



CALENDAR

October

Mon 14	Monash-Waverley Softball Division Finals
Wed 16	Yrs 5&6 District Cricket Try Outs
Thu 17	Region Athletics
Thu 17	Prep Edendale Farm excursion
Sat 19	PFA Meeting
Mon 21-Sun 27	Aussie Backyard Bird Count 2019
Tue 22	Yr 4 District Cricket Try Outs
Fri 25	Secondhand Uniform Stall
Mon 28	Prep 2020 Glue & Glitter Art Session
Wed 30	Yrs 5&6 District Cricket

November

Fri 1	Showcase
Tue 5	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Wed 6-Fri 15	P-Yr 3 Swimming Program
Thu 7	Music: Count Us In
Tue 12	Prep 2020 Parent Information Evening
Thu 14	Yr 4 District Cricket

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 Hats - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

School Tours

for 2019 or 2020 entry - Thursdays at 9.30am.
Bookings essential - contact the Office.

Enrolment

Enrol for 2019 and 2020 entry.

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.

2020 Term Dates

Term 1: 28 January* to 27 March

Term 2: 14 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

* 28 January is a state wide student free day.

EHPS student-free days: 29 January, and 2 further dates to be advised



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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

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during school terms.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome back for a busy and exciting Term 4 at Essex Heights. I hope that every family had a relaxing time over the holidays and that there was the opportunity to spend quality time together. Congratulations to all of our Richmond supporters for their great AFL premiership win. This week the children were very bubbly talking about their many amazing experiences over the holidays. I am sure that they are all looking forward to the many learning opportunities that their teachers have organised for them this term.



This is a very important term for our Year 6 students and we hope that this last term at Essex Heights will be memorable and enjoyable for each child as they prepare for their transition to secondary school. I am looking forward to sharing these last 11 weeks with them as they celebrate seven fantastic years at Essex Heights PS. Their Graduation will take place in the last week of school and is a highlight in our annual calendar.

Holiday Program

Many of our children have again enjoyed a fantastic Vacation Care program under the management of Paul Davis and his staff. The children had a marvellous time with a wide range of engaging activities on offer. Our Out of School Hours Care program provides a wonderful service to the families in our community, and is a great feature of EHPS. Thanks again to Paul and his team for providing a quality program for all of the children.



Planning for 2020

During Term 4 we will be focussed on planning for next year with the indicative 'Student Resource Package' (School Budget) for our school being a prime focus. This will also help to finalise the staffing structure for next year. At this

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October

12th	Eli K Nicholas L
13th	Isla F Pranavi D Jacob A Kenan W
14th	Ethan L Ben B
15th	Mariam A Myia Y
16th	Madison L Abhyuday S Diya R
18th	Fatima A Jai T Jeet T Jack F

Information sent home:

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



Year/Group

Notice/Activity

Whole school (each family)	PFA Mango Fundraiser (return by 25th October)
Whole school (all students)	Kelly Sports Term 4

This week's information on Compass:



Year/Group

Compass News Feed

Prep	Farm
Year 4	Term 4 Newsletter
Year 6	Grad photos Grade 6 Transition Program: The Fine Art of Happiness Graduation Memorabilia
Whole School	Instrumental Music Fees Photo Permission Showcase Exhibition Volunteers needed in December

Compass Events:

Year/Group

Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date

Prep	Edendale Farm Prep Excursion - \$32 & consent by 16th October
Year 4	Grade 4 School cricket Team Try-Outs - consent only by 16th October
Year 6	2019 Year 6 Graduation Bears, Footy or Soccer Ball - \$18 by 18th October
Prep to Year 3	Swimming Program P-3 2019 - \$95 & consent by 25th October
Years 5 & 6	Grade 5/6 Cricket Try-Outs for boys and girls District Teams - consent only by 14th October
Selected Students	Softball Girls & Boys Monash Waverley Division Finals - consent only by 13th October Eastern Metropolitan Region Primary Track and Field Championships - consent only by 16th October

Assembly: Monday 14th October

At Assembly on Monday:

