

## CALENDAR

### March

Mon 9 ..... Labour Day public holiday  
Tue 10-Fri 13 .... Yr 6 Camp  
Wed 11 ..... Classroom Representatives Morning Tea  
Wed 11 ..... PFA Annual General Meeting  
Fri 13 ..... National Ride2School Day  
Fri 13 ..... Region Swimming  
Fri 13 ..... NO Summer Inter-School Sport  
Tue 17&Wed 18 School Photos  
Tue 17 ..... District Tennis  
Tue 17 ..... Parent Forum with Michael Ymer  
Fri 20 ..... Harmony Day  
Fri 20 ..... Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport  
Fri 27 ..... Grandparents & Special Friends Day  
Fri 27 ..... Term 1 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

### April

Tue 14 ..... Term 2 starts  
Fri 17 ..... Yr 5 A Day in the Life of AHS excursion  
Wed 22-Fri 24 ... Yr 5 Camp  
Fri 24 ..... ANZAC Commemoration

### May

Mon 4 ..... Space Trip Dance Concert (Group 1)  
Tue 5 ..... Space Trip Dance Concert (Group 2)

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

### Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in Stadium. *All welcome.*  
**NO ASSEMBLY on Monday 9th March due to public holiday**

### School Banking - every Tuesday.



**School Hats** - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

### School Tours

Thursdays & Fridays at 9.30am. Bookings essential.

### Prep 2021 Enrolment

Lodge by Friday 29th May 2020.

### 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's Report



Dear Parents, Guardians, and members of the Essex Heights Community,

### Welcome Picnic

Last Friday evening, many families joined in our Welcome BBQ/Picnic for 2020. There was a relaxed and friendly feeling around the Heights as families mingled and got to know each other. It was another great example of our great Essex Heights community. A huge thank you must go to all the PFA organisers. These events are important and memorable for the children. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way.

***Please remember that the PFA Annual General Meeting will be held this Wednesday, 11th March, at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.***

### Mathematics ..... It counts at Essex Heights!!!

Yesterday, on our Student-free Day, staff spent the day with Michael Ymer, an internationally renowned educator in Mathematics, learning about how to best teach the four operations of mathematics. The staff were involved in many hands on activities that they will be able to use in their classroom to help all children to master addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It is important to note, it was stressed to everyone, that children learn best when the learning is embedded in an educational game or activity. This engagement in learning results in the best learning outcomes.

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**Labour Day Public Holiday**  
**NEXT MONDAY**  
**9th March**  
**No students at school**



7th	.....	Mia L
8th	.....	Jane L
11th	.....	Alex Y
		Ivan J
		Sophie B
12th	.....	Eason L
		Jeremy Z
		Vihangi J
13th	.....	Amali C
		Eva P
		Alex H
		Rex Z

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



### Notice/Activity

Whole School (all students) ..... School Photos order envelope

***This week's information on Compass:***

*Notifications sent this week that were about events/information that have passed may not be listed.*



***Year/Group***

## Compass News Feed

Prep .....	Magic Words Foundation. ArtSEL Lesson 5 Being Assertive. Homework included.
Year 1 .....	Grade 1 ArtSEL. Being Assertive. Homework included.
Year 6 .....	Year 6 Camp
Whole School .....	PFA Membership & Helper Signup Future-proofing your child webinar Parenting Ideas Insights articles Space Trip - Dance Show costume notice

### Compass Events:

***Year/Group***

**Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date**

Years 5 & 6 .....	Summer Inter-School Sport - Term 1 - pay \$45 & consent; overdue, please see Office to finalise
Year 6 .....	Year 6 Forest Lodge Farm Camp - pay \$450 & consent; overdue, please see Office to finalise
Selected Students .....	Victorian State Schools Spectacular - pay \$25 & consent by TODAY, 6th March

## Assembly

There is no Assembly next week because the school is closed for the Labour Day public holiday on Monday.

