

CALENDAR

February

Mon 10-Fri 14 ... Preps (8.50am to 2.30pm)
 Mon 10-Tue 11.. Parent Teacher Discussions
 Wed 12 PFA Meeting
 Fri 14 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
 Fri 14 Secondhand Uniform Stall
 Mon 17 Preps - 8.50am to 3.30pm
 Tue 18 First Aid in Schools
 Wed 19 Yr 1 Feedback Afternoon/Parent Forum
 Thu 20 District Swimming
 Fri 21 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
 Thu 27 Yr 2 Yarra Valley Water incursion
 Fri 28 School Clean Up 2020
 Fri 28 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
 Fri 28 Welcome BBQ

March

Tue 3 Division Swimming
 Thu 5 EHPS Student-free Day
 Fri 6 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
 Mon 9 Labour Day public holiday
 Wed 11 PFA Annual General Meeting
 Fri 13 Region Swimming
 Fri 13 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
 Tue 17 School Photos
 Fri 20 Harmony Day
 Fri 20 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
 Fri 27 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
 Fri 27 Grandparents & Special Friends Day
 Fri 27 Term 1 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

Students do not attend school on public holidays or student-free days.

Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in Stadium. *All welcome*

School Banking - every Tuesday.



School Hats - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

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, 5 March and probably 31 July



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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

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 Principal: Mr George Perini
 Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday
 during school terms.

Principal Team Report

Dear Parents and members of the Essex Heights Community,

We were delighted to see our new Preps and their families at their first day of school yesterday. We had a very positive and settled transition into the classrooms with the thorough and welcoming preparation of our Prep team, and the support of our Specialist teacher team and Year 6 student ambassadors. We encourage our new families to participate in the many opportunities provided at school and through our Parents and Friends Association, as this will build community connection, support your child's learning and help to create a wonderful support network for yourself and your child.



EHPS Values

We are very proud of our school and its positive and welcoming culture. It is important that all members of our community are aware of our values and behave accordingly:

We are committed to improving student outcomes in a safe and happy environment that reflects our school values of respect, friendliness, honesty, persistence and inclusiveness.

This is supported by our Staff Values:

- *We place the child at the centre of everything we do.*
- *We conduct ourselves in a professional manner at all times; with children, colleagues and parents.*
- *We work together – recognising our collective responsibility for all the children.*

Student & Class Information

Term newsletters will be sent out this week. These contain information related to classroom organisation, curriculum overviews and important term dates specific to your child's class. Parent and teacher discussions are scheduled for next week and provide an opportunity for a 10 minute chat about your child – their interests, strengths and needs. It is very beneficial if you have completed the 2020 Response Sheet for Parent Teacher discussions and returned this to your child's class teacher prior to the time you have booked through Compass.

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February

8th	Kaylee C
9th	Raelynn C Tim F Ray Z
10th	Ryan L Isabelle L Riko A Heidi H
11th	Olive S Mabel H Jacob C
12th	Siena G
13th	Ayla J
14th	Celine G Ian G Kahleb N

Information sent home:

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

Year/Group

Notice/Activity

Prep - Year 2	ArtSEL Program
Selected Students	Management plans from Health Centre

This week's information on Compass:

Year/Group

Compass News Feed

Prep	Prep Newsletter and Parent Rep Info
Year 1	Grade One - Feedback Afternoon/Parent Forum Year One - Home Reading Program Term 1 Newsletter 2020
Year 2	Magazines Grade 2
Prep - Year 2	ArtSEL Program and homework
Year 3	Welcome to Grade 3 2020
Year 5	Year 5 Term 1 Newsletter
Year 6	Year 6 Spelling Program - Term 1
Whole School	Class lists & Parent Representatives Parent Teacher Discussions February 2020 PFA Upcoming Meeting Secondhand Uniform Stall School banking commences Canteen open for 2020 Novel Coronavirus Update

Compass Events:

Year/Group

Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date

Selected Students	Victorian State Schools Spectacular - consent only by 10th February
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Assembly: Monday 10th February

At Assembly on Monday:

- Leadership badge presentation
- School banking winners
- Student of the Week, Birthdays and 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.

