

CALENDAR

January

Wed 27 Term 1 commences - student-free day;
Office open

Thu 28 EHPS student-free day

Fri 29 Yrs 1 to 6 students commence

Fri 29 Prep Meet & Greet and SEA Interviews

February

Mon 1-Thu 4 Prep SEA Interviews

Tue 2 EHPS Swim Team Trials

Fri 5 Prep students commence (finish at 1.30pm)

Mon 8-Fri 12 Prep - 8.50am to 2.30pm

Mon 15 Prep - 8.50am to 3.30pm

Fri 26 Welcome BBQ

March

Mon 8 Labour Day public holiday

Mon 15-Tue 16 School Photos

Thu 25 EHPS student-free day

April

Thu 1 Term 1 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

Mon 19 Term 2 commences

June

Mon 14 Queen's Birthday public holiday

Fri 25 Term 2 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

July

Mon 12 Term 3 commences

September

Fri 17 Term 3 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

October

Mon 4 Term 4 commences

November

Tue 2 Melbourne Cup public holiday

December

Fri 17 Term 4 ends - 1.30pm dismissal

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

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, 25 March and 1 additional day



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during school terms.



School Council President's Message

Dear Essex Heights Community,

We have finally made it to the end of 2020! On behalf of our School Council members, I would like to thank our parent community for their amazing support of Essex Heights' remote learning program this year. COVID-19 has been a significant challenge for so many families and it has not been easy to juggle remote learning, working from home and daily family life these last few months.

I would also like to congratulate both teaching and non-teaching staff on their remarkable efforts throughout 2020, managing their own families while supporting the students at our school.

Our OSHC program has provided tremendous support for those families who have required assistance while carrying out essential services work. It is this type of support and dedication that makes our school community such a success.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020 who were lucky enough to be able to enjoy Year 6 Graduation earlier this week. We wish you all every success at high school next year and the years beyond.

Lastly, School Council would like to thank the tireless efforts of George Perini and Barbara McCann. They have provided us with solid leadership that has guided the school community through this unprecedented year.

School Council wishes all families a safe Christmas break and hope there is plenty of sunshine and time for relaxing and moving onto 2021!

Best Wishes,

Jen Bittner

School Council President

**Term 4 and the
2020 school year
ends TODAY,
Friday 18th December.**

See you in 2021!



Happy Birthday

December 2020

20th Kira D
Alex L
21st Olivia R
Ashlyn W
Livia W
Jasper Z
Ben G
22nd Alvin H
Tildy C
Noah N
Bryan K
23rd Adheesha K
Christian V
Olivia S
Michael G
24th Ryder I
Aaron L
Isabelle N
25th Romesh G
Claire C
26th Ian K
Anita W
Marcus R
27th Jonathan Z
28th Ellie Q
Leonie D
29th Lara W
30th Jamie R
31st Luca L
Caitlin C
Jiaxuan C
Erin M

January 2021

2nd Ryan W
3rd Marcus O
Joyce X
4th Yo Yo X
Sam T
Allison S
Mackenzie L
Darcy K
5th Eric H
Edward P
Tai N
6th Sevin A
Leo D
Janice Q
9th Kaptan M
10th Toby P
11th Laith B
Maddie T
Seunggwon H
12th Allen Y
14th Joshua M
Ummehani V
15th Daniel S
16th Emily M
17th Haris P
18th India K
19th Ruby S
Maya P
Krisha K
Grace H
20th Ruby M
Lillie K
Mason G
Rafa S
21st Eleni A
22nd Madhav K
Zara S
Huzaifa A

January 2021

23rd Timothy Q
Max P
24th Fiona Z
25th Austin Z
Arnav P
Aiden S
Zoe S
26th Celeste V
27th Nao L
Ruby L
Candy Y
28th Victoria Z
Mabel H
29th Siyana R
Celine L
Georgia K
30th Matilda Y
Hayden W
Jamie L
Alexandra K
Mahta A
Terry B
Ethan N
31st Sophia M

February 2021

2nd Ollie P
Eddie F
Ava B
3rd Rico V
Luigi S
4th Leah J
Nandita C
5th Chelsea L
Lachlan W



Principal's Report



Dear Essex Heights Community,

Farewell to 2020

At the end of this extraordinary year, I would like to sincerely thank every member of our community for working together with us to attain the best possible results for the children. I hope you all now have the time to relax and spend quality leisure time with your family and friends. Through difficult times, much has been achieved and the children will benefit from that in 2021.

