# CALENDAR DATES

**Term 1, 2015**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**School Council Elections 2015**

As notified in the recent parent bulletin, we have now concluded our School Council Election process for 2015. The School Council members are;

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I wish to express appreciation to two outgoing councillors for their invaluable contribution to the Essex Heights community. Thanks to parent representatives **Andriana Anevlavis (Treasurer – for over five years)** and **Belinda Barnett (Vice President & Policy and Planning Committee Convenor)** for their valuable contribution to School Council. Both Andriana and Belinda have contributed time and significant expertise, which has been greatly appreciated.

The first School Council meeting for the new Council will take place on Thursday, March 19th at 7:30pm. At this meeting we will elect the School Council Executive and also confirm Coordinators and membership of the various sub-committees.

These sub committees are open to all members of the school community and are not limited to elected School Councillors. Following the first meeting of our new Council there will be a call for expressions of interest to join these sub-committees so please consider your interest and availability in joining a committee.
The current School Council Sub-committees are:

Finance, Policy & Planning, Outside School Hours Care (OSHC), Grounds

Please talk to me if you would like to find out about what this membership entails.

Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

Last night I attended the first PFA Meeting for 2015 and it was very pleasing to see the number of parents in attendance. This very important group in our community carries out a dual function. Firstly it provides activities and events that enhance and add value to the children’s school experience. Activities such as Welcome Picnic, Mother’s & Father’s Day Stalls, Mother’s Day & Father’s Day Breakfast, Disco, Active Travel Program, Hot Dog Days as well as supporting events throughout the year like Pink Stumps Day, Footy Colours Day, School Fun Run, Year 6 Graduation and Second Hand Uniform Sales.

Secondly, the PFA has a fundraising component to their work and this happens through various raffles, the Fun Run, Entertainment Book sales, Trivia Nights and so on, that raise much needed funds for the school. Some of the significant purchases made with PFA funds in 2014 included Chicken Coop, Covered Way for Portables, Student Kitchen Upgrade, Literacy Resources, Fridge/Freezer for Student Kitchen, Sports Tops, Children’s Garden Equipment and Kitchen Equipment.

Additional to these, I also appreciate the opportunity to regularly meet PFA members to seek their views and opinions on a range of topics that relate to Essex Heights PS. They provide another forum, like School Council, to engage and dialogue with parents.

As the Principal of Essex Heights, I see firsthand the tremendous work carried out by the PFA, and greatly appreciate their invaluable contribution to our children and the broader school community.

Soon you will receive a notice from the PFA asking for assistance with the various events throughout the year. I urge you to volunteer some time to assist with at least one event, thereby sharing the load across our community. For parents who are interested in the broader work of the PFA, the Committee meets monthly to oversee these activities and I invite you to join them at their AGM on March 18th at 7:30 pm where you would be most welcome.

Parent/Teacher Discussions

These have been scheduled for Monday, March 2nd and Tuesday March 3rd. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child’s class teacher to discuss matters of mutual interest, to ensure that the year is a most successful experience for all involved. Details of our online booking system were forwarded home to all families this week, and are available on the website.

Principal
See you around the school,

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (B.A.S.C.)

The enrolment forms for the Curriculum Days (5 & 6 March) are now out. We have also released the April Vacation Care Enrolment forms.

This week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year at Aftercare. We will be making Lanterns, Dragons, Oriental Hats. Fortune Cookies and plenty more fun activities.

I would like to thank Belinda and Rob Barnett for their very kind and generous donation to the program.

Thank You
Paul Davis

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who helped and donated at the second hand uniform stall, it was very much appreciated.

Don’t forget to LIKE, and invite family and friends to LIKE our carnival Facebook page. We are very excited.
Some Upcoming events which the PFA will be hosting is the Welcome Event, where we welcome all families to attend and enjoy a night at school, meeting with other families. More information and a date to be confirmed will be in next week’s Contact.

Enjoy your weekend
Betty Ciorciari

FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

I have sent home this week Allergy, Asthma and Medical forms to be updated and reviewed for the 2015 school year.

You have received this form as you have marked down on your child’s records that your child has this condition. If you no longer think this is applicable to your child, I require a signed letter or an email from yourself and in some cases your doctor stating this and it will be taken off the records.

Please return the completed forms as soon as possible and thank you for the parents who already have. This will ensure we have up to date records and therefore assist in managing your child appropriately while at school.

Please call me in regards to any queries about this or any other health concerns on 9807 4944 between 11am -3pm each day.

Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome and welcome back to all future and current bankers. We enjoyed banking with the children last year and also achieved a fantastic result for the school. Our school received $2,826.63 in commission from the bank last year. This money becomes part of the PFA fund raising funds and benefits the children in lots of ways in their school life. We have already signed up about 40 new students for this year which is very exciting.

