

CALENDAR

May

Sun 19-Sat 25 ... Education Week 2019
 Mon 20 Careers Dress Up Parade
 Tue 21 Basketball Gala Day
 Wed 22 EHPS Student-free Day
 Thu 23 District Cross Country
 Fri 24 Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter School Sport
 Fri 24 Prep Firefighter incursion
 Tue 28 The Ridiculous Rhyme Show visit
 Tue 28 NEVR Youth Concert 2019 'Destination'
 7.30pm
 Wed 29 Prep Teddy Bears' Picnic
 Fri 31 Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter School Sport

June

Wed 5 Division Cross Country
 Thu 6 Yr 1 Mini Beast excursion
 Fri 7 Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter School Sport

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

School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in the Stadium. *All welcome.*

School Banking - every Tuesday.

School Tours

for 2019 or 2020 entry - Thursday & Friday at 9.30am.
 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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 during school terms.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and friends of our Essex Heights community,

Parking in Essex Road

In recent months I have regularly asked families to please follow appropriate road rules when dropping off or collecting children from school. Thank you to the many families who do that on a regular basis because it ensures that we have a safe street for our children to use. Unfortunately, this week I have received two complaints from local residents regarding people parking illegally across or in neighbour's driveways. Also, some people after dropping the children off at school, speed off in a hurry but sometimes in a very unsafe way.

Could all families please follow one simple rule, i.e. 'Always follow the road rules, drive safely and park legally'. Our neighbours have a right to be able to access their property at all times. It is not OK to block their passage. Also driving at the right speed makes sure that the risk of accidents is reduced.

Please work with us to keep the streets around our school safe for the children and please respect our neighbour's properties.



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**Student-free Day
 NEXT WEDNESDAY**

22nd May

No students at school

Care available 7am to 6pm - book
 with Paul Davis



Education
 and Training



May

18th	Jayden T
19th	Asmi V
	Pari M
	Anastasia S
20th	Karl S
21st	Jayan C
	Zach P
	Brian N
	Myra K
	Raquel M
	Oliver S
22nd	Gaguli W
23rd	Kaity F
24th	Mason F

This week's information on Compass:



Year/Group	Compass News Feed
Prep	Community Walk
Year 1	Education Week 2019
Year 2	Year 2 Baby Guessing Competition!!!
Year 3	Greetings from Year Three
	Grade 3 Newsletter for Term 2
Year 6	Year 6-7 Transition Forms
	Camp Lost Property
Whole School	SRI Christian and Buddhist
	Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall reminder & helpers needed
	Helping children make and keep friends
	Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall
	Webinar: Teach girls to build each other up
	Mum's the work
	Helping kids feel good by doing good

Compass Events:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity & Due Date
Year 1	Bugs, Bugs, Bugs Exhibition & Imax 3D Movie - 30th May
Selected Students	Mulgrave District Cross Country - 20th May
	Victorian State School Spectacular - Rehearsal 2 - info only

Assembly: Monday 20th May

At Assembly on Monday:

- Visual Arts new competition
- Years 1 & 2 Choir
- Education Week 'Celebrating Careers' Dress Up Parade
- School Banking winners
- Student of the Week & Baik Sekali awards

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

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

Earn & Learn

If your family shops at Woolworths, please collect the Earn & Learn stickers earnt, stick them onto a sticker sheet, and drop them off in the boxes in our Office reception.



ArtSEL

Feelings in my body

Everyone feels a lot of different feelings. We feel these feelings in our bodies. Some feelings are comfortable, and others are uncomfortable, but all of them are okay! This week, notice what feelings you have. Pay attention to clues in your body and in the situation to help you understand how you feel. Which feelings are comfortable, and which ones are uncomfortable? See if you can name your feelings.



Nikki Olsen

Principal's Report continued

'Say No to Bullying' Poster Competition



Congratulations to Alana C from Year 3 who has been selected as a finalist in the national anti-bullying competition being conducted by Interrelate. She is one of 40 finalists that have been invited to the Awards Ceremony at Government House in Sydney. The evening will be hosted by Her Excellency The Hon. Justice Margaret Beazley AO in her new role as Governor of NSW. In her poster, Alana encourages children to be up standers and NOT by standers when they see bullying. Alana was presented with a Principal's Award at this week's assembly. Congratulations Alana and good luck in the final in June.



NAPLAN

This week our Years 3 and 5 students sat the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This national program tests students' skills in Writing, Reading, Use of Language and Numeracy. Though it is a very busy few days, all the students gave it their best shot. When the results become available later in the year (by early October), all families will receive their children's NAPLAN report.



