

CALENDAR

March

Tue 17&Wed 18 School Photos
Tue 17 District Tennis
Tue 17 Parent Forum with Michael Ymer **POSTPONED**
Fri 20 Harmony Day
Fri 20 Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
Fri 27 Term 1 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

April

Tue 14 Term 2 starts
Wed 22-Fri 24 ... Yr 5 Camp
Fri 24 ANZAC Commemoration

May

Fri 1 Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter-School Sport starts
Mon 4 *Space Trip* Dance Concert (Group 1)
Tue 5 *Space Trip* Dance Concert (Group 2)
Fri 8 Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter-School Sport
Tue 12-Thu 14 .. NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Fri 15 Yrs 5&6 Winter Inter-School Sport
Sun 17-Sat 23 ... Education Week
Wed 27 NEVR Youth Concert 2020 'Fire & Rain'

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.

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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Telephone: (03) 9807 4944
essex.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au
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,

An Evening with Michael Ymer **POSTPONED**

The **Maths for Parents** evening with Michael Ymer scheduled for next Tuesday, 17th March, has been **postponed**. Information regarding a new date will be forthcoming.



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.

Michael is an internationally recognised mathematics consultant, educator and master practitioner. He 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.



We look forward to advising the rescheduling of this unique experience.

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March

15th	Aarush G
16th	Zachary N
17th	Vipuli W
18th	Yaj K
19th	Hayley L
	Henry F
	Josh C
	Mitchell L
20th	Morgan S

Information sent home:

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



Year/Group

Notice/Activity

Whole School (each family)	Hot Cross Bun fundraiser - info & order envelope
	Parent Forum - Maths for Parents
Whole School (all students)	Children with food allergies

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	News from the Health Centre and Prep rooms
	Foundation ArtSEL Lesson - Feelings. Homework included.
Year 1	Daily Eating - in Grade 1
	Weekly Newsletter
	Grade 1 - Identifying Feelings. Homework included.
Year 2	Grade 2 - Identifying Feelings. Homework included.
Year 6	Year 6 Camp - more photos
	Year 6 Camp
	Year 6 Camp - Wednesday
Whole School	School Photos please read
	Maths for Parents - An evening with Michael Ymer
	Coronavirus Hotline
	Coronavirus Update
	School Photo Day

Compass Events:

Year/Group

Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date

Year 5	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp - pay \$340 & consent by 15th April
Years 5 & 6	Summer Inter-School Sport - Term 1 - pay \$45 & consent; overdue, please see Office to finalise
Selected Students	Mulgrave District Tennis Tournament - consent only by 15th March
	Victorian State Schools Spectacular - pay \$25 & consent; overdue, please see Office to finalise.

Assembly: Monday 16th March

At Assembly on Monday:

- Dream Car competition
- Performance by 5L - *Grumpy Pirate*
- Region Swimming report
- 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.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

All families have had the latest information provided via Compass. This information is also accessible on our [school website](#). We will keep our school community up to date in this dynamic situation.

Principal's Report



Year 6 Camp

On Wednesday I drove down to Jack River to see the Year 6 students at their adventure camp at Forest Lodge Farm. The weather was perfect and the children were having an absolutely wonderful time.

This Year 6 camp is a perfect opportunity for the group to get involved in so many group and individual activities that build confidence and team work. The students participated in canoeing, archery, bush cooking, low ropes course, flying fox and giant swing, just to mention a few. As well they help to set up for meals and clean up afterwards.

When I arrived the students were telling me about their night walk on Tuesday night, and I know they were really looking forward to 'Red Faces' on Wednesday night.

On Thursday they went to Wilson's Promontory and visited Squeaky Beach and Tidal River.

A huge thank you to all staff that attended the camp and made this experience so memorable for the children.

There will be many stories to tell for years to come!



Photos: George Perini

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Principal's Report

City of Monash Traffic Management

As I have mentioned previously, I have been in contact with the City of Monash regarding traffic congestion and traffic issues in Essex Road. I have been informed that traffic inspectors in unmarked cars will be patrolling around our school and they are equipped with dashboard cameras and will record and fine people who do not follow the appropriate road rules around our school.