**Note:** 5L will be singing *Grumpy Pirate* at Assembly on Monday 16th March - family and friends are invited!

## Being SunSmart in Term 1



All students must wear a hat whenever they are outside during Terms 1 and 4 in accordance with our SunSmart policy. Please ensure your child has their hat each day - slouch, legionnaire or bucket style hats comply with our SunSmart policy and provide appropriate protection. Students without a hat will be required to play in the shade. For more information about being SunSmart at school, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## Health Centre



## Headlice

I have had quite a few reports of headlice across the school. Please tie long hair back, check regularly and treat if evidence of headlice.

Please talk to me if you have any concerns, and refer to the attached information from the Department of Health for further information - [Treating and Controlling Headlice](#).

Thanks,  
**Julie Zuk**  
First Aid Officer

## Principal's Report



### An Evening with Michael Ymer

Numeracy is a key priority in our Strategic Plan and last year we decided to engage Michael Ymer to work with staff so that we can develop our students to their fullest potential.

In the Parent Opinion survey, you have requested to know and to understand more about what children are learning. We would now like to give families the opportunity to listen to and learn from this internationally recognised mathematics consultant, educator and master practitioner. Michael has and continues to work at some of the most elite schools in Australia and Asia, as well as being in high demand to be a lead presenter at many educational conferences worldwide.



On **Tuesday 17th March**, beginning at 7pm in the Hall, Michael will lead a **Parent Forum** on the current best practice on the teaching of mathematics and how parents can help their children improve their numeracy. This is a unique experience and we are very fortunate to have Michael work so closely with our school. It is our hope that families will leave this forum with a good understanding of how teachers are instructing the children in Maths, and examples of some of the rich learning activities they may experience in class. Also families will have strategies that they can use to help their children with mathematics at home.

To help defray the cost of having Michael work with our school, we request a gold coin donation to attend this event.

**Please put this date in your calendar** and make sure that you attend because it will definitely improve your understanding of the teaching of mathematics and it will help your child's Maths outcomes to improve.

### Division Swimming – Essex Heights successful again!!

On Tuesday the Monash Waverley Division Swimming Finals were held and 17 students participated. The children competed so well and also encouraged each other in each event. These students have progressed from our swimming trials, through District finals and now, on Tuesday, were into Division finals. Naturally at these finals the competition was harder and often only fractions of a second separated competitors.



Girls 12/13 Year Freestyle Relay Team



Girls 9/10 Year Freestyle Relay Team

All of the students gave their best efforts and the results are a just reward for that perseverance. The Open Age Medley Relay (Zoe K, Mackenzie L, Camryn R and Annabelle X), the 12/13 Year Freestyle Relay Girls (Camryn R, Annabelle X, Grace L and Kira D) as well as individual event competitors Mackenzie L, Annabelle X and Camryn R all qualified for the Region Finals next Friday at Ringwood.

Unfortunately the 9/10 Year Freestyle Relay Girls (Allison S, Indie C, McKenzie L and Celina W) finished a close third in a very closely contested event, but only the first two place getters go through to the Region Final. Great effort girls you did your best!!

Good luck to our swim team in the Region Finals next week. I will be there to cheer you on.

Go Essex Heights!!!



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### Tennis Trials

15 students attended tennis trials on Wednesday morning at our local Essex Heights Tennis Club courts. As a result of the trials the following students will be our EHPS Tennis Team: Tihana R, Ava B, Elissa O, Dejan R, Lucas F and Sora K.

They will be competing against other schools at the District Finals on Tuesday 17th March at PLC.

Thanks to Mrs Cotterell for organising the trials.

Good luck everyone!!



### Year 6 Camp 2020

Next week our Year 6 students will depart on Tuesday 10th March for their adventure camp at Forest Lodge Farm Camp at Jack River. The children will participate in adventure activities, team building activities, and will travel to Wilson's Promontory and go to Squeaky Beach. We wish the 74 children and 8 staff well and hope they have the best time possible. I will be going to the camp on Wednesday, and Ina will be there on Thursday and Friday.



### Do not be late for school

I would like to firstly thank all parents that have tried so hard to ensure that children are in class ready to learn by 9am. I need to re-emphasise that to ensure that teachers can begin their instruction by 9am, children would need to be at school by 8.50am (first bell), so that bags can be unpacked, readers changed, and any other organisational tasks addressed.

