

CALENDAR

February

Tue 26 District Swimming
Tue 26 Lunchtime Dance (Yrs 3-6) starts
Thu 28 Yr 3 Coach Approach incursion

March

Fri 1 Clean Up Australia Day
Fri 1 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
Fri 1 Welcome Picnic and Disco
Mon 4-Wed 6 ... Yr 6 Camp: Forest Lodge Farm - Camp One
Wed 6-Fri 8 Yr 6 Camp: Forest Lodge Farm - Camp Two
Tue 5 Division Swimming
Fri 8 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
Mon 11 Labour Day public holiday
Tue 12 Mulgrave District Tennis Carnival
Wed 13 PFA AGM
Fri 15 Region Swimming
Mon 18 Yr 1 Author Visit - Family Tree
Wed 20 Yr 1 Author Visit - Family Tree
Thu 21 Harmony Day
Fri 22 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
Mon 25&Tue 26 . School Photos
Tue 26 Parent Forum

Students do not attend school on public holidays or student free days.

Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in School Hall. *All welcome*

School Banking - every Tuesday.



School Hats - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

SCHOOL TOURS

for 2020 entry - Thursday & Friday at 9.30am
Commencing on 28th February. Bookings essential.

ENROLMENT

Enrol now for entry in 2020. Prep 2020 enrolment to be submitted by Friday 31st May.

2019 Term Dates

Term 1: 29 January* to 5 April

Term 2: 23 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

* 29 January is a state wide student free day.

EHPS student-free days: 30 January, 22 May, and 2 August



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

<https://essexheightsps-vic.compass.education>

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PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Dear parents and friends of our Essex Heights community,

Pink Stumps Day

This week our school was awash in a sea of pink as our staff and children participated in their eighth 'Pink Stumps Day' to raise money to support breast cancer research for the McGrath Foundation. Excitement was high as we anticipated a competitive and close match. As one student described the game: *'As the battle on the field was fierce, in the crowd it was hot and dry as they tried to interest themselves in the game, yelling from the fence.'* We were not disappointed by the sporting talents of our staff, however the students put in a gallant effort with their determination and skills, to be victorious in a hard fought and close match. The final score was Students 133 to Staff 130 runs. Many thanks to all our staff, in particular Con Papanicolaou and Maria Savva who co-ordinated the event, our students and families who supported such a successful day. Further, our appreciation to the PFA who supplied the icy poles for all our students.



Feedback from our students ...

'Deep inside I knew that the Year Sixes were going to win. As much as the students were looking forward to winning, most of them were looking forward to the icy poles more at the end.' Joshua, Year 4

'I think we should have added one or two players more to both teams. They were a little bit small'. Akira, Year 5

'I think the Grade Sixes did good batting' Yana, Year Four

'I'm was happy that the Grade Sixes won but I wish that both teams could win as they played well' Luca, Year Four

'I was happy that Year Sixes won. They showed good sportsmanship' Jacob, Year Four

'It was really good to donate money for breast cancer research' Isla

'I was happy to know that my brother was part of it!'

Zoe, Year Four



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February

23rd Rosie Q
 24th Eli R
 25th Elisa W
 26th Deric F
 Amber H
 27th Jerry X
 28th Aubrey P
 29th Chloe C

March

1st Talie G
 Shaan L
 Maggie S

Information sent home:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity
Whole school (all students)	Welcome Picnic & School Disco School Banking Program 2019. For Parents.



This week's information on Compass:

Year/Group	Compass News
Prep	Pink Stumps Day
Whole School	Welcome Picnic & School Disco School Banking in 2019 Secondhand Uniform Stall



Compass Events:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity & Due Date
Year 3	Year 3 Coach Approach Essex Heights - 27 February
Year 4	Marimba Ensemble lessons 2019 - Year 4 - 22 February
Year 6	Year 6 Forest Lodge Camp 2019 - 26 February
Years 3 to 6	SRI - Buddhist - 2019 - 1 March
Years 5 & 6	Marimba Ensemble lessons 2019 - 22 February
Whole School	SRI - Christianity 2019 - 1 March
Selected Students	Mulgrave District Swimming Competition - 21 February

Assembly: Monday 25th February

At Assembly on Monday:

- World Mathematics Olympiad
- School Diary Competition winner presentation
- ArtSEL presentation
- School Banking
- Student of the Week

Note: Items listed above are correct at time of publication, but may be subject to change.

