

CALENDAR

May

Mon 27-Fri 31 ... REACH Assessment: Science
 Tue 28 The Ridiculous Rhyme Show visit
 Tue 28 NEVR Youth Concert 2019 'Destination'
 7.30pm
 Wed 29 Prep Teddy Bears' Picnic
 Thu 30 Prep PMP
 Fri 31 Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter School Sport

June

Wed 5 Division Cross Country
 Thu 6 Prep PMP
 Thu 6 Yr 1 Bugs, Bugs, Bugs! & Imax excursion
 Fri 7 Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter School Sport
 Mon 10 Queen's Birthday public holiday
 Tue 11 Yr 3 Storyteller incursion
 Wed 12 PD & PM Science Morning
 Thu 13 PB & PZB Science Morning

*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



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 during school terms.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and friends of our Essex Heights community,

The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

Next Tuesday, 28th May, members of [The Ridiculous Rhyme Show](#), a UK show aimed at making literacy fun for children, will be coming to Essex Heights. The aim of the show is to engage children using interactive performance and comedy. It encourages children to enjoy literacy through creative word play which can be carried back into the classroom following the visit. The one hour presentation will be for all children from Prep to Year 6 and will begin just after 9am in the Hall.

Following the show, Years 5 and 6 students will each be involved in a TV workshop, which will be an opportunity for them to gain an insight into the media industry and the variety of career paths within it. The team will create their own production studio within the Hall and assign students job roles before filming a few scenes. After the workshop they will conduct a question and answer session for the children. Three Year 5/6 classes will participate before recess, and the other three will have their workshop at 11.30am.

This is a very exciting opportunity and we are one of the few schools in Victoria that will be fortunate

enough for the team to visit. There will be no cost for this show. The school has decided that this is an excellent learning and fun experience for all children. Parents are more than welcome to attend on the day.

**The Ridiculous
Rhyme Show**

National Walk Safely to School Day

The JSC again organised the National Walk Safely to School Day last Friday. It was very encouraging to see so many



children participating in the event. About 200 children walked to school on that morning. I hope we can continue to encourage this habit and incorporate it into a child's healthy lifestyle.

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Education
and Training



May

26th	Hanna A Yajwin P Alexei R
27th	Aarav N Mitchell A
28th	Ryder S Kylin H
29th	Joshua C Lucia C

This week's information on Compass:



Year/Group	Compass News Feed
Year 4 Polly Woodside and Cook's Cottage Excursion REACH Science Assessment Year 4, Term 2 Newsletter
Years 5 & 6 ISS Round 2 VS Mt View Gold
Whole School 6 tips for parenting anxious kids

Compass Events:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date
Year 1 Bugs, Bugs, Bugs Exhibition & Imax 3D Movie - 30th May
Year 4 Polly Woodside Cooks Cottage - 7th June

Assembly: Monday 27th May

At Assembly on Monday:

- Year 2 Sharing Writing
- 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.

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. Through this membership, you receive regular Insights articles and you can attend all of their webinars for parents in 2019 at no cost! Recent articles and upcoming webinar information and voucher are provided to you in your Compass News Feed.

New *Insights* article:

- ★ 6 tips for parenting anxious kids.

The upcoming webinar is on next Wednesday, 29th May; webinar information, including voucher to apply to access at no cost, have been provided to you - check your Compass News Feed:

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

Principal's Report

Education Week



This week is Education Week and there have been many opportunities for parents to find out more about what their children are learning at school. All year levels had an 'open' time for parents to come and visit, the specialist program has been open all week, our intervention staff ran a literacy tips and tricks for parents, whilst the Nunawading Spectres conducted a basketball clinic which was so popular with the children all day on Tuesday. At Assembly on Monday the 'Careers' parade highlighted the range of occupations in which the children are interested. Doctors, Police, Fireman, 'Superhero', pilots, armed services, actors, nurses, singers and many more were all present.



With Hector, the Nunawading Spectres mascot

Student-Free Day

On Wednesday the whole staff spent the morning learning more about indigenous culture and history. We were all participating in Cultural Understanding and Safety Training (CUST) conducted by DET in conjunction with elders from the Mullum Mullum gathering place. This was a very insightful four hour PD which enlightened all staff on a wide range of cultural and historic issues affecting indigenous Australians. In the afternoon the teaching staff were involved in a two hour professional learning session focussing of best teaching practices for children with English as an Additional Language (EAL). Both of these sessions had common threads that can be immediately applied to all classes and improve the learning for all children. As well, excellent resources were presented to staff that will assist in their preparation and implementation of engaging and relevant lessons that will benefit the children in their classes.



