

CALENDAR

October

Fri 30 School Photos

November


Tue 3 Melbourne Cup public holiday
Wed 4-Fri 6 Yr 5 Onsite Camp
Wed 4 Yr 3 ICAS English
Wed 4 Yr 6 ICAS Science
Thu 5 Music Count Us In Celebration Day
Thu 5 Yr 4 ICAS English
Mon 9 Prep Farm Festival Day
Tue 10 Yr 6 ICAS English
Wed 11 Remembrance Day
Wed 11 Yrs 3 & 6 ICAS Maths
Thu 12 Yr 4 ICAS Maths
Fri 13 Parent Opinion Survey closes
Wed 18 Prep 2021 Transition via Zoom
Tue 24 Prep 2021 Parent Information Evening
via Zoom

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

Whole School Assembly
~~Every Monday at 2.40pm in Stadium.~~
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

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

2020 Term Dates

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Statewide student-free days: 28 January*, 14 April, 25 May &
13 to 17 July.

EHPS student-free days: 29 January & 5 March

2021 Term Dates

Term 1: 27 January* to 1 April

Term 2: 19 April to 25 June

Term 3: 12 July to 17 September

Term 4: 4 October to 17 December

* 27 January is a state wide student free day.

EHPS student-free days: 28 January, and 2 further dates to be advised



PARENT PORTAL ON COMPASS

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

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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. School currently closed
to visitors; please contact us by phone or
email.

Principal's Report



Dear Parents and Carers in the Essex Heights Community,

I hope that every family had a relaxing time over the long weekend. Congratulations to all of our Richmond supporters for their great AFL premiership win, and to Melbourne Storm supporters for their big win in the NRL Grand Final.



This week the children again settled into an excellent work routine, and over the past three weeks they have adjusted back to school very well. The staff are focussing on understanding exactly where the children are at in their learning and then providing the appropriate work to take them to the next step of their learning.

This is a very important time for our Year 6 students, and we hope that this last term at Essex Heights will be memorable and enjoyable for each child as they prepare for their transition to secondary school. Their Graduation will take place in the last week of school and will again be a highlight in our annual calendar.

Planning for 2021

During Term 4 we focus on planning all aspects of our school for 2021 including the staffing and class structures. At this stage we expect to continue with 24 classes, and this represents full capacity for our school. There has been continued enrolment interest for 2021, as many families in the Mount Waverley area continue to seek our outstanding educational opportunities and the facilities available at Essex Heights P.S.

This year has been such a disrupted year for all of our students. Children have spent so little time together as a

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Public Holiday
Next Tuesday
3rd November
Melbourne Cup Day
No students at school

NOTE: All students are expected at school
on Monday 2nd November.





November

2nd Isaac A
Tihana R
Ollie S
3rd Tildy D
Elissa O
4th Dax W
Sienna P
Jonas L
5th Bryan X
6th Meghana G
Claire G
Ming Z

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	Prep Farm Festival Day - Monday the 9th of November, 2020 Prep Thank you and Magic Words
Year 1	Weekly newsletter
Year 5	Year 5 Weekly Update (October 30)
Years 3 - 6	ICAS testing dates
Whole School	Melbourne Cup public holiday - Tuesday 3rd November A flexible approach to raising kids Parent Opinion Survey

Compass Events:

Year/Group

Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date

Year 6	Graduation Signature Toys 2020 - pay \$13 & consent by 6th November.
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Return borrowed ICT equipment

If the school provided you with ICT equipment to use during the remote and flexible learning period, please return it to the Office. Attach a note with your child's name on it so it's return can be logged.

Family Statements

Families with outstanding charges have been sent their family statement via email - please check your Inbox or Spam/Junk folder, and if you have received a statement, payment is due now by BPay (preferred payment option, and only option for Instrumental Music charges) or Compass Pay.

Please contact the Office if you have a query, or are experiencing financial hardship.