Open and friendly communication with the classroom teacher is essential and I see that occurring every day, however if a more in depth discussion is needed, then please arrange a suitable time with them.

Our **Compass parent portal** is an excellent communication tool between school and home and can be used to send an email to a teacher, add attendance notes or approve lateness or absence. Please make sure that you regularly log into the parent portal on Compass. If you need any assistance, please check the [information booklet](#) on our website or speak to the staff at the Office.



If your child will be absent on any particular day, please enter that on Compass or contact the school by 9am to report the absence verbally or in writing.

***Please note that students arriving at school at or after 9am must be signed in at the Office by a parent or guardian.***

Thank you for your cooperation and support in these matters.

### Are your children getting enough sleep?

Effective learning at school requires children to be well rested and for their brains to be active and alert. Well rested children engage in learning activities better, are able to think clearly and then apply it to their learning. Also children that have had the appropriate amount of sleep are happy at school and do not get tired as the day progresses.

Good sleep is critical in children's growth and development. Research tells us that children who do not get enough sleep on a consistent basis are more likely to have problems at school and develop more slowly than others that are getting enough sleep.

Children between 3-5 years need about 12 hours sleep, and from 5-12 years about 11 hours. Therefore if your child in Prep needs to wake up at 7.30am to get ready for school, the child needs to be in bed by 7.30pm to get the right amount of sleep to help their development.

I know that we may all have different routines at home for our children but I urge you to seriously consider the need for your children to have more sleep. Even if you believe that your children are doing well at school and they are managing even though they go to bed late, imagine how well they could be doing at school if they received the appropriate amount of sleep.

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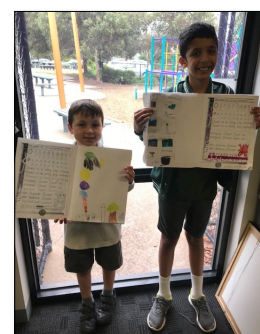
## Principal's Report

Here are some useful tips:

- ★ Have a bedtime routine
  - Have a light snack
  - Take a bath.
  - Put on pajamas.
  - Brush teeth.
  - Read a story.
  - Make sure the room is quiet and at a comfortable temperature.
  - Put your child to bed.
  - Say goodnight and leave.
- ★ Make bedtime the same time every night.
- ★ Make bedtime a positive and relaxing experience without TV or videos. According to one recent study, TV viewing prior to bed can lead to difficulty falling and staying asleep. Save your child's favorite relaxing, non-stimulating activities until last and have them occur in the child's bedroom.
- ★ Keep the bedtime environment (e.g. light, temperature) the same all night long.

### Super Handwriting

Mitchell S and Burhan V (pictured) were so proud of their handwriting this week. Their letters were perfectly formed and the flow of their writing was excellent. Their work showed perseverance and application. Well done boys, keep up the good work.



See you all around the school.

**George Perini**  
Principal



## School Photos



School Photos will be taken on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March** by The School Photographer.

Personalised order envelopes for individual students have been distributed. If you have one or more children at EHPS and want a sibling photo taken as well, please request a sibling order envelope from your child's classroom teacher or collect from the Office.

Please note the following about ordering photos:

- Each student has been provided with a personalised order envelope.
- Photo orders are to be handed to the classroom teacher, not the Office, no later than **Friday 13th March**, except if paying cash (see below).
- **Our preferred method of payment is online** - [click here](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) or type [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) into your web browser, and enter the purple code from your child's personalised envelope; record the receipt number provided on your envelope.
- **If paying by cash** - **PLEASE SEND TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY ONLY**; enclose CORRECT AMOUNT as order envelopes with payment enclosed will be given directly to the photographer on Photo Day.
- Sibling photo orders are to be in returned in the provided Siblings Only envelope; staple/paper clip to student's individual photo order envelope - **DO NOT** put inside individual student envelope.
- Please ensure correct and clear details are written on your child's envelope.

If you know that your child will be absent on either or both of these dates, please ensure you have entered an absence note on Compass **and** sent emails to your child's teacher and Gael Munro (care of the school email).

