

CALENDAR

December

Wed 4-Sun 15 ... *Ever Higher* Art Exhibition
Sat 7 Gallery Family Day
Mon 9-Fri 13 Bussing Competition
Tue 10 Years 1-6 2020 Orientation Day
Tue 10 Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
Wed 11-Fri 13 ... Art Exhibition excursions
Wed 11 PFA Meeting
Thu 12 Choir visit to Elizabeth Gardens Hostel
Fri 13 Canteen closes for 2019
Fri 13 Chamber Choir - Carols in the Village
Tue 17 Year 6 Graduation celebration
Wed 18 Parent Helpers & Volunteers Morning Tea
Wed 18 Prep Celebration
Wed 18 Yr 2 Kris Kringle & Picnic
Thu 19 Yr 6 Big Day Out
Fri 20 Term 4 ends - 1.30pm dismissal

January 2020

Tue 28 Term 1 commences - student-free day
Wed 29 EHPS student-free day
Thu 30 Year 1 to 6 students commence
Thu 30-Wed 5 ... Prep SEA interviews

February 2020

Mon 3 Swimming Team Trials
Thu 6 Prep students commence

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.

2019 Term Dates

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

EHPS student-free days: 29 January, 30 January, 22 May & 2 August

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: 28 January, 29 January, and 2 further dates to be advised



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Guardians & Friends of the EHPS Community,

Ever Higher Art Exhibition **WOW!!!**

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the 2019 Essex Heights *Ever Higher* Art Exhibition at The Track Gallery. A large group of parents, staff, community members and students were able to view the outstanding work of our students.

This exhibition is a celebration of the work of our children. It is an authentic way to display the children's vibrant and high quality art work. Our young artists have really excelled themselves and it is a credit to them and their teachers.



The exhibition was opened by Kristen Steer, our School Council President, following speeches from the coordinators Nikki Olsen and Aubrey Hudson, two of our Art Captains, Edyn and Maggie, and our local State MP, Matt Fregon. Our special guests all commented upon the quality of the work on display.

The exhibition has a piece of work from every student in the school. It also highlights specific themes of work created by different year levels. The class art pieces were also a highlight.

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Family Day
at The Track Gallery
47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley
SATURDAY
7th December
12 noon to 2pm
Come and visit and view our student's wonderful artwork!



December

7th	.....	Aleko K Angela C Jai S
8th	.....	Lucas H Jorin T Isabel P Anthony K
9th	.....	Danielle F Jayden C
10th	.....	Rohan S Nehir M
12th	.....	Annabelle L Zoe Z Hailey T Kebo Z Xander B

Information sent home:

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

Year/Group

Notice/Activity

Whole school (each family) Art Gallery is now open!

This week's information on Compass:

Year/Group

Compass News Feed

Year 1	.....	Home Readers
Year 2	.....	Year 2 KK and Picnic Take Home Reader End of Year
Years 5 & 6	.....	Grade 5&6 Optional Beep Test Experience - 8.15am TODAY
Whole School	.....	BASC Accounts Parent Helpers Morning Tea End of year recall of all library books Mangoes - collect on Thursday Art Gallery is now open - Opening hours are 11-3pm any day!

Compass Events:

Year/Group

Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date

Year 6	.....	Class of 2019 Graduation Lunch - pay \$25 & consent by 11th December Big Day Out - pay \$29 and consent by 16th December
Whole School	.....	Art Gallery Exhibition - pay \$5 and consent by 9th December (<u>date extended</u>)
Selected Students	.....	Elizabeth Gardens Christmas Caroling - consent only by 11th December Carols in the Village - consent only by 12th December 2020 EHPS Swimming Team Trials - consent only by 18th December

Assembly: Monday 9th December

At Assembly on Monday:

- VSSS certificates
- ArtSEL presentation
- Scholarship announcement
- 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 recently by email to families with outstanding charges on their school account; please check your Junk folder if you can't find it in your Inbox. All outstanding charges are payable now by:

- Compass Pay or BPay (the preferred methods of payment), or
- 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: All charges are OVERDUE and are payable now. Charges are not payable via Compass. Payment by BPay preferred; otherwise at the Office. *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

All classes will visit the exhibition on Wednesday next week. I would also encourage all families to take the time to visit the exhibition, to see the exciting standard of work being produced by the children. The Gallery is open every day from 11am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday. The exhibition runs until 15th December.