Education Week

Next week as part of Education Week, we are opening up the school for you to see what your children are learning. As part of the celebrations, we invite you to attend one or more of our open week activities:

- ★ This year's theme for Education Week is 'Celebrating Careers'. So on Monday children can come dressed up as their favourite occupation, or the job they would like to do later in life, or anything related to a career e.g. their dream job.
- ★ Children will take part in a 'parade of careers' at assembly on Monday in the Stadium - all welcome.
- ★ Each year level will have opportunities for parents to come into classes and see what the children are doing and learning. Check your Compass News Feed or with your classroom teacher for more information.
- ★ Specialist classes will also be open for you to visit.
- ★ On Tuesday, the Nunawading Spectres will be conducting Basketball Clinics in the Stadium as part of Health and PE.

Communication between home and school

At Essex Heights we really value the communication that we have between staff and parents. This can occur in many different ways. It can be a brief chat in the morning, an organised meeting, parent teacher interviews or via our school's Parent Portal on Compass. Staff are very pleased to provide feedback to you, and I would suggest that you make an appointment with teachers if you believe that the matter is sensitive, may require a lengthy discussion, or you need explanation with respect to an important matter. Could I please remind you though that if you email staff late at night that it would be unreasonable to expect an immediate answer the next morning. We all want to encourage a good work life balance, so I am discouraging staff from looking at emails when they are at home. All staff will get to their emails when they have the time outside of their classroom duties, yard duty, and class preparation. If you have an urgent matter however that needs clarification, then please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

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Principal's Report continued

Student-free Day on Wednesday

Next Wednesday, 22nd May, is a Student-free Day at EHPS. **Students do not attend school on this day.** EHPS staff will be involved in indigenous cultural education as well as professional learning in English as an Additional Language (EAL).

BASC are running a Curriculum Day program from 7am to 6pm for children enrolled in the BASC program; if you require care on this day, please contact the Coordinator, Paul Davis, to book, as places are limited.

See you during Education Week.

George Perini
Principal



parenting * ideas

"Schools are at their dynamic best when teachers and parents work hand-in-hand together" **Michael Grose**

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. Great news - through this membership, you receive regular *Insights* articles and you can attend all of their webinars for parents in 2019 at no cost! The following *Insights* articles and upcoming webinar (including voucher to apply to access at no cost) have been provided to you - check your Compass News Feed:

New *Insights* articles:

- Helping children make and keep friends
- Mum's the work
- Help kids feel good by doing good

Upcoming Webinar:

- *Teach girls to build each other up* - Wednesday 29th May at 8pm; available until 29th June.
To register for this webinar and redeem your voucher:
 1. Click on the link provided in the message in your Compass News Feed, or [CLICK HERE](#).
 2. Click 'Add to cart'.
 3. Click 'View cart'.
 4. Enter the voucher code on the voucher attached to the message in your Compass News Feed, and click 'Apply Coupon'. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 29th June 2019.
 5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'.
 6. Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account.
 7. Click 'Place Order'.

For *Insights* articles, the 2019 webinar series, and more Parenting Ideas information and resources - [CLICK HERE](#).



Careers Parade on Monday

In response to the Education Week theme of *Celebrating Careers*, students are encouraged to dress up as something they'd like to be when they grow up. A parade will be held during Assembly; parents/guardians are welcome to join us in the Stadium from 2.40pm.



Year Level Activities

A variety of activities are occurring across the school in celebration of Education Week. Refer to your News Feed on Compass about activities for your child's class or year level, or talk to your classroom teacher.

You're invited to the

EHPS BASKETBALL GALA DAY

TUESDAY 21st MAY





All students are invited to come to school dressed in their basketball uniform or favourite team colours.

If you don't have a favourite team yet, why not support our local representative club the **Nunawading Spectres** and come dressed in **Navy Blue & Red.**

Family and friends are invited to come and join in the fun too.


9-9:40 5/6C, 9:40-10:20 5/6L, 10:20-11 5/6M,
11:30-12:10 5/6S, 12:10-12:50 5/6A, 12:50-1:30 5/6OU
– In Class Clinics
1:45-2:15 – Prep - Grade2 Lunch Carnival
2:30-3:30 – Grade 3 & 4 Gala Games



NUNAWADING

BASKETBALL

EST. 1969



Mother's DAY BREAKFAST



Photos: Kristi Lloyd



Year 2 Baby Guessing Competition

Year 2 students are to bring a copy of a photo of themselves as a baby by next Friday, 24th May, for the Year 2 baby guessing competition! As advised via Compass, the photo is to be of the student up to 1 year old, approx. 4cm x 6cm in size. Please write their name on the back of the photo, and give it to the classroom teacher (don't show anyone, especially not other Year 2 students!). Please speak to your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Year 6 2019 to Year 7 2020 Application

The Application Form for Year 7 2020 Placement was due from all Year 6 students today, Friday 17th May.

