Term 3, 2015

- 21st July – 8th Sept.: Prep Swimming
- 24th July – 11th Sept.: Years 1 & 2 Swimming
- 3rd September: Father’s Day Breakfast – School Hall
- 4th September: Father’s Day Stall
- 4th September: Waverley Primary Schools Softball Competition – Jells Road Softball Centre
- 10th September: School Council Meeting
- 10th & 11th September: State Schools Spectacular rehearsals
- 12th September: State Schools Spectacular – Hisense Arena
- 13th September: Working Bee – 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.
- 15th September: Yr 1C & 1W – ACMI Excursion
- 16th September: Yr 1J & 1F – ACMI Excursion
- 16th September: Prep 2016 – Transition Session 1
- 17th September: Footy Colours and Hot Dog Day
- 18th September: Last day Term 3 – 2.30 p.m. finish

Term 4, 2015

- 5th October: Term 4 commences
- 23rd October: Music Showcase – Robert Blackwood Hall
- 21st November: EHPS Carnival
- 18th December: Last day Term 4 – 1.30 p.m. finish

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

NAPLAN Results
These have recently been distributed to families of Yr 3 & Yr 5 children. A summary of this and other data sets will be submitted to School Council in October.

Junior School Council
At Assembly on Monday the new Junior School Council Representatives and Vice Representatives were acknowledged. Andrea Jordan, PFA President, presented the JSC representatives with their badges. These JSC representatives perform an important student leadership role and facilitate all students having a voice in school decisions in a range of areas. JSC representatives regularly present at Assembly, developing public speaking skills. They are also actively involved in raising money to support projects in Australia and overseas as part of our Social Justice program. In particular, the JSC supports children in East Timor.

School Athletics Carnival
The Yr 3-6 Athletics Team performed very well at the recent District Athletics Carnival and greatly enjoyed their experience. Out of this event 11 children have qualified for the Division Athletics finals early in Term 4, so congratulations to them, and to Ben Wooster and the Level 3 & 4 teachers for their training and preparation of the team. Thanks also to Brianna Goldsworthy and Con Papanicolaou who also attended on the day, and to the many parents who were able to provide encouragement to the competing students.

On Friday 4th September Ben Wooster will be accompanying a group of students to the Waverley Primary Schools Softball Competition. We wish these students good luck and thank those parents who have volunteered to assist with transport and support on the day. Thanks to Ben and the teachers involved in facilitating these sporting opportunities for our students.

Egg winners
Our star hens, Coco and Peck, continue to live up to the Essex Heights value of Persistence by providing us with a magnificent supply of eggs each week. The weekly ‘egg draw’ has become a highlight of Monday’s Assembly, with a few lucky families winning the coveted half dozen eggs. Thanks to those who have provided egg cartons - we now have a plentiful supply!
Planning Week
Next week teachers will be involved in team planning for Term 4. Each level is allocated a particular planning day, when classes are taught by our specialist team, regular Casual Staff or Literacy Intervention staff. Planning Week facilitates collegiate discussions around student achievement and wellbeing, and detailed preparation of curriculum planners and associated activities such as level excursions. Teachers work closely together in order to provide a differentiated curriculum for all our students.

Prep Transition Program – First Session
We are planning for a large number of children to participate in the first of our Transition Days on Wednesday September 16th. This program certainly makes a big difference to the pre-school children as it supports them to make a positive transition to full time school next year. The day provides a terrific opportunity to meet with the parents whilst the children enjoy activities with our teachers. Thanks to the Prep team and specialist teachers for their planning of this important program.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast.
This morning saw the school hall filled with dads and children, for the Annual Fathers’ Day breakfast. This highly anticipated event was coordinated by Megan Rogers, with a willing band of assistants providing a scrumptious breakfast for all. The two sittings were “sold out” with many families also having the added bonus of winning a prize in the lucky draw. Thanks to all who contributed prizes. These opportunities are much appreciated by the school community; the breakfast in particular allows the dads to meet each other in the company of their children. The staff also enjoy the occasion - special thanks to Kristi Lloyd, our ‘resident photographer’, whose excellent photos are much appreciated and can be viewed in the School Front Office foyer.
The breakfast will be followed tomorrow by the Fathers’ Day Stall, which is also facilitated by the PFA. The children always enjoy the process of choosing something special from the wide variety of gifts sourced by the PFA organisers. The Preps in particular delight in the experience of attending the stall with their Year 5 buddies who provide helpful support and advice! Thank you to Stef Wendler Canning and Andrea Jordan for organising the stall.

