

CALENDAR

May

Mon 25 Student-free Day
Tue 26 Prep - Yr 2 resume at school

June

Wed 3 Prep Cultural Day
Mon 8 Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 9 Yrs 3-6 resume at school
Wed 17 PFA Meeting
Tue 23 Prep 2021 Parent Evening
Fri 26 Term 2 ends

July

Mon 13 Term 3 starts

August

Wed 5&Thu 6 ... School Photos
Fri 21 ICAS Science
Fri 28 ICAS English
Mon 31-Fri 4 Yrs 4 & 5 Swimming

September

Mon 2 ICAS Mathematics
Thu 3 Prep 2021 Transition 1
Fri 18 Term 3 ends

*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. VIRTUAL TOUR ON WEBSITE

Prep 2021 Enrolment

DUE TODAY, Friday 29th May 2020.

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,
25 May, and probably 31 July



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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

Essex Heights Primary School

22-30 Essex Road

Mount Waverley VIC 3149

Telephone: (03) 9807 4944

essex.heights.ps@education.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. Please contact us by
phone or email; call before visiting.

Lockdown

By Zian A, 6C



All in Lockdown, the world's a different place,
No people driving cars, no clocks to chase.
No more people frolicking on sandy shores,
No friends come over knocking on doors.

It's a ghost town out there in these difficult times,
The only sound is the birds and the home clock chimes.
The morale of everyone, is low and glum,
Not much fun, sitting around with nowhere to run.

Lockdown creates, not just problems to compare,
Benefits towards nature, land, animals and the air.
For pheasants once fled from sound of gunshots,
Now there is none where once there were lots.

The Earth was once where dinosaurs ran,
Then Humans ruled and tyranny began.
Now Freedom for Dolphins in Venice, Deer in Delhi and Japan
Now, Trapped at home is every woman, child and man

Once there were cars in bustling in every street,
Now there's Wild Boars, Sheep, Swans, such a treat!
The level of pollution is lowering very fast.
For the factories are shut, so far and vast.

So as you can see, the world's not the same as it was,
Not everyone's happy about this because,
everyone's trapped inside their homes and their mind,
It may be very boring but sensible as we find.

For now, we need to be careful, we need to be safe,
Keep social distance, stay home from work, school and Tafe.
Be patient, do not panic, cry or cringe,
Or be over indulgent or go on a binge.

For now, think of the old world in which we lacked grace,
when we went about matters in selfishness and disgrace.
Carrying on mindlessly in what seemed like a rat race,
When greed and cruelty fuelled the human race.

We created problems for generations to face,
Now a brand new world we must build and replace.
Be responsible, be fair and be just
Together lets build a better world we MUST!!

Lockdown is not a punishment or a curse,
Count every cent, dollar in your purse.
For now buy less, use less, waste less,
We must get out of this terrible mess!

Build a new world, a much happier place
A planet of peace and harmony and grace.
Where animals roam free and birds fly in clean skies
A new way of thinking and living must Arise!

Principal's Report

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

Our Prep to Year 2 students have had a marvellous time back at school this week. The big smiling faces, the joy and enthusiasm and the energy in every building was amazing. It was great to see the children so happy to be back at school with their friends. The children have settled back into school very well and all the staff are so pleased with their transition back to school.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your efforts in the remote learning period, and for the way you have adopted the new procedures this week. It was obvious that the information had been read, and the vast majority of families had prepared the children for their return to school and for the new procedures that were required. This has made the start of day and end of day dismissal run very smoothly.

As we prepare for next week, it is important to emphasise a few things. I again seek your support in the following ways:

- Prep and Year 1 learning now begins at 8.45am. Children must be in class by that time, otherwise they are missing out on valuable instruction.
- Make sure that the children bring a drink bottle so that they can hydrate during the day. The bottle filling taps are open, but the children cannot use the drinking taps.
- Next week some rain is expected, so please make sure that the children have a raincoat, because we do not have a sheltered alternative to the current arrival and dismissal points.
- It was great to see so many children riding, walking and scooting to school. Please continue this, if you can, because it is great for your health.
- Staff cannot engage in conversations at the gates. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher, please send them an email via the parent portal on Compass, or contact the Office to leave a message.
- Please get used to vacating the arrival and dismissal points quickly, because from Tuesday 9th June when all the school is back, there will be two distinct shifts and we do not want to overcrowd any particular area. We always want to socially distance so that we minimise any risk.