Barbara McCann
Business Manager

Library



Return Library Books

If you have any Library books at home, please return them now. A plastic tub is provided outside the Library door during school hours for students to deliver their Library books.

Gael Munro

ICAS ASSESSMENTS™

The dates for ICAS Science, English and Maths for registered Years 3 to 6 students have been published on Compass.

Alexandra O'Connor
ICAS Coordinator

Principal's Report



class this year, as a staff we believe that it would be greatly beneficial for their learning and social interaction to start next year with their same friendship and work groups. **Therefore, we have decided to maintain stability and continuity for the children by keeping them in the same class groupings for 2021.** There may be some minor modifications required but the aim is to maintain continuity and stability for the children.

For students in Year 2 in 2020, there will be some adjustment required as there are three Year 3 classes, and not four classes, as in Year 2. As always, in the formation of new classes, the children's educational needs and the minimisation of disruption and the maintenance of positive working groups will be the most important criteria used to guide placement.

If you have significant and important issues that we should consider, please put them in writing and forward to me by Friday 6th November.

Please note:

- **I guarantee that all issues will be considered, BUT I cannot guarantee that requests will be met due to the many competing and complex priorities throughout this process.**
- **All staff at EHPS are highly competent professionals who work for the best of all children. Therefore, special requests for particular teachers will NOT be contemplated.**

Parent Opinion Survey

Last week I informed you that our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents and carers think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all families.

This yearly survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement, and especially experiences of remote and flexible learning. We will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

This year we have invited **all families** to participate in the survey.

The survey is conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the set dates on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones. The online survey is also available in a range of languages other than English. All responses are completely confidential, and the survey is conducted anonymously. I encourage all families to complete the online survey as soon as practicable.

The Parent Opinion Survey opened on Monday 26th October and will close on Friday 13th November.

One parent from each family can complete the survey, as follows:

1. Click on the link below or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey - <https://www.orma.com.au/parent>:
2. You can choose your language.
3. Select the School and Campus name as follows:
School Name: Essex Heights Primary School
Campus Name: Essex Heights Primary School
Enter the School PIN: 599756
4. When complete, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers.
Please note that the survey will time out after 60 minutes of inactivity.

The survey results will be reported back to our school community through the 2020 Annual Report. We look forward to your feedback so that we can continue to make our school the best it can be for the benefit of all our children.

Hats – Term 4

Consistent with our Sun Smart School Policy we expect our students to wear a hat in Terms 1 and 4 to protect against UV and the sun. Whilst caps might be popular, they usually give little protection, particularly for the ears. I would urge you to assist us to protect your children by purchasing an approved Essex Heights hat from our uniform supplier, PSW in Mount Waverley.



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Principal's Report

Parents visiting the school & students leaving school early

Parents/guardians are reminded of the current protocols about visiting the school. If, for example, you are delivering an item your child has forgotten and requires during the day (e.g. water bottle, lunch, hat), or you are collecting them early (e.g. for an appointment), do not enter the school grounds; you must:

1. Wait at the front gates in Essex Road.
2. Phone the Office on 9807 4944.
3. Staff will come out to the gate to collect an item, or send your child out to you if leaving early.

This protocol remains in place for the time being for the health and wellbeing of our school and the wider community, and we appreciate your assistance in following this procedure.

It is sometimes necessary for **students to leave school early**. With the current protocols in place, we've noticed that some parents are not entering an absence note in Compass, haven't advised their child's teacher about the early departure, and that some children go straight to their parents when they see them waiting at the gate and forget to come to the Office to be signed out. Signing them out of school is an important step in our duty of care to your child. Please follow these simple steps to ensure that your child can be collected from school efficiently if they need to leave early:

1. Enter an absence note on Compass (preferably the day before).
2. Email your child's teacher using the link in Compass before the end of the previous school day to advise them about the early departure, and they will send your child to the Office ready to be signed out. *NOTE: if you email on the day of the departure, we can't guarantee your child's teacher will have seen the message, so phone the Office as early in the day as possible.*
3. On your arrival at school, wait at the front gates in Essex Road.
4. Phone the Office on 9807 4944.
5. Office staff will sign your child out, and send them out to meet you. Please check with your child before leaving that they have been to the Office to sign out of school.

