

CALENDAR

March

Mon 23 End of Term 1

April

Tue 14 Term 2 starts - Student-free Day

Wed 15 **Students commence**

June

Mon 8 Queen's Birthday public holiday

Fri 26 Term 2 ends

July

Mon 13 Term 3 starts

August

Wed 19 'Space Trip' Dance Show (Group 1)

Thu 20 'Space Trip' Dance Show (Group 2)

September

Fri 18 Term 3 ends

October

Mon 5 Term 4 starts

Fri 23 Showcase

November

Tue 3 Melbourne Cup public holiday

Wed 4-Fri 6 Yr 5 Camp

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 ASSEMBLIES CANCELLED

School Banking - every Tuesday.

SCHOOL BANKING POSTPONED

School Tours

~~Thursdays & Fridays at 9.30am. Bookings essential.~~
SCHOOL TOURS CANCELLED

Prep 2021 Enrolment

Lodge by Friday 29th May 2020.

NO VISITORS AT EHPS; DO NOT LODGE UNTIL TERM 2

2020 Term Dates

Term 1: 28 January* to 23 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, 14 April and probably 31 July



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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

Essex Heights Primary School

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www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Mr George Perini

Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday during school terms. The Office is closed for the school holidays, and will reopen on Tuesday 14th April.

Principal's Report



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

This has been a very tumultuous term and there are still unknown days ahead. At this time I urge you all to take the time during the holidays to relax with your children, have positive conversations, maybe avoid letting the children hear the negative news items but do let them ask you questions. Also, reassure them that they are young and healthy and that they are the least likely to catch the virus. The aim is, as always, to reduce their potential anxiety.

The staff and I would like to express our appreciation for your messages of thanks and best wishes. As you can understand, the staff have spent their time, this week, developing and planning resources for Term 2. The quality of the learning materials is excellent and I am sure that, if we need to transition to remote learning in Term 2, we will be able to do so effectively. Each year level and our specialist teachers have work prepared for the children and it is age appropriate. The types of activities may vary from skill reinforcement, revision and new activities. It is important that children learning from home have a planned day, following the timetabled approach recommended by the teachers. It is important to include physical activity and relaxation into each day. As parents you can help by ensuring the work is completed by the children to the best of their ability. You can provide support to the children but avoid over coaching because this will not give the teachers a true picture of what your child knows and the next steps required.

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**Term 1 concluded on
Monday 23rd March.**

**Term 2 will commence on
Tuesday 14th April (Student-free Day)
and students return on
Wednesday 15th April.**

*Any changes to these dates will be
advised on the Parent Portal
on Compass.*





March

28th William L
Gloria L
31st Arnav G

April

1st Laksh M
4th Elena C
5th Jacki C
Grace L
6th Jack W
7th Tejas K
Kyan D
Jacob W
8th Bob F
Evangelos B
10th Gabriel T
11th Joshua M
13th Eva R
Liam G
Lily D
Tommy H
14th Abhiraj A
Louis B
15th Cooper H
Aaryan P
16th Ryan H
Jay C
Yana C
Ariya L

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 Thank you Prep Families!
Preparation for Learning from Home in Term 2
Year 1 Grade One - Learning Packs for Term 2
Year 2 Year 2 Packs (2 messages)
Packs for if learning has to happen from home
Letter from the Year 2 Teachers
Year 3 Information from Grade 3 teachers
Year 4 Collection of books for Term 2
Please reply
Information for Year 4 parents
Year 5 Year 5 Family Survey
Year 6 Important information regarding remote online teaching and learning
Educational hard copy packs
Online teaching and learning
Whole School Vacation Care
Parenting Ideas Insights articles
EHPS Update
End of Term 1 and commencement of Term 2

Assembly cancelled

For the health and wellbeing of our school community, all School Assemblies have been cancelled until further notice.

2020 School Fees

2020 school fees (student charges and voluntary contributions) were payable by Monday 16th March, and are now overdue. Please ensure outstanding fees are paid.

Please check your family statement, sent to you by email, 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.

With the school and Office closed for the school holidays, your payment options (and 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. The voluntary charges no longer appear on Compass; only the annual school fee is now payable via Compass.

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

Principal's Report

At the appropriate time, I will inform you of the details of how to access 'EHPS Learning at Home'.