Lost Property

If your child has lost items at school, please check the lost property boxes (four located around the school) early next week. Any unclaimed, unnamed items of uniform may be sold at the Secondhand Uniform Stall on Friday 14th February.

To ensure that we can promptly return items to students, please clearly label (preferably with first and last names) all items brought to school.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Anita and Lachlan Dix on the arrival of their son, Hayden.

Principal Team Report

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Our second week has seen the children working cooperatively and interacting positively both in the classroom and in the playground and this is supported through our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) approach.

The goal of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support at EHPS is to create and maintain a stimulating learning environment which promotes BEING SAFE, BEING RESPONSIBLE AND BEING A LEARNER. It enhances our school culture where we maximise individual academic and social growth.



Essex Heights PS Expectations

	Be Safe	Be Responsible	Be a Learner
Moving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always walk carefully and calmly Look where you are going Be aware of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay with your partner/class Use manners Report any hazards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to instructions
Inside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask to leave the learning space Use noise levels appropriate to the task Follow instructions Use furniture and equipment appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak politely to everyone Tidy your belongings and pack up equipment Work quietly in collaborative spaces Make good choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay on task Ask for help when needed Have a go Be an active listener Organise your time/equipment Be a good team member
Outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in bounds Wear a hat to be Sunsmart Move & play safely Sticks/stones stay on the ground Obey road rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to & share with others Put rubbish in the bin Seek help to solve a big problem If still eating, sit outside the hall Use bubblers properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish & follow the rules of the game, be honest Be a good sport Accept differences in others Try to solve a small problem
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flush, wash hands and leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow others to use the toilet privately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the rules for correct use of this area
Fairness doesn't mean everyone gets the same; fairness means everyone gets what they need.			

Start of the year – Establish clear and high expectations

At EHPS, through our Transition program and the Starting Up and Starting Out Program, we establish a positive culture throughout the school by developing an understanding about the purposes of learning and routines. We work together to establish and embed an agreed set of values and positive behaviour expectations in all areas of the school and curriculum. Clear processes and understanding also supports students in developing strong connections with their new class and teacher while forming positive relationships.

For example, teachers provide explicit instruction of expectations and behaviours during playtime including:

- ★ Eating time
- ★ How do you line up?
- ★ How do you enter the classroom?
- ★ How do you move around the school?
- ★ How do you find help if needed? Minor and major problems (yard duty teacher/Health Centre etc.)
- ★ Looking after each other
- ★ Looking after the environment
- ★ Using equipment appropriately

Please support your child's learning and organisation by discussing, clarifying and reinforcing the Essex Heights expectations throughout the year.

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Principal Team Report

School Council Elections - Information for Parents

What is a School Council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the School Council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school cCouncil elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experiences to be on School Council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.

Have a great week!

George Perini & Assistant Principals - Ina Kuehlich, Ben Wooster & Carolyn Wilson

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





Coming soon ...

The tradition continues ... the annual cricket match between Year 6 Students and Teachers.



We play to support the wonderful work of the McGrath Foundation, and in memory of those members of our school community who we have lost to cancer.

ALL WELCOME to join in the fun and cheer the teams on.

Come dressed in pink on the day.

Funds raised are donated to the McGrath Foundation.

More details soon!

ArtSEL

We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and maths. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. We will be using the *ArtSEL (Art Social Emotional Learning)* program in your child's classroom to teach these critical skills.



The *ArtSEL* program teaches skills in the following four areas:

- ★ **Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
- ★ **Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
- ★ **Emotion Management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
- ★ **Problem Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

Your child will be learning a lot this year - and he or she will need your help! Throughout the year, your child will be bringing from school 'Home Links' that go with several of the *ArtSEL* lessons. Home Links are simple, fun activities for you and your child to complete together. They are a great way for you to understand what your child is learning and for your child to show you what he or she knows.

The program is split into two semesters. The first semester (February to June) begins next week for the Preps, Year 1 and Year 2 students. In the second semester (July to December) Years 3 to 6 students will be involved. Those not doing *ArtSEL* will attend the Visual Arts classes. If you have any questions about the *ArtSEL* program, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.

