

CALENDAR

June

Mon 24	Yrs 5&6 Developing Youth Attitudes incursion
Mon 24	Brass & Woodwind Concert
Tue 25	Yr 4 Polly Woodside & Cook's Cottage excursion
Tue 25	Mulgrave District Girls' Soccer Gala Day
Tue 25	Prep 2020 Parent Evening
Wed 26	Classroom Representatives Morning Tea & Meeting
Thu 27	Pizza Lunch Yr 6 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
Tue 18	JSC fundraiser - Pyjama Day
Mon 22	Prep 2020 Storytime
Thu 25	Yr 3 Engineers Without Borders incursion
Sat 27-Sun 4	Singapore International Choral Festival
Mon 29-Thu 1	REACH Assessment: English
Tue 30	Prep 100 Days at School

August

Fri 2	EHPS Student-free Day
Mon 5-Fri 9	REACH Assessment: Mathematics

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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SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT NEWS

Dear Essex Heights Community,

Today I am very happy to be able to share some exciting news with you. On behalf of School Council, I am pleased to advise that the Department of Education have extended Mr George Perini's contract as Principal at Essex Heights for a further five years. This takes George's tenure through to mid 2024. This is a fantastic outcome for Essex Heights and I am very grateful for the continuity this brings to our community, following a rather difficult period for many.

George is a highly experienced, collaborative and strategically minded Principal who truly loves his job and revels in being part of our EHPS community. Together with our strong Assistant Principal team, Ina, Carolyn and Ben; and our wonderful teaching and support staff, I believe Essex Heights are well positioned for continued growth and a successful future - of which our children will be the beneficiaries.

I hope you will join me in congratulating George on his extended appointment.

Stay warm and dry, and have a lovely weekend,

Sincerely,

Kristen Steer

EHPS School Council President

**Term 2 ends
NEXT FRIDAY
28th June**

Students dismissed at 2.30pm

After School Care from 2.30pm - book with Paul Davis.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June

22nd Robin S
Radin A
25th Olivia S
26th Tom S
27th Shibe H
Hoong Hoong C
28th Avary B
Will G
Aditi S
Charlotte D

This week's information on Compass:



Year/Group	Compass News Feed
Year 1	Minibeast Mania Day - Reminder
Year 2	Olden Days Tuesday 25/6 Family Tree Homework
Years 5 & 6	ISS FINALS - Venue Update - Netball A Mixed Winter ISS Finals - Friday 21st June
Whole School	Earn & Learn Pizza Lunch fundraiser reminder Important Message from the Health Centre Helping kids tolerate discomfort Special Photos (Group Shots)
Compass Events:	
Year/Group	Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date
Selected Students	Mulgrave District Girls' Soccer Gala Day - 21st June

Assembly: Monday 24th June

At Assembly on Monday:

- Fun Run prizes
- JSC announcements
- Indonesian play
- Marimba performance by 40
- 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.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Maria Savva and her husband on the arrival of their daughter, Nicki.

Earn & Learn



The Earn & Learn program for 2019 **finishes next Tuesday, 25th June**. Please bring your Earn & Learn stickers to school no later than Tuesday, and put in the box in our Office reception.

If you've enough stickers to complete a sticker sheet, please stick all stickers on the sheet, and return to the box in the Office. Earn & Learn stickers must be on an Earn & Learn sticker sheet (original, copied, or downloaded). Sticker sheets are available at the Office.

Going on holidays?

If students are leaving school before the end of term (Friday 28th June), or not returning at the beginning of Term 3 (commencing Monday 15th July), it is essential that their absence is recorded in Compass before the first day they are absent. If you need assistance with this or any Compass issue, including access, please contact the Office.



Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of our Essex Heights community,

Instrumental Music Program

This week we have had two more amazing mid year music concerts. The Percussion and Ukulele Concert was held on Monday night, and the Guitar and Contemporary Band Concert on Wednesday. Again the students showed by their performance that they really enjoy music and they have learned to play together so well.

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.



All of the concerts have been so very well attended and this is marvellous for the children because they need to perform publically which reinforces their need to practice and give their learning a purpose.