Happy Fathers’ Day to all the Essex Heights dads!

Ina Kuehlich and Joan Scott
Assistant Principals
Indonesian Food and Trade Festival

This popular one-day only event features a selection of specialist market stalls, live entertainment and traditional Indonesian foods for all to enjoy.

Date: Sunday September 6th
Time: 11am-5pm
Venue: Box Hill Town Hall
1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
Cost: $2 children/pensioners, $3 Adults, $8 family (2 adults/2 children)
http://www.weekendnotes.com/indonesian-food-trade-festival/
FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE
A case of Hand, foot and mouth disease has been diagnosed in one of the younger grades. Please read accompanying link for more information in regards to this.

Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is caused by a virus (usually from the coxsackie group of enteroviruses, particularly coxsackie virus A16). It causes blisters on the hands and feet, in the mouth and often in the ‘nappy’ area. It is generally only a mild disease that lasts seven to ten days. HFMD occurs mainly in children under ten years of age, but can also affect older children and adults. Outbreaks may occur in childcare settings. By the time they are adults, most people have been infected with the virus that causes this disease.


Julie ☺

RUBBISH FREE LUNCHES
Spread the word about the benefits of packing a healthy, waste-free lunch

‘Waste free lunches’: it’s simply food that is packed without packaging! Why and what? Well, on average, a child who has a disposable lunch generates three pieces of rubbish per day, which equals a monstrous 30kg of waste per child per year! By making the most of the natural packaging of food (e.g. peels, skins, rinds, etc) and by wrapping food in packaging that can be re-used or recycled, you’ll be drastically reducing the environmental impact of your food.

Having a fresh and healthy lunch also helps kids concentrate and gives them more energy. Most healthy foods also come with only a little packaging or natural packaging, which makes packing a waste free lunch easy!

TIPS FOR THE RUBBISH FREE LUNCHES

Reusable containers- Using reusable containers is the cornerstone of a rubbish free lunch. Suitably sized containers will keep sandwiches intact and make little treats easy to pack. Although reusable containers may have a higher upfront cost and they are durable. They will save you money in the longer time and they help reduce waste.

Buying in Bulk- Buying items such as juice, yoghurt, crackers, biscuits and cheese in bulk quantities or containers, rather than in individual servings, will probably save you money as well as reduce waste. It also allows your child to drink or eat only as much as they want at one time, and they can reseal the container.

Recyclable Packaging- We understand that some children’s lunches may need to contain packaged food items for dietary, religious or other reasons. Check which types of packaging can be recycled at school. You can also check which items can be recycled at home, by visiting the RecyclingNearYou.com.au website and searching under your council area.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE FAMILY ROSTER & PUTTING OUT THE SCHOOL RECYCLING BINS?
MONASH COUNCIL RECYCLING AREA A

Please see Ms. Marita Steward in 2S or the School Office if you can assist.

Please collect the bins from driveway behind art room. If the gate is locked please use alternate gate.

Please space the bins out for the driver. The bins need to go out Sunday night as collection times vary on the Monday morning. Alternately they cannot go out on Saturday as we may receive a fine or worse still the bins may fall over!!

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TAKE HOME READERS
This will be the last week for Take Home Reading Books for this Term. No Books will be sent home from Thursday 4th September. Next week a full stock-take of reading boxes will take place. Please ensure that all Take Home Readers are returned by Tuesday 8th September at the latest. It is important that your child still reads at home, so maybe you could borrow books from your local library or look on your own bookshelves for books suitable for your child to read.

Thanking You
Teaching Staff

CANTEEN

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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 (in the Stadium).

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

FAQS: School Banking reward item recall
Summary:
- Commonwealth Bank is recalling the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ as part of our School Banking Rewards Program due to a potential safety issue.
- Please rest assured we have not received any reports of injury but concerns have been raised about the potential for a child to access the button batteries inside the Torch.

- We have taken these concerns seriously and are immediately recalling the Torch as a precautionary measure.
- Commonwealth Bank considers the safety of all its customers as the utmost priority.