Nikki Olsen & Jean Elliott
ArtSEL Teachers

Parent Teacher Discussions

Parent Teacher Discussions will be held next week - **Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February**.

Discussions are booked on Compass. Information was provided to all families this week.

Your Discussion will be held in your child's classroom. Discussions are set at 10 minutes per discussion, and there is one discussion per student available. In separated families, the primary family should book via Compass and the other parent should contact the classroom teacher directly to make an appointment if required.

If a longer discussion is required, please make another time with your child's teacher to ensure that the Parent Teacher Discussions can keep to schedule, and the required time can be given to your conversation.

Student-free Days

Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all Victorian government schools, and the remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school.

Student-free Days at EHPS this year: Tuesday 28th January, Wednesday 29th January, Thursday 5th March, and, tentatively, Friday 31st July. This last date is subject to confirmation by School Council.

Outside School Hours Care provide a curriculum day program on Student-free Days from 7am to 6pm. Students enrolled in the OSHC program can book for care.

Compass



Please check your contact details in Compass are correct, and update your mobile phone number/s and email if required. As a primary communication tool at EHPS, it is essential that this information is correct.

Please use Compass to complete the necessary student permissions for your child for 2020.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Term 1 concludes with our annual Grandparents & Special Friends Day on **Friday 27th March**. This is a wonderful day for our students to share with their special person.

As it's the last day of term, students are dismissed at 2.30pm. However, it is our experience that students will sometimes leave earlier with their grandparent/special friend. If your child will be leaving early (before 2.30pm) with their grandparent/special friend, parents/guardians must enter an absence note on Compass regarding their child's early departure. It is essential for students leaving school with someone other than their parent/guardian that the absence note description includes the details of who (name and relationship to the student) they are leaving with. For example, "Liam is leaving school early with his Grandfather, John Smith." If this information is not provided, our Office staff will need to contact you to get your consent for your child to leave with someone other than their parent. Your attention to this detail will ensure that your child's departure is managed efficiently when they are signed out at the Office.

Prep 2020

Welcome to primary school 2020 Preps! School Entry Assessments were completed on Wednesday, and our Preps had their first day at primary school yesterday.

The Preps have six shorter days at school, finishing at 2.30pm from today until next Friday, 14th February. They will commence fulltime (8.50am to 3.30pm) from Monday 17th February.

First Aid in Schools

We are fortunate to have St John run their First Aid in Schools program at EHPS on **Tuesday 18th February**. All students will participate in a 45 minute session on this day.



Sustainability



This year's event will be held on **Friday 28th February**. More details to come ...

Marita Steward



'Space Trip' Dance Show

The whole school **Space Trip Dance Show** will be held on **Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May**.



Parent Helpers



We are currently looking for parents interested in **helping with our costumes** for the 2020 Dance Show, *Space Trip*. We borrow our costumes from another school, but some light sewing may be required! If you have the skills to help us out, please contact Moira Lennon (lennon.moira.m@edumail.vic.gov.au). Thank you!

Health & PE

Swimming Team

Trials for the 2020 Essex Heights School Swimming Team were held on Monday at Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre (MARC).

The times recorded at the trials will be used to select the 2020 Essex Heights Swimming Team that will compete at the Mulgrave District Swimming Carnival on Thursday 20th February (note change of date).



Years 5 & 6 Summer Inter-School Sport



This term Year 5 and 6 students will participate in the Summer Season of School Sport Victoria's Mulgrave District Inter-School Sporting Competition. Students will compete against other schools in our District. Games are scheduled for Friday morning and venues will be split between Essex Heights Primary School, council facilities and the competing school for that round. Students will be transported to other venues via chartered buses. The cost of the program is \$45 per student, which will help cover expenses such as transport, affiliation fees and specialised equipment. Correct school sports uniform must be worn, including appropriate sports footwear and a school hat for Term 1. Some teams will be allocated a specific team uniform. This uniform is to be worn on Fridays only and returned clean at the end of term. A lost top will incur a \$30 replacement fee.

Information about Summer Inter-School Sport, including the consent and payment due date, will be published soon on Compass.