Special thank must go to Aubrey Hudson, Nikki Olsen and the staff that help to organise this event. The children will not forget this experience.



George Perin i
Principal



Parent Helpers & Volunteers Morning Tea



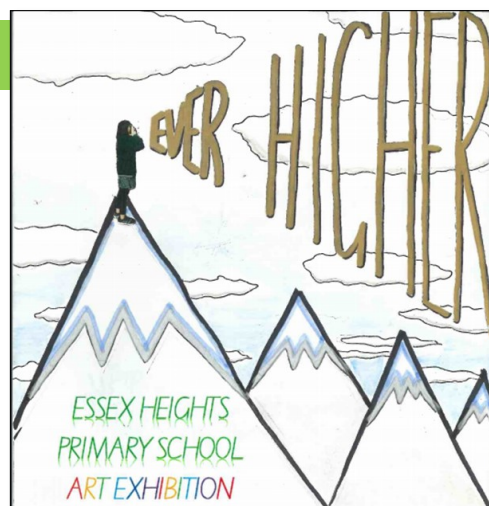
We are so fortunate to have such a large number of volunteers at Essex Heights, and we greatly appreciate all of you. We would like to acknowledge the ongoing support that is given at the **Parent Helpers & Volunteers Morning Tea** to be held on **Wednesday 18th December** from **11am to 11.45am** in the Hall.

The teachers are looking forward to this opportunity to show their appreciation of all the efforts put in by our volunteer parents and community members. A delicious morning tea is planned, so please keep the morning free.



Ever Higher Art Exhibition now open!

The *Ever Higher* Art Exhibition opened on Wednesday! The exhibition is at **The Track Gallery, 47 Miller Crescent in Mount Waverley (next to the Mount Waverley Library)** until **Sunday 15th December** from 11am to 3pm. We're looking forward to sharing the wonderful work of our students.



Family Day

TOMORROW, Saturday 7th December, between 12 noon and 2pm, we are encouraging families to attend the exhibition. This is a wonderful opportunity to view your child's work and purchase a pack of Christmas or Birthday Cards made by Essex Heights students (\$5 per pack of 4 assorted cards).

Art Exhibition Excursion

To optimise student engagement in the upcoming EHPS exhibition, all our students will visit The Track Gallery in Mount Waverley to view the artworks next week:

Wednesday - PB, PD, PM, PZB, 2D, 2LD, 2PB, 2T

Thursday - 3L, 3W, 56A, 56C, 56L, 56M, 56O, 56S

Friday - 1B, 1G, 1OH, 1P, 3F, 4D, 4O, 4R

This is an opportunity for students to share their own artwork in a professional gallery setting, as well as to view and appreciate the artworks of others, enhancing their ability to appreciate and critique the works of others.

Students will be traveling via bus to and from the gallery with their classroom teacher to view the students' artwork and to learn about art galleries and various artworks with Mr Aubrey Hudson and Ms Nikki Olsen.

Information has been published on Compass. The due date has been extended to Monday 9th December for payment of \$5 and to give your consent.

Class Art

For those of you lucky enough to be the highest bidder for our fabulous class artworks, the final day for bidding will be Sunday 15th December (the final day of the exhibition). Payment and collection of the artworks will be on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December – good luck bidding!

All proceeds from the sale of the class artwork go to help fund the exhibition, so we appreciate your support.

Purchasing Your Child's Artwork

To enhance your child's engagement in the exhibition, and to feel like a real artist, we have set up a 'red dot' system. A red dot placed on the children's work means their work has been sold. In order for your child to receive a red dot, please provide a silver or gold coin to your child's teacher prior to their Gallery visit next Wednesday.





**Essex Heights
Primary School**

**Birthday and Christmas
Cards for Sale!**

To celebrate and promote our December
exhibition:

'Ever Higher'

We are selling these wonderful cards
made by our students!

On sale in front of school during drop off
and pick up, during class time, and at the
exhibition.

