happy?

This session explores the role of men as fathers/partners in the 21st century.

We will look at how to be an involved father and supportive partner and ways to be a successful father so you can be involved in your child’s life and to provide a strong, connected role model.

We will look at the issues confronting fathers/partners, which include:

• Father’s role in the family (work life balance)
• Time with children and family
• Stress of supporting your family
• Connecting with your children

To register for this session of Parent Education Sessions, please visit the below website:
http://stonnington.eventbrite.com.au

For more information, please contact 8290 1333
Legacy’s annual Badge Appeal will be taking place during the week of August 30 to September 5, 2015.

Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering financially and socially after the incapacitation or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service. We currently care for some 90,000 widows and 1,900 children and people with disabilities throughout Australia.

The following merchandise will be available for sale at your child’s school during Legacy Week.

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The support Legacy receives from schools, students and their families in helping Legacy care for the families of Australia’s incapacitated and deceased veterans is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.
# 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.

**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 – Preparing your child for Learning.**

**ORIENTATION DAY**
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

**Child Care will be available.**
Please RSVP by 16/11/15

**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.

**ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Essex Road, Mount Waverley. Vic. 3149
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Email: essex.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Web: www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au

**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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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

**NUMERACY – Classroom session**
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Please bring your child to the School Hall today to find out your room.
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**PARENT SESSION – Health Matters – Julie Zuk, First Aid Officer at Essex Heights Primary School**

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

**PARENT SESSION – Preparing your child for Learning.**

**Child Care will be available.**
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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.
Registering and logging in to Konnective

Step 1: Download the Konnective app from the AppStore or Google Play
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).
In addition to getting notifications to your phone, you can also choose to receive each message as an email.
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.

Step 3: Login to Konnective
Open up the app. Make sure you select OK to receive Push Notifications from Konnective (iPhone only). This will ensure you get a notification whenever you receive a new message.
Tap on the Login button.
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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4-year-old: Toria - 0433 594 016

MONASH UNIVERSITY HOCKEY CLUB PRESENTS

Juniors Summer Competition

Tuesday Nights
5:30pm-6:50pm
13th of October- 24th of November
At Monash University Hockey Pavilion, Clayton
Registration closes 6th of October
Open to ages 14 and under
Cost $40

Register your interest at monashjuniors@gmail.com
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