Over the holidays our OSHC team will run a Vacation Care program. As previously notified, through our Compass News Feed, enrolments close at 5pm today. The program will commence on Monday 30th March and conclude on Tuesday 14th April, running from 8.30am until 4.30pm.

It is important to remember that if your child is unwell, please keep them at home. This precaution is a way to keep our community safe and well.

All families accessing the Vacation Program should have alternative arrangements in place if the program cannot run for the full two weeks.

I would like to thank Paul Davis and his staff for providing this invaluable support to our community at this very difficult time.

Finally, I would like to wish you all good health and best wishes for this holiday period.

George Perini
Principal



School Policies Updated

The following policies were ratified at School Council last night and are accessible on our school website:

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations (Including Mandatory Reporting) Policy and Procedures (formerly Child Protection Reporting Policy)
- Commitment to Child Safety
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Safety Policy
- Health Care Needs Policy
- Infectious Diseases Policy
- Yard Duty Supervision Policy

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 *Insights* articles have been distributed via Compass:

- Going beyond the fishbowl
- Leading the way for children during the Coronavirus pandemic

Webinar - Future-proofing your child

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.

This webinar was held on Wednesday 18th March, but you have access at no cost until 18th June. Details, 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, access to articles and webinar information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

COVID-19: Responses, Postponements and Cancellations

Visitors to School

We request that parents/guardians do not visit the school unless absolutely necessary. Please contact your child's teacher using the email link provided in Compass, or the school by email to essex.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone 9807 4944.

School Assembly

There will be no School Assembly on Monday afternoons until further notice.

School Tours

All scheduled school tours for interested families who have children to enrol in 2020 or 2021 are cancelled until further notice. Our new 360 Tour provides a virtual tour, and is accessible on the school website.

Enrolment Lodgement

If you have an enrolment to lodge for 2021 entry, please do not lodge until next term. Prep 2021 enrolments are due by Friday 29th May.

School Photos

Our school photos have been postponed.

Inter-School Sport

Years 5 and 6 Inter-School Sport (remaining Summer season and Winter season) has been cancelled.

'Space Trip' Dance Concert

The 'Space Trip' Dance Concert, scheduled for Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May has been postponed. It will now be held on Wednesday 19th (Group 1) and Thursday 20th (Group 2) August.



Year 5 Camp

The Year 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill scheduled for 22nd to 24th April has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled to Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th November, and students will be attending Bayplay Camp at Iluka Retreat on the Mornington Peninsula.

Fun Run

The Fun Run, a major fundraiser and qualification for cross country, has been postponed.

Sayembara Lisan Indonesian Speaking Competition

The Sayembara Lisan Indonesian Speaking Competition has been cancelled.

School Banking

CommBank have advised the following regarding the School Banking Program: The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20th March 2020 until the start of Term 2. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school on school banking day (Tuesday) until we notify you when banking will recommence.



SRI

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) classes in Christianity and Buddhism on Thursday after school have been postponed.

After School Activities

Kelly Sports (Monday), After School Dance (Tuesday - see further information below) and Chess (Wednesday) have all been postponed.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 students, scheduled in May this year, has been cancelled.

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NEVR 'Fire & Rain' Youth Concert

The NEVR 'Fire & Rain' Youth Concert to be held at Hamer Hall at the Arts Centre in Melbourne on Wednesday 27th May has been cancelled.

After School Dance

Due to the coronavirus, the final class on Tuesday (24th March) did not run. If you would like an \$11 refund for this session please text me your bank details and I will send this through.

If your child attended the dance class on Tuesday 17th March, I filmed them performing their dance routine. If you would like this sent to you please let me know.

Due to the uncertainty of coronavirus, Term 2 After School Dance WILL NOT be running. I am hoping to have the class operating again in Term 3, and I will text you all to confirm if you would like your child to resume classes.

I am sorry for any inconvenience the cancellation of classes may cause. Health must come first, and I hope you and your families do all that you can to remain healthy in challenging and uncertain times.

Thank you for enrolling your children in the Term 1 dance program, and I hope to see you all in Term 3.

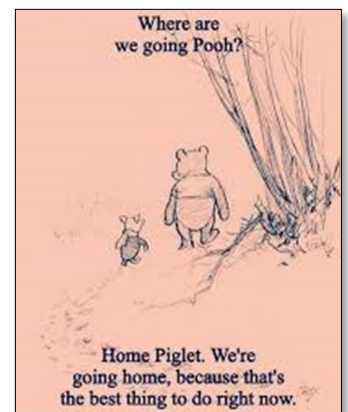


Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama

Resources

The following links are provided in the hope of giving you access to some useful resources for the coming weeks. Please note that in accessing any of these sites that you accept full responsibility and you must carefully read any terms and conditions, where applicable, before signing up to any programs to understand your obligations in responding or using these sites.

