PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Council

We had the first meeting of the new School Council last week and elected the Executive positions for 2016. My thanks and congratulations to the following Councilors who have accepted nominations to the positions of:

- **President** – Trevor Sharrock
- **Vice President** – David Thomas
- **Treasurer** – Anne Vythingham Choy
- **Minutes Secretary** – Jessica Chan

At this meeting we also nominated Conveners for the School Council Sub-committees for 2016. The Sub-committees are a very important part of the School Council process and I have included a short explanation below for your information.

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School Council Sub Committees. What do sub-committees do?
Sub-committees:
• Assist Council in the work that needs to be done. They report regularly at School Council meetings, provide advice and make recommendations to School Council which has the final responsibility for decisions. **Sub-committees cannot make decisions for School Council; rather they make recommendations to Council**
• Are open to non School Council members and therefore provide opportunities to involve people in the school who are not members of School Council
• The Council sub-committees sometimes have working parties that are set up for a specific task for a set period of time. An example of a working party might be related to the development of a policy – for example a “healthy eating” working party or a “sun smart” working party. Working parties are covered by the same rules as sub-committees. They cannot make decisions but instead make recommendations to either a sub-committee or School Council.

I would like to invite any interested community members to become involved in one of the Council Sub-committees listed below. The meetings will generally be on a Thursday and will be publicised in Contact. If you would like to discuss the possibility of contributing to Essex Heights in this way, please feel free to give me a call, or contact the Conveners as listed below.

**Essex Heights School Council Sub-committees & Convenors 2016**

**Finance** – Convener – Anne Vyshilingam Choy
Finance monitors school budgets, income and expenditure, as well as making recommendations regarding financial policies.

**Policy & Planning** – Convener – Silvia Pasquote Abreu
Policy & Planning is involved with writing new policies covering any aspects of the school program that need that type of documentation. They also conduct a cyclic review and update all existing policies.

**Grounds** – Convener – Kristen Steer
Grounds look after the external environment of the school, gardens and playground areas. They organize working bees for routine maintenance and also grounds improvement projects.

**OSHC** – Convener – Melanie Boyle
The OSHC committee operates as a committee of management for the OSHC program. They work with Paul Davis and the OSHC team to monitor, maintain and improve the delivery of this service for our families who use Before Care, After Care and the Holiday Program.
Annual Report - 2015

Also at the March School Council meeting, we tabled and endorsed the Essex Heights 2015 Annual Report. This document follows a format required by all Government schools and publishes performance data relating to School Profile, Student Outcomes, Attendance, Wellbeing and a Financial Summary. This Annual Report will be published on the school website in Term 2 for your information, and can be read or downloaded from the ‘School Reports and Plans’ tab.

Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

School Council also endorsed the 2016 AIP before submission to the Department of Education and Training (DET). This document identifies the ‘Key Improvement Strategies’ (taken for our Strategic Plan 2015-2018) that will be the focus for us this year. The AIP (and Strategic Plan) are available on the school website.

However, in summary, our focus areas for 2016 are:

- **Student Achievement** – continuing to develop and agreed ‘Instructional Model’ of consistent teaching at Essex Heights PS.
- **Student Achievement** – further develop the school wide Writing Program
- **Student Engagement** – explore and expand Student Feedback Surveys
- **Student Wellbeing** – extend and develop the “School Wide Positive Behaviour” program (as outlined in the February 25th Contact)
- **Productivity** – extend the use of the Compass Student Management system to include parents. (more on this in Term 2)

Working Bee

Thank you to the parents, children and staff (over 20 families represented) who attended the Working Bee on Sunday. In beautiful conditions we were able to complete all the major tasks on our list ..... and a few extras. This included establishing some new planter boxes in the ‘veggie patch’ area and also spreading additional playground mulch in the ‘Junior Playground’.

Thanks to Ina Kuehlich and Marita Steward, School Council Grounds Committee, for their planning and organisation of this event.

Staffing News - Canteen

We farewell our Canteen Manager, Maggie Dellora, for a period of leave during Term 2. I would like to wish Maggie a restful break and look forward to her returning to Essex Heights in Term 3. We welcome back Maria Vahalos, who has served in this role before, to begin at the start of Term 2.

