

## CALENDAR

### June

Fri 26 ..... Term 2 ends - early dismissal (by 2.30pm)

### July

Mon 13 ..... Term 3 starts

Mon 20 ..... Prep 2021 Story Time

Mon 20-Fri 24 ... Prep Health Assessments with Visiting  
Primary School Nurse

Mon 27-Thu 30 . Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri 31 ..... EHPS Student-free Day

### August

Wed 5&Thu 6 ... School Photos

Mon 10 ..... Prep 2021 Story Time

Thu 13 ..... Indonesian Day

Fri 21 ..... ICAS Science

Fri 28 ..... ICAS English

Mon 31-Fri 4 ..... Yrs 4 & 5 Swimming TBC

### September

Mon 2 ..... ICAS Mathematics

Thu 3 ..... Prep 2021 Transition 1

Mon 7-Fri 11 ..... Dental Van Visit

Fri 18 ..... Term 3 ends

### October

Mon 5 ..... Term 4 starts

Thu 8 ..... Prep 2021 Transition 2

Sat 17-Fri 23 ..... Book Week 2020: *Curious Creatures,*  
*Wild Minds*

*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

### 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

Statewide student-free days: 28 January\*, 14 April & 25 May.

EHPS student-free days: 29 January, 5 March, & 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. Please contact us by  
phone or email; call before visiting.

## Principal's Report



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

This has been a term for the ages. We would never have believed that we would have experienced such a term when we started school this year. On this last day of this momentous term, I would like to thank all families for the amazing job that you have done in supporting your children through a most difficult 14 weeks. You have all done the very best under difficult conditions. On behalf of all the staff, I thank you for working with us to achieve the best results that we could for the children. Also, thank you again for your most positive feedback, it was truly appreciated by us all.



As I informed you last Tuesday, last weekend the Premier informed us of a re-tightening of restrictions so as to decrease the growing cases of COVID-19. During this week however, we have seen the numbers continue to grow, and a strengthening of measures to test more people to combat the number of community transmissions. This is a setback for our desire to 'get back to normal' at school, and in society in general.

Today, I have shared with you a COVID-19 update from the Department of Education & Training (DET) and the Victorian Chief Health Officer. This message contains a link to access the message in different community languages, if required.

I had expressed my hope to be able to inform you all of the school operational arrangements for Term 3. Unfortunately, I still cannot. The DET in its latest update to school has suggested that it appears that next term will follow a similar operational model as we have at present.

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**Term 2 ends TODAY,**  
**Friday 26th June.**

**Students dismissed by 2.30pm.**

*After School Care available.*

**Term 3 commences**  
**Monday 13th July.**

*Have a great holiday break.*





## June

27th ..... Shibe H  
 28th ..... Avar B  
                 Will G  
                 Aditi S  
 29th ..... Ron X

## July

1st ..... Damon H  
                 Alana C  
 2nd ..... Kingston C  
                 Murray H  
                 Sora K  
 3rd ..... Bailey C  
 4th ..... Anjali P  
                 Kaylee C  
 7th ..... Isabella L  
                 Adesh S  
 9th ..... Oscar T  
                 Jayda C  
 10th ..... Janice L  
 11th ..... Ben T  
 15th ..... Clara H  
 16th ..... Mia H  
 17th ..... Lily J  
                 Madison H

## Information sent home:

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

### Year/Group

### Notice/Activity

Prep - Year 2 ..... Just Kidding Junior magazine  
 Year 3 - Year 6 ..... Just Kidding magazine  
 Whole School (each family) ..... PFA Showbag Showdown fundraiser

## 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

Years 3 - 6 ..... ArtSEL Message  
                                 ICAS 2020 reminder  
 Whole School ..... COVID-19 Update to Parents 26 June 2020  
                                 Semester 1 Reports  
                                 End of Term Early Dismissal  
                                 Parent and Carer Update  
                                 July Vacation Care 2020

## Lost Property

Thanks to members of the PFA, all the lost property has been sorted, and all named items returned to students at the start of the week.

Having all your child's items clearly labelled (preferably with first and last names) ensures that items can be identified and returned to students.

**LOST  
PROPERTY**

## ICAS ASSESSMENTS™

**Years 3 to 6 students** can participate in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year.

Learn more about ICAS here: [unsw.global/ICAS](https://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).

**Register now** if you want your child (Years 3 to 6) to participate in any of the assessments offered, as follows:

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 as entered on their ICAS certificate.
2. Complete the ICAS Assessments 2020 Permission Form and return to your classroom teacher.

Registration closes on **Friday 17th July**. Information about the assessments, including a copy of the ICAS Assessments 2020 Permission Form, was provided via Compass, and can also be accessed from the Notices section on the [Parent Resources page](#) on our school website.