\$5 for four cards (including envelopes)

Library

All books were to be returned to the Library **TODAY, Friday 6th December**, as we need to stocktake and repair books in preparation for 2020.

If you still have Library books at home, please return them early next week.

Thank you & happy reading,
Gael Munro
Librarian



Lost Property

With the end of the school year fast approaching, please check the lost property boxes if your child has lost any items at school. It would be great to return all misplaced items before the term ends!

Has your child lost a pair of glasses? If so, please see Jo in the Office.

**LOST
PROPERTY**

VSSS - Broadcast & 2020 Auditions

The Victorian State Schools' Spectacular (VSSS) is an annual event and is one of the largest recurring productions in Australia. The Victorian State Schools Spectacular brings together over 3000 school students performing as a 64 piece orchestra, 1300 voice choir, 1200 mass dancers, 30 lead vocalists, 16 principal dancers, 20 ensemble dancers, eight backing vocalists, roller skaters and puppeteers and much more.

VSSS encourages creative skills, discipline, perseverance and confidence over months of rehearsals. Students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a three hour show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

Participating students have the opportunity to work with industry professionals including Creative Director Neill Gladwin, Musical Director Chong Lim AM and Dance Director Deon Nuku, (Scooby Doo, Happy Feet, Moulin Rouge).

Broadcast this Saturday

Be sure to tune in to Channel 7 on **Saturday 7th December at 7pm** for a special broadcast of the 2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

The two-hour broadcast will feature highlights from the live performances as well as behind-the-scenes footage and interviews.

The show will also be simulcast via live streaming on the 7plus app and [7plus website](#).

Audition registration for 2020 now open

For more information on participating in the 2020 Victorian State Schools Spectacular, and to register - [CLICK HERE](#).



Health & PE

2020 Swimming Team Trials

Trials for the 2020 Essex Heights School Swimming Team will be held on **Monday 3rd February 2020 at Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre (MARC) from 9am to 1pm**. Students turning 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 years old in 2020 (born in 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 or 2007), who meet the following criteria, are invited to nominate to attend the Swimming Trials.

To nominate, your child must be a current or recent participant in an organised swimming program at the following levels or equivalent:

- Monash Aquatic: Milky Seal, Bronze, Silver or Gold
- Tateswim: Any junior squad
- Just Swimming: Seal level or higher
- Huntingtower Swimming Club: Green level or squad
- Ashburton Pool: Shark level or squad, OR
- Can swim any of the four major strokes in under 64 seconds over 50m distance.

Please only opt-in to this event if your child meets the above criteria.

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Health & PE

If your child meets this criteria and wishes to attend this event, please opt-in by typing your full name into the consent bar of this event in Compass. You must also email cotterell.elisha.j@edumail.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 18th December with the following details:

1. Child's name
2. Birth date
3. 2020 year level
4. Swimming club
5. Swimming level or 50m times.

If selected to attend the trials, you will receive a Compass notification with further details about the trials. Students will travel from school by chartered bus. There is no cost to attend the trials. The times recorded at the trials will be used to select the 2020 Essex Heights Swimming Team. This team will compete at the Mulgrave District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 26th February.

If you have any questions, please email Elisha Cotterell or phone the school on 9807 4944.

Elisha Cotterell

Music



Busking Competition

This year's Busking Competition will now commence next week, and will run from Monday 9th to Friday 13th December.

Elizabeth Gardens Hostel Visit

Chorale and Chamber Strings have been invited to perform for the elderly residents living at the Elizabeth Gardens Hostel next Thursday, 12th December. The students will be performing some Christmas Carols and then chatting with the residents at Elizabeth Gardens. This is a great opportunity for students to perform as well as to create a positive experience for the elderly members of our community.



For this to take place, we need some help from parents. If anyone is available to drive students to and from Elizabeth Gardens, would you please email Ms Dolence.

Information has been published on Compass. Consent only is required by Wednesday 11th December.

Carols in the Village

Chamber Choir has been invited to perform at the 2019 Carols in the Village next Friday, 13th December. This is a fabulous opportunity for community singing as well as to showcase our wonderful choir to the Mount Waverley community.