- 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 Financial Statements

Family financial statements have been issued today by email (please check your Junk folder if you can't find it in your Inbox) to families with outstanding charges on their school account. All outstanding charges are payable now:

- Compass Pay or BPay are the preferred methods of payment.
- At the Office:
 - Credit card/Eftpos (Visa/MasterCard; minimum transaction of \$20)
 - Cheque payable to Essex Heights Primary School, or
 - Cash (correct amount as we don't hold any cash in the Office).
- Instrumental Music: Charges are not payable via Compass. Refer to your family statement sent by email today. Payment by BPay preferred; otherwise at the Office. All charges are overdue and payable by Friday 18th October. *Please note:* this is an additional program outside the school's curriculum and therefore prompt payment of fees is essential in order to maintain the financial management of the program and our commitment to the Instrumental Teachers.

Please see our Business Manager, Barbara McCann, if you are experiencing financial difficulty and want to discuss a payment plan; Barb is available each weekday except Wednesday.

Principal's Report

stage we expect to continue with 24 classes, and this represents capacity for our school. There has been continued enrolment interest for 2020, as many families in the Mount Waverley area have become aware of the outstanding educational opportunities and facilities available at EHPS. In terms of class sizes, the Prep to Year 2 grades will continue at or around 20 students per class whilst those at Years 3 to 6 comprise numbers between 25 to 30 students. Next year there will not be running composite Year 5/6 classes. There will be three separate Year 5 classes and three Year 6 classes. We also expect to continue our current commitment in the provision of our high quality specialist and support programs.

It greatly assists our planning and preparation for us to know if your child will not be continuing at EHPS in 2020. If you are leaving EHPS, please advise me in writing as soon as possible.

Prep 2020 Transition

Yesterday we conducted our second transition session for our new 2020 Prep students. This time they experienced the specialist subjects of Art, Music, Health and PE, as well as Indonesian. After their four classes the children returned to the Hall, happy and with signs of the fun activities they had undertaken. The new children have really enjoyed our school transition program, and the parents have also found the information sessions, tours or casual catch ups really worthwhile. As has always been the case at Essex Heights, I know that the families and children will be warmly welcomed and supported into our Essex Heights community. Thank you to Carolyn, Mel B, and the Prep and Specialist teachers for their preparation and planning for these important events.

Student Planning and Placement for 2020

As we move into this term, we enter into an exciting time for many children. Often they are thinking about next year and their transition into the next year level. At this time, the teaching staff are also beginning discussions regarding the placement of children in grades for 2020. This is a very complex task as there are many factors to take into account in trying to get the best student combinations. The educational needs of each child must be the most important criteria so that each child has the best prospects of learning to their full potential. When developing class lists, teachers ensure that each class has an equitable spread of boys and girls with a range of academic abilities. Student compatibility and behaviour is also taken into account and ***students are placed with children with whom they work well***. This process is about placing children together who cooperate and get along in their learning. Children's feedback will be sought by their classroom teacher. The allocation of classes takes many hours of consideration and planning by staff and it is taken very seriously to ensure that the children's learning potential is maximised.

If you have matters that are of interest to the educational needs of your child, please put them in writing and return to me by Friday 25th October.

This, of course, is an opportunity for me to gain an insight into the matters that you see as important for the educational wellbeing of your child. Our staff will consider requests carefully when allocating students to classes and I can assure you that all information will be handled confidentially at all times.

Please note, however, that I cannot guarantee that requests will be met due to the many competing and complex priorities throughout this process.

As parents you play an important role in modelling resilience to your children. Thought should be given to how you will respond if your child has an issue with their class grouping. It is appropriate to discuss the matter with your child so that you can understand their concern and you may undertake to raise a query with a staff member. It is most important though to model responsible and proactive behaviour that encourages a child to understand that there are many opportunities outside of class time to be with friends, and this class arrangement will be an opportunity to make new friends and new working relationships.

I would like to also clarify a few points with respect to teacher allocation to classes for 2020. All staff at EHPS are highly competent professionals who work for the best of all children. Any genuine issue will be considered seriously, however ***special requests for particular teachers will NOT be contemplated***. Students will be placed in classes that best suits their best educational needs and the overall requirements of the school.