**Alexandra O'Connor**

## Principal's Report

Therefore, as things stand at present, **the current arrangements will continue**. That is:

- staggered arrival times:
  - Prep and Year 1 by 8.45am from the same gates used this term.
  - Years 2 to 6 by 9.00am also from the same gates used this term.
- dismissal times will also be staggered as they were for the past three weeks:
  - Prep and Year 1 at 3.15pm from the gates used this term.
  - Years 2 to 6 at 3.30pm also from the same gates as per this term.
- The procedure with siblings will remain the same.
- Visitors onto the school grounds will again be restricted to curriculum and support specialists, etc.
- Parents will need to make email or telephone arrangements to contact teachers. Any telephone messages can be passed onto the staff via the School Office.
- All adults will need to practise social distancing.
- The school will continue to have a strong focus on hygiene and any sick child should stay at home.

So, as you can see, we will start Term 3 with the same procedures we have had at the end of Term 2.

***That is, things stay the same.***

If there are any updates or changes, rest assured that I will notify all families as soon as practicable.

*Please remember, just because you hear something announced in the media, does not mean that it automatically applies at school. We will ALWAYS follow Department of Education & Training advice and it's operational guidelines to schools.*

Semester 1 (mid-year) reports are now available online. Please login to our parent portal on Compass and download your child's report; remember to save a copy to an external source so that it is accessible after your child leaves EHPS. It is important that you take the time to read the report so that you can discuss progress and points for further development with teachers at the Parent Teacher Interviews in week 3 of next term. These interviews will be conducted in a virtual format, e.g. by phone call or Zoom meeting. More details will follow at the start of Term 3.

During the holidays our Vacation Care program will be running for the two weeks. Paul Davis has posted program information on Compass. The program looks really interesting, diverse and exciting for the children. Thank you again to Paul and his team for providing such great ongoing support for our school community.

### Staff update

All the best to **Victoria Gilbert**, who goes on Family Leave at the end of this term. Welcome to **Karen Watts** who will commence teaching 1G from the beginning of Term 3.



I wish you all a wonderful two weeks with your children and look forward to their return on Monday 13th July.

**George Perini**  
Principal



## CSEF applications - deadline extended

The deadline to lodge an application for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) has been extended to Friday 24th July, due to COVID-19. Read the Information for Parents, and if you are eligible for CSEF, please complete and return the application form to our Office by Friday 24th July.

The Information for Parents and the application form are accessible on the school website in Notices on the [Parent Resources page](#).

**DEADLINE  
EXTENDED**



## Preps and Year 5 Buddies!

Over the last two weeks the Preps and Year 5's have been working hard. Because we can't get together at the moment, we decided to do it in another way!

The Preps drew some beautiful coloured pictures using chalk for their Year 5 buddy to come past and see. Our Year 5 buddies worked hard on creating amazing Acrostic Poems about us using the letters of our names! It was so exciting to see and wave to our buddies through the window looking at the Chalk Art. Although things are a little different at the moment, we still find a way to make it special!

This is Prep D's beautiful Chalk Art and excitement when receiving our Acrostic Poems!



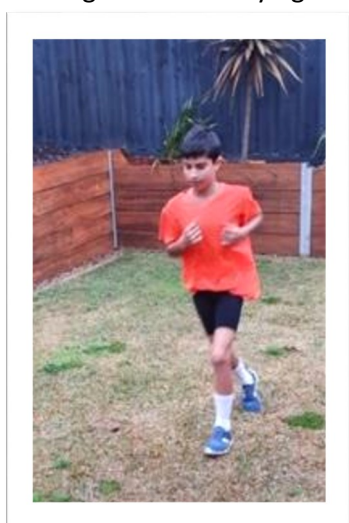
Photos: Lauren Davies



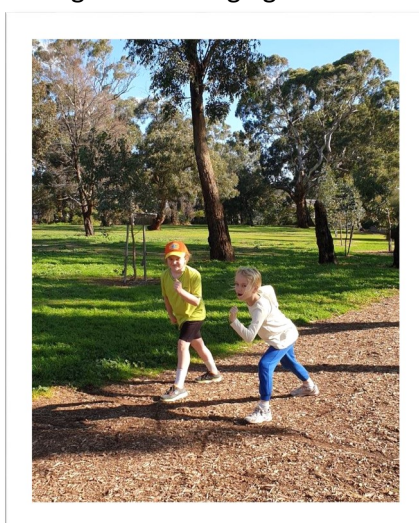
## SSV Virtual Cross Country Experience



During remote learning, Essex Heights was invited to join school students across Victoria in the School Sports Victoria (SSV) Virtual Cross Country experience. To date, 774 Victorian students have participated, 376 from our Eastern Metropolitan Region, and 4 of our own Essex Heights students: Keira M (4R), Allison S (4O), Taite B (4S), and Mitchell L (5L). Congratulations Keira, Allison, Taite, Mitchell and families for getting involved and having fun while staying active during this challenging time.