- ★ We've had some enquiries from families who have asked about ways to support their children in these difficult and changing times. We know that children can be anxious about the things that they hear on the news and in every day discussions between adults. The following link was shared with our school community earlier this week via Compass. We hope you'll find this video from Dr Michael Carr-Gregg talking about how parents can discuss issues related to the coronavirus with children useful: https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus
- ★ Parenting Ideas - Relevant parent support resources to support families during the COVID-19 outbreak available from the [Parenting Ideas](#) library:
 - Leading the way for children during the Coronavirus pandemic (Insights article)
 - Four critical tools for kids' anxiety management (article & video)
 - Developing a resilience mindset (article & video)
 - 4 ways to validation: showing distressed kids you get it
- ★ Try a recipe from another culture: <https://www.harmony.gov.au/Documents/get-involved/Recipes-for-Harmony.pdf>
- ★ Actors reading picture storybooks (32 titles to choose from): <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
- ★ Audible Stories - Stories help. They entertain. They teach. They keep young minds active, alert, and engaged. For as long as schools are closed, we're open. Available now, kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. Explore the collection, select a title and start listening. <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
- ★ [Eastern Regional Libraries](#) have many resources available online via their membership. Anyone in the State of Victoria can become a member by applying online.
- ★ [Monash Public Library Service](#) - access online storybooks or download an e-book.
- ★ [Encyclopedia Britannica](#)



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Resources

- ★ The eSafety Commissioner has also released a collection of their top online safety tips and resources to support parents during COVID-19: [An online safety kit for parents and carers](#)
- ★ Zoos Victoria - live stream cameras from Melbourne Zoo and Werribee Open Range Zoo, so you can enjoy the zoo from anywhere: <https://www.zoo.org.au/animal-house/>
- ★ Education companies offering free subscriptions: [click here](#).
- ★ Brain Pop - Access to a range of learning resources: <https://www.brainpop.com/>
- ★ Khan Academy - Free engaging maths lessons: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- ★ Little Learners Love Literacy: <https://littlelearnersloveliteracy.com.au/pip-and-tim-book-apps/>
- ★ Reading Eggs - Access to a range of reading tasks: <https://readingeggs.com.au/> (student own individual login).
- ★ Mathletics - Access to a range of maths tasks: <https://www.mathletics.com/au/> (student own individual login).
- ★ Scholastic - Access to a range of learning resources: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/education/education-home/>
- ★ Essential Assessment - Access to 'My Numeracy': <https://www.essentialassessment.com.au/> (students own login).
- ★ Pobble365 - Access to daily visual writing prompts: <http://www.pobble365.com/>
- ★ GoNoodle - Access to fun, movement songs and videos: <https://family.gonoodle.com/>
- ★ Going Bananas - Access to a range of learning resources: <https://www.goingbananas.info/>
- ★ Twinkl: www.twinkl.com.au/
- ★ Teach Starter: www.teachstarter.com/
- ★ Writing Legends: www.writinglegends.com/

'Space Trip' Dance Show

The **Space Trip Dance Concert** has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 19th (Group 1)** and **Thursday 20th (Group 2)** August. Your child/ren will only perform on one night. The concert will be held at Crossway Baptist Church in Burwood East. The change of venue means that 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 also have rehearsal for 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 *Space Trip* Dance Show. We either need the same volunteer to take photos on both nights (Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th August), or two volunteers, one for each night. If you are an avid photographer and are interested in helping us out, please email lennon.maira.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Maira Lennon
Show Coordinator



Science Talent Search

It's that time of year again. Dust off your Bunsen burners and put on your thinking caps.

This year's Science Talent Search theme is **"Deep Blue: Innovations for the future of our oceans"**. This fantastic theme gives great scope for creative and critical thinking.



Throughout Australia the States and Territories provide Primary and Secondary school students the opportunity to enter a Science focussed competition. The Science Teachers Assoc of Victoria (STAV) co-ordinates a State wide competition.