QUESTIONS
Why did CBA decide to recall the Torch?
- The torch contains four button batteries that may be accessed when you unscrew the back of the item.
- These batteries are swallowed they may cause serious injury.
- While we have not received any reports of injury, we take the safety of our customers seriously and believe the most appropriate action is to remove the Torch from our Rewards Program and immediately recall it.

What do parents need to do as a result?
- If their child has a Torch, we ask that they immediately remove it from their child’s possession and dispose of it safely.

Will there be a new prize to replace the cosmic torch?
- Yes - we are offering children a replacement reward item from our Rewards Program (subject to availability).
- School Banking coordinators will be able to help parents order an alternative reward item without affecting their child’s current token tally.
Who should parents contact if they have further enquiries?
- From Wednesday, 26 August until Friday, 28 August, customers can contact us from 9am to 6pm (AEST) on 1800 674 496.
- From 31 August, the helpdesk will resume normal hours, available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm (AEST).

Was the Torch tested before it was included in the rewards program?
- Yes - when we selected this reward, it was independently tested and met relevant product safety standards (including the International Standard on Electric Toys (EN62115) and Australian Standard on Safety of Toy Sets (AS8124).
- However, we have listened closely to concerns raised and undertook a further internal review which has resulted in the decision to voluntarily recall the Torch.
- We believe this is the most appropriate action for our customers and their families.

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
Essex Heights Working Bee

Sunday 13th September, 2015

All families of Essex Heights Primary School are invited to participate in our Working Bee on Sunday 13 September 2015 anytime that they may be available between the hours of 10 am to 3pm. Please bring your gardening gloves, wheelbarrow and garden spade.

It will be a fun day for parents and children to join together and enjoy beautifying the school grounds in preparation and getting ready for the Carnival! We will be tidying school grounds and playground areas, getting the Poppy garden ready, gardening, removing the sand pit and there are plenty more jobs to do.

A BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch with hot and cold drinks and icy poles. The more the merrier. Please complete the form below to indicate your availability for the day and hand in to the classroom teacher or office before next Friday 11 September 2015.

Thanking you & in appreciation
Essex Heights Primary School
School Council Grounds Committee

Please return to the class teacher or Essex Heights school office by Friday 11 September 2015.

We will be attending the Working Bee on Sunday 13 September 2015 between the following hours:

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Family Name: ____________________________ Contact telephone No: ____________________________

Children(s) Classroom No(s): ____________________________
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

**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.

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

**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 – 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

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.

**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

ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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**St. Luke’s Preschool**

Have you missed out on a Kinder spot?

Enquire now about our 4 Year Old program over 3 consecutive days and our 3 Year Old Saturday program.

See stlukeskindergarten.org.au for more details.

As a not for profit Preschool we can accept enrolments from outside the City of Monash.

Our small classes use play-based learning in a stimulating environment.

Learning is tailored to a child’s individual needs.

Our program celebrates the cultural diversity of our community.

St. Lukes Preschool
94 Essex Road, Mount Waverley
www.stlukeskindergarten.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/stlukeskinder

For enquiries, contact our Enrolment Officers:

3-year-old: Mckib - 0432 141 097 or
4-year-old: Stolla - 0432 394 516

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**Holiday Program Syndal**

**WEEK 1**

Monday
21st September - Friday
25th September

**TIMES**

9am - 12pm &
2pm - 4pm

Private Lessons Available

**Just Swimming**

9802 3900
www.justswimming.com.au

Highly qualified swimming teachers

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**Kingswood College Carnival**

August 2015

Kingswood College Carnival, Saturday 10 October, 3pm – 8pm

I extend a warm invitation to you, your students and their families to come along to Kingswood College on Saturday 10 October for our Carnival.

Please find enclosed promotional information about the Carnival and a little bit about the activities on the day. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in displaying the posters and postcards around your school so that students can attend what will be a fun afternoon for the family.

PEPPA PIG STAGE SHOW

THE PICCADILLY MARKET

MAJOR CARNIVAL RIDES

FIRESWORKS AT DUSK

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information about the Carnival or Kingswood College in general on 9886 1700 or via email

lynnelle.dudman@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au

Kind regards

Lynelle Dudman
Director of Community Engagement