The safety of our children is of paramount importance. Please:

- follow all road rules;
- do not cross the street unsafely;
- use the school crossing; and
- do not park in the drop off/pick up zone.

I urge your support and cooperation in this matter.

Class Representative Meeting & Morning Tea

Many thanks to our Class Representatives who attended our morning tea on Wednesday. It was a positive and productive meeting, where our parents shared stories about themselves, their connection to EHPS and the importance of community engagement moving forward in 2020. We reviewed processes, protocols and privacy issues in regards to this role, and how our Class Reps can communicate with our families as a class and year level group.



We appreciate the time and energy our Parent Reps give in supporting our children each day. Please support them by volunteering in any way that you can, from changing readers, photocopying and laminating, or popping in and hearing children read from time to time. A reminder that you need a Working With Children Check and have signed the Child Safe documentation to volunteer at school.

See you around the school.

George Perini
Principal



2020 School Fees

2020 school fees (student charges and voluntary contributions) are payable by next Monday, 16th March. Information about this year's school fees is published on Compass, including the school fees letter. You will have also received an email with your family statement attached, 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.

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.

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

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

All students have been given a personalised order envelope. If you have one or more children at EHPS and want a sibling photo taken as well, please collect a Sibling Only order envelope from your child's classroom teacher or the Office.

Please note the following about ordering individual student photos:

- Each student has a personalised order envelope.
- Photo orders were due by TODAY (Friday 13th March). If paying cash please see note below.
- Return photo order envelope to the classroom teacher, not the Office.
- **The preferred method of payment is online** - [click here](#) or type 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 order 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.
- Please ensure correct and clear details are written on your child's envelope.

Please note the following about ordering sibling photos:

- Collect a Sibling Only envelope from your classroom teacher or the Office.
- Sibling orders must be placed online - [click here](#) or type www.theschoolphotographer.com.au into your web browser - by 7am on Tuesday 17th March.
- Attach completed Sibling Only envelope by staple/paper clip to student's individual photo order envelope - DO NOT put inside individual student envelope. Return to classroom teacher.
- Please ensure correct and clear details are written on the order envelope.
- A sibling photo session is available from 8am to 8.50am on Tuesday 17th March in the Stadium. If you want your sibling photo taken in this time period, parents/guardians must remain to supervise their children until 8.45am. Sibling photos not taken in this time slot will be scheduled at another time on Tuesday, or Wednesday if required.

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).

parenting * ideas

"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).

The following *Insight* article has been distributed via Compass, and is also accessible on our school website:

- Going beyond the fishbowl

Upcoming Webinar:

- *Future-proofing your child* - next 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](#).

Instrumental Music Program Cycle 1 charges

Instrumental Music Program Cycle 1 charges have been applied to family statements and are due by Friday 27th March. 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.

If you are unable to pay using BPay, bring a copy of your family statement to the 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.

ArtSEL

Feelings

This week we've learnt to identify our own and others' feelings. We can do this by focusing our attention on someone's face or body and on the situation for clues about how the person is feeling. Sometimes people's voices and the words they say also give us clues. If someone is yelling, it might be that this person is angry. If a person is using a very quiet voice, it might be that the person is scared or worried. This week, listen to people's voices for clues to figure out how they might be feeling!



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.

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 have commenced, 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, is 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](#).



Special Religious Instruction (SRI)

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) classes in Christianity (Prep to Year 6) and Buddhism (Years 3 to 6) commence next Thursday, 19th March, from 3.40pm to 4.10pm.

Students attending the Christian group will be in the collaborative space in the Eucalyptus building. Students attending the Buddhist group will be in the Library Conference Room.

Students attending must have consent from their parent/guardian. If you did not provide your consent on Compass, but want your child to participate, please contact Gael in the Office.

For more information about SRI - <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/sri.aspx>

'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.