## 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](http://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](http://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.



## 2020 School Fees & Instrumental Music Program Cycle 1 charges

2020 school fees (student charges and voluntary contributions) have been advised to families by Compass notification and an email with your family statement attached. The Compass notification included a copy of the fees letter explaining the school fees for this year. The email with your family statement attached was sent to the designated email address for your family. Please check your family statement before paying to confirm the amount payable; those families who had credits (excluding CSEF) on their family statements in 2019 have had these carried over and are on your current statement.

Instrumental Music Program Cycle 1 charges have been applied and are due by Friday 27th March. Please refer to your family statement for details. Payment by BPay is preferred, otherwise at the Office. *Note:* Instrumental Music Program charges do not appear on Compass and therefore are not payable using Compass Pay.

Our preferred payment options are:

1. BPay (details on the family statement sent by email) - you will be able to pay in one transaction; or
2. Compass Pay (refer to the [user guide on the school website](#) if required). *Note:* each charge is payable as a separate transaction.

If you are unable to pay using the options above, bring a copy of your family statement to our School Office (on your phone or on paper), and you can pay by:

- Eftpos/Credit card (Visa or MasterCard; minimum transaction \$20); or
- Cash (provide correct amount as no change is held at the Office); or
- Cheque payable to Essex Heights Primary School.

School fees are payable by Monday 16th March. Instrumental Music Program Cycle 1 charges are due by Friday 27th March.

Any families experiencing financial hardship should contact Mr Perini or our Business Manager, Barbara McCann, before the due date.



*"Schools are at their dynamic best when teachers and parents work hand-in-hand together"* **Michael Grose**

Our school has membership of Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support, provides our school community with excellent resources, including *Insights* articles, and webinar attendance at no cost (a saving of \$37).

Recent *Insights* articles recently distributed via Compass and accessible on our school website:

- Respectfully breaking the masculinity strait-jacket
- Parenting in the age of disruption
- Managing separation anxiety at school drop-offs
- Supporting kids affected by the bushfires

Additional *Insights* articles accessible on our school website:

- Making new friends and staying in touch with old classmates
- Spending time with kids: How much is enough?
- Why validation is the best parenting skill of all
- A taste of falafel and independence

Upcoming Webinar:

- *Future-proofing your child* - Wednesday 18th March from 8pm to 9pm.

This century is characterised by disruptive change that is turning our world upside down. Jobs aren't just changing, whole industries are ceasing to exist. The scripts for success are being rewritten on a daily basis in our families, at work and in life. In this webinar Nikki Bush teaches parents what to expect and how to support their kids to thrive in a future world of work.

More details about this webinar, including registration instructions and your code to access the webinar at no cost, has been sent to you via Compass. A flyer about this webinar is available from the Office reception.

For further information, and to access the articles and webinar information above, please [CLICK HERE](#).

### Being Assertive

Learning means doing something new every day. Sometimes when we're doing something new, we get stuck and don't know what to do. If we get stuck, we can use a skill for learning - it's called being assertive.

Being assertive means asking for what you need or want in a calm, firm and respectful way.

To do this we need to:

- ★ Face the person you are talking to.
- ★ Keep your head up and shoulders back.
- ★ And use respectful words.

We've practised being assertive this week.

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

**Nikki Olsen & Jean Elliott**  
ArtSEL Teachers



### Enrolment in 2021

If you have a child to enrol in Prep 2021, please collect enrolment forms from the Office. Lodge enrolment documentation at the Office by Friday 29th May.

If you have neighbours, friends, or family who have a child due to start school in 2021 (born on or before 30th April 2016), please encourage them to book to attend a school tour. Tours commenced today, and will be held on Thursdays and Fridays at 9.30am.

Bookings are essential - please contact the Office on 9807 4944. Our information pack, including enrolment forms, are provided at the end of the tour. If not attending a tour, the information pack can be collected from our Office between 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday during school terms. Enrolment documentation for Prep 2021 must be lodged by Friday 29th May.

More information about enrolment at EHPS can be found on our school website - [CLICK HERE](#).