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Principal's Report

Showcase is coming!

I am really looking forward to this year's Essex Heights *Showcase*. The children and teachers have started rehearsing and preparing to present another amazing show. This year's *Showcase* will be held on **Friday 1st November at Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash University**. The staff team, led by Tanya Dolence, Alyssa Kennedy and Con Papanicolaou, are coordinating *Showcase* and working together with our instrumental staff, teachers and parents. We are all looking forward to the opportunity and enjoyment it will create for our students and their families. We are also looking forward to all members of our school community being involved.

Hats – Terms 1 & 4

Consistent with our school's SunSmart Policy we expect our students to wear a hat in Terms 1 and 4 to protect against UV and the sun. This is a reasonable position, and I would ask that you assist us in this area. Whilst caps might be popular, they usually give little protection, particularly for the ears. I would urge you to assist us to protect your children by purchasing an approved Essex Heights hat from our uniform shop, PSW in Mount Waverley.



Facilities Update

I hope that you have had the opportunity of seeing our new school fence along the Tyne Court and Outlook Road boundary. The new fence will provide additional security for children. All the gates are either locked or have Magna Locks to ensure that the gates remain closed. If you usually drop off children in Tyne Court, you will now need to open the pedestrian gate for the children so they can enter the school grounds. I know that we will all feel more at ease knowing that the children are secure in our beautiful school grounds.

An additional flag pole has been installed at The Heights so that the Torres Strait Island flag can be flown every day alongside our National and Indigenous flags. Thanks to our Year 6 Flag Monitors who are responsible for ensuring our compliance with the correct flag protocols.

Sound proofing work has been added to the Indonesian Room, so that it can be a little more insulated from the excitement and noise in the Stadium. This will ensure that the Indonesian program is fully focussed on their learning tasks and that their oral work continues smoothly.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

George Perini
Principal



Australian Loyalty and the ANZACs

Class 56A are finalists in the Upper Primary (Years 4-6) category of the **1-Minute Film Competition** with their entry *Australian Loyalty and the ANZACs*. The students,

supported by Maria Capsalis and Jenny Austin, worked on their film for many weeks and are very proud of their efforts. Voting for the Audience Choice is open now, and your vote would be greatly appreciated - [CLICK HERE](#) to submit your vote. Voting is open until midday on Friday 1st November.



The 1-Minute Film Competition is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM). It provides Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary school

students with the opportunity to make a 60-second short film or animation, and win fantastic prizes in the process. The theme for this year's competition is Loyalty. The first-place prizes include filmmaking prize packs valued at over \$550 for the two primary school categories and over \$900 for the two secondary school categories!

The winners will be announced at the 2019 SAE ATOM Awards Student Awards Presentation, held at SAE Creative Media Institute Melbourne on Wednesday 13th November.



Managing Worries and Anxiety

This week in ArtSEL, we are learning to control our worries or anxiety. Every one experiences worry and anxiety from time to time. But if you worry a lot and persistently about something it may be anxiety. Anxiety is the uncomfortable feeling you get when you are worried about something that might or might not happen. You might feel anxiety in a stressful situation, like taking a difficult test. Anxiety can be experienced in different ways. Some people feel it in their body, like tight muscles or a sore tummy or you may have racing thoughts and trouble paying attention. When you experience this, use your calming down strategies: such as slow deep belly breathing and positive self-talk.



Year 6 Transition Program: The Fine Art of Happiness

This week in ArtSEL, we are encouraging students to consider different strategies for approaching life scenarios. We also focusing on learning about helpful and unhelpful coping styles.

What the students learnt is that the art of happiness is something we can all learn and practise. No one is happy 100% of the time. Life has it's ups and downs. Even so, there are some sure-fire ways to increase your happiness:

SMILE A LOT MORE

Research has found if you smile a lot (even forcing yourself), you feel happier. This is because smiling produces dopamine (a chemical in your brain) that makes us feel good. Smiling also reduces stress and lowers your heart rate in tense situations. In another study, smiling leads to longevity. Try walking around with a smile and feel the difference.