Extreme Weather Policy

In the event of a forecast of extreme weather, including heat, and the duty of care towards students, staff and umpires, we will encourage everyone to have a sensible approach and will modify ISS matches accordingly. Students' health, safety and well being is our number one priority at all times.

We take into account venues, shade provisions, time and match modifications and numerous water breaks. As a SunSmart school we continue to follow the guidelines from our school policy below:

- 2.2 The availability of shade is considered when planning all outdoor activities.
- 2.3 Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- 2.4 Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are required to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.
- 2.7 All students are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears (legionnaire, broad-brimmed or bucket hat). Peak caps and visors are not considered a suitable alternative.

Parent Volunteers



In the past we have been fortunate to have the assistance of parents for scoring and coaching during the Inter-School seasons and other Inter-School sporting events.

If you are interested and available at all, we would very much appreciate your assistance. You must hold a Working With Children Check and have signed and lodged the Child Safe documentation to volunteer. Contact the Office for information or to lodge your documentation if this is not in place.

Please contact Elisha Cotterell if you have any questions - cotterell.elisha.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

How languages boost your child's brainpower

This week in Assembly, our Indonesian Captains - Matthew, Grace and Nandita - made their first announcement about the Indonesian award. They stood in front of the whole school and spoke in Indonesian! BAGUS SEKALI! I am continually amazed at how the students across the school have a go and are willing to attempt another language with enthusiasm and bravery. We are so privileged to teach another language from Foundation to Year 6 at Essex Heights. I began learning Indonesian at age 5 and have been forever grateful for the skills it has allowed me to develop and the opportunities it has opened up for me as a global citizen. Exposure to another language and culture at an early age is so beneficial! Here is a link to information from the Education Department on why learning a language throughout school is so crucial:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/languages/manage/Pages/languagesbrainpower.aspx>



**NEW
DATE**

Showcase

The date for this year's **Showcase**, our annual music concert, has changed from that previously advised. **Showcase** will be held on **Friday 23rd October**.

2020 MCUI Songwriting Competition

Happy 2020! There is still a week and a half to go until the closing date of Music: Count Us In's National Songwriting Competition for 2020. All school students with a passion for songwriting are encouraged to enter.

In 2015 one of our Year 5 students, Lynn Ng, won this competition and last year it was won by a Year 10 student, Roan Nair, who is a past Essex Heights student.

Finalists from this competition will be selected to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, to write the Music: Count Us In (MCUI) song for 2020 in collaboration with MCUI Ambassador John Foreman OAM and our 2020 Mentor (to be announced very soon).

We're inviting school students of any age to submit their own original songs that celebrate the lives of young Australians with melodies and lyrics that are fun, uplifting and easy to learn.

Please encourage any young songwriters you know to enter.

Entries for the MCUI Songwriting Competition close at 5pm on Wednesday 19th February.

For more information on the MCUI Songwriting Competition, head to our website - [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please email ruth@musicaustralia.org.au.



Ruth Mulvey
Program Manager

Instrumental Music

2020 Instrumental Lessons

Want to learn an instrument this year?

- Recommended starting ages for Instruments:
 - Grade 1 – Piano, Keyboard, Drum-Kit, Violin, Viola
 - Grade 2 – Cello, Clarinet, Trumpet
 - Grade 3 – Flute, Guitar, Ukulele, Harp
 - Grade 4 – Saxophone, Trombone and Double Bass
 - Grade 5/6 – Any Instrument
 - Preps – may start Grade 1 instruments from Cycle 2 onward

Ensemble Groups

- Guitar Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- Concert Band
- String Ensembles
- Contemporary Band

Interested in learning an instrument we don't have?

Please let us know by completing an Expression of Interest form – you can find it with the Handbooks on the school link below.

If you learn outside school, come and join our ensembles. Check out the Essex Ensembles Handbook.

Current students: Enrolments are ongoing.

