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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

“Splash of Color” Dance Concert

What an outstanding two nights of entertainment we have enjoyed. I am sure you will all agree that our first ever dance program and concert was a great success. I think we have achieved our aims of providing an additional program for the children as they learnt and mastered their dance number. This was then complemented by the invaluable opportunity to perform in costume, on stage before an appreciative audience. The benefits to children from these performing arts activities are significant in terms of confidence, self-esteem and enjoyment. Whilst some children have the chance to participate in these types of activities outside of school, we wanted to provide that opportunity for all children to enjoy this experience.

Well done to the stars of the show, the children! They have worked really hard over the eight weeks of the program and there were many proud family members who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.
Congratulations to Georgia Lombard our fantastic Dance Teacher for the way she has taught and prepared the children. As you will appreciate, this is a significant amount of work to pull together a performance such as this, and Georgia has done this superbly.

Thanks to the Essex Heights Staff who have supported this event and worked behind the scenes in preparation, and in supervision on the night. Particular thanks to Alex Douros who worked really hard in the administration and coordination role and was super organised, ensuring two successful evenings.

Finally, to the parents who prepared their children, arranged costumes and provided the audience. Particular thanks to those mums mentioned in the program for extra work on costumes, and those who took on photography/filming roles so we could record the evening’s events.

Yet another wonderful celebration for the Essex Heights community!

**Dance Program Feedback**

We would like to evaluate this new program for Essex Heights PS as we consider including it in the future. Whilst we will do this at school with staff and children, I would invite parents to log in and take a short survey to provide us feedback on a couple of questions.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9JBG6XP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9JBG6XP)

Thank you.

**Essex Heights Fun Run**

We (finally) scored a perfect day on Monday for the third Essex Heights Fun Run. The children were certainly looking forward to this event and had been training enthusiastically during their Phys Ed sessions with Ben Wooster. With two tracks operating simultaneously, it was all go from the start time and it was great to see all the children trying to do their best. The older children used this as their selection trial for the Essex Heights Team to compete at the upcoming District Cross Country. The younger children just enjoyed trying to record the most laps and raise funds for our school.

At this stage we don’t yet have a final tally of funds raised, but will include that information in Contact as soon as possible.

I would like to again congratulate and thank Ben Wooster for initiating this event and for his outstanding organisation. Ben is committed to developing the sports program here at Essex Heights, and the fitness of the children, so both of these aims were achieved this week. Thanks also to Staff and parents who marshalled the children, encouraged the runners and helped around the track.

I would also like to acknowledge the partnership with our PFA who assisted in the organisation as one of their key fundraisers this year. Morwenna Griffiths was the PFA Coordinator and she was assisted by a large number of parents who prepared and served the children fruit and icy poles at the end of their run.

This was another outstanding community event for Essex Heights and one that we look forward to every year.
Indonesian Oral Competition – Success!!
As reported in last week’s Contact, we had a number of children participate in the annual Indonesian Oral Competition. Out of that preliminary round, sixteen children qualified for the State Final this weekend, with representatives from Prep to Yr 6.

This is a wonderful result for our school and quite amazing as we have only began teaching Indonesian last year. Well done to Bu Douros for entering the children and preparing them so successfully. Bagus sekali! (That’s great!)

Support Nepal Fundraiser – Junior School Council – May 28th
Our JSC children have decided to conduct a fundraiser in support of the people of Nepal following the recent earthquake. They will explain it to the children at Monday’s Assembly and invite them to wear the colors of the Nepalese flag (red, white, blue) and bring a gold coin donation. This fundraising opportunity has been initiated by the children as they have seen the media reports of the devastation following the earthquake.

REPORTING TO PARENTS
Teachers are well under way in writing Mid-Year Reports for all children, which will be issued to parents on Wednesday, June 24th. These reports will present parents with an up to date picture on their children’s performance at school, both socially and academically. Reports take several hours per student to complete and I would like to thank teachers for their commitment to work late at night and on the weekends.