Baik Sekali Cards

In support of our School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB) program, the teachers are currently issuing ‘Baik Sekali’ cards in the yard. Baik Sekali is Indonesian for ‘great’ or ‘excellent’ and these cards are designed to reward children exhibiting positive behaviours under the headings of; Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be a Learner. The cards are then added to a box and four winners drawn out each Assembly. Our intention is to identify and reward the positive behaviours that we are trying to encourage, thereby building the children’s knowledge and skills.

The first winners of the Baik Sekali draw were, Alexea - PrepC, Jimmy – 4O, Kavinu – 3CW & Camryn – 2O
Grandparents & Special Friends Day
A reminder about our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day tomorrow, 11:30am – 2:00pm including concert and a picnic lunch. Details are available in the ‘Notices’ section of the website.

2.30pm Finish Tomorrow, and Term 2 Return on Monday April 11th
A reminder to all parents and students that we will be finishing at 2:30pm on Thursday as the last day of Term 1.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to everyone returning refreshed after the break.

See you in Term 2,

Andrew
Our school applied to be part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program and was successful! ‘ARISS lets students worldwide experience the excitement of talking directly with crew members of the International Space Station, inspiring them to pursue interests in careers in science, technology, engineering and math, and engaging them with radio science technology through amateur radio.

Our school has been given the week 16 - 22 May 2016. At this stage we have not been notified which date or time. It may be out of school hours and may even be an evening. It will be at the school. We will not have a direct contact, instead we will be using a telebridge which means we will link with our ARISS partner, Tony Hutchison in Adelaide. [http://www.electric-web.org](http://www.electric-web.org)

We would like to select 10 students from Years 3 to 6. There would be 2 students from each grade level and 2 students from between Years 3 to 6. Each student should be able to ask one question and possibly two questions during the interview. The interview should last about ten minutes. At this stage we don't know which astronaut the students will be interviewing.

If your child is interested in being selected to be part of the team interviewing an astronaut would they please submit in writing **why they would like to be selected and why ISS is important**. Please handing in to Jenny Austin or place in the ISS box in 3AW classroom (Portable 2), **no later than Tuesday April 12th**.

Thank you

Jenny Austin

Science Coordinator
Once again students from across Victoria have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge in 2016. The students of Essex Heights have been participating in this since it began and we see it as a means of promoting the importance of reading among students in our school. This year the Victorian Government is encouraging families and parents to be more involved with supporting children's reading, in and beyond school. Before the end of term your child will bring home a permission form for the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Successful Challengers receive a Certificate in Term 4.

For your child to be awarded the certificate, you will need to sign the permission form. There is no charge for the certificate. Student’s names will also be published in an edition of the Sunday Age if you give permission.

Let’s keep up the Essex Heights tradition of being ambassadors for the Reading Challenge in 2016. Attached to the newsletter is a letter from the Premier, Daniel Andrew’s promoting not only the Premier’s Reading Challenge but also the benefits of instilling a love of reading in your child.

Please return the permission form to your class teacher as soon as possible so that your child can get started on their personal challenge.

Dear Parents,

Take Home Reading Books will not be sent home from Friday 18th March.
We would really appreciate you looking at home for any Home Reading Books and returning them to your child’s class. We even welcome back books that may have been missing for a few years…no questions asked!

It’s 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 that your child can read.

Thank you
The Literacy Support Team
Land Downunder

Prep-6 Dansical (Dance Concert)

Date:  
- Group 1 Performance: Monday May 2nd
- Group 2 Performance: Tuesday May 3rd

Venue:  
Kel Watson Theatre  
Forest Hill College  
178-180 Mahoneys Rd, Burwood East

Time:  
7.00pm start (students will be asked to arrive earlier)

Please note that tickets will go on sale in Term 2.

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra presents School Holiday Music Workshops

April 4,5  
Ages 9-13

Experience an intense day of creating and music making. These one-day workshops enable participants to work with program facilitators and MSO musicians and be involved in the creation of a piece of new music. Applicants need to play their instrument to a minimum level of Grade 2 AMEB (or equivalent) and bring their instrument to the workshop.