Melbourne Cup public holiday

Students do not attend school on public holidays that occur during school terms. Next Tuesday, 3rd November, is the Melbourne Cup public holiday, and the school will be closed. Please note, however, that next Monday, 2nd November, is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend.

George Perini
Principal



parenting * ideas

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

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

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

- A flexible approach to raising kids.

Upcoming Webinar:

- *Parenting like a cat and dog* - to be held on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm; accessible until 31st December 2020.

Effective parents use more than one style when communicating with their families. They know how to alter their style to suit the situation. In this webinar, Michael Grose uses cat and dog metaphors to introduce parents to two diverse styles of parenting. This will increase their ability and confidence to manage, nurture and build relationships with their children. The cat-dog approach to parenting is fun, easy to use, respectful and maximises parent effectiveness in challenging situations.

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

Footy Colours Day

The children had a great day celebrating Footy Colours Day on Thursday 22nd October, and participated in a range of fun activities.



2B wore their colours loud and proud

FOOTY
Colours
Day

Below are the winner of the drawing competition. They were AMAZNG!!!

Prep

- 1st place - Reece, PD
- 2nd place - Gianna, PM
- 3rd place - Ella, PZB

Year 1

- 1st place - Iris, 1O
- 2nd place - Jamie, 1O
- 3rd place - Aaron, 1G

Year 2

- 1st place - Richard, 2T
- 2nd place - Olivia, 2B
- 3rd place - Lia, 2D

Year 3

- 1st place - Jonathan, 3HB
- 2nd place - Gaguli, 3L
- 3rd place - Alexandra, 3F

Year 4

- 1st place - Ethan Q, 4O
- 2nd place - Ethan, 4S
- 3rd place - Celina, 4O

Year 5

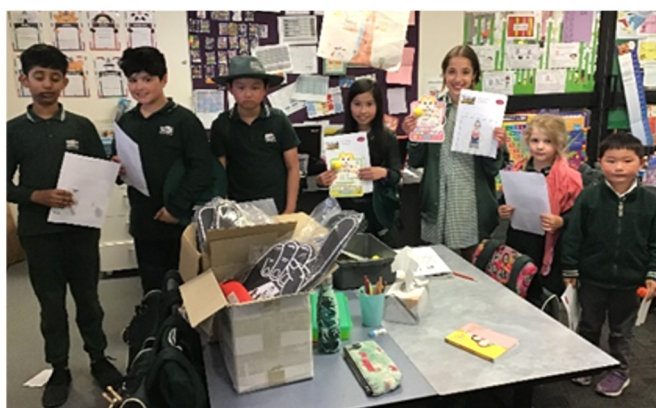
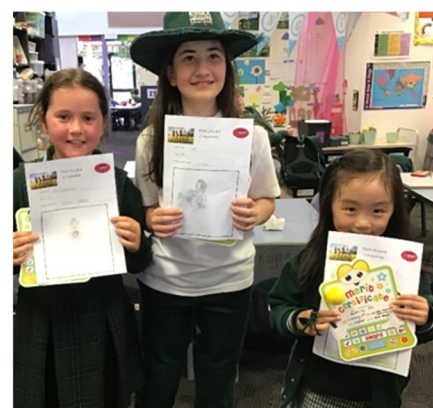
- 1st place - Eddie, 5M
- 2nd place - Phileas, 5M
- 3rd place - Elaine, 5M

Year 6

- 1st place - Jayda, 6M
- 2nd place - Camryn, 6C
- 3rd place - Stephanie, 6P

Special Mention Awards

- Jacqueline, PLM
- Emily, 1D
- Haritas, 4O
- Eleni, 5L
- Max, 5U
- Georgia, 5U



Photos: Melanie Boyle

AFL Indonesia

Last week in the Indonesian Room, the Years 1 and 2 students learnt more about the similarities between Indonesia and Australia as we discovered the various AFL teams represented across AFL Asia. We watched a short clip: '[How good is footy in Asia](#)' showing the many AFL ASIA teams and even an Auskick program. Students were excited to see various countries represented and to discuss this important similarity on Footy Colours Day at Essex Heights.