Please note that, Friday 5th June has been approved as a Curriculum Day for our school and students will not be in attendance.
Staff will utilise this day to finalise assessment and reporting requirements.

We will then be conducting formal ‘Parent/Teacher Discussions’ at the beginning of Term 3 (July 20th & 21st) to discuss the Mid-Year Report and plan for second Semester.

However, as always, if you have particular concerns regarding your child’s progress, an appointment can be made with your child’s teacher at any time by contacting the Office.

To summarize our ‘Reporting to Parents’ process:

Term 1 – ‘Get to know you’ Parent/Teacher Discussions
Term 2 – Mid Year Written Report
Term 3 – Progress Parent/Teacher Discussion
Term 4 – Final Written Report

Working with Children Check
A reminder to parents who are volunteering at school that you are required to have a current Working with Children Check. If you have not arranged that yet, please log in online and complete an application. Remember that you need to apply for a Volunteers WWCC and this has no fee attached.

See you around the school,
Andrew Crossett
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Thank you to all those parents that attended last Thursday’s “Reptile Man,” performance. It was a great afternoon and the children had an absolute ball. The Reptile Man brought about 30 snakes, crocodiles, lizards and frogs. We had a lot of fun.

Next Thursday we have “Crazy Experiments with the gang from Fizzics.” Get ready to be blown away and blow stuff up. Again if parents would like to attend you are more than welcome. The show will start at 4.30 p.m.

Can you please contact the program by 3.15 if you would like your child to attend aftercare and they need to be notified.

Thank You
Paul Davis

Bersita Bahasa Indonesia!
Sayembara Lisan: State-wide annual Indonesian Oral Competition

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations once again to our 27 students who competed in this year’s language competition on Friday May 8th.

We are very excited to announce that a number of students have gone through to the Finals which will be held on Saturday May 23rd

We wish the following students all the best for the next round:

Prep  Aiden D
Year 1  Matthew L
Year 2  Charlotte D & Evelyn L
Year 4  Neve A, Ruby H, Kiska A, Evelyn S
Year 5, Celene H, Lynn N, Caitlyn D, Rebecca L, Venice C, Ashley N
Year 6  Aaliyah M.A, Jane K

PARENTS & FRIENDS ‘NEWS’

Hello all, Thanks again to Morwenna and the team (Huong, Ha, Amanda, Jo, Tao, Nan, Jess, Jasmine, Suzannah, Betty, Pauline, Chinthana and Megan) for helping with marshalling and providing fruit and icy poles to the children after the Fun Run on Monday. What a magnificent day it was and didn’t the kids put in a great effort. Such a pity Morwenna missed it after all the effort she put in.

Many of the Carnival stalls are now allocated to classes. Thanks to the class reps for helping with this process. In an exciting development, 4R has secured the sausage sizzle. So I’m looking forward to smelling like a sausage by the end of Saturday 21st November!

Keep your eyes open for our tree fundraiser. Kaffir limes, anyone? The notice should be coming home to parents this week.

Cheerio for now
Andrea J (Abby S, 4R, and Jake S, 4O).
‘THE SCIENCE OF LIGHT’

Expressions of Interest must be received by Marita Steward in (2S) by the 27th May, 2015

The multiple categories aim to stimulate students in the following ways;

- Encourage independent self-motivated project work amongst students of science;
- Provide opportunities to communicate their achievements to a wider audience;
- Provide opportunities for recognition of effort and achievement in a scientific enterprise;
- Promote involvement in processes of science and its communication;
- Display primary and post primary student’s work to the public.

The categories students compete in are:
- Experimental Research
- Creative Writing
- Working Models
- Inventions
- Games
- Computer Games
- Posters- Scientific Wallcharts
- Science Photography
- Video Productions

Entry fees apply
- Individual- $8.00 per entry
- Group- $15 (max 2 students)

Visit Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV) website OR

Marita Steward
Science Talent Search Co-Ordinator (2S)

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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Book Fair 2015

Starts tomorrow

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May – 27\textsuperscript{th} May

Where: School Library

Times: 8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.
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10:00am - 12:00noon

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