### Classroom Representatives Morning Tea

Class Representatives have been confirmed and sent information about their role this year.

We would like to meet with Class Representatives to clarify their role and for us to get to know each other. Please join us for a **morning tea** in the Library **next Wednesday**, 11th March, from 10.15am to 11.00am. Please complete the provided reply slip and return to the Office by Tuesday 10th March.



*Thank you,*  
**Ina Kuehlich, Carolyn Wilson & Ben Wooster**  
Assistant Principals





National Ride2School Day **next Friday**, 13th March, is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel. It is a day of fun where students, teachers and parents discover the joy of riding and kick-start healthy and environmentally friendly habits for the future.

National Ride2School Day is promoted by Bicycle Network, who are campaigning to improve bike riding conditions, build more facilities and create fairer legislation for bike riders.

Next Friday members of our wonderful Junior School Council (JSC) along with Fiona, PFA President, will count how many students walk or ride to school. They will be positioned just outside the Art Room, next to the Bike/Scooter Shed. If you walk or ride to school, the JSC will offer you free fruit to acknowledge your amazing effort!

## 'Space Trip' Dance Show

The ***Space Trip* Dance Concert** will be held on **Monday 4th May (Group 1)** and **Tuesday 5th May (Group 2)**. Your child/ren will only perform on one night. This year the concert will be held at Crossway Baptist Church in Burwood East. There will not be a limit on tickets per family as there has been in previous years.



Rehearsals for the *Space Trip* Dance Concert have commenced. All students are learning a choreographed dance and a song to sing for the finale.

Years 5 and 6 students were given the opportunity to audition to play character roles in the show and a cast has now been chosen.

Information has been published on Compass regarding the costume requirements for your child's class. If you have any questions, please speak to your classroom teacher.

## Volunteer to photograph



We are currently looking for a volunteer to **photograph** our upcoming Dance Show, Space Trip. We either need the same volunteer to take photos on both nights (Monday 4th May and Tuesday 5th May) or two volunteers, one for each night. If you are an avid photographer and are interested in helping us out, please email [lennon.moira.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:lennon.moira.m@edumail.vic.gov.au).

# Thank you

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with costumes and donations of cardboard tubes. We've not got enough helpers and enough tubes!



**Moira Lennon**  
Show Coordinator

## AFL Skills & Drills



Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to meet and participate in AFL skills and drills with Brodie Grundy, Steele Sidebottom, Jamie Elliott, and Anton Tohill from the Collingwood Football Club on Monday. There were some very excited staff and students who also had the opportunity to request signatures and get some photos. The players came to EHPS as part of the Central Melbourne Outer Football Development Program.

## Years 5 & 6 Summer Inter-School Sport



Inter-School Sports were played against Mount Scopus today. Competition information was published on Compass.

There is no Inter-School Sport next Friday, 13th Friday, as our Year 6 students are away on camp.

## Year 5 Camp

Year 5 students will be on camp from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th April at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat.

Sovereign Hill Camp is an exciting opportunity for Year 5 students to directly engage in the learning area of historical knowledge within the Victorian Curriculum.

Students will learn firsthand Victoria's rich history in gold and significant events in Australian history such as the Eureka Stockade. This camp also enables students to develop self-confidence and to learn and participate in activities that involve both independent and team work skills. This further enhances students' personal learning, wellbeing and engagement.

Camp information will be published soon on Compass, including date for payment of \$340 and consent. If you have CSEF, you can request that this be applied.



## Music



*You're  
Invited*

### 5L Assembly Invitation

5L invite family and friends to Assembly on Monday 16th March. We are going to sing *Grumpy Pirate*. We would love for you to clap for us and show your support while we are singing.

Sincerely,  
**Aiden, Luca, Mitchell and Zac**

The Victorian State Schools' Spectacular (VSSS) is an annual event and is one of the largest recurring productions in Australia. The VSSS brings together over 3000 school students who work towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment; it encourages creative skills, discipline, perseverance and confidence over months of rehearsals. Its dual aims are to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. 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. This all comes together in a three hour show that celebrates the diversity of performance mediums.