A large number of groups will be performing on the night. The show will begin at 6.30pm and our performance should be completed by 7.45pm. Parents are welcome to stay afterwards to enjoy more community carol singing.

Information has been published on Compass. Consent only is required by Thursday 12th December.



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2020 MCUI Songwriting Competition

The 2020 MCUI Songwriting Competition is now open!

Music: Count Us In is inviting students to submit their original songs for the National Songwriting Competition.

Finalists will be selected to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, to write the song that will be sung by hundreds of thousands of young Australians as part of Music: Count Us In 2020.

All students with a passion for songwriting are encouraged to apply. Applications close February 19th 2020.

To find out more - [CLICK HERE](#).



Before & After School Care

Accounts, Care in Term 4 & CCS

I would just like to thank all that families that have paid their Before and After Care Accounts.

We require all accounts to be paid in full by TODAY, Friday 6th December.

If you require Before and After Care after 6th December, you will need to pre-pay your care up to and including Friday 20th December.

Any care pre-paid and not utilised will be credited to your account and you will not be charged.

We are very restricted as to how much we can assist you with any Child Care Subsidy (CCS) issues. Hence in a majority of cases families will need to contact Centrelink to rectify any issues with their account. Obviously, I will help families where possible.



Christmas Activities & Christmas Party

On Wednesday 11th December we will be having our Aftercare Christmas Party from 3.30pm to 6pm. We will have lots of treats for all the children.



January Vacation Care

The January 2020 Vacation Care Program enrolment forms will be out on Monday 9th December.

Aftercare Activities

Monday Cooking – White Christmas
Tuesday Scratch Board Christmas Scenes
Wednesday Christmas Party
Thursday Christmas Snowman
Friday Movie: *The Grinch*

A reminder that After School Care closes at 6pm Monday to Friday. If your child is picked up after this time you will be charged late fees.

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 9th December - 11.15am to 1.45pm Sarah Cobelli

Wednesday 11th December - 9.00am to 1.45pm Erica Baddeley & Stephanie Trace

Friday 13th December - 9.00am to 1.45pm Pamela Mujica & Eling Chen

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.

Last Day of Canteen for 2019

Next Friday, 13th December, is the last day for the Canteen in 2019.

*The year has passed by us
It's really gone quick
The kids kept us busy
with all their Quelch sticks!*

*Lasagnes were ordered,
Fruit salads galore.
The kids kept on coming
wanting more, more, more.*

*But this doesn't happen
without helping hands
We're really so lucky
for our Essex fam.*

*THANK YOU to our helpers,
for all that you do
Our canteen wouldn't happen
if it wasn't for YOU!*



Maria Vlahos
Canteen Manager

Dance Classes



Lunchtime Dance

Lunchtime Dance concluded on Tuesday with the end of term performance in the Hall.

Please note that there won't be a Lunchtime Dance class in Term 1 next year. Hopefully it will start again in Term 2.

After School Dance

After School Dance concludes next Tuesday, 10th December. Family and friends are invited to the end of term performance at 4.15pm in the Stadium.

After School Dance will run on Tuesday afternoons next year. However at this stage there are no vacancies.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama



T & G PHOTOGRAPHY

Family Portrait Fundraiser

We hope to find out soon as to when Gabriel the photographer will be delivering the photos, so please watch out for further instructions.

FROZEN II - all frozened out!

Thank you to all 170 people who came and watched Frozen II and supported EHPS last weekend! The grand total of \$850 was raised for our school! It was great to see a packed cinema and hear the sounds of enjoyment during the movie. Thank you to Somya, Siyana, Dhruv, Indra, and especially Waverley Cinemas, who all helped ensure the event was a great success. Also, thank you Taite for organising her birthday party and at the same time raising money for our school!



Mangoes - delivered!



Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and are now enjoying their delicious mangoes. Many thanks to Sharon who organised this fundraiser, and Sharon, Kathryn, Nicole, Lianqi, Ava and Allison who helped distribute the mangoes yesterday.



Final 2019 PFA Meeting

Please join the PFA members for our final meeting of the year - **next Wednesday**, 11th December, at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We will recap on the recent events and start planning for 2020. *All Welcome.*

Entertainment Membership - Christmas promotion

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