“This program brought fun, inventiveness and collaboration to my child’s musical journey.” MSO ArtPlay Program Parent


Regards,

Tanya Dolence  
Classroom Music Teacher
The Grandparents’ Rap

By 3AW

Grandmas love a kiss
They never ever miss!
Mums say No! No! No!
Grandmas Yes! Yes! Yes!

Beatboxing (x 6)
Go Grandma, Go Grandma

Beatboxing (x 6)
Go Grandma, Go Grandma

Grandpas love to play
They let us have our way
Always give us money
And they’re really funny

Beatboxing (x 6)
Go Grandpa, Go Grandpa

Beatboxing (x 6)
Go Grandpa, Go Grandpa

Grandmas read us books
They’re amazing cooks
No matter what you do
Always there for you!

Beatboxing (x 6)
Go Grandma, Go Grandma

Beatboxing (x 6)
Go Grandpa, Go Grandpa

Grandpas are the best
They often need to rest
When they start to snore
It’s time to hit the door

Beatboxing (x 6)
Go Grandpa, Go Grandpa

Beatboxing (x 6)
Go Grandpa, Go Grandpa
Prep-6 Dance Concert: Costume List

March 11th, 2016

The Essex Heights Dansical ‘Land Downunder’ will be held over two nights. Please note that your child will only perform on one of these nights.

Monday May 2nd: Group 1

Tuesday May 3rd: Group 2

Below is an outline of what students will need to wear on the night. If you have any concerns please let your classroom teacher know well before the concert.

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<td>Prep L &amp; Prep C Crocodile Rock</td>
<td>Girls and boys: Black pants/shorts/skirt, black shoes and a white T-Shirt. Girls Hair: Piggy tails with a green ribbons. Children will be given a calico crocodile to paint at school. This crocodile will be sent home and you will need to sew the crocodile on to the FRONT and in the CENTRE of the T-Shirt.</td>
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<td>Girls: Black leggings, black singlet and black flats. Hair to be worn out. A skirt will be provided on the night. Boys: Black pants and black top. A headband will be provided on the night.</td>
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<td>Girls: Black leggings, blue denim skirt or shorts and a white T-Shirt with black flat shoes. Hair: High pony tail with a blue ribbon. Boys: Blue denim jeans with a white T-Shirt and black shoes. Children will be given a calico shark to paint at school. This shark will be sent home and you will need to sew it on to the FRONT and in the CENTRE of the T-Shirt.</td>
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<td>2S &amp; 2O Can You Feel It?</td>
<td>Girls and boys: Black pants/shorts/skirt/leggings. No shoes. Please wear a pair of thongs or slip on shoes to wear before performing. Girls hair to be worn out. White T-shirts will need to be sent to school. Please name clearly. Students will be decorating this T-Shirt at school.</td>
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<td>Girls and Boys: Wear bright beach style clothing. Board shorts, singlets, dresses, sunglasses, zinc cream etc. No shoes. Please wear a pair of thongs or slip on shoes to wear before performing.</td>
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<td>Girls: Black leggings and a black skirt with black flat shoes. Hair in a high ponytail with a pink ribbon. Boys: Black pants and shoes. Students will need to bring a white T-Shirt to school. Please name clearly. Students will be decorating this T-Shirt at school.</td>
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<td>Girls: Black leggings, black singlet and black flat shoes. A red skirt will be provided on the night. Girls Hair: Teased. Boys: Black clothing. A red headband will be provided on the night.</td>
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Make up is optional but recommended. Brown eye shadows, blush, black mascara and eyeliner and a red lipstick.

Thank you,
Georgia Lombard
Dance Teacher
Alex Douros
Dance Program Co-ordinator
Hello everyone

**Hot cross buns** will be delivered tomorrow. Yippee! If you can **help to distribute them to the classes**, please meet at the Hall at 9am. Thanks to Jess Harper and all her helpers for keeping us all fed.

Do you know a business that could **donate a prize** to support our **Mother’s Day breakfast or trivia night**? Please email us at ehpspfa@gmail.com and let us know. We’ll be approaching local businesses over the next few weeks looking for support for these two social fundraisers.

Have a safe, happy, well-fed Easter and we’ll see you back in Term 2.