Next Monday night, 24th June, the Brass and Woodwind Concert will be held in the Hall. This is the last of the mid year concerts and again reinforces the amazing talent that we have in our school and the strength of our entire music program.

Minibeast Mania

On Tuesday Year 1 was overrun by so many mini-beasts! There were spiders, lady bugs, butterflies, ants, praying mantises, bees, and so much more. The Year 1 classes were involved in a rotation of wonderful learning activities and it culminated their study of insects. When I visited the classrooms I was completely overwhelmed by mini-beasts, but it was lucky that we had a few bug catchers, and Burns Bug Buster service on hand!!!



Responsible Pet Ownership

On Wednesday, all the Prep classes learned about what it take to be a responsible owner of a pet and the things that it take to look after them.

Our visitor, Coral, had a very large pet – a Great Dane, named Morgan. Did you know that a dog of this size can weigh over 80kg! The children really enjoyed the visit and learned so much.



Photos: George Perini

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Sayembara Lisan - Indonesian Speaking Competition

Again this year over 30 students participated in the Indonesian Speaking Competition. Bu Sarah held practice sessions at lunch times and the students practised and prepared so well. 11 students progressed to the finals.



Last Friday night Sarah and I attend the state-wide awards ceremony held at The University of Melbourne. The Consul General for the Republic of Indonesia presented all of the awards to the winners. Rashi B was the recipient of a highly commended award in Level 2. Her parents were present and very proud of her achievement. This is the third awards evening I have attended, and Essex Heights has won an award every time. This is a great credit to the staff who have and are working in the Indonesian program, and help to prepare the children as well as the current quality of the learning of the language.



Reading to Children

I think every parent knows the value of reading books to young children. However, I was interested in an Age article last year:

“Reading together still important after children start school, expert says”

Professor Bridie Raban, at the University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education makes the point that many parents stop reading to their children after they reach school age, and this is a lost opportunity to continue to develop their literacy skills

“Research identifies a clear link between the development of good literacy and numeracy skills at an early age and higher levels of educational achievement, employability, higher earnings and social participation later in life,” she said.

Despite the bells and whistles of digital books, 86 per cent of Australian children preferred a traditional book. The article provided the following tips for parents:

Reading Tips

1. Make reading part of the daily routine. Make a bedtime story something to look forward to.
2. Read regularly yourself.
3. Join a local library.
4. Read books on different topics and find themes that interest your kids.
5. Play word and word association games.
6. Talk with your child: it builds communication skills, vocabulary and increases confidence.



Electronic Devices at School

I would like to remind all families that children ARE NOT permitted to have devices at school that can transmit/receive messages, take photos/video, or recording any audio. This can apply to mobile phones, smart watches, or similar devices. If a child needs to have such equipment it will be provided at school for their learning. If you require your child to have such a device outside of the school day, then it can be handed to their class teacher for safe keeping, and it will be returned to them at the end of the school day.

Please refer to the Mobile Phone, Camera and Electronic Device Policy on the school website - [CLICK HERE](#).

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Leader Local Grants



Currently our school is a finalist in the Leader Local Grants. It is our hope that we can win the popularly voted grant to assist in the development of the Mathematics Garden. Every person can vote up to 10 times. So please get family and friends to go on line and support our Mathematics Garden application. Just follow the link - [CLICK HERE](http://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au) - or type <http://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au> into your web browser.

See you around the school.

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. 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:

- ★ Helping kids tolerate discomfort

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* – Next 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](#).

Prep 2020 Parent Evening

Just a reminder that our School Transition Program commences **next Tuesday night, 25th June**, with the Parent Evening for parents of children starting in Prep at Essex Heights Primary School in 2020.

The Parent Evening will take place in our School Library commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting will conclude at 8.00pm with a quick tour of the Prep classrooms. We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Best wishes,
The Prep Team

Mathematics Garden - Leader Local Grant



VOTE NOW FOR OUR PROJECT AT
[LEADERLOCALGRANTS.COM.AU](https://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au)
\$33,000 IN MICRO GRANTS TO FUND LOCAL PROJECTS

I have entered the Leader Local Grant competition for our school's Mathematics Garden, and we need everyone to vote again! This time you are allocated up to 10 votes!