I would like to thank our School Councillors, led by Jennifer Bittner, who contribute to the governance of the school and its strategic direction. Thanks also to the PFA, led by Fiona Nicholson Stocker and the PFA Committee, for continuing to build the school spirit and sense of community.

And finally, I would like to thank our dedicated and hardworking staff (Teachers, Admin, PSD staff, OSHC staff and Instrumental Music staff) who have worked so hard to develop programs and processes to ensure that every child had the opportunities to maximise their learning in a constantly changing environment. Their professionalism and the high level of care shown to all our students are highly valued and acknowledged by our community.



Year 6 Graduation

This week our Year 6 students celebrated the end of their primary education at Essex Heights. Tuesday was a unique and truly marvellous day. This year, the amazing Graduation Committee did a spectacular job in organising all aspects of the day. The luncheon and the setup of the Hall was wonderful, and the evening ceremonies and celebrations were touching and inspiring. Our Year 6 students were once again the highlight of the show. As they leave Essex Heights for the last time today, we wish them every success in the future and implore them to always have EHPS close to their hearts. Finally, a huge thank you to the staff and all of the parents who helped to make this day so special for the Graduating Class of 2020.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to you all!!



A visit from Santa

On Thursday afternoon our Prep classes had an extraordinary visit from Santa! We were all so surprised that he took the time to deliver individual letters to every Prep student. A few of the children actually "saw him", oh so briefly, at the front of the school. Ina found the parcel of letters out the front!! They were so cold ... they must have come from the North Pole! The children were so lucky and happy to have Santa reply to the letters they had sent earlier in the year. How special!!



On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all families a safe and Merry Christmas as well as a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all well rested at the start of 2021.

George Perini
Principal



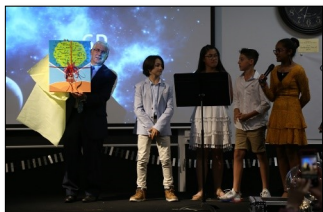
Year 6 - Graduating Class of 2020

Year 6 students have celebrated the end of their time at EHPS with:

- ★ Graduation celebration on Tuesday - lunch with staff, ceremony shared with family, presentation of awards, and a dance party to finish.
- ★ Electronics Days last Friday and Wednesday.
- ★ Lots of fun at their Big Day In on Thursday.
- ★ Creating their Kidscapes to celebrate who they are, their time at EHPS, and their hopes and dreams.
- ★ Signature Bears, Owls, Dogs and Footballs, an EHPS graduation tradition, doing the rounds gathering signatures and messages.

2020
Class of

CONGRATS GRADUATES!



Photos: Kristi Lloyd



Year 6 Graduation Awards

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who were presented with the following awards on Tuesday:



Classroom Citizenship Award

Consistent workers; Persistent; Shows initiative and willingly puts themselves out for others; treats everyone respectfully; and Upholds the classroom Code of Conduct.

- ★ Jeet T, 6C
- ★ Rafiq D, 6C
- ★ Ummehani V, 6M
- ★ Yajur K, 6M
- ★ Jaslene L, 6P
- ★ Jai T, 6P



Remote & Flexible Learning Award

Regularly made positive contributions to assist their peers during Remote and Flexible Learning; Always upheld the online Code of Conduct; Consistently participated positively during virtual meetings; Shows initiative and willingly puts themselves out for others; Demonstrated diligence and responsibility submitting work to a high standard.

- ★ Aditi S, 6C
- ★ David T, 6C
- ★ Ron X, 6M
- ★ Matthew L, 6M
- ★ Maria G, 6P
- ★ Rex Z, 6P



Jim Farrell Principal Award

Jim Farrell was the Founding Principal of EHPS. This award recognises students who meet the criteria for the Classroom Citizenship, Remote & Flexible Learning, Citizen and School Values; and have a preparedness to step up and out for the betterment of the school; Articulate in a range of situations; Willingly initiates action where there is a need or want in the school community; Reliable, honest, persistent, open and respectful.