Assembly starts at 2.40pm in the Hall. All welcome.

Student Charges & Voluntary Contributions

Family statements were issued by email to all families last Friday, 15th February. Information about 2019 school fees and voluntary contributions were detailed in the message sent on Compass (*2019 Student Charges and Voluntary Contributions* message under My News on your Compass home page). Payment of fees is due by Monday 18th March, unless alternative arrangements are agreed with Barbara McCann our Business Manager.

Our preferred payment methods are BPay (details on your family statement) or Compass Pay. If you are not able to use these payment options, print out the Payment Advice form attached to the Compass message, fill it in and bring to the Office with your payment - credit card/Eftpos (MasterCard or Visa; minimum transaction \$20), cash (correct amount; no change held at the Office), or cheque (payable to Essex Heights Primary School).

Student Permissions

Student permissions were due to be completed today, Friday 22nd February. Please refer to the information and instructions on Compass. If you have not yet done this, please contact the Office.

PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT *continued*

Prep

This week marks another milestone in Grade Prep, with our new students attending school for a full day. The students are settling beautifully into the daily rhythm and routine of school life. It is wonderful to see them building warm and caring relationships with our Prep teachers and making positive connections and new friendships with their classmates and across the school.

Thank you to all our Prep parents who attended our 'Meet and Greet' meetings this week with our staff. We enjoyed sharing valuable information, answering questions and clarifying daily classroom routines with the children. It was encouraging to hear lots of positive feedback and stories about the children's engagement, learning and social interactions in the early days of school life. Please note there are many valuable links on our school website including: Child Safety, Term Newsletters and General Classroom Information.

Meet and Greet Discussions

If you have not had the opportunity to have a 'Meet and Greet' Discussions with your child's/children's class teachers please feel free to request a time via Compass (use the email teacher link on the home page).

Please note that many of our teachers have a Leadership Meeting each Monday, Staff Meeting on Tuesday, and a Year Level Meeting each week. You may like to fill out the 'Information Sheet' sent home recently, to give our staff extra information about your children that you might think is helpful in meeting the needs of your child.

Year Six Camp

Our Year Six Camps to Forest Lodge Farm at Jack River, Yarram, commence in just over two weeks' time. Camp One is from Monday 4th March to Wednesday 6th March. Camp Two is from Wednesday 6th March to Friday 8th March. Forest Lodge Farm Camp is an enriching, engaging and memorable experience for all our students that compliments their engagement with the Year Six curriculum.

Forest Lodge Camp offers our Year Six children many wonderful opportunities to develop confidence, independence, team building, self-esteem and risk taking skills through health and outdoor activities including ropes courses, canoeing, bush cooking and survival skills. It also gives the children many experiences to build solid, cohesive and positive relationships with their peers and teachers. We look forward to sharing the student stories upon their return.

*Wishing you all a happy, safe and productive week,
The Principal Team*

Student Leadership Badge Presentations

Congratulations to our new school leaders! On Monday, Year 6 students were presented with their captain badges during an exciting addition to our weekly assembly. A big thanks to Matt Fregon MP, State Member for Mount Waverley, and Kristen Steer, School Council President, for contributing to this memorable occasion. We are looking forward to watching these leaders guide, encourage and motivate students throughout all of 2019. Again, congratulations!

Years 5 & 6 Team



congratulations



Skills for Learning: Focusing Attention

Learning happens every day at our school. An important skill for learning is **focusing attention**. When we focus our attention we use our ears, our eyes, and our brain! This week, put on your attent-o-scopes and notice how they help you listen and learn.

Nikki Olsen

Student Wellbeing


Is your young child experiencing worry, anxiety or fear?


Then register for...

The Brave Program

for parents and caregivers of young children

A FREE online program that provides parents and caregivers of young children aged **3 to 7** with information and skills to help their child overcome fears and anxiety.

 <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au>

 fb.me/braveparents

To keep this program free for all Australian families, anonymous data is collected at registration and during the program use, to help us track the success of the program. Some of this data may be used for research purposes.



The
Brave
Program.