Our Mathematics Garden has been selected as a finalist for the Monash Leader. Voting opened on 17th June, and finishes at 5pm next Friday, 28th June. [CLICK HERE](https://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au) or type <https://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/> into your web browser to vote.

Thank you everyone - really appreciate your help and support.

Jenny Austin

**PLEASE
VOTE!**

Health Centre



Important message from the Health Centre



Just a reminder to all parents and guardians to please don't send sick children to school.

If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they must be away for at least 24 hours after the last vomit or loose bowel motion.

If your child has a fever and is unwell overnight or in the morning, please keep them home.

We understand with work and other commitments this is at times hard, but unfortunately essential.

Rest will promote recovery and this also decreases the risk of spreading to other students, staff and the whole Essex community.

Thanks you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

Health Alert: Influenza A

A case of Influenza A has been diagnosed in the younger grades. The most common symptoms of the flu are:

- sudden appearance of a high fever (38°C or more)
- a dry cough
- body aches (especially in the head, lower back and legs)
- feeling extremely weak and tired (and not wanting to get out of bed).

Other symptoms can be:

- chills
- aching behind the eyes
- loss of appetite
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose.

Please seek medical advice if concerned.

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

*Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer*

School Photos

The School
Photographer

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 next 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.

Pizza Lunch Graduation Fundraiser

The Year 6 Graduation fundraising Pizza Lunch will be held next Thursday, 27th June. Thank you to everyone who has submitted an order for a yummy pizza lunch. Orders are now closed; no late orders can be accepted.



Your support is greatly appreciated.



Year 1 Minibeast Mania Day



On Tuesday the Year One students enjoyed our Minibeast Mania Day! The children came dressed as their favourite minibeasts, and participated in a range of different activities. They made 3D minibeasts, decorated minibeast biscuits, created a collage, and explored minibeasts using ICT. We finished off the day with an exciting 'Minibeast Disco'. The children and staff had a bug-tastic time! The children have really enjoyed exploring this unit, focussing on the key features of invertebrates, habitats and life cycles. We now have 87 minibeast experts!



The Year 1 Team



Year 2 Learning Walk

On Monday 17th June the Year 2s went on a walk of the local area. John Carmody III had named many of the streets near Federal Reserve. He owned a lot of land, which was farm land and had a homestead called Cratloe Farm, which was at one end of Federal Reserve.

We were so impressed with the Year 2 students while we were walking, they were being safe, and there was some excellent discussion on the local history, as well as the directions we were taking. We used directional language such as left, right, forward, across, and we had a go at using compasses and discovering if we were heading north, east, south or west.

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



EMR Cross Country



We congratulate Kayla S (560) and Mitchell L (4D), for their outstanding efforts in making it through to the Eastern Metropolitan Region Cross Country Finals, which were held on Tuesday at the Yarra Glen Race Course.

Competitors were faced with tough winter conditions, including long saturated grass, muddy horse tracks, and heavy rain. Essex Heights is extremely proud of Kayla, 2019 Cross Country Co-Captain, who placed 32nd in the Girls' 12/13 Yr 3km race, and Mitchell who placed 38th in the Boys' 9/10 Yr 2km race. Kayla's mum Sophie, reported back: "The sky literally poured down, drenching the girls group race. For the entire race it poured down. Kayla was drenched, exhausted and wet through from top to shoes."

Congratulations Kayla and Mitchell on your endurance, resilience and talent.



Instrumental Music Program Mid Year Concerts



This year our instrumental music program has continued to grow, with about 200 students learning an instrument under the excellent instruction of our amazing music teachers. The mid year concerts have been a good opportunity for parents and friends to see the progress the children have made in learning their instruments. It also gives the children an excellent opportunity to perform in public.

You are welcome to attend the remaining mid year concert:

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

Percussion & Ukulele Concert

This concert was held on Monday evening in our Hall.



Guitar & Contemporary Band Concert

This concert was held on Wednesday evening in the collaborative spaces of our Banksia and Violet buildings.