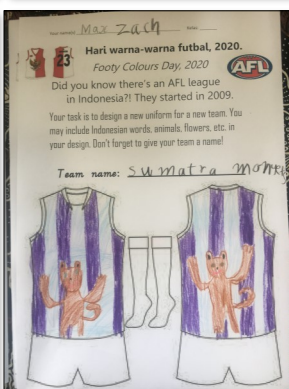
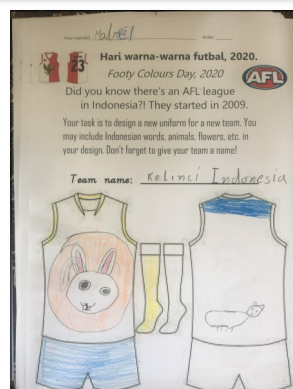
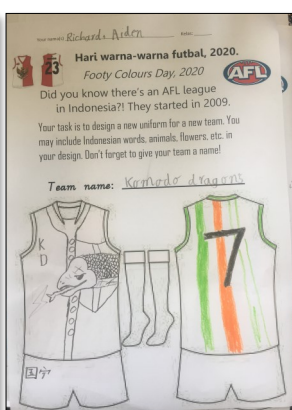
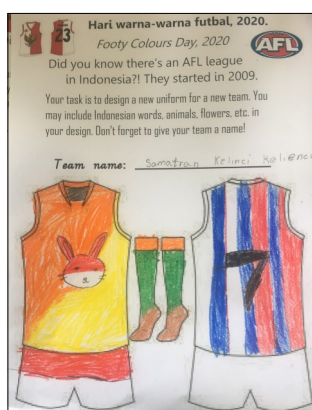
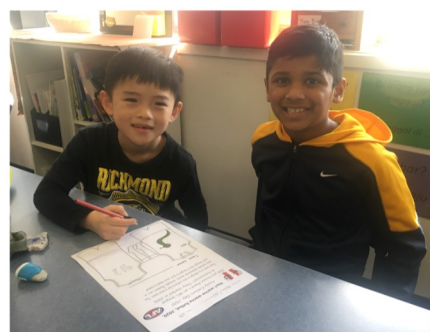
The students were then tasked to design their own uniform for a brand new AFL Indonesia team (with a unique Indonesian-based name also made up by them, of course). We had some incredibly creative designs and team names across the classes. Students worked in partners and there were many rich and insightful discussions throughout the session.

In the Indonesian program at Essex Heights, we love discovering the similarities and celebrating some of the differences between us and our closest neighbours, Indonesia.

As our resident Orangutan, Pak Jingga, would say: BAGUS!



*Terima kasih (Thank you),
Bu Sarah (Sarah Edwards)*



Photos: Sarah Edwards

Year 5 Onsite Camp

Next week, Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th November, Year 5 students will have their Onsite Camp (this replaces their cancelled camp, originally to Sovereign Hill, and then Iluka Retreat). This is NOT an overnight camp, but a special Onsite Camp timetable will operate during normal school hours with lots of fun activities, and students can wear free dress (no uniform). On Friday a group/camp photo will be taken at 9am sharp; Year 5 students are to arrive at school early by 8.40am. Students will also be provided with morning tea and lunch on this last day of their camp.

All Onsite Camp details have been provided on Compass. Contact your child's teacher for further information if required.