All students are rehearsing and learning a choreographed dance and a song to sing for the finale. Years 5 and 6 playing character roles in the show are also rehearsing their parts.

Your classroom teacher will be able to confirm if your child is in Group 1 or Group 2.

Costume requirements

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.

Concert photographer needed

help wanted

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.

Moira Lennon
Show Coordinator

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.

Students have been provided with the camp medical form. Please complete and return to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Camp information has been published on Compass. Payment of \$340 and consent is due by Wednesday 15th April. If you have CSEF, you can request that this be applied.



Years 5 & 6 Summer Inter-School Sport



There was no Inter-School Sport played today, as our Year 6 students are away on camp. The final round of Summer Inter-School Sports will be played against Mount View Blue next Friday, 20th March. Competition information including venues will be published on Compass.

Qualifying teams will participate in the finals on Friday 27th March, the last day of term.

Health & PE

Region Swimming

Some of the outstanding results today (at the time of publication) at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships:

- ★ 3rd place in Girls Open Age Medley Relay (Backstroke Zoe K, Breaststroke Mackenzie L, Butterfly Annabelle X, and Freestyle Camryn R).
- ★ Mackenzie L - 2nd place, in Personal Best time, in Girls 9/10 Year Breaststroke 50m.

Swim Team Captains Annabelle X, Camryn R and Matthew L will present full results at Assembly on Monday.



Photos: Elisha Cotterell

District Tennis

Six students will be participating in the Mulgrave District Inter-School Tennis Tournament next Tuesday, 17th March, from 9am until approximately 2pm at the Tally Ho Tennis Club (please note change of location).

Congratulations to Ava B, Luca F, Dejan R, Sora K, Elissa O and Tihana R who will represent EHPS at this tournament.

Information has been published on Compass. Consent only is required by Sunday 15th March.



Munch & Crunch Canteen

Canteen Roster

Monday 16th March - 11.15am to 1.45pm Natasha Baroudos

Wednesday 18th March - 9.00am to 1.45pm Sophie Sautner

Friday 20th March - 9.00am to 1.45pm Erica Baddeley & Amanda Kelsall

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

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
- 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
- by email to 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 or call 131 832.

Parents & Friends News



Hot Cross Buns - ORDER NOW!



The Hot Cross Buns drive is the PFA's current fundraising effort. The order envelopes have been distributed this week and orders are due **next Friday, 20th March**. Please ask your family, friends or neighbours if they could support our School. All funds will contribute to a new Year 1 and 2 Playground. The delicious buns will be collected from school on the last day of term, **Friday 27th March**. Feel free to come and help count the orders at drop off next week. Please meet me at the Office.

Ride2School Day 2020

National Ride2School Day was today! The PFA provided fruit for the Junior School Council to distribute to those who participated. Well done to all those who rode their bikes!



Annual General Meeting

The PFA AGM was held on Wednesday. Thank you Ina for chairing the election component of the meeting and providing an update on what's going on at school. Fiona NS will continue as President, with Betty C as Vice President. The PFA thanks Kaye N for being Secretary last year, and welcomes Carolyn M to fill this position in 2020. We also thank Andrea F for her tireless work as Treasurer and Fundraiser extraordinaire. Somya R is our new Treasurer.

PFA Membership is now due

Sign up to be a PFA member today so that you are kept up to date with what's going help contribute to the future events. Simply use the link below to enter your details and select the relevant boxes:

<https://tinyurl.com/EHPSPFA20>. Alternatively, forms are available either on the school website or from the Office.



Facebook

Don't forget to join the Essex Heights Primary School Community Facebook group to keep connected to our school community.

Fiona Nicholson Stocker
(Mum of Allison, 4O)
ehpspfa@gmail.com



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Entertainment Membership Coordinator

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INFORMATION NIGHT

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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/

Further Information

Contact our Admissions Team: enrolment@delasalle.vic.edu.au
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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.



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.

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1st Bennettswood meet at 21 Station St,
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Enquiries:

gl.1stbennettswood@scoutsvictoria.com.au
Sue Henley - 0417 379 498