Four **FREE**
online self-help
sessions

What a day we had at Essex Heights on Wednesday! Everyone was dressed in pink, ready to watch the featured cricket match between the Year 6 students and the teachers. This year the students put on a clinic, hitting and fielding beautifully. While the teachers put up a mighty effort, in the end the Year 6's were too good winning 133 to 130!

The purpose of the day was to raise money for the McGrath Foundation, more specifically to help place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia, making a real difference to families experiencing breast cancer.

A day like this wouldn't be possible without the support from staff and parent community. A special thank you to Anita Dix, Carolyn Wilson, Ina Kuehlich and Paul Davis who helped by either decorating, setting up or scoring!



We would also like to thank the PFA with their ongoing support of this special event by supplying icypoles! It was a highlight for the students.

What a special community we have here at Essex Heights Primary!

Thanks again!

Con Papanicolaou and Maria Saava



Photo acknowledgement: Kristi Lloyd & Con Papanicolaou

Special Religious Instruction (SRI)

All students have the option of participating in Special Religious Instruction (SRI) in Christianity (Prep to Year 6) and Buddhism (Years 3 to 6). Information has been published on Compass about these programs. If you want your child to participate, consent in Compass is due by Friday 1st March (date extended). If you do not want your child to participate, then no further action is required; the notice will be removed from Compass when the consent date has passed.

Year 3 Coach Approach Incursion

Year 3 students will participate in a fantastic sports rotation which will complement our termly focus on 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds' on Thursday 28th February. Information is published on Compass and in last week's newsletter. Consent and payment due by next Wednesday, 27th February.



Year 6 Camp: Forest Lodge Farm



**Forest Lodge
FARM**

A Great Country Experience

The 2019 Year 6 Camp will be held at Forest Lodge Farm at Jack River in Gippsland:

Camp One (6OU, 6S & 6L) will be on camp from Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th March

Camp Two (6A, 6C & 6M) will be on camp from Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th March

All information has been provided to families. Forms were required today, Friday 22nd February. Payment of \$275 is payable by Monday, 25th February (Compass Pay or BPay preferred). Please speak to Katrina or Barb in the Office if you want to work out a payment plan or use CSEF.

Years 5 & 6 Team

Music



It's great to see our past students being so successful in their musical pursuits. If you are thinking of attending the Clayton or Knox Festivals, be sure to pop by and support Lynn Ng as she performs some original songs to the crowds:

- ★ Clayton Festival on Sunday 24th February. Lynn is performing around 3.30pm at the Youth Stage for 30 minutes. For information [click here](#).
- ★ Knox Festival on Saturday 2nd March. Lynn is performing at 12:45pm at Canopy Stage for 30 minutes. For information [click here](#).

*Regards,
Tanya Dolence*

Instrumental Music Program



The Instrumental Music Handbooks and the Guidelines and Payment Structure for 2019 are available on the school website (under Curriculum on the home page). If you are interested in your child participating in the program, please read the handbook for the instrument you are interested in and guidelines and payment structure information. If you want to enrol your child, print out the enrolment form at the back of the handbook and return to the Office next week, as Cycle 1 has commenced.

Alyssa Kennedy



2019 Welcome BBQ & Disco



The Welcome BBQ and Disco will be held on the evening of **Friday 1st March**.

Notices have gone home this week and permission slips must be returned next Wednesday, 27th February. If you can help on the night with either the BBQ or Disco please let us know.

Should be a great night for all the family.



Everyone is invited to our

WELCOME PICNIC



- ★ Sausage sizzle
- ★ Cold drinks for sale
- ★ Cool tunes

FRIDAY 1 MARCH
6pm onwards
at the school heights



- ★ Bring a picnic rug or some chairs
- ★ Buy your dinner or bring your own
- ★ Watch the sun set and meet a few new friends
- ★ All Welcome
- ★ Family Event – No Alcohol Please



CALLING ALL KIDS

to the
Essex Heights Primary
SCHOOL DISCO!

Cordial and icy poles provided

\$5 per child

Friday 1 March 2019
in the Essex Heights PS Hall
Prep-Year 2: 6–7pm
Years 3–6: 7.30–8.45pm

GLOWSTICKS FOR SALE \$1.52



Make sure you return your super-important permission slip (one per student) and money by Wednesday 27 February

IMPORTANT INFO NO PARENTS, BROTHERS OR SISTERS ALLOWED!
Parents and guardians, please sign in your child at the start of the session, and sign them out when you pick them up at the end. Only Essex Heights children in the designated year level will be allowed in the Hall.
Help please! We need some adult helpers for setup and supervision. If you can lend some time and have a current Working With Children Check, please email dedzcorben@gmail.com

Pink Stumps Day

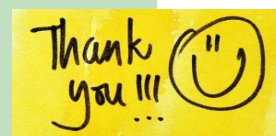


Thank you to Fiona and Erica for organising and handing out the icy poles on Wednesday.