Parking in Essex Road

Traffic has been lighter in Essex Road this week during peak times because only half the school is attending, and we have spread the arrival and dismissal points. This week the City of Monash have erected 'Kiss and Go' signs in Essex Road at the front of the school. This means that parents cannot park their car at the front of the school during the peak periods. The signs clearly state 'Stay in Your Car'. Please be aware of this change because, as I have stated previously, parking officers will be patrolling our school boundaries to ensure that parking and traffic laws are being obeyed. Our aim is to have an orderly way to get children and families in and out of our school efficiently and safely.



Years 3 to 6

Next week will be the last week of remote learning for our senior students. During the week I will publish details of how we will manage the transition of the rest of the students back to 'at school learning' from Tuesday 9th June. We will have staggered starts and the dismissal will be spread around the school's gates as they have from this week. Please make sure you keep checking Compass for the latest details.

Best wishes to you all, and always keep safe and stay well.

George Perini
Principal



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.



Enrolment for 2021 entry



Enrolment for Prep 2021 entry (child born on or before 30th April 2016) is due TODAY, Friday 29th May.

If you have a child to enrol in Prep 2021 and haven't yet lodged their enrolment documentation, please contact the Office early next week and request enrolment forms. These will be placed in a named envelope for collection from the Information & Enrolment Pack tub located outside the Office between 8.30am and 4.30pm each day. Return the completed enrolment to this tub.

If you have neighbours, friends, or family who have a child due to start school in 2021, please remind them that if they intend to enrol at EHPS, then they must collect an Information Pack, including enrolment forms, from the Information & Enrolment Pack tub, and return their child's enrolment documentation to the tub next week to ensure their enrolment can be considered for placement before the commencement of the School Transition Program for our incoming Preps.

Information about enrolment at EHPS can be found on our school website - [CLICK HERE](#) - including online enrolment forms (there are two options - one for families with a Gmail account and one for families without a Gmail account).

Year 6 2020 to Year 7 2021

Families of our Year 6 students have received information about the process of placement in Year 7 in 2021 via Compass. All families must return the application form to Con Papanicolaou **TODAY, Friday, 29th May**. A copy of the Application for Year 7 Placement 2021 can be found under Notices on the [Parent Resources page](#) of the school website if required.

Health Centre



Welcome back to school. It's been lovely to see the children start returning.

Please read the guidelines below to help keep our children and community as safe as possible.

As per **Department Guidelines**, no child or staff should be at school with any respiratory illnesses - including:

- Fever (37.5°C or above)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Shortness of breath

If a child presents at school with any of these symptoms, parents and guardians will be rung immediately and asked to collect their child; the child will be given a mask and put in a room away from other students with supervision.

Parents will be asked not to return their child until free of all symptoms. You will be advised to take your child to a GP for assessment and further follow up, and not return to school until free of any respiratory symptoms.

If you choose, your child can wear a mask, that's fine as long as it's for protection and not to mask symptoms. The child must self-manage this and if taken off, disposed of properly. Staff will not be expected or should assist with this. We will not be giving out masks to asymptomatic children, as we have a limited supply for children with symptoms and staff caring for them while waiting to be picked up.

If a child requires Panadol, Nurofen, or any cold/flu medications in the morning before school for any respiratory illnesses, they should not be at school as these can mask fever symptoms.

We will only be checking temperatures of students with symptoms.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

School Photos

The School
Photographer

Our school photos have been rescheduled to Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th August.

School Charges

Family statements have been sent by email to those families with outstanding school charges. Please pay any outstanding charges using our preferred payment options - BPay (details on your family statement) or CompassPay.

Instrumental Music charges are only payable by BPay.

If you are not able to pay using either of the preferred payment options, or are experiencing financial hardship, please contact me to make alternate arrangements.

Barb McCann
Business Manager

CSEF applications close end of Term 2

Applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) close at the end of Term 2. If you are eligible for CSEF (read the Information for Parents on page 4 of this newsletter, or on the school website in Notices on the [Parent Resources page](#)), please complete and return the application form to the Office by Friday 26th June.

ICAS ASSESSMENTS™

Years 3 to 6 students can participate in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

The following subjects are offered for Years 3 to 6 students this year:

ICAS Science Friday 21st August
ICAS English Friday 28th August
ICAS Mathematics Wednesday 2nd September

Cost per test is \$15.95 (including GST).