- Want to continue with everything the same? No need to do anything.
- If you would like to change your type of lesson, instrument or withdraw from lessons, please email kennedy.alyssa.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Handbooks available: <http://www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au/page/76/Instrumental-Music-Program>

Health Centre



Children with Food Allergies

Essex Heights Primary School has a number of children who suffer from severe life threatening food allergies known as anaphylaxis. Any food can cause anaphylaxis but generally these foods account for 90% of all reactions: Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Shellfish, Fish, Milk, Egg, Sesame, Soy and Wheat.

We also have a large number of children with other various food allergies.

Any food brought into the school can have serious consequences to children at risk. We ask parents, students and staff to be sensitive to the critical needs of these children at school who have severe food allergies. Due to the large number of children with nut allergies we request that nuts, foods that contain nuts and nut products such as Nutella and peanut butter are not consumed at school at any time.

If food is brought in to share for a birthday or special occasion, please speak to the teacher and provide the teacher with a printed list of ingredients before distributing.

Parents of children with food allergies may choose to provide an alternative “treat” to be kept with the class teacher for these occasions.

Updated Medical Plans

I have sent home medical plans/allergy/asthma plans this week to be updated for the current school year. It is important that we have the most up to date information about your child so that they can be managed safely at school. Please complete these plans with your GP when you next visit. Also, with the recent bushfires and the smoke residue, it is important that Asthma Management Plans are updated as smoke can be a trigger for asthma.

Please ring me between 11am and 3pm if you have any queries.

*Thanks,
Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer*

Outside School Hours Care



Thanks to all children who made Support Cards for the fire fighters.

Could all new families please ensure that they have “Confirmed Guardianship,” on their myGov account. Your Child Care Subsidy (CCS) will only be paid if this is done.



The program will be running a Prep Care Program till next Friday, 14th February. The charge will be \$10 per child.

Next week we will be celebrating Valentine’s Day with a week of celebrations:

Monday Valentine’s Day Cup Cakes
Tuesday Valentine Ceramic Hearts
Wednesday Valentine Heart Cards
Thursday Valentine Teddy Bear Card
Friday Valentine’s Day Cup Cakes



Remember, if you require Before or After Care you will need to be enrolled in the program. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the program during operating hours.

If you have any questions, please send them to davis.paul.d@edumail.com.au.vic.gov.au, or phone OSHC on 9807 2615 or 0417 941 986.

*Thank you,
Paul Davis
Coordinator*

Munch & Crunch Canteen



Roster Volunteer Request



The roster volunteer request was recently sent home to all families and a notification sent on Compass with the notice attached. If you can assist sometimes or regularly, I'm looking forward to getting your reply form back so the Canteen roster can be finalised. Please remember that you need to have a Working With Children Check and have signed the Child Safe acknowledgement to volunteer; lodge these at the Office if you haven't already done so.

Canteen menu update

We have been advised that the Good Food Hero Beef Mini Risssoles and Potato Gratin has been discontinued. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Maria Vlahos
Canteen Manager

Parents & Friends News



PFA Meeting

The first **PFA meeting** of the year is on **next Wednesday**, 12th February, at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We'd love to see you all to discuss new and exciting activities for the school year.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 11th March. The new Committee will be elected at this meeting. Please let Fiona NS, Andrea F or Kaye N know if you are interested in becoming involved in the PFA.

Secondhand Uniform Stall

This term's Secondhand Uniform Stall will be held next **Friday, 14th February**, from **3pm to 3.45pm** in the Stadium. Helpers are required from 2.00pm.

Donations should be bagged, and marked 'donations'. They can be left either at the Office or in a Lost Property box at any time. Donated items should have names removed, be clean and in good condition. No old logo items please.

Welcome BBQ – Friday 28th February

This is a relaxed event where the EHPS Community comes together to meet new friends or re-connect with our children's friends' families. You are welcome to bring a picnic dinner or buy a sausage.

welcome



Facebook

Please join the EHPS Community Facebook group to keep connected to our school community.

I look forward to welcoming parents and friends to the above events.