We are very excited to be selected as one of the schools to perform in the Mass Choir in the VSSS this year; members of Chorale will represent EHPS.

The 25th anniversary VSSS will be staged at Melbourne Arena on Saturday 12th September 2020 in two performances at 1pm and 6.30pm.

Information has been published on Compass. Payment of \$25 (for compulsory Spectacular t-shirt) and consent is due by **TODAY, Friday 6th March**.

## Munch & Crunch Canteen



### Canteen Roster

Monday 9th March ..... *School & Canteen closed. Labour Day public holiday*

Wednesday 11th March - 9.00am to 1.45pm ..... *Maria to confirm*

Friday 13th March - 9.00am to 1.45pm ..... *Maria to confirm*

*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



### Welcome BBQ/Picnic

We hope you enjoyed catching up with friends and making new ones over a sausage or two last Friday. Thank you to Franz, Wayne, Aaron and Luke who did the cooking and all those who made the event a successful one, including Andrea, Kaye, Steph, Somya, Caitlin, Jane, Allison and Betty.



### PFA Membership is now due

PFA membership is free but requires signing up annually. PFA membership means you will be kept up to date with the activities of the PFA. You will be invited to PFA meetings (two per term). Attendance is not mandatory, but we would love your input.

Details have been published on Compass, including the link to enter your details for membership and select the relevant boxes if you can help (<https://tinyurl.com/EHPSPFA20>). Alternatively, forms are available either on the school website or from the Office.

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### Annual General Meeting

Parents and friends are invited to the PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held on **Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm** in the Staff Room. Supper provided. Come and welcome a new Executive Committee for 2020!

### Ride2School Day 2020

National Ride2School Day is next Friday, 13th March! As an encouragement, the PFA will provide fruit for the Junior School Council to distribute to those who participate. All riders can collect their fruit and sticker outside the Art Room.

*Freaky*  
Friday 13 March 2020  
**NATIONAL  
RIDE2SCHOOL  
DAY**



### Facebook

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

### Hot Cross Buns

The Hot Cross Bun drive is the PFA's next fundraiser. The order forms will be distributed very soon and the delicious buns will be collected from school during the last week of term. In the meantime, help will be needed to tally orders. Watch out for a call for help.



**Fiona Nicholson Stocker**  
(Mum of Allison, 40)  
[ehpsdfa@gmail.com](mailto:ehpsdfa@gmail.com)

## Entertainment Membership

### Carry savings in your pocket this year

Get your new Entertainment Membership today to support Essex Heights Primary School and receive this year's exclusive Entertainment offers.

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities. The Membership App is easy to download to start using instantly. New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.



\*Terms & Conditions Apply

**BONUS \$10 JB HI-FI eGift Card**  
Enter Promo Code: GIFTME at check out\*



Get up to **3 months extra** Membership  
on Single City & Multi City\*

**15 months Membership** when you buy in March\*

**BUY NOW**

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/187402c>

**Andrea Fyfe**  
Entertainment Membership Coordinator



## VEC Subdivision Review

The Victorian Electoral Commission is carrying out a subdivision review of Monash City Council and wants your input.

The review looks at adjustments to ward boundaries to ensure each voter is equitably represented in the upcoming local council elections.

The VEC has released a preliminary report with proposed changes to the boundaries of the following wards: Glen Waverley Ward, Mount Waverley Ward, Mulgrave Ward, Oakleigh Ward.

The report is available:

- online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)
- by calling 131 832 or
- for inspection at council offices during business hours.

You can have your say on the proposed changes to ward boundaries by making a submission to the VEC. Submissions must reach the VEC by 5pm on Wednesday 25th March 2020.

Submissions can be made:

- at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)
- by email to [monash.review@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:monash.review@vec.vic.gov.au) or
- by post to VEC, level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

For more information on the review process, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) or call 131 832.

## Community Noticeboard

*Products & services advertised in Contact are placed on a paid basis and are not necessarily being promoted by Essex Heights Primary School. In responding to any advertisement, you accept full responsibility for goods, services or products offered.*



### Pure Honey – Straight from the bee hive



I'm a local beekeeper in Mount Waverley and have fresh cold-extracted honey for sale.