Andrea J

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**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.**
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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR BOOKS?
GIVE THEM TO US!
St. Scholastica’s Kindergarten
Drop off points: Kinder (Phoebe St Burwood) Church Office (opposite Council) School Reception (Mount St Burwood)
For our Annual Second-hand Book Fair
Saturday 23rd April 2016
9:00am – 4:00pm

"Act. Create. Communicate"

The difference is dramatic...
Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills. Self-development through drama.

ENROLLING NOW
0411 100 538
NEW TERM
STARTING SOON
STUDENTS AGED 5-17
Kew | Glenhuntly | Wheelers Hill | Glen Waverley
Mt Waverley | Forest Hill | Blackburn North

www.helenogrady.com.au
Celebrating Excellence
Ashwood High School Academic, Sporting Excellence, Leaders & Community Spirit and Instrumental Music Scholarships available in 2017

Ashwood High School congratulates 2016 Sporting Excellence Scholarship winner, Sienna Spencer (Essex Heights Primary School, 2015).
Applications are opening soon for 2017
FIND OUT MORE AT OUR OPEN NIGHT (below)

Ashwood High School
VISION INSPIRED ACTION

Open Night - Ashwood Revealed
Wednesday 27 April, 2016
Tours at 4:30pm, 6:30pm & 7:00pm
Principal’s Address at 6:00pm
Accelerated Curriculum & Enrichment (ACE)
Program information at 6:30pm

Bookings essential – see website or phone 9807 1333
www.ashwood.vic.edu.au | Vannam Drive Ashwood
ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN ACTION SPORTS

SOCCER - BASKETBALL - HOCKEY - AFL - ULTIMATE FRISBEE

This program is a fantastic way to challenge and improve your child's motor and coordination skills. Our experienced coaches aim to develop and enhance the wider range of sporting skills of your child, including catching, kicking, throwing and balance. While acquiring strength, flexibility, teamwork, communication, spatial awareness, comparative skills and teamwork, all within a fun and safe environment.

WHEN: Monday
COMMENCING: 18/4/16
CONCLUDING: 20/5/16
TIME: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
YEAR LEVELS: Prep - 6
COST: $88
No Session: 25th May (Anzac Day)
No Session: 13th June (Queens Day)

GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 2 AS PLACES FILLING FAST

$88 FOR 6 WEEK PROGRAM

NEW IMPROVED ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM!!!

SIMPLY GO TO WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU ENTER YOUR POST CODE AND EMAIL FROM THERE OR FILL OUT THE BELOW ENROLMENT FOR A SURF WITH A CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARDS DETAILS TO:

PURCHASED WINDSOR VALE 2015

PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE!!!

ENROLMENT FORM

☐ Autumn Action Sports

School: ____________________________ Year Level: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________ Race No: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________ Post Code: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Mobile/Work: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________ Medical Conditions: ____________________________

At the completion of other school clinics, does your child: ☐ Go to other clubs ☐ Get collected

Parents’ consent. I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Berwick from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programs.

Parent/Carer’s name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Amount Paid: ____________________________ Credit card payment: ☐ Visa ☐ Master card

Card Number: ____________________________ Expiry Date: ____________________________

THINGS TO KNOW
Kelly Sports is a Registered Child Care provider

Don’t leave him/her at the School Office

Spaces are limited, so please make sure you email us or return form to Kelly Sports.
Monash University Juniors
Hockey
presents
Juniors Intra Club

Thursday Nights 5.30pm-6.50pm
14th of April - 12th of May
At Monash University Hockey Pavilion, Clayton
Ideal for beginners aged 11 and under.
Register your interest at monashjuniors@gmail.com
Only $20!!

Mount Waverley Secondary College
warmly invite you to join us for our
OPEN DAY
Wednesday 20 April — 4.00pm to 7.30pm

Open Night Information Session & Tours
Junior Campus tours offered from 4.00pm
College Principal’s address at 6.00pm
Interactive displays, student-led tours and more.
These sessions held at the Junior Campus only.

Open Morning Tours — Bookings are required and can be made by visiting our website at www.mwsc.vic.edu.au
Junior Campus: 9.15am & 11.15am
Senior Campus: 9.15am & 11.15am

Easter Services:
Maundy Thursday 24th March 7.30pm
Good Friday, 25th March 9.30am
Easter Sunday, 27th March 7.00am with breakfast to follow
Easter Sunday, 27th March 9.30am

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