Instrumental Music Concerts

This year our Instrumental Music Program has continued to grow. About 200 students learn an instrument under the excellent instruction of our amazing music teachers. As we get closer to the end of the first semester, the first half year concerts are a good opportunity for parents and friends to see the progress the children have made in learning their instruments. It also give the children an excellent opportunity to perform in public. This year's mid year music concerts are:

11th June Piano and Keyboard

12th June Strings and Harp

17th June Percussion

19th June Guitar

24th June Brass and Woodwind

If you have a chance, make sure to come along!!

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Principal's Report

Parking in the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone

Last week I asked all families to please be cautious in Essex Road, and 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. Please remember that the 'Drop Off/Pick Up' Zone in front of the school is NOT a parking area. From 8.30am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4pm on school days, this zone allows two minute parking only. By following the correct rules, the drop off/pick up zone works effectively and ensures safety for all children coming to school by car. Also, after dropping the children off at school, please do not speed off in a hurry - make sure it is safe, and travel carefully around the streets surrounding the school. Could all families please follow one simple rule - 'Always follow the road rules, drive safely, and park legally'. Please work with us to keep the streets around our school safe for the children, and please respect our neighbour's properties.

See you around the school.

George Perini
Principal



Privacy



Education
and Training

The Department of Education & Training (DET) has developed a new Schools' Privacy Policy and related documents for all Victorian government schools to implement. All schools must use the same policy as the one on the Department's website - [CLICK HERE](#).

This policy is centrally reviewed and updated. To access information for parents, including a link to translations for culturally and linguistically diverse communities, [CLICK HERE](#).

Prep 2020 Enrolment

Enrolments for **Prep 2020** entry are due by **next Friday, 31st May**. If you, friends, family or neighbours, have a child due to start school in 2020 (born on or before 30th April 2015), please collect enrolment forms from the Office.

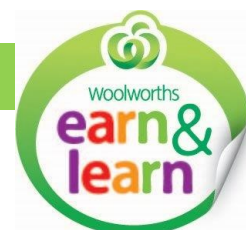
Prospective families are invited to attend a school tour. Tours are held on Thursdays and Fridays at 9.30am. Bookings are essential - please contact the Office on 9807 4944.



Earn & Learn

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

Sticker sheets are available at the Office.



Stop and Name Your Feelings

It's okay to have strong feelings. But when you have strong feelings, it can be hard to think about what to do. You can get back in control by calming down. The first step is to use a stop signal to catch your own attention and to tell yourself to stop. You might say "Chill out!", "Stop!" or "Relax!" Next use your feeling detective skills to name your feeling. When you recognize your feelings, the thinking part of your brain can start to manage them. Students have been encouraged to take a moment to decide what their stop signal they would use during the week.



Nikki Olsen

Year 2 Mont De Lancey Excursion

On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th May the Year 2s visited Mont De Lancey, an Olden Days homestead in Wandin. It was such an amazing experience! There was so much to see and do. We went to an olden days Bunnings – otherwise known as a Blacksmith! We had a turn at twisting hot metal, and we saw a Woodturner make spinning tops. The children loved the olden days school where they wrote in cursive with chalk. We learnt what happened before electricity and flushing toilets. They were very excited to have a new experience of cooking damper on a fire.



Thank you!!! 😊

A massive thank you to our parent volunteers, we are so grateful you could come.



Mulgrave District Cross Country



Congratulations to the 70 students who yesterday participated in the Mulgrave District Cross Country at Jells Park Reserve on Thursday (23rd May). Led by team captains, Kayla S and Tom F, the team had been training since the Fun Run twice a week before school and at lunch time. For 20 students this was their first time representing EHPS at an inter-school event. Prepared for all weather conditions, but met with glorious autumn sunshine, the Essex Heights students gave their all to the 3km or 2km course, which included a narrowing near the start and some enduring steep inclines. Overall, Essex Heights finished 5th, with ten students progressing to the Division Championships on Wednesday 5th June. A special mention must be made for Eddie C (56A) who ran in the Multi-Classification 2km race finishing in 2nd place. This is an incredible achievement, and one which was celebrated with all his team mates sharing in the joy as he crossed the finish line. Special thanks go to the many student volunteers who offered to run again, and Joshua H who ran the additional 2km race on the day after his own 3km race.

Special thanks also to the numerous parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support our students, set up our school banner, purchased and prepared fresh fruit, banded knees, marshalled runners and provided good cheer and encouragement throughout the day.

thank
YOU

Congratulations to the following students who will be progressing to Division. Training will continue on Tuesdays at 8.15am and Thursdays at 2.45pm.

9/10 Yr Mitchell L (4D) 2nd, Celeste V (4R) 11th, Shibe H (4O) 10th, Emma C (4R) 6th
 11 Yr Jack F (56M) 10th, Thomas C (56C) 12th, Michael M (56L) 11th, Rihan R (56S) 6th
 12/13 Yr Joshua H (56A) 10th, Kayla S (56O) 3rd



Sayembara Lisan 2019



Congratulations to all who participated in the Sayembara Lisan this year. It was a 'bagus sekali' effort with over 30 Essex Heights students enrolling in this extra-curricular Indonesian event, held on Saturday 11th May. Finalists have been announced and students' finalist details, including time slots, uploaded to their profile on Compass. Participation certificates will be awarded in an Assembly later this term.

Terima Kasih once again for the support involved by all the parents, carers and wider school community for those who participated in the Sayembara Lisan this year.

Bu Sarah

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR



We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the *2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: Made of Stars*.

On Monday 20th May we attended our second rehearsal with the choreographers and some other schools. As you can see from these photos, the Essex Heights students were energetic, great listeners, and they learnt so much more of the dances! We will be continuing to practise weekly at school and look forward to showing off at Assembly soon.

VSSS tickets on sale from 12th June - stay tuned for an update to purchase tickets!

Lauren Davies and Kirsten Lightfoot



Prep Teddy Bears' Picnic

The Prep Teddy Bears' Picnic is on next Wednesday, 29th May.





The **Science REACH Assessment** will be held next week, Monday 27th to Friday 31st May. If you have registered your child to participate, your classroom teacher can confirm which day the assessment will be conducted.

Music



D E S T I N A T I O N
NEVR YOUTH CONCERT 2019

Nine EHPS students are participating in the Destination NEVR Youth Concert at Hamer Hall next Tuesday, 28th May. Tickets are on sale from artscentremelbourne.com.au.



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](http://ACMF.COM.AU). 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

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



Before & After School Care

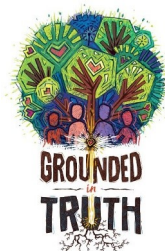
I would just like to thank the many families that have brought their accounts up to date. If you still have an outstanding account could you please ensure it is settled in the ensuing fortnight.

Next week we will be celebrating Reconciliation Week at the program. We have some fun activities planned reflecting Indigenous culture.

*Pancake
Breakfast*



On Friday 31st May Before School Care will be hosting a pancake breakfast. We hope this makes the cold mornings bearable.



After School Care Activities for the week ending 31st May:

- Monday Magic Workshop
- Tuesday Billabong Sticker Scene
- Wednesday Dot painting Australian animals / Soccer with Mat and Luke
- Thursday Indigenous scratch pad art
- Friday Cooking: Bush Tomato Scones

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

Munch & Crunch Canteen



Canteen Roster

Monday 27th May - 11.15am to 1.45pm Cindy Yeo & Saifon Photha

Wednesday 29th May - 9.00am to 1.45pm Jing Mu & Paula Di Maggio

Friday 31st May - 9.00am to 1.45pm Lavina Moschou, Nicole Allison & Sherry Yip

Please remember to sign the Visitor's Register in the Office before coming to the Canteen.

If you are unable to do your rostered duty, or you have any queries, please contact Maria as soon as possible on 0409 934 573.

Maria Vlahos
Canteen Manager

Parents & Friends News



Election Day Stalls

Thank you so much to everyone who helped and supported our Election Day Stalls last Saturday. We certainly presented the school as an active and impressive local primary school, with much on offer including a BBQ, cake and craft stall, a coffee cart, and even buskers courtesy of the Choir. It was a magnificent effort, and much needed funds were raised for our school.

Again, our volunteer spirit was evident by so many baking, setting up, manning, counting money, through to cleaning up. Thank you one and all! In particular, the following people made the day possible - many thanks to ...

BBQ: Luke, Chris, Franz, James, Graham, Xunhai, Wayne, Jon, Wee and Doug.

Cake Stall: Kathryn, Tonia, Kaye, Andrea, Melita, Jacinta, Polly, Catriona, Cindy and Jan. Special mention to our Years 5 & 6 teacher, Matthew Appleby, who baked and manned the Cake Stall.

Many thanks to Ina who supported us during the day. Several children also helped and much appreciation is given to: Caitlin D, Ava B, Eliza B, Allison S, Maya P, Max P, Charlotte N, Ghin S, Zoe C, Haidee and Hong J.



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



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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
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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

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