Outstanding forms must be returned to your classroom teacher on Monday.

If details on the form are incorrect, in particular your home address, please see Jo in the Office on Monday morning so a new form can be provided.

Parents/carers will be notified in writing from EHPS of placement offers in government secondary schools for Year 7 2020 on Wednesday 7th August.

Mulgrave District Cross Country

The Mulgrave District Cross Country Carnival will be on Thursday 23rd May.

Qualifying students have been invited to training on Tuesdays from 8.15am to 8.45am on the Junior Oval, and Thursdays from 1.45pm to 2.15pm on the Council Oval. All students involved have been informed during PE classes and at Thursday lunch time training this past week. This team was selected from the top 12 runners in each gender and age group (9/10Yr, 11Yr & 12/12Yr) at the Fun Run last term.

Information, including what to bring and the course map, has been published on Compass; consent and payment is due by Monday 20th May.



Art Competition

We would like to inform you of the Essex Heights Art Competition. All Essex Heights learners are invited to create a birthday card for an important event that will happen in December. You will formally hear about this event shortly.

There will be categories for each level. So there will be a winner for each year level, Prep to Year 6. The winner of each category will have their work selected for a birthday card to be printed and sold to the general public. If you are interested in being involved in this art competition, please create a birthday card and write your name and class on the back of it.

All birthday cards need to be on an A4 piece of paper that is folded in half. They require a front cover, two inside pages, and your name and class written on the back. They are due by Friday 14th June, and are to be placed on Nikki and Mr Hudson's desk in the Art Room.

If you have any further questions, come and see Nikki or Mr Hudson in the Art Room.





34 students will be competing at the Singapore International Choral Festival in August. Payment is now due; please ensure this is finalised early next week.



The Australian Children's Music Foundation is hosting its 17th annual National Song Writing Competition, and 2019 entries are OPEN NOW!

Every year, students from schools across Australia are invited to put pen to paper and enter their original song. Winners receive prize-money which can be allocated towards musical equipment or tuition.

For 2019, the competition has had some changes - there are fewer categories in which to enter, which means that the prizes are more substantial. Plus, prizes are not limited to individuals!

It's easy to enter - students simply upload a recording and lyrics to their song using the online entry form on our website - [CLICK HERE](#). Entries are due by Thursday 29th August.

There are over \$22,000 in prizes to be won - and can go towards music equipment and tuition.

Entry into the competition is FREE!

Research shows that learning music is of CRUCIAL benefit to the development of a young mind. Yet, a growing number of school children in Australia (over 65%) do not have access to a specialist music teacher.

The ACMF National Song writing Competition encourages students to freely express themselves and engage in learning in a fun and creative way!

We encourage ALL STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS in Australia to apply.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, learning abilities, and unleash their musical potential!

Tanya Dolence



It's that time of year again. Dust off your Bunsen burners and put on your thinking caps.



This year's Science Talent Search theme is ***"Destination Moon: more missions, more science"***. This fantastic theme gives great scope for creative and critical thinking.

Throughout Australia, the States and Territories provide primary and secondary school students the opportunity to enter a science focussed competition. The Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV) coordinates this state wide competition.

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.

Divisions for EHPS students:

- Lower Primary - Prep (Foundation) to Year 2
- Middle Primary - Years 3 & 4
- Upper Primary - Years 5 & 6

The Sections students can compete in are:

- Experimental Research
- Creative Writing
- Working Models
- Inventions
- Games
- Computer Games
- Posters - Scientific Wallcharts
- Science Photography
- Video Productions



Entry fees:

- Individual - \$8 per entry (inc GST)
- Group (max 2 students) - \$15 (inc GST)
- Class Project - \$30 per entry (inc GST)

If you are interested in participating, please see Marita Steward (56S, Banksia Building, B6) and collect an Expression of Interest letter. Registration and payment must be submitted to Marita no later than Friday 24th May.

For more information about the competition, and the category topics in each Section, refer to the STS 2019 Handbook - please [CLICK HERE](http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/), or type <http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/> into your web browser.