DON'T WAIT TO SEE IF YOU ARE HAVING A GOOD TIME

Instead of going to places and seeing if it is fun, decide in advance to have fun regardless of the circumstances. Enjoy the day regardless of the weather. Make the most of the occasion regardless of the company.

GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY

You were told to do this as a kid and I'm telling you to do it again, play more! Go for walks, throw a dog a stick, skip, sing loudly or imagine yourself to be a spy passing through enemy territory. Make a promise to play more.

DEVELOP DEEP FRIENDSHIPS

Your friends are your true wealth. Value them and see them regularly. Let them know how important they are to you. Most people only have two close friends so don't fool yourself into believing you are less popular than most people.

INCREASE THE CLOSENESS OF FAMILY

Keeping in close contact with your family gives you a support base for difficult times and also strengthens your sense of where you come from. Feeling you belong in a family is a powerful way of being happy.

PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

Have a good long hard look at yourself. What are you good at? Make a commitment to develop your skills, talents and abilities as much as you can. If you don't develop your own unique talents, the world misses out.

SEEK OUT GROUPS THAT VALUE WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER

Finding the niche where your abilities are valued is the basis of success!

Avoid social groups where your unique attributes are not valued. Not everyone is going to like you or think you could amount to much. Get used to it. Accept that it is so, and then get out of their way.

LIVE IN THE DREAMTIME

Find and follow your passions. Dream big dreams and make a promise to yourself to live a wonderful life.

LAUGH A LOT MORE

Find people, shows, books, films and situations that make you laugh and surround yourself with them.

HAVE SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF TO BELIEVE IN

Think about the contribution you can make while you are on this planet and do it. People who think they are the centre of the universe are boring, and often very unhappy!

LOVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN

Not only does it make the people you love feel good about themselves, studies show that caring for others makes you feel good about yourself too.

If you would like to know more about this program, please come and see me.

Nikki Olsen

Plovers at School

On Thursday 19th September, there were four plovers on The Heights protecting their two chicks. The family have made their home in and around our school and we don't blame them. Essex Heights is a pretty cool place to be!

Now that we are sharing our school with them, we need to understand them so that we can peacefully coexist. When plovers have chicks they become highly territorial and will swoop and chase anyone if they feel threatened. Please share these simple tips with your children.

What to do when plovers are nesting:

1. If possible, surround the nesting site with some witches hats. This way people (and mowers) can avoid the area.
2. Avoid the birds while the swooping occurs by choosing a different route.
3. Travel in a group. Most birds only swoop individuals.

What NOT to do:

1. Stare at the birds when being swooped. This may deter them, but it can also result in eye damage.
2. Panic or run. It may encourage plovers to continue to attack.
3. Search for the nest or young.
4. Do not remove eggs or destroy nests - it is against the law.
5. Harass, interfere or throw objects at the birds.

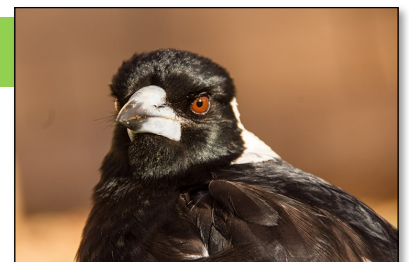


Thank you,
Max K
Sustainability Captain

Swooping Birds

We have several swooping birds at the front of the school at the moment. Please be aware of this when visiting the school, and talk to your children about this behaviour (refer to Max's article above) and the importance of not distressing the birds or disturbing their nests; perhaps suggest playing in a different area of the playground for the short time that the birds are nesting and protecting their babies.

The City of Monash provide some useful information about swooping birds - [CLICK HERE](#).



Aussie Backyard Bird Count

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count aims to engage school communities in the natural world while getting to know the birds in their local schoolyard through participation in a simple, fun, all-ages activity that can be done anywhere.