The multiple categories aim to stimulate students in the following ways:

- ★ Encourage independent self-motivated project work amongst students of science;
- ★ Provide opportunities to communicate their achievements to a wider audience;
- ★ Provide opportunities for recognition of effort and achievement in a scientific enterprise;
- ★ Promote involvement in processes of science and its communication;
- ★ Display primary and post primary student's work to the public.

The categories students choose from are:

- Experimental Research
- Creative Writing
 - The deep, deep ocean
 - SOS: Save our Oceans!
 - Oceans of the Future
 - Uncovering the secrets of the ocean
- Picture Story Books (Creative Writing)
 - One fish, two fish, ocean blue ...
 - Journey to the bottom of the ocean
 - My ocean adventure
 - My ocean cleaning device
- Working Models
- Inventions
- Games
- Computer Games
- Posters - Scientific Wallcharts
 - Biomimicry in the Oceans
 - Oceans of the Future
 - SCUBA droids of the deep
 - Oceanic aquaculture
- Science Photography
- Video Productions

Please visit <http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/> to see more information.

Entry fees apply:

- Individual - \$8.00 per entry (inc GST)
- Group (max 2 students) - \$15.00 (inc GST)
- Class Project - \$30.00 per entry (inc GST)

Please direct all enquiries to Ms Marita Steward by email (steward.marita.a@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Final registration is Wednesday 20th May. Payment is to be made with registration.

Instrumental Music Program Cycle 1 charges

Instrumental Music Program Cycle 1 (10th February to 8th May) charges have been applied to family statements and were due by TODAY, Friday 27th March. Payment by BPay is preferred (details on your family statement sent by email).

Note: Instrumental Music Program charges do not appear on Compass and therefore are not payable using Compass Pay.



Outside School Hours Care

April Vacation Care

At this stage, the April Vacation Care Program will operate from Monday 30th March to Tuesday 14th April. However, there is the possibility the program may close due to COVID-19. Hence, it is strongly suggested that families have contingency plans in place if there is a program closure. The program will endeavour to effectively navigate through the shifting and uncertain landscape that we are encountering on a daily basis due to COVID-19. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families.

If you access the April Vacation Care program please note that:

1. If you have made a booking and the program is closed due to COVID-19 you will not be charged. You will also not be charged if the program does not run for unforeseen circumstances.
2. No sick child can attend the program.
3. If a child is sick whilst at the program they will have to be collected from the program immediately. The child can only return to the program when a medical practitioner has signed and dated a certificate, clearing the child of any illness or infection. This certificate must be presented to program management.
4. Parent's will need to provide children with their own water bottle.
5. Parent's will need to provide children with their own lunch, morning and afternoon tea.
6. Parent's will need to provide children with their own hats and sunscreen.
7. There will be no excursions.
8. The program will not access any outside providers.
9. Families will be charged if they cancel their Vacation bookings. You will not be charged if you can provide a medical certificate.

I would like to thank Helen Croft, Eric Zhang, Perry Lalor and Jan Mustac for committing to the program to try and ensure that we can provide an abridged version of care for the EHPS Community during these harrowing times.

I wish all families a safe passage through this challenging time.

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.

Paul Davis
Coordinator



Hot Cross Buns delivered



Thank you to all those who ordered Hot Cross Buns. Funds raised will go towards the Years 1 and 2 Playground. As advised on Compass earlier this week, due to the changed term arrangements, orders were available for collection from outside the School Hall on Wednesday.

Keep Connected

Don't forget to watch out for any updates about school on Compass and also join the Essex Heights Primary School Community Facebook group to keep connected to our school community during this difficult time.



The PFA hopes everyone takes care and keeps safe over the term break.

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

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Andrea Fyfe
Entertainment Membership Coordinator

MWSC Open Day/Night Cancellation



In light of the evolving COVID-19 restrictions and to maximise the safety of the Mount Waverley Secondary College school community, the MWSC Open Day/Night (Thursday 23rd April) has been cancelled.

It is intended to reschedule college tour dates in Terms 2 and 3. Dates will be made available on the college website - www.mwsc.vic.edu.au

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To register with E.Beas go to: www.ebees.org.au

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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
Sue Henley - 0417 379 498

Ashwood Junior Football Club



U8- U18 age groups

Boys and Girls

welcome in all teams

Auskick on Saturday's

registrar.ashwoodfc@gmail.com

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

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

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

Entries close midday AEST, Thursday 9 April 2020

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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.