Music: Count Us In Celebration Day



Next Thursday, 5th November, is the annual Music: Count Us In Celebration Day. The whole school will participate again this year, but will remain in their classrooms and join the national live feed at 12.30pm. The 2020 Music: Count Us In song is 'You Won't Bring Us Down' – [CLICK HERE](#).

Year 6 Graduation

We are looking forward to the Graduation celebration for our Year 6 students on **Tuesday 15th December**.

Graduation Signature Toys

A graduation tradition at EHPS is that Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a graduation signature toy on which they can collect signatures and messages from their friends and staff. All students have pre-selected a toy, and details are now published in Compass - payment of \$13 by Compass Pay or BPay is due by next Friday, 6th November.

class of
2020

Sustainability



Aussie Backyard Bird Count



This year's Aussie Backyard Bird Count was held from 19th to 25th October.

How exciting! I looked at the app on Wednesday, and an amazing 157,020 checklists had been submitted, with a total of 5,047,208 birds counted. I also saw Federal Reserve and Dampier Creek with a 'typical' suburban range of species.

To attract a range of honeyeaters and other native wildlife species, see the link that has been taken from the ABBC website - [click here](#).

Learn more about [attracting native birds to your garden](#).

Of note: it would be rare to see a member of the crow family in the eastern suburbs; what you are most likely seeing is a Little Raven.

Ms Steward

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

2020 Spectacular update

The performance approach for the 2020 State Schools Spectacular was adapted quickly in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). The well-established annual schedule that culminates in an arena-style event was adapted into a made-for-TV event that is planned for broadcast later this year. More information will be provided about the broadcast when details are confirmed.

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SPECTACULAR

2021 VSSS Auditions

Register by Friday 13th November to audition for the 2021 Victorian State Schools Spectacular - [click here](#).

Please note that this year, main cast auditions will be done online or via video submission, and run until early December. To find out more information, contact the Performing Arts Unit by phone on 9415 1700 or email Performing.Arts@education.vic.gov.au

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SPECTACULAR

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IN THE INDUSTRY!



Are you interested in the performing arts, working in creative industries, or simply love to dance, sing or play an instrument?

We are seeking talented Victorian government school students to join the cast and crew of the 2021 Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Are you in a rock band, jazz ensemble or hip-hop dance group? Are you a gymnast, acrobat, circus performer, puppeteer, rollerskater, cheerleader, beat boxer, BMX or scooter trickster?

Students perform on stage and for a TV broadcast, or gain hands-on experience behind the scenes in technical roles like audio, lighting, film, photography or stage management under the guidance of industry professionals.

Participation is free!

The Spectacular is scheduled to be performed on Saturday 11 September 2021 and filmed for a TV broadcast.

To register for an audition, visit WWW.CVENT.COM/D/57QD9Q

For more information, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular or contact the Department's Performing Arts Unit on (03) 9415 1700.

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Showbags

We still have a few more Mostly Ghostly and Lolly showbags in stock, perfect for Halloween! They can be available for pick up three minutes from school as soon as you've purchased. You will be sent pick up info via email. [CLICK HERE](#) to order.

Secondhand Uniform



Niki, the PFA's friendly Secondhand Uniform Coordinator, still has some secondhand uniform stock at her house, so feel free to contact her by email at ehpspfa@gmail.com with what you are after, the size, and your contact number. Niki will communicate with you via phone and arrange for you to collect the uniform on a contactless basis (location is five minutes from the school).

Ritchie's IGA Community Benefit Program

Download Now 

Don't forget to download the Ritchies app and help support our school every time you shop at Ritchies IGA in the Mount Waverley Village (or your closest store).

Ritchies IGA support our school via their Community Benefit Program. Their recently updated their Community Benefit Program features a new loyalty card and an App for both iOS and Android smart devices.

If you don't have a smart phone, you can continue to use a Ritchies loyalty card - pick one up in store, and register "Essex Heights Primary School" as your favourite organisation.