By taking part in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count the students will become citizen scientists. Citizen science creates opportunities for students to connect with the natural world, gain scientific skills, and learn about topics such as life cycles, habitats, adaptations, and interrelationships. This can be a gateway to many exciting discoveries and creates a partnership between the students and professional scientists to help answer questions scientists couldn't answer on their own.

For more information - <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>



Prep Edendale Farm Excursion



Prep students will visit Edendale Farm in Eltham on Thursday 17th October. They will actively participate in a range of hands-on activities including a farm tour, a lesson on worms and composting, creating an environmental art piece, and looking at how things grow.

Children are to wear school uniform, hat, and sturdy closed-toe shoes, and bring a waterproof jacket. Morning tea, lunch and a named drink bottle are to be bought in a small backpack. If your child gets Hayfever please note that Edendale Farm will have lots of loose grass and hay. If medication is required to manage hayfever, please ensure this is administered in the morning before coming to school.

Arrive at school by 8.50am when the roll will be marked ready for departure on the bus. We will return to school by 3.30pm.

Two parent helpers from each class are required for this excursion. If you have a Working With Children Check and have signed the Child Safe documentation and provided these to the School Office, you may volunteer to attend this excursion. Please email your child's classroom teacher if you are available.

Excursion information has been published on Compass. Please pay \$32 and provide consent by Wednesday 16th October. CSEF applies for this excursion; if you have received this funding, please contact the Office if you want to apply it to this excursion.

Year 6 Graduation Memorabilia

It is tradition at Essex Heights that Year 6 students are given the chance to remember their friends and teachers by purchasing a Graduation Bear, Footy or Soccer Ball. Each item is of high quality, comes with a pen, and is in a plastic poly bag for protection. This is a very popular way to celebrate their time at primary school. The cost is \$18 per item. Information has been published on Compass, including the form to select which item you want to purchase.

If you want to purchase a graduation bear, footy or soccer ball for your child:

1. Return the slip on the form attached to the Compass notification to your classroom teacher with your selection marked (do not include payment); and
2. Pay \$18 in Compass.

by Friday 18th October.



Softball Finals

The Monash-Waverley Primary Softball Division Finals will be held on Monday, 14th October, at the Waverley Softball Centre in Wheelers Hill. Students have been training at lunch times and over the holidays and are very excited to participate in the competition. Mr Wooster and Mr Cavill will coach the teams on the day. Parents/guardians are to make private travel arrangements to and from the venue. Meet Mr Wooster and Mr Cavill at Diamond 5 at the venue at 9am. Parents/guardians are welcome to stay and support the team on the day.



Information for students in the team has been provided on Compass, and consent is required by 13th October. The \$9 registration fee will be payable at a later date – refer to your next family statement. Contact Elisha Cotterell if assistance is required (email address provided in the event information on Compass).

Region Athletics

Qualifying students will compete at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Track and Field Championships next Thursday, 17th October, at Bill Sewart Athletics Track in Burwood East. Information will be provided on Compass next week; consent required by Wednesday 16th October.

District Cricket



District Cricket Gala Days are coming up for students in Year 4 and Years 5 and 6. Students who are interested in being on one of our teams must attend try-outs. To register your child's interest, parents/guardians must OPT-IN on Compass only if your child would like to participate in the try-outs to be considered for one of the teams, and if selected, will attend scheduled practices and be available to play on the Gala Day for their year level. Team members will get further information about their Gala Day published on Compass, and consent and payment of approximately \$12 to cover transport costs will be required.

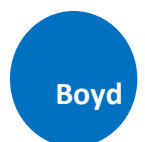
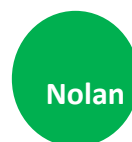
Years 5 & 6: Please OPT-IN on Compass by Monday 14th October if your child would like to try out for the Years 5 & 6 boys and girls cricket teams at lunch time on Wednesday 16th October on the council oval. Following try outs, if your child is selected for a team, your child will play at the District Cricket Gala Day on Wednesday 30th October.