This honey has been harvested just a few weeks ago and has no additives, just as nature intended.

There is also a limited amount of honeycomb available, packaged in quantities between 430g and 650g.

Honey from your local area is said to help the fight against hayfever and keep you healthier. While I can't verify this, I can tell you that the honey tastes delicious on toast, crumpets, pancakes, porridge, in cooking or yogurt, tea or just on its own.

#### Cost:

Honey - 1kg tub for \$14

Honeycomb - \$16 to \$26 depending on size of packaging (priced at \$4 per 100g) – please ask what size packs are still available

#### To order:

Please call or text Stef on 0431 754 845.

I live only a few streets away from school and are very flexible with pick up.

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# THE ATOM PHOTO COMP 2020

This year's theme is 'Fragility'

There are five age-group categories: Lower Primary (Years F-3), Upper Primary (4-6), Lower Secondary (7-9), Upper Secondary (10-12) and Open.

Prizes include Ted's Cameras gift vouchers valued at \$500 for the primary categories, \$750 for the secondary categories and \$1000 for Open.

TAKE original photographs that address this year's theme (more info available online)

SUBMIT 3 photos through our online entry system at [atomphotocomp.org](http://atomphotocomp.org)

WRITE a short statement (up to 300 words) and submit it with your entry

All photographs must be taken specifically for the ATOM Photo Comp 2020. All entries must be submitted online at: [atomphotocomp.org](http://atomphotocomp.org)

The ATOM Photo Comp 2020 is free to enter and is open to all Australian and New Zealand residents.

Enter your photographs now!  
[atomphotocomp.org](http://atomphotocomp.org)

Entries close midday AEST, Thursday 9 April 2020

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## INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday 19 March – 7.30pm

Alvie Hall,  
314 High Street Rd,  
Mt Waverley

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# smART 2020

## Small Works Art Exhibition

Connecting artists in the community & showcasing their talent in small format!

26 Feb - 8 Mar 2020  
Wed - Sun, 10 am - 4 pm

At  
**THE TRACK GALLERY**  
Mt Waverley, VIC 3149

Opening Celebrations  
26 Feb, 5-7 pm

Inviting all artists regardless of age/skill level  
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## U8– U18 age groups

**Boys and Girls**

**welcome in all teams**

**Auskick on Saturday's**

[registrar.ashwoodfc@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.ashwoodfc@gmail.com)



CAMBERWELL  
HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 21st April 2020



EDUCATING WORLD READY, INDEPENDENT CITIZENS

#### SCHOOL AT WORK

Morning Tours  
9am  
&  
10am

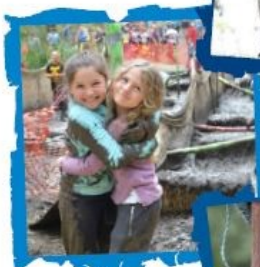
#### EVENING

Tour 6pm  
Presentations 7pm  
• Principal  
• School Council President  
• School Captains

Other dates for school tours are available. Contact details below.

ph 9836 0555  
[www.camhigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.camhigh.vic.edu.au)

Prospect Hill Rd,  
Canterbury 3126



## 1st Bennettswood Scout Group

Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts are amazing!  
Check them out for your child!

Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts is adventure, new skills, great friends and heaps of fun for ages 5-10. It's an adventure program that encourages life skills such as leadership, resilience, confidence, and working well with others.

Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills!

1st Bennettswood meet at 21 Station St,  
Burwood (opposite Leonard St).

#### Enquiries:

[gl.1stbennettswood@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1stbennettswood@scoutsvictoria.com.au)  
Sue Henley - 0417 379 498



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COLLEGE

YEAR 7 2022

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### Year 7, 2022 Enrolment Key Dates

Wednesday 17 June 2020	Information Night for prospective families
Friday 21 August 2020	Application period closes
September 2020	Enrolment Interviews
Thursday 15 October 2020	Offers of place made

### College Tours

Experience our College in action with student led tours.  
Book online at [delasalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours/](https://delasalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours/)

### Further Information

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