Download the App and register in 3 easy steps

- 1** In the Ritchies App, register by clicking on the Sign Up button. Complete the registration.
- 2** A verification email will be sent to the email address you register. Click the link in the email to activate your account.
- 3** Login to your newly created account to select your favourite club, school, or charity from the Community page.



You can also use the Ritchies Loyalty Card. Pick one up in store and link your card to the Ritchies App

For more information please visit www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty

Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd ABN 61 005 041 814

Contacting the PFA

Contact us by email using ehpspfa@gmail.com.

Fiona Nicholson Stocker
PFA President & Mum of Allison, 40

School uniform is available from PSW - [click here](#).



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN!

We can now officially confirm that our Melbourne metropolitan stores all reopen for trade on
Thursday October 29th at 9am.
To stay open, we need to stay safe.
COVIDSafe restrictions will apply at all stores.



FOR TRADING HOURS, VISIT
[PSW.COM.AU/STORELOCATIONS](https://psw.com.au/storelocations)

Monash Youth Cookbook



SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN!

MONASH YOUTH COOKBOOK

Monash Youth Services is collecting recipes for a new community cookbook written for youth, by youth.

To submit a recipe visit bit.ly/3kw34lu

For more details contact YRC.Reception@monash.vic.gov.au



Monash Youth Services is now collecting submissions for the Monash Youth Cookbook - a cookbook written for youth, by youth in the Monash Community.

So if you've got a favourite recipe, family delicacy, healthy snack or creative invention, we want to hear from you!

What's more, if you submit a recipe by Wednesday 11th November, you will also go in the running to win one coveted youth-spot in the Flavours of Monash Cookbook, a collection of recipes that will be launched at the 2021 Clayton Festival!

If you would like to be a part of this project, visit bit.ly/3kw34lu to fill in a recipe submission form.

For more information, email YRC.Reception@monash.vic.gov.au.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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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

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>



GLEN WAVERLEY COUGARS CRICKET CLUB

Affiliated with Inner South East Cricket (ISEC) and the Eastern Cricket Association (ECA)



JUNIOR CRICKETERS WANTED!

U11's, U13's, U15's & U17's (male & female)

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST (ages 5 - 10)

The Glen Waverley Cougars are actively seeking junior cricketers to join our great club for season 2020/21 and beyond! Whether you are new to cricket or have some experience, we welcome all new players to join our junior teams.

We are also excited to launch our new **Woolworths Cricket Blast** - an action packed program tailored to coaching kids of all abilities the basic skills of cricket in a fun, safe and engaging environment!

For more information, please reach out via one of the following channels:

KRIS LEWISCTHENKO - PRESIDENT
kris.lewiscsthenko@yahoo.com.au

WWW.COUGARS.NET.AU
enquiry@cougars.net.au

FACEBOOK
[Glen Waverley Cougars Cricket Club](https://www.facebook.com/GlenWaverleyCougarsCricketClub)



Mary Walker Arts & Education
presents

SUNNY SATURDAYS

FREE Online drama workshops for
children to develop a healthy mind

10am: 5-7 year olds

11am: 8-10 year olds

12pm: 11-12 year olds

Six Saturdays: 7th Nov - 12th Dec

To register or see more details head to:
marywalkerartsed.wixsite.com/home
Or email: marywalkerartsed@outlook.com
Priority given to City of Monash residents
and new participants. Places are limited.

Supported by the City of Monash



**ASHWOOD CRICKET CLUB
PRESENTS**

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

**Both Junior Blasters (ages 5-7)
& Master Blasters (ages 8-10)
programs available**

FRIDAY NIGHTS

FROM 5:30PM

8 WEEK PROGRAM FROM 29 JANUARY

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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/covidthips



Alan, Ada and Eva Selwyn Emergency Department

kidshelpline
Anytime Any Reason



We're here for your kids, if they need support they can...



Call us for FREE
1800 55 1800



Email us



WebChat with us

Parents! For more information and resources,
please check out our Kids Helpline parents section

kidshelpline.com.au/parents