Year 4: Please OPT-IN on Compass by Wednesday 16th October if your child would like to try out for the Year 4 girls or boys cricket team at lunch time on Tuesday 22nd October on the council oval. Following try outs, if your child is selected for a team, your child will play at the District Cricket Gala Day on Thursday 14th November.

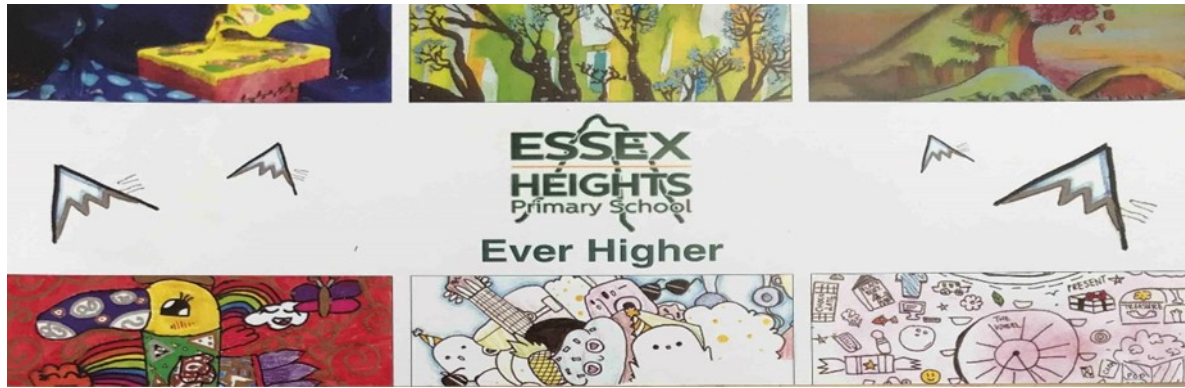


Prep to Year 2 House Athletics

For you calendar ... Prep to Year 2 students will compete in their House Athletics on Thursday 28th November.



Ever Higher Art Exhibition



The EHPS art exhibition *Ever Higher* is fast approaching! To enhance the children's immersion in the exhibition, each class has been busily creating a whole class collaborative artwork. Some classes have finished their artwork whilst others are adding the final details. Once finished, they will be displayed near their classroom, at *Showcase*, and eventually on to our *Ever Higher* exhibition.

In about three weeks from now, your child will receive a form where you will have the opportunity to place a bid to buy your child's classroom artwork. Stay tuned! For now, here is a sneak preview of some of the classroom artworks in their finished and unfinished states ...



Volunteers Needed at the Gallery

To ensure the exhibition is a big success, volunteers are required at the gallery from 12 noon to 4pm each day - Wednesday 4th to Sunday 15th December, inclusive. If you are able to volunteer your valuable time, please contact Mr Hudson or Nikki Olsen.



Essex Heights Primary School...Ever Higher
A Collection of Artworks by the students from Prep to Year 6

The Track Gallery
4th December - 15th December

Gallery Hours
Monday - Sunday - 12.00am - 4.00pm

The Track Gallery
45 Miller Crescent
Mount Waverley
(next door to Mt Waverley Library)

Wheelchair access
Free Entry

School Banking

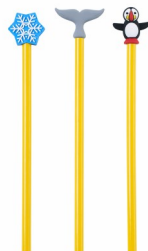


New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 4 Polar Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!



Water Skimming Bounce Ball



Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Funds Raised in Term 3

Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our banking students, we raised **\$456.50 in Term 3**. This brings the total raised so far for our school through the School Banking Contributions Program to \$1,628. These funds will go towards money raised by the PFA.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Tuesday.

Angela Millan
School Banking Coordinator

Before & After School Care

Accounts

Can families please bring their accounts up to date? We really appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Thank you to those families that have recently paid their accounts.

Halloween

This is a big month at Aftercare as we get into the spirit of Halloween. We have plenty of fun and spooky activities planned, all culminating in the program's "Halloween Party" which will be held on Thursday 31st October in the Hall.