SCHOOL BANKINGCOMPETITION 2015: bank at least 25 times through the school this year and to into the drawer to win a trip to Disneyland in California for a family of 4

For all new students or anyone who would like to join the program here is how it works:

1. Get youth saver account from the Commonwealth Bank. You can open an account directly at any Commonwealth Bank by taking your child’s birth certificate and your driver’s license to the bank or online if you are already a costumer yourself.

2. Once you have an account number your child can now make deposits through the school by bringing the filled in deposit slip in the yellow pouch to school each Friday. Please make sure you include the exact money. If you have an account number but no deposit book or pouch please see me or send me a note on Friday and I will arrange one for you.

3. Your child earns a silver coin for every deposit made. When your child has earned 10 silver tokens we will swap the 10 tokens for 1 gold token which your child can keep. They also qualify for a little gift from the bank for every 10 deposits they make. The gifts for this year are on a reward card. Your child picks a gift, fills out that part of the reward card and sends it back to us.

4. The school receives a commission of 5% of all deposits made through the school (up to deposits of $200) and $5 for every new banker.

We hope the gifts encourage your children to become weekly bankers and get into the habit of saving regularly. Also, please remember the bank only gives your child the bonus interest rate if they bank at least once a month.

Available gifts at present are:

If you have questions or would like to help with banking please call or email Stef on 98087694, sscanning10@gmail.com

The School banking team.
INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Trumpet
Trombone

Are you interested in learning a Brass instrument?
We are looking for students in Years 3 and 4 to start lessons
and join the Band. Cool tunes, great fun and
fantastic sound.

Interested? For more information and enrolment form, find the Brass Handbook
here:

MSO Family Jam -
The MSO’s Family Jams provide an opportunity for members of the public to ‘jam’ with musicians of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in a fun, inclusive and informal environment. Participants of all ages (minimum age 6 years – adults welcome!) are encouraged to bring along their own instrument or borrow one of ours and work together to develop an original piece of music that’s based on orchestral repertoire within the current MSO Season. Each workshop culminates in a performance for family and friends.

Date: Saturday 28 March

Cost: Free

Bookings are essential. Phone the MSO Box Office (03) 9929 9600 between the hours of 9am-6pm, Monday to Friday

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED
To all our Parent Helpers and anyone who may be free. We are looking for some helpers to cover books for the Middle School Reading room. If you are available, please meet in Violet Collaborative area on Wednesday 4th March from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Thanks. Ina Kuehlich

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CANTEN

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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VOUCHERS FROM PINEWOOD SHOPPING CENTRE

**KIDS CUTS**
- Receive a **50% OFF ANY SERVICE Voucher**
- *When a Kids Cut is purchased*

**PIGGY BANK**
- Open a Kids Piggy Bank account and receive a **$10 FREE deposit**

**FREE CUTS**
- Get a hair cut (mum or Dad) and your kids cut is **FREE**

**FREE CLASS**
- Mums enjoy a **FREE CLASS!**
Clean Up Day

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
1990-2015

PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE

At Essex Heights Primary School

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH, 2015
St Luke's Twilight

FIESTA

Saturday
14th March 2015
3pm 'til 8pm.

94-96 ESSEX RD,
MT WAKERLEY

Market Stalls  Live Music
Jumping Castle  White Elephant
Gourmet Food  Animal Farm
Plants  Books
PRODUCTS & SERVICES ADVERTISED IN ‘CONTACT’ ARE PLACED ON A PAID BASIS AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY BEING PROMOTED BY ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ashwood Junior Football Club
is looking for boys & girls aged 7+ as of January 1st 2015 to play

Junior Football
Registration dates are now open for U9s U10s & U11s
First training/information day is Sunday 22 February
10.00 – 11.00
@ Essex Heights Reserve
Outlook Road, Mt Waverley
www.junior.ashwoodfc.com.au

Date: 0419 166 300   Time: 0411 960 404

Saturday Netball
2015

Essex Heights Netball Club is currently accepting registrations from girls and boys in Years 4, 5 and 6. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Ashwood Netball courts (Farmer Street, Ashwood).

Training is on Thursday nights straight after school – 3:30 – 4:30pm – at the school’s netball courts.

Training will commence on Thursday 19 February and the season commences on Saturday 14 March.
For further information, please contact Rosemary Gillespie on 0408 070 435 or 9807 0435.
2015
13CABS Taxi Driver Memorial Cup

In Support of

Monash Children's Hospital

All-Stars vs 13CABS Drivers

including:
Former Australian Cricketer - Matthew Elliott
Former Australian and Victorian Cricketer - Bryce McGain
AFL player for Hawthorn FC - Shaun Burgoyne
CJ and Frank from 'The Voice' and many more!

Get down early so you don’t miss any of the T20 action!

Monday 23 February 2015 - first ball @ 3.30pm

Essex Heights Reserve
Cnr Huntingdale Road & Essex Road
Mount Waverley VIC

Supported by

13CABS thanks you for your support of the Monash Children’s Hospital