Mitchell maintaining endurance training while remote learning



Allison and Taite ready on the start line at Federation Reserve ahead of their participation in the Virtual Cross Country.

Photos: Elisha Cotterell

You can run, jog or walk any track you like to join in this experience. If you are interested in participating in this event, it remains open for all students from five years of age. You can find all details and participation certificates via this link: <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/VirtualCrossCountry.aspx>

Congratulations to all students and families for staying active and healthy together over the past term. I wish you a happy and healthy holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed in Term 3.

**Elisha Cotterell, PE Teacher**



## Year 1 Minibeast Mania Day



On Wednesday 25th June, the Year 1 children had the best time ever at Minibeast Mania Day! The children came dressed as their favourite Minibeast to celebrate the end of our Integrated Unit, Schoolyard Safari! We had Buzzing Bees, Beautiful Butterflies, Green Grasshoppers, and even Spooky Spiders! There were many activities to do, including creating your own Minibeast, designing a Bug Catcher, making some gorgeous Art pieces and pretending to be Minibeast through acting .... and don't forget our famous Minibeast Disco! We all had a fantastic day!



Photos: Victoria Gilbert







Well done on completing Term 2 – one none of us have ever experienced!

We are excited to announce that the PFA is bringing the Show to you in Term 3! Order your show bag now and support our wonderful Essex Heights Primary School today! Trybooking will be utilised to accommodate social distancing rules.

The Melbourne Show is cancelled but  
**Essex Heights PS' PFA Presents:**

**SHOWBAG SHOWDOWN!**  
WE'RE BRINGING THE SHOW TO YOU!

\* Please note contents may vary

Please purchase at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKELO> by 24 July

Showbags will be delivered in early August to classrooms

Any enquiries:  
[ehpspfa@gmail.com](mailto:ehpspfa@gmail.com)

**Spread the word to friends & family! The more show bags sold the more funds we raise for OUR school!**

### Contacting the PFA

Contact us by email using [ehpspfa@gmail.com](mailto:ehpspfa@gmail.com).

*Enjoy  
the  
Holidays*

We hope all the children enjoy the holidays!

**Fiona Nicholson Stocker**  
(Mum of Allison, 40)



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**Andrea Fyfe**

Entertainment Membership Coordinator

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## Coping with Covid-19



### – A guide to speaking to children about returning to 'normal' school life

Cabrini paediatric specialist Dr Daniel Golshevsky has a number of ways parents and caregivers can make the transition back to school as smooth as possible for children, and how to alleviate some common anxieties.

Go to [cabrini.com.au/covidtips](https://cabrini.com.au/covidtips)



Alan, Ada and Eva Selwyn Emergency Department





# St Luke's Preschool

## Mount Waverley

<http://www.stlukeskindergarten.org.au/>

### 2021 ENROLMENTS OPEN!

#### 3 & 4 year olds




Our professional and experienced teachers deliver a program which supports each child in developing the social, emotional and cognitive skills in preparation for school. The preschool is fully-equipped to challenge and inspire and satisfy every child's imagination.

Our program follows Victoria Government Department of Education Kindergarten Guidelines and offers experienced based learning options with exciting incursion and excursion activities throughout the year. The preschool, established in 1963, is not-for-profit. We love celebrating the cultural diversity of our community, and enrolments from outside the City of Monash are welcome.

Our 4 year old program is 15 hours/week, with 2 session options (2 full days, or 3 half days), while our 3 year old program is 5 hours/week over two days.

For enquiries or enrolments from outside the City of Monash, contact St Luke's Preschool  
Phone: 0466 419 127. Email: [stlukes.els@vt.uniting.org](mailto:stlukes.els@vt.uniting.org)

For enrolments within the City of Monash, refer to the Monash Council Enrolments Portal  
<https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Services/Children-Family/Kindergartens/Enrolment>



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9808 2332



play



grow



learn

## Nursery to Kindergarten

# OPEN DAY

Thursday 23 July - 6pm to 8pm  
Saturday 25 July - 10am to Midday

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15 & 22 July, 5, 12 & 19 Aug (5 session course)  
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Bookings Laurie on 0488 501 204

**Where:** Join us live online via Zoom  
**Cost:** Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

**Bookings essential.**

**PARENTZONE**  Health and Human Services

[anglicarevic.org.au](http://anglicarevic.org.au)

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