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

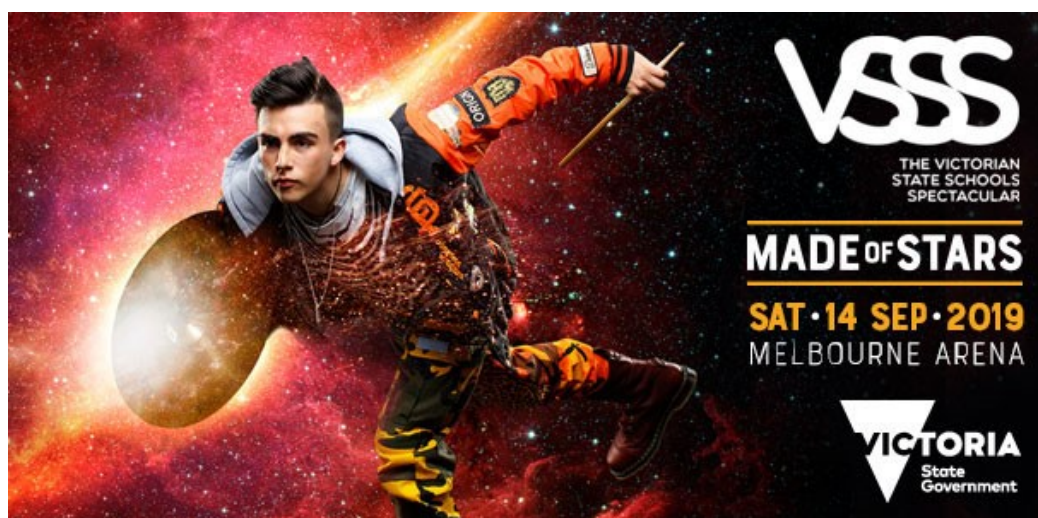
Adult \$40
 Child Under 15 \$20
 Concession \$30



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

Lunchtime Dance classes will run on Tuesdays in Term 3 for students in Years 1 to 6. Lessons will commence on Tuesday 23rd July and conclude on Tuesday 27th August.

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 creativdanceanddrama.com and request a form via the contact page.

After School Dance

There are no vacancies for After School Dance in Term 3.



Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama

Before & After School Care

July Vacation Care Program

The July Vacation Care Program is out now.

Please keep the following in mind if you wish to access the July Vacation Care Program:

1. The program operates between 7.00am and 6.00pm.
2. If your child/children is collected after 6.00pm, you will be charged late fees, which are charged at \$1.00 per minute, per child. (This also applies to Aftercare).
3. If you want to cancel your booking for the July Vacation Care Program, it must be done before 6.00pm on Friday 28th June 2019. Any cancellations after this time will incur full charges unless accompanied by a doctor's certificate.
4. We are unable to accept Vacation Care enrolments over the phone or via email.
5. Please ensure that you inform the program if a third party is collecting your child. You will need to provide the program with the third party's name, address and phone number. They will need to present a photo identification to staff on collection of your child/children. We are unable to allow children to leave the program by themselves or with a person that is not endorsed by the parents/legal guardian.
6. After two months of not using the program, your CCS funding will automatically cease. You will need to contact me to reinstate your funding. Once this is done, you will need to go to your myGov account and confirm that you are the legal guardian of your child/children. Once these steps are completed, your CCS funding will be reinstated.



Vacation Care enrolment forms are available from the program during operating hours.

I would like to thank the program educators for all their efforts. They are committed to ensuring that all children are provided with an abundance of high quality care, support and encouragement at all times. I would also like to thank Mrs McCann and Mrs George for the support that they provide the program. It is much appreciated.

Finally thank you to all the families using the program. Your unwavering support and encouragement is essential for providing your children with the highest quality care.

Thank you to all the families that have made an effort to bring their accounts up to date. The program really appreciates your efforts.



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 24th June - 11.15am to 1.45pm Sandy Shen

Wednesday 26th June - 9.00am to 1.45pm Samantha Skuja & Liyong Lu

Friday 28th June - 9.00am to 1.45pm Katy Smith & Natalie Murphy

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 Rissoles and Potato Gratin will not be available for the time being, as Good Food Hero have stopped producing them.

Maria Vlahos, Canteen Manager

Parents & Friends News



Fun Run Results

Fun Run vouchers and prizes will be presented at School Assembly next Monday, 24th June.

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)