Aftercare Activities

Monday	Spooky Eye Balls Cup Cakes
Tuesday	Create your own Halloween Bat
Wednesday	Make your own Halloween Scene
Thursday	Halloween Colouring Competition
Friday	Movie: <i>Monsters vs Aliens</i>



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 14th October - 11.15am to 1.45pm Sophie Zhang & Jiangchao Pan

Wednesday 16th October - 9.00am to 1.45pm Sophie Sautner & Minyi Li

Friday 18th October - 9.00am to 1.45pm Erica Baddeley, Amanda Kelsall & Aruni Alahakoon

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



We hope all the children had a great break during the holidays and are looking forward to the final term for 2019. The PFA are organising the following events this term:



Mangoes

This fundraiser is back for 2019! Order forms were distributed this week. Orders, including payment, are due by Friday 25th October. We will need help counting the money orders and distributing the juicy fruits on the day. Please sign up [here](#) if you can help count from 9am to 10am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays over the next couple of weeks.



PFA Meetings in October and December

We are trying something new and are having our first meeting of the term on a Saturday afternoon. Please join the PFA on Saturday 19th October at Basilico, 216 Blackburn Road, Glen Waverley (just near the corner of Blackburn and High Street Roads) for something light to eat while we hold our discussions.

The following meeting will be in the evening of Wednesday 4th December - 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All welcome!



Photography Session - Sunday 24th November

A professional photographer will be coming to our school to take photos of families on **Sunday 24th November**. This will be a great opportunity for Christmas presents and a good fundraiser for our school at the same time!



Secondhand Uniform Stall - Friday 25th October

The next Secondhand Uniform Stall will be held on **Friday 25th October** in the Stadium from 3pm to 3.45pm. Helpers welcome from 2pm. Please put your donations in a Lost Property box or leave at the Office. Donated items should have names removed, be clean and in good condition. No old logo items please.

Any donations of smaller sized items to accommodate new Prep families for next year would be most appreciated.



World Teacher's Day Lunch - Friday 1st November

It is a tradition that we provide our wonderful teachers and staff with lunch on the day of Showcase. Please consider contributing a plate or helping serve on the day. Please come to the next PFA meeting (Saturday 19th October) to help plan for this event.

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Prep Orientation Icy Poles

As a special welcome to Essex Heights, the PFA provide an icy pole to our incoming 2020 Preps at their final transition session. Please look out and welcome any new Prep parents you may see around the school at this time.

We look forward to you helping to make sure these events are a great success!

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

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.



BRANDON HEIGHTS T-BALL

Boys & Girls

Saturdays – 11am – Starts Oct 5th

Contact Brandon Heights Softball Club for more details:
Brandon.heights@gmail.com or 0407877158

Website: Brandonheightssoftballclub.com
Email: Brandon.heights@gmail.com

FREE

Jells Park Sports Precinct – Cnr Jells & Waverley Rds. Glen Waverley

**** NOTE UPDATED START TIME**

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

PARTNERING WITH

MONASH BLUE LIGHT DISCO

18TH OCT

DRESS UP

\$5 ENTRY

5.30-6.30PM PREP - GRADE 2
6.45-8.00PM GRADES 3 TO 6

PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL - PARKHILL DRIVE, ASHWOOD

CONTACT AMAROO NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE 9887 2625
BOOK NOW WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BFJIO

MONASH BLUE LIGHT
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ASHWOOD CC SEASON OPENER

ALL PLAYERS, PARENTS, KIDS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE 2019/2020 SEASON

WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH from 3PM ONWARDS		
SOUVLAKIS SAUSAGE SIZZLE	BOUNCY CASTLE 3-6	ACOUSTIC SET 4-6 pm
FAST BOWLING COMP 3.30pm	MELBOURNE STARS FAN ZONE 3-5	CRICKET ON THE OVAL 1-6pm

WHERE: ASHWOOD SPORTS CLUB SOCIAL ROOMS
OUTLOOK RD, MOUNT WAVERLEY

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FULL SEASON \$175

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SAT 21ST SEPT, 10 AM- 12PM

LOCATED AT CENTRAL RESERVE,
GLEN WAVERLEY

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SEASON STARTS
SAT 5TH OCT
8.45AM