Fiona Nicholson Stocker
(Mum of Allison, 40)
ehpspfa@gmail.com

School Banking



Get involved in the School Banking program

Essex Heights Primary School is once again excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards. The rewards available during 2020 are:

Term 1

- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)

Term 2

- Treetop Stationery Set
- Treetop Handball

Term 3

- Tomato Seed Kit
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle

Term 4

- Emoji Wallet
- Snakes & Ladders Game



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. 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 students in 2019 we raised \$2,029.50 for our school through the School Banking Contributions Program.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online** - Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
2. **In Branch** - Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to bring in your deposit book and place it in the School Banking bag in your classroom.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2020 School Banking program information pack from the School Office or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Can you volunteer? We need your help with the School Banking program!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help. The program requires a number of volunteer School Banking coordinators to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards.

The School Banking is processed on **Tuesdays** from 9.30am in the School Hall and will only take a small amount of your time each week.

The Commonwealth Bank provides support in how to run the program and your help will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills.

School Banking also helps our school by being a great fundraiser.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Angela Millan on 0408 243 141.



Bread Tags for Wheelchairs



1st Bennettswood Joey Scouts are continuing to collect **Bread Tags and Plastic Bottle Tops** - leave donations in the boxes in the School Office reception. More information about where the tops and tags go can be found at www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za and envision.org.au. Thank you!

BREADTAGS
for wheelchairs

Erica Baddeley
Assistant Joey Scout Leader
1st Bennettswood Joey Scouts



Kelly Sports



Kelly Sports is Australia's number one provider of sports coaching for primary school students, helping provide children the capability and confidence to develop a life long love of sports. The Sensational Summer Sports program for Term 1 offers basketball, cricket, soccer, and ultimate frisbee. The seven week program for Prep to Year 6 students started on Monday (3rd February), and will run weekly until Monday 23rd March (last week of term), from 3.40pm to 4.40pm; no session on the public holiday on Monday 9th March. Registered students meet Kelly Sports coaches on the basketball courts. The program costs \$98 for 7 sessions. An information flyer has been provided for every student; follow up with your child's teacher if you have not received it. Register by returning the form to Kelly Sports, or register online at www.kellysports.com.au.

Dance Classes



Lunchtime Dance

There won't be any Lunchtime Dance classes in Term 1.

After School Dance

After School Dance for registered Prep to Year 2 students will run weekly on Tuesdays in Term 1, from next Tuesday, 11th February, to Tuesday 24th March.

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.

The lessons run for 45 minutes from 3.40pm to 4.25pm, take place in the Stadium, and are taught by Georgia Lombard from Creative Dance and Drama.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama

Chess



Chess classes will commence next Wednesday, 12th February. The Term 1 program is for seven lessons, from 3.40pm to 4.30pm, run by tutors from Chess Ideas. Students meet in the Violet

Collaborative space. The cost is \$15 per lesson or \$105 for the term, payable by the third week of term. Registration forms are available in the Office reception; complete and return with payment to Chess Ideas, or register online - [CLICK HERE](#). If you have any queries, please contact Chess Ideas by phone on 9532 8370.



Andrew Russell

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**Sport
Fitness
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Karate Classes

Free Uniform – Book in early!!

Thursdays:

Essex Heights Primary School

Essex Road, Mount Waverley

Juniors, 7 to 13 years, 6:30pm to 7:45pm
Teenagers & Adults, 6:30pm to 8:15pm



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www.lionbushido.com

LBKA Centers:

Forest Hill – Wantirna – Rowville – Glen Waverley – Mount Waverley

Dandenong – Doncaster East – Cranbourne

Fountain Gate – Narre Warren South – Patterson Lakes

For Bookings Phone 9887 4098



ESSEX HEIGHTS NETBALL CLUB

Come along to our training sessions which are
on every Thursday at 3:45 pm after school.

Trainings are on the school basketball courts.

We are currently looking for girls and boys who
are in Years 3-5

Facebook: www.facebook.com/essexheightsnetballclub

Instagram: www.instagram.com/essexheightsnetballclub

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL:

essexheightsnetballclub@gmail.com

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO OUR:
Welcome BBQ

Friday 28 February 2020

**A great chance to meet your
children's classmates' families**



**Sausages and
Cold Drinks for sale
6pm – 8pm**

**You are also welcome to
bring your own dinner
and have a picnic**