Marita Steward (56S)
STS Coordinator

Mathematics Garden

We are working on the Mathematics Garden together with the help of Mr Perini, Mrs Austin, and Ina. On the aerial photo (right) is an approximate location for the Mathematics Garden. The area circled in blue is where the Meditation Garden is going to be, and the area circled in red is where the Mathematics Garden is going to be.

We would like suggestions on what mathematical activities we should put in it. Please place any suggestions in the Mathematics Garden Box in the Office.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Hong Jin, Maggie, Lucia, Ron, Jaslene & Kylin
The Mathematics Garden Team



Coming
Soon!

The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

[The Ridiculous Rhyme Show](#) are visiting EHPS from the UK on Tuesday 28th May.

The Ridiculous Rhyme Show was written and developed by UK children's television presenters Joe Chambers and Andrew Crawford. Joe and Andy play First Officer Ditty and Professor Poet on BBC children's show [The Rhyme Rocket](#).

Now with a team of six, they have visited over 600 schools, headlined Glastonbury music festival [Kidz Field](#), and this year are excited to be coming all the way downunder to visit schools in Australia.

The team will do a show for the whole school, and then two workshops for Years 5 and 6.

More information coming soon!



Henry & Richard



Richard & Joe



Andy & Joe

Before & After School Care

Thank you to the families that have paid their **BASC accounts** and are up to date.

We would appreciate if families could please bring their BASC accounts up to date in the next fortnight.

If you have any queries regarding your account or your Child Care Subsidy (CCS) please contact me.

On Wednesday 22nd May (next EHPS Student-free Day) we will be running a **Curriculum Day Program**. Spaces are limited so enrol early. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the program during operating hours.



This has been a big week for the children at **After School Care**. Maria made her delicious home made pizza (best pizza I have ever eaten), Steve from the Magic Party held the first of four magic workshops, Luke and Mat ran a soccer clinic, and today Rita cooked pancakes for breakfast.

After School Care Activities for the week ending 24th May:

Monday Cooking: Churro Slice

Tuesday Statue Painting

Wednesday NO PROGRAM; book if care required on this Student-free Day

Thursday Slime

Friday Cooking: Chunky Chocolate Chip Cookies

If you have any questions, please send them to davis.paul.d@edumail.com.au.vic.gov.au, or phone BASC on 9807 2615 or 0417 941 986.

*Thank you,
Paul Davis
Coordinator*

Dance Classes



Lunchtime Dance for Years 1 to 6

Lunchtime Dance classes will run on Tuesdays in Term 2 for students in Years 1 to 6. Lessons commenced on Tuesday (14th May), and will conclude on Tuesday 25th June.

Children will be involved in dance warm ups, dance creation activities and learn a choreographed dance. In the last session students will perform their routine for family and friends giving them a sense of achievement. A notice will be sent home a week before this performance.

The lessons run for 30 minutes, take place in the Hall, and are taught by Georgia Lombard from Creative Dance and Drama.

The cost is \$40 per child for six lessons.

If you would like your child to participate please obtain a registration form from the school office or visit creativedanceanddrama.com and request a form via the contact page.

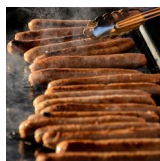
After School Dance

There are no vacancies for After School Dance in Term 2.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama



Election Day Tomorrow



Please tell your family, friends and neighbours of all that's on offer at our school tomorrow. The EHPS Hall is a Voting Centre. There will be a **Sausage Sizzle, Cake and Craft Stall**, and a **Coffee Cart**. This is a great opportunity for us to raise valuable funds for our school.



Please support our Sausage Sizzle or Cake Stall by registering your support here - [CLICK HERE](#) - or type <https://tinyurl.com/EHPSElection> into your web browser.

Thanks to all those who have dropped off your delicious cakes and slices for the Cake Stall earlier today. It's not too late to bake and drop your plate off in the morning... just don't forget to register your name with the Stall holders!



Walk Safely to School Day

The PFA were pleased to supply fruit for those children who walked to school today. Well done to the JSC for coordinating this event!

Thanks

The success of any PFA event relies on our valued volunteers!

★ **Mother's Day Stall** – Heather Pham and Nicole Allison, the co-ordinators of this event, wish to thank the following people who helped set up and run the Mother's Day Stall last Friday: Kaye Nolan, Sarah Wilson, Jan Mattrow, Bea Ke, Natasha Baroudos, Katy Smith, Eureka Gildo, Kathryn Barton, Steph Trace, Jo Whatley, Cindy Wood, Paul Hooley and Sophie Sautner.

★ **Second Hand Uniform Stall** – Jen Hill, the coordinator, thanks Mel, Sophie, Nikki, Yumi and Pauline for the efforts in ensuring another successful event.