If you want your Year 3 to 6 child to participate in any of the assessments offered, please register as follows by **Friday 17th July**:

1. Visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global - <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>. Our school's unique access code is **OWQ637**.
IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the Parent Payment System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate as entered.
2. Complete the ICAS Assessments 2020 Permission Form and return to your classroom teacher.

Information about the assessments, including a copy of the ICAS Assessments 2020 Permission Form, was provided via Compass. The Information for Parents and the Permission Form are also accessible on our school website under Notices on the [Parent Resources page](#)).

Alexandra O'Connor
ICAS Coordinator

Science

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.

Please visit <http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/> for 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)

As advised via Compass, final **registration** has been extended to **TODAY, Friday 29th May**. Payment is to made with registration.

Please direct all enquiries to Ms Marita Steward by email (Marita.Steward@education.vic.gov.au).

PSW - Uniform Suppliers

Our school uniform supplier, PSW, have advised that they have reopened their stores, as advised below. Visit their store at 288—290 Stephenson's Road in Mount Waverley if you need any EHPS uniform, or if parents of Year 6 students are delivering/purchasing their child's jacket for printing.



Welcome Back!

**ALL PSW STORES ARE REOPENING FROM
WEDNESDAY MAY 20th**

Wed, Thurs & Fridays / 9am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm
(Closed Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays)

**OUR ONLINE STORE IS OPERATIONAL AT PSW.COM.AU
& SHIPPING ORDERS WITHIN 72 HRS!**

Prep Teddy Bear's Picnic & Pyjama Day

On Wednesday the Preps had a very special Teddy Bear's Picnic and Pyjama Day. We made teddy hats, ate our picnic food, sang songs and played games. It was so lovely to see the Preps have a wonderful time at school with their friends!



Photos provided by Kirsten Lightfoot



Prep Cultural Day

Next Wednesday, 3rd June, the Preps are having a Cultural Day to celebrate all the different places we come from.

Unfortunately we are unable to have a shared lunch as we have done in the past. This year, we ask that each child have food for lunch sent in their lunch box that is important to their culture. We will be discussing (not sharing!) the different foods people have brought in. It might be a vegemite sandwich, mini pizza, fried rice, curry, or dumplings.

If you have any queries about this day, please email your child's teacher.



PFA Executive Committee

The PFA Executive Committee elected at the AGM on 11th March 2020 are:

President	Fiona Nicholson Stoker
Vice President	Betty Ciorciari
Secretary	Carolyn Mott
Treasurer	Somya Rastogi

Mother's Day Raffle

We hope the winners of our Mother's Day Raffle enjoyed their meals or getting their hair done! Thanks Andrea and Steph for organising this successful event.



Next PFA Meeting

The next PFA meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17th June at 7.30pm**. All parents and friends are welcome. We already have some ideas for some non-contact fundraising for Term 3! Join us to find out more.

Please click on the link below just prior to 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th June to attend the PFA Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72645656339?pwd=NXZKNTJ5UjkyUjl6WXpGcDlrc2puUT09>

Meeting ID: 726 4565 6339

Password: EHPSPFA

Entertainment Books

Check out the new Entertainment Book offer at

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



Return to School



Well done everyone for undertaking home learning! A big thank you to the teachers for all their hard work and support they provided for the duration of Learning at Home. All the best to everyone during the transition back to school.

Contacting the PFA

Contact us by email at ehpsdfa@gmail.com.

Fiona Nicholson Stoker
(Mum of Allison, 40)

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, and are accessible on our school website:

- Successfully transitioning students back to school
- Charting a new course for kids post COVID-19
- Establishing a personal learning centre at home
- Expect more from kids in these difficult times

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



Slowing the spread of coronavirus

Stay home. Protect our health system. Save lives.

- ✎ **WASH** your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.
- ✎ **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ✎ **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- ✎ **PHONE** your doctor or the hotline – **1800 675 398** – if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- ✎ **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep.
- ✎ **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60% alcohol.



Find out more

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are concerned, call the

Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only

To receive this publication in an accessible format email COVID-19@dhhs.vic.gov.au
Authorised and published by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne.
© State of Victoria, March 2020. (2001628_v2)



Health
and Human
Services