Secondhand Uniform Stall

Thank you to Jen and everyone that helped out at the Secondhand Uniform Stall this afternoon.



Annual General Meeting Notice

Please note the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) will be held on **Wednesday 13th March** at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We are therefore calling for nominees to fill a number of Executive Committee positions. If you are interested, or would like further information please contact the PFA via email on ehpspfa@gmail.com

Have a great week,
Andrea Fyfe
(Mum to Caitlin D, 56C)

Before & After School Care

Child Care Subsidy

A number of families have informed me that they have not received their [Child Care Subsidy \(CCS\)](#).

You will need to check your myGov account - ensure that all your details are correct, and you have ticked the box that confirms you as your child's primary guardian.



If the issue does not rectify itself then you will need to contact Centrelink.

After School Care Activities

Activities for next week are:

Monday Harmony Day hands
Tuesday Dress ups
Wednesday Cooking: Choc bark
Thursday Painting watercolours
Friday Nature art



Thank you,
Paul Davis
Coordinator

Dance Classes

Georgia Lombard



Georgia Lombard from [Creative Dance and Drama](#) is returning to EHPS again this year and will be offering dance classes for students this term. Information flyers, including the enrolment form, are available on Compass, from Notices on the school website, or from the School Office; alternatively, visit Georgia's website - [click here](#) - and request a form via the contact page. Enrolment forms including payment are to be returned to the School Office.

Lunchtime Dance for Years 3 to 6

Lunchtime Dance classes are offered on Tuesdays for students in Years 3 to 6, and Years 1 to 2 students who missed out on After School Dance, in the Hall, beginning at 1.40pm and finishing at 2.10pm.

Children will be participate in a variety of warm up routines, create their own movements through dance creation activities and learn a choreographed dance to be performed at the end of the last session for family and friends.

The Term 1 2019 Lunchtime Dance program dates are Tuesday 26th February to Tuesday 2nd April. The cost is \$40.

Years 1 and 2 students who missed out on After School Dance are invited to join the Lunchtime Dance class. Complete the registration form, and return with payment to the Office.

After School Dance for Prep to Year 2

After School Dance classes for Prep to Year 2 students commenced on Tuesday. The class is held in the Stadium, beginning at 3.40pm and finishing at 4.25pm.

The Prep to Year 2 After School Dance class is currently at capacity. It is wonderful that so many students from Essex Heights Primary are interested in learning dance. The Lunchtime Dance class is now open to Years 1 and 2 students who missed out on a place in the After School class. Lunchtime Dance begins on Tuesday 26th February and concludes on Tuesday 2nd April.

Registration forms can be collected from the school office or you can visit creativdanceanddrama.com and request a form via the contact page.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CSEF 2019 Application Form available from the Office.

Community Noticeboard

Products & services advertised in Contact are placed on a paid basis and are not necessarily being promoted by Essex Heights Primary School.



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Small Works Art Exhibition
13 - 24 March 2019
At
The Track Gallery, Mt Waverley, VIC 3149

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Small 2D works within 30*30cm
Entries open to all ; Participation fee applies
Last day for submission of entries : Feb 22, 2019
For details send email to preetkriti@gmail.com
<https://preetkriti.com/pages/smart>



Camberwell High School Tours

This is often the time of year when many families with children in Years 5 and 6 are thinking about secondary education options.

For families who are considering Camberwell High School for future secondary schooling for their child, and would like to see our learning spaces and facilities, we invite you to contact us to book a School tour.

School tours are held weekly, and will also be held on our Open Day and Open Night which will be on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

Bookings for all of these tours can be made by calling 9836 0555.



Essex Heights Netball Club training is back every Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Training is on the school basketball courts. Girls and boys from Year 3 to Year 6 are welcome to join in training.

For further information please contact Tas (Fantails Team Manager) on 0421 415 775.