School Banking

Please feel free to join the Banking Team at School any Tuesday morning after drop off.



Entertainment Membership

Order the NEW 2019-2020 Entertainment Membership - [CLICK HERE](#).

Activate your new Membership for a chance to win!

WIN
the ultimate
Hawaiian
holiday
experience

Activate your Gold Card to go into the draw

- 5 nights accommodation at Sheraton Waikiki
- Return flights for 2 with Hawaiian Airlines
- Complimentary NIB World Assist Travel Insurance

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES Sheraton nib entertainment traveller

See you around the school,
Fiona Nicholson Stocker
(Mum of Allison 3F)

Community Noticeboard

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



ASHWOOD MEMORIAL KINDER

50TH ANNIVERSARY

OPEN DAY

10am-12pm Saturday 18 May

Past, present and future families are invited to join us for our 50 year celebration with face-painting, food & festivities

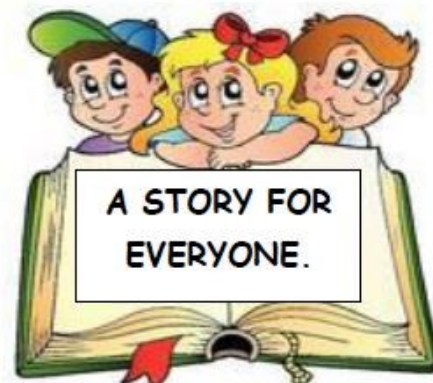
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For a child a book is not just a book;
it's a journey to wherever their
imagination wants to take them.

The Lions Club of Wheelers Hill invites
you, as parents, to take your children on a
journey of excitement to their Book Sale
at Blackflat Community Centre,
Cnr Waverley and Springvale Roads
in Glen Waverley
on 18th and 19th May 2019

There will be 100's & 100's of books for
children of all ages, from infants through
to teenagers.

Prices for these books range from \$0.50
to \$2.50 and the doors will open
at 8.00am on Saturday and
at 9.00am on Sunday.

Oh yes, we also have 1000's & 1000's of
books for adults as well.

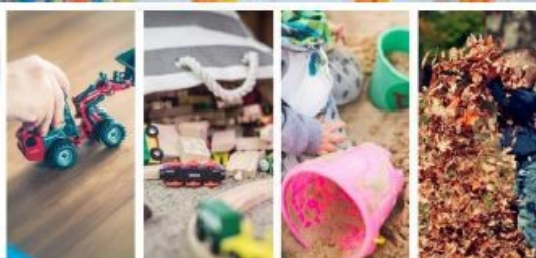


OPEN DAY

Sat 25th May
10am – 12pm

Come and meet our experienced
educators and see our beautiful
learning environment for
preschool children.

For enquiries contact our office
stlukes.els@vt.uniting.org





GCM ABACUS METHOD

MENTAL ARITHMETIC with ABACUS PROGRAM

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An amazing program is now available to interested parents with children from Aged 5 to Year 6 where students can learn mental and manual arithmetic with abacus. This is a "Whole Brain Development" program with a proven concept that can improve arithmetic skills and also enhances the mental abilities like concentration, observation, visualization, imagination and memory.

Venues : Glen Waverley, Mt. Waverley & Ferntree Gully
Time : After School Hrs & Saturday

To assess suitability of the course for your child, please contact Choon at GCM Abacus Method for a *Trial Lesson* :-

Mobile: 0431 616 364

After hours: 03-97580731

Email : gcm.abacus@yahoo.com.au



MEMBER OF ABACUS COMMITTEE OF TAIWAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Monash Reconciliation Group Inc



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019 27 MAY - 3 JUNE

GROUND^{ed} in TRUTH
WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

#NRW2019
#GroundedinTruth
reconciliation.org.au

Workshop for children on May 26, 2019

Monash Reconciliation Group invite families to attend a Sorry Day Workshop on May 26, 2pm to 4 pm at St Stephen and St Mary's Church, 383 High St Rd, Mount Waverley.

There will be activities related to the culture of the First Peoples of our nation for children and books, art work and displays of local Aboriginal sites in Monash around the hall for adults. Tea/Coffee will be available.

Yours Sincerely,

Felicity Smith OAM JP
President

Contact: E: mrg2009@live.com.au Ph:) 8503 7942 Mob:) 0412 772 711

19-25 MAY

EDUCATION WEEK 2019

CELEBRATING CAREERS



Find out more about Education Week 2019 at
www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek