

CALENDAR

June

Mon 17	.....	Yr 2 Learning Walk
Mon 17	.....	Percussion & Ukulele Concert
Tue 18	.....	Region Cross Country
Tue 18	.....	Yr 1 Minibeast Mania Day
Wed 19	.....	Prep Responsible Pet Education Program incursion
Wed 19	.....	Guitar & Contemporary Band Concert
Thu 20	.....	VSSS Rehearsal
Fri 21	.....	Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter School Sport Finals
Mon 24	.....	Yrs 5&6 Developing Youth Attitudes incursion
Mon 24	.....	Brass & Woodwind Concert
Tue 25	.....	Yr 4 Polly Woodside & Cook's Cottage excursion
Thu 27	.....	Pizza Lunch Graduation Fundraiser
Thu 27	.....	Prep Cultural Day
Thu 27	.....	Yr 3 Engineers Without Borders incursion
Fri 28	.....	Term 2 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

July

Mon 15	.....	Term 3 starts
Sat 27-Sun 4	.....	Singapore International Choral Festival
Mon 29-Thur 1	...	REACH Assessment: English

August

Fri 2	EHPS Student-free Day
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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.

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'S REPORT

Dear parents and friends of our Essex Heights community,

Instrumental Music Program

This year our amazing Instrumental Music Program has almost 200 students. Essex Heights has a proud record of achievement in music in both the classroom and the instrumental program. On Tuesday and Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending the Piano & Keyboard Concerts in our School Hall, as well as the Strings Concert held at St Faiths Anglican Church in Glen Iris. These mid-year events are designed to show parents the progress that children have made, provide the children with the experience of being a performer, build their confidence, and most importantly, have fun playing their instrument.



The concerts were all thoroughly entertaining and highlighted the amazing talent we have at Essex Heights. The children played very well at their different abilities, and the performance repertoire was very broad. I want to congratulate all the children who participated and to encourage them all to continue to practise and enjoy their music. A special thanks must go to the

instrumental music teachers who all work very hard teaching the children and preparing them for the concert.

Our Instrumental Music Program is coordinated by Alyssa Kennedy who not only runs the whole instrumental program, but is also the teacher of strings. She oversees the large instrumental music program and the students who learn an instrument, and works with her teachers to provide children with a great instrumental music background. I would also like to thank Tanya Dolence for her continual support of the instrumental program.



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June

15th	Celina W Coco S Noah S Ruby M Sky L
17th	Sienna B
18th	Aydin J Daniel C
19th	Nathan T Liam C Chengbin S Rohan B
20th	Samuel N
21st	Tyler Z Senuth A Tom F

Information sent home:

Follow up with your classroom teacher about any items on this list



Year/Group

Notice/Activity

Whole school (all students) Pizza Lunch Graduation Fundraiser order envelope

This week's information on Compass:



Year/Group

Compass News Feed

Year 1	Minibeast Mania Day!
Year 2	Learning Walk - postponed
Years 5 & 6	ISS Round 5 vs Mount Waverley
Whole School	REMINDER ... Please Vote in People's Choice Award for Mathematics Garden Health Alert Insights article: Managing your child's anxiety People's Choice Award - please vote!

Compass Events:

Year/Group

Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date

Selected Students	Eastern Metropolitan Region Cross Country Finals - 16th June Victorian State School Spectacular - Rehearsal 3 (info only)
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Assembly: Monday 17th June

At Assembly on Monday:

- Division Cross Country report
- Winter Inter-School Sport report
- Pizza Lunch Graduation Fundraiser
- School Banking winners
- Student of the Week & Baik Sekali awards

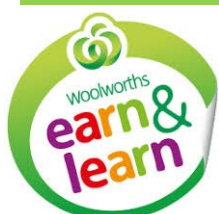
Note: Items listed above are correct at time of publication, but may be subject to change.

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

Family Statements

Family statements have been issued by email to all families with outstanding charges last week. It is preferred that outstanding charges be paid using BPay (details on your statement) or Compass Pay. If these payment options are not possible, please come to the Office to pay by credit card/Eftpos using MasterCard or Visa (minimum amount \$20), cheque (payable to Essex Heights Primary School), or cash (correct amount as no change is held in the Office). Please note that Instrumental Music charges are only payable by BPay, or at the Office. Please finalise all outstanding charges before the end of term. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Business Manager, Barbara McCann, to discuss payment options.

Earn & Learn



There is just over a week to go in the 2019 Earn & Learn program. 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 by Tuesday 25th June.

Sticker sheets are available at the Office.

Principal's Report



Each concert was very well attended. I am sure that all parents were very proud of their children's performance and progress. Thank you all for attending and supporting your children.

If you are interested in attending any of the future concerts, you are welcome to attend:

Percussion & Ukelele on Monday 17th June at 7pm in the School Hall

Guitar & Contemporary Band on Wednesday 19th June at 7pm in the
Banksia & Violet buildings

Woodwind & Brass on Monday 24th June at 7pm in the School Hall

School Dress Code

At Essex Heights, we strongly promote a sense of identity and pride in the school through students wearing our school uniform. We also believe that it is important for all children to wear the school uniform as outlined in our school policy so that it reduces the potential for students to feel peer pressure to wear fashion items.

Overall, I think the school uniform is worn very well at Essex Heights, but it is timely to remind everyone that multi-coloured items are not part of the school dress code. As I walk around the school, I have observed a variety of coloured track pants, leggings, etc. I appreciate that in the colder months additional warmth is required. Extra clothes such as skivvies and t-shirts can be worn under the normal uniform and preferably, they should be in school colours - green, grey and white. It must be noted that tights and leggings must be black.

Please remember that we do have secondhand uniform organised by the PFA once each term, and that if there are financial issues please ensure that you contact the School.

A copy of the school Dress Code policy is available on the school website.

Thank you to all the families that work with us to ensure that our children look fantastic in their school uniform.

Ambulance Cover

Thankfully calling an ambulance for an injured child is a rare occurrence at our school, however all families should be aware that an ambulance will be called if it is deemed necessary, because your child's welfare is our first priority. In such cases, parental approval is not required before making the call, and the family will be responsible for the payment of the ambulance trip. If you do not have an Ambulance Victoria membership, the average cost of emergency transport is more than \$1,100. I think it is timely to remind parents and guardians to strongly consider having ambulance cover for your children and family. A yearly family subscription costs under \$90, and for peace of mind, is well worth the investment. For Ambulance Victoria membership information, [CLICK HERE](#).



Better Communication

Earlier this year we celebrated Harmony Day, and it again caused me to reflect upon the wonderful diversity that makes Australia such a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs', the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.



An important part of belonging is having the ability to engage in the community, know what is going on and to feel a part of that community. At Essex Heights we value and celebrate our wide diversity of cultures and the many languages spoken at home.

Did you know:

- ★ 20% of our parents were born in China, and
- ★ another 8% are from India.
- ★ 27% of EHPS students born in Australia speak another language at home
- ★ 37 different languages are spoken at home by EHPS students
- ★ Our 600 students were born in 25 different countries.

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Principal's Report

Our school really wants to know how we can more effectively communicate important information and messages to all of our community and to ensure that all members are able to engage in the life of the school. School Council has established a working party led by Tonia Preyser to look at ways that we can achieve this. If you are from a non-English speaking background, and you have any ideas about how we can involve all members of our community in the school, please talk with Tonia or myself and let us know your thoughts. With your help we can start to explore strategies that will assist us to improve our communication with all families.

See you at the music concerts.

George Perini
Principal



Emergency Drill

Yesterday, Thursday 13th June, the children participated in a 'mock' emergency 'lock- down' procedure. The students were well prepared in advance for this process. The buildings were secured, and a temporary 'lock out' was put in place while all students, staff and visitors were accounted for. All students with medical or other needs were supported.

Regular emergency response drills ensure the safety of our whole school community should, in a rare situation, the necessity to evacuate arise.

We thank you in advance for supporting your child/children at home with any questions or feedback that may arise from this experience.

Essex Heights Staff

School Photos



All group photos (eg School Captains, Junior School Council, Sport, Music) are available to view online on The School Photographer website - [CLICK HERE](#). Orders are due by Friday 28th June (end of term). Online orders are preferred; using the code 19S3022PER41E to access the EHPS photos online. If paying by cash, please collect a payment envelope from the Office.

If you have any issues with your order, please contact The School Photographer on (02) 9674 9824.

Year 7 2020 Placements

Application forms for Year 7 2020 Placement submitted for Year 6 students have been forwarded to the first preference schools (government secondary schools) and independent schools (for those with confirmed enrolment). If any information on the form changes, eg home address, parent contact details, please immediately notify the details in writing to Jo in the Office.

Parents/carers of students attending government secondary schools will be notified by EHPS by letter of the Year 7 Placement for 2020 on Wednesday 7th August.

Pizza Lunch Graduation Fundraiser



A Pizza Lunch will be held on Thursday 27th June in support of Year 6 Graduation. There are four yummy pizzas and four drinks to choose from, supplied by Bakers Delight at Burwood One.



All students received an order envelope for the Pizza Lunch Graduation Fundraiser today. Return your order envelope, including payment, to your classroom teacher no later than next Friday, 21st June, if you'd like to participate - your support would be greatly appreciated.

Prep 2020 Enrolment

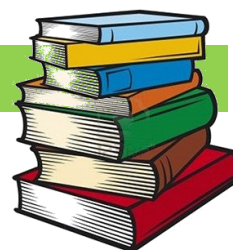


Enrolments for Prep 2020 were due on Friday 31st May. If you, friends, family or neighbours, have a child due to start school in 2020 (born on or before 30th April 2015), please collect enrolment forms from the Office. Enrolment documentation should be lodged at our Office between 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday as soon as possible.

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.

Library Books

It is great that our students are borrowing books from our School Library and also using the local libraries. However, from time to time, and again recently, we have been contacted by the Mount Waverley Library to advise that several EHPS Library books have been returned there in error. We ask that you pause and check when returning library books, to make sure they're being returned to the correct Library.



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 (a saving of \$37)! Insights articles and webinar information, including the discount voucher, are provided to you on your Compass News Feed.

New *Insights* article:

- ★ Managing your child's anxiety

Webinars:

- ★ *Teach girls to build each other up* – available until 29th June. [CLICK HERE](#) and refer to your Compass News Feed for your voucher coupon with the discount code.
- ★ *Managing your child's anxiety* – Tuesday 25th June at 8pm. 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 25th July 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 more *Insights* articles, the 2019 webinar series, and more Parenting Ideas information and resources - [CLICK HERE](#).



Health Alert: Pneumonia

Please be aware that there has been a case of Bacterial Pneumonia in the younger grades. Pneumonia can strike suddenly or gradually, it can be triggered by a cold or a bout of flu. Symptoms may include fever, breathing difficulties, general malaise, headache, chest pain, cough, nausea and vomiting.

See your doctor or medical assistance if you are concerned. Bacterial pneumonia requires antibiotics for treatment.

See this link from Better Health if more information is required - [CLICK HERE](#).

Please do not send unwell children to school to decrease the risk of spreading and promote healing.

Stopping the spread of colds, coughs, flu and other germs

As we approach the colder weather and we see more prevalence of coughs, colds and flu, I thought it is timely to remind you and encourage you to talk with your children about these three simple steps we can all take to stop the spread of colds, coughs, flu and other germs.

Please do not send unwell children to school; if they are sick they will not learn, and it only spreads the illness to the wider community. Recovery is promoted with rest and care in the home environment.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow

Hands are a major transmitter of viruses and bugs. If you don't have a tissue handy and you feel a sneeze or cough coming on, cough or sneeze into your elbow. It's a part of your body less likely to touch other surfaces and will help stop the spread of those nasty germs. If you do use a tissue, make sure you dispose of it into a bin nearby.

Wash your hands regularly

Flu germs are carried in almost invisible little droplets from saliva, sneezes, coughs and runny noses. They can live on surfaces for hours, and spread when people touch the infected surface.

Washing your hands thoroughly with soap and water at regular intervals throughout the day is a quick and easy way to help stop the spread of these germs.

Germbuster (an antibacterial hand sanitiser) is also provided in every classroom, so please use this throughout the school day.

Get your flu vaccination

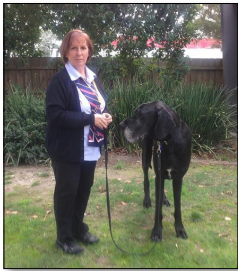
Having an annual flu shot is the most important measure to prevent the flu and its complications and is recommended for all Victorians over six months of age.

The flu doesn't discriminate and anyone can be affected - even people who are young, fit and healthy - that's why it is so important that everyone in the community protects themselves against the flu this season by getting their flu shot.

For more information, please refer to the Better Health Channel - [CLICK HERE](#).

Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

Prep Responsible Pet Education Program

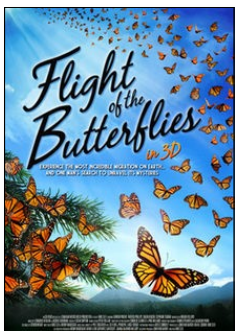


Prep students will participate in the Responsible Pet Education Program incursion next Wednesday, 19th June. We look forward to welcoming Carol and her dog.

Year 1

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs Exhibition & IMAX 3D Movie

Last Thursday, the Year One children went on a very exciting excursion to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX, to further explore our Integrated Unit on 'Minibeasts'. The children spent time viewing the Bug Lab Exhibition and comparing the information they have learnt across the unit, with real-life examples. We saw spiders, butterflies and even an escaping grasshopper! The children participated in a special session about insects, where they used magnifying glasses to classify the Minibeasts. At IMAX, we saw the 3D movie 'The Flight of the Butterflies' where we followed a scientist on his discovery of the Monarch Butterflies.



Yesterday I went on an excursion. We got to watch a 3D movie at IMAX. I said to my friend, "it was so much fun!" We got to look insects and in the 3D Butterfly Movie, the butterflies were flying right at us. Some people tried to catch the butterflies coming at them! My favourite part was seeing the movie and finding out where the butterflies were hiding! – Lauren J, 1G

Yesterday was interesting because we went to IMAX! I walked around the museum and I saw a golden fossil! It was a dinosaur fossil! We watched a movie called 'The Flight of the Monarch Butterfly.' I put on special sunglasses! Most butterflies you could touch but couldn't touch! – Max T, 1G



Minibeast Mania Day



Year 1 students will enjoy a fun day of learning activities related to our integrated topic Schoolyard Safari next Tuesday, 18th June. The children will rotate through a series of games and activities to celebrate the learning they have achieved over the term!

Children are asked to dress up as their favourite Minibeast to attend a groovy 'Minibeast Mania Disco'.



Con, Victoria, Lisa, Nikki & Paula
Year 1 Team

Year 2 Learning Walk

As advised on Compass, the Learning Walk has been rescheduled to next Monday, 17th June, leaving at 11.30am and returning at approximately 1.00pm. Year 2 students will be going on a local learning walk, walking along Cratloe Road, and seeing the side streets which were named after John Carmody's daughters. He was the local land owner and a prominent figure in Mount Waverley. We will finish our walk at Federal Reserve.



We would appreciate up to three parent helpers per class. Please contact your child's class teacher if you would like to help. Please note that you need a current Working With Children Check and to have signed the Child Safe Code of Conduct to volunteer. If you've not yet done so, present your WWCC card at the Office to be copied, and sign the Code of Conduct (copies available in the Office) before the excursion.

Lena, Helen, Renee, Kirsten, Anita & Kelvin
Year 2 Team

Health & PE



Years 5 & 6 Winter Inter-School Sport

Today was the final round of Winter Inter-School Sport for 2019. Congratulations to all Year 5/6 students for their participation, dedication and sportsmanship throughout this season. Special thanks goes to the Year 5/6 staff, Bu Sarah and Helen for supporting the students throughout this program. Also to all the parents, family and friends who have shown their support. It is great to have such a strong community feel on these Friday mornings. From parents setting up Soccer goals on the dewy grass, to grandparents umpiring Netball at short notice, and parents of junior school students assisting with coaching. It has been lovely to be a part of such an inclusive program and I have certainly felt a strong sense of Essex Heights spirit and pride among those involved.



We look forward to checking the ladder following the final round and congratulate those teams who will be progressing to the finals on Friday 21st June. At the time of writing, the T-Ball Girls and Netball A Mixed teams are confirmed finalists. Go Essex Heights!

Elisha Cotterell



*Netball A Girls & Mixed
braving tough winter
conditions*



*Netball Mixed defeated
Glendal 18 to 1*



*Basketball at Nunawading Stadium,
facilitated by Nunawading
Basketball and SEDA College*

Photos: Elisha Cotterell

It's District Hoop Time!

This year Essex Heights Primary School will be entering five Hoop Time teams into both the Year 4 and Year 5/6 Mulgrave District Basketball Gala Day competitions. This is an exciting increase from 2018, with one additional team at Year 5/6 level and four additional teams at Year 4 level.

These Gala days will be held at Nunawading Basketball Stadium for the Year 4 students on Tuesday 3rd September, and Thursday 12th September for the Year 5/6 students. 40 students in each year group will be selected to participate, and will form the five teams of eight players. Categories include All Stars for Club and Representative level players, Future Stars for Club level, and Rookie for Development level players. If you are interested in attending Try-Outs for these teams, please add your name to the sign up sheets in your buildings, and be ready to come along to lunch time try-out sessions in the Stadium starting next week.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Cotterell & Mr Cavill



Year 4 Team in 2018



Monash Music Battle




MONASH MUSIC BATTLE '19
A QUIKSOUND PRODUCTIONS EVENT

BBQ & Canteen
FREE Photo Booth

PERFORMANCES BY:
David Ritlewski
Sam Vander Reest
April
JamHaus
Maree Tsotsos
Seb Szabo
Victoria Nikolaou
The Bread Winners
IV Dante

FRIDAY 14 JUNE
6PM-10PM

MOUNT WAVERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
47 MILLER CRESENT, MOUNT WAVERLEY

ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION
For more info contact Monash Youth Services on 9518 3900 or visit monashyouth.org.au.
This event is drug, alcohol & smoke free. No pass outs. All ages. Fully supervised.

Logos: freeza, VICTORIA, QUIKSOUND, MONASH YOUTH SERVICES, Rotary, MONASH

The Monash Music Battle is here and we hope you are just as excited as we are! We are so proud to have a past student competing, as well as a past student as one of the judges – way to go Essex Heights!

Performers will be competing TONIGHT, Friday 14th June, from 6pm to 10pm at the Mount Waverley Community Centre. Please head along and support our past students and enjoy the great music.

Tickets are a gold coin donation and the audience will be voting on the night for a special audience choice prize! So bring along your friends for a night of good local music, BBQ and a photo booth, we hope to see you there!

Tanya Dolence

Instrumental Music Program Mid Year 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. The mid 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.

You are welcome to attend the remaining mid year concerts:

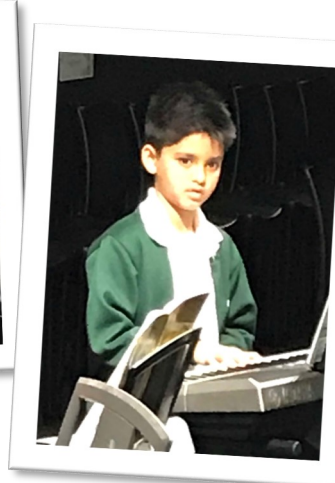
Monday 17th June Percussion and Ukulele from 7pm to 9pm in the Hall.

Wednesday 19th June Guitar and Contemporary Band from 7pm to 9pm in the Banksia & Violet Collaborative Spaces.

Monday 24th June Brass and Woodwind from 7pm to 9pm in the Hall.

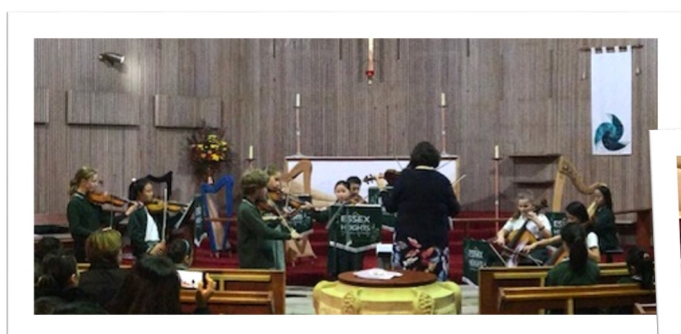
Keyboard & Year 1 Piano Concert & Years 2 to 6 Piano Concert

These concerts were held on Tuesday evening in our Hall.



Strings & Harp Concert

This concert was held on Wednesday evening at St Faith's Anglican Church in Glen Iris.



Photos: George Perini & Alyssa Kennedy



For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure tickets - on sale now via Ticketek - [CLICK HERE](#) or type www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular into your web browser.

Adult \$40

Child Under 15 \$20

Concession \$30



Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (the 11th ticket is free) by calling Group Bookings on 1300 364 001.

Essex Heights students will be performing in the mass dance group in Quadrant 2. It has been suggested to purchase tickets for best viewing of these students in sections 17, 18, 19, 44, and 45.

Lauren Davies and Kirsten Lightfoot



Dance Classes



Lunchtime Dance Performance



Due to the Year 4 excursion on Tuesday 25th June, the Lunchtime Dance performance will now be held on **Tuesday 18th June at 2.10pm** in the Hall. The three weekly classes prior will run for 40 minutes to make up for the missed session. Schools are busy places, and occasionally clashes occur. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Please wait outside to allow time for students to rehearse, and we will invite you in just before they are about to start.

Thank you for enrolling your child in the Lunchtime Dance program.

Georgia Lombard

Munch & Crunch Canteen



Canteen Roster

Monday 17th June - 11.15am to 1.45pm Sarah Cobelli

Wednesday 19th June - 9.00am to 1.45pm Angela Millan & Vicki Milevski

Friday 21st June - 9.00am to 1.45pm James Douglas & Yunmi Lee

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.

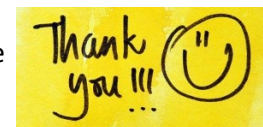
Discontinued Items

Please note that Beef Mini Risssoles and Potato Gratin will not be available for the time being, as Good Food Hero have stopped producing them.



Fun Run Results

Thank you to everyone who either ran, volunteered on the day, or sponsored a participant. **We raised a total sum of \$5,972.30!** This money will go direct to fund a range of items for our school. The PFA's current commitment register include ICT resources (eg. iPads and laptops), literacy supplies, music tops, sports uniforms, and Mother's and Father's Day events.



Special thanks to the following children who sought sponsorship for the Fun Run and raised over \$100:

Lachlan C (1P)	Oscar F (3L)	Phileas L (4D)	Jonas L (3F)
Jaslene L (56A)	Maya P (2LD)	Max P (4R)	Karl S (4R)
Kayla S (56O)	Jai S (3L)	Allison S (3F)	Dax W (PM)

Vouchers and prizes will be presented at a School Assembly before the end of term.

We're on Facebook

Entertainment Membership

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



The PFA can be contacted via email on ehpspfa@gmail.com.

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