- ★ Camryn R, 6C
- ★ Dejan R, 6P



Personal Development

Significant and enduring personal, social and academic growth and resilience; Clear and consistent improvement in self-managing learning and social interactions within and out of the classroom.

- ★ Nischal C, 6C
- ★ Jacob A, 6M



Emily Schwab Award

In memory of former EHPS student, Emily Schwab, who passed away aged 7. This award recognises fostering empathy, caring and intrinsic concern for others welfare; Evident in selfless action towards a range of students within and beyond their peer group.

- ★ Isabelle P, 6C



Sportsmanship Award

A student who is a starter and significant contributor to the school sports team; Shown leadership and encouraged teammates to be the best they can be; Have maintained a good academic standing; Demonstrated great respect for competitors, school, teammates and coaches; Showed an ability to accept victory and defeat graciously; Convey a high degree of humility and integrity.

- ★ Ava B, 6P



Photos: Kristi Lloyd

Year 6 Graduation Awards



Music Award

A student who has been an enthusiastic and dedicated contributor to the music program throughout the year; Shown leadership and encouragement to members of their ensemble and classmates during music lessons; Have shown great dedication and responsibility throughout the year setting up for a performance within each ensemble that they have been a part of and have encouraged others with the group to do likewise; Have maintained a high academic standard and put in an outstanding effort during music class, ensemble practices and performances within and outside the school community.

★ Jay Sern C, 6M



Indonesian Award

A student who has participated with enthusiasm and respect in the Indonesian program throughout the year; Demonstrated cultural intelligence, acceptance of differences and celebration of diversity; Shown persistence in their language learning throughout their Indonesian journey and encouraged others to do likewise; Have been an active and positive contributor to Indonesian classes and extra-curricular Indonesian activities throughout the school.

★ Aubrey P, 6M



Art Award

A student who has participated with enthusiasm and respect in the Art program throughout the year; Demonstrated exceptional artistic ability; Have been an active and positive contributor to Art classes and extra-curricular Art activities throughout the school.

★ Sarah Z, 6C



Norm Gibbs Award

A gift from the Office of Mr Matt Fregon MP, State Member for Mount Waverley, honouring Mount Waverley resident Mr Norm Gibbs OAM. For a standout, community-minded student who embodies the same unique qualities as someone who is always looking for ways to give back, big or small; This awards recognises a student who gives back to their community, displays kindness and empathy to others, or who leads by positive example; Does the right thing day to day; Helps friends; Good community spirit; Has a leadership role in the EHPS community.

★ Caitlin D, 6M



Photos: Kristi Lloyd

Art Award Finalist

Congratulations to Parineeti P in Prep D for being selected as a finalist in the 2020 Young Australian Art Awards in the Drawing - Junior Section with her artwork entitled 'Dragon'. Parineeti received the Gold Medal Award for being the runner up in her section. We are so proud of you!



Photos: Lauren Davies



Busking Competition



Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to form musical groups with their friends and perform in the busking competition held during lunchtimes last week. Students voted for their favourite group each day, with the winners performing in the finals on Friday. On Friday, there was a draw between Year 5 group Gifty, and Year 6 group Oceanic. These groups performed their winning song to the Year 5 students during the last week of term and had their performances recorded for all students to view during the virtual assembly. Well done to all students who performed throughout the week and congratulations to Gifty and Oceanic!



Oceanic

Daniel M, Grace L, Daniel S, Aubrey P, Yaj K, Daniel H



Gifty

Shibei H, Pranavi D, Elaine P, Jane L, Celine L

Photos: Jessica Wynne

School Photos

The School Photographer

As advised on Compass earlier this week, individual student and sibling photos have arrived and ordered photos have been distributed to classes to be sent home. If you placed an order but have not received it, do not contact the school, you must contact [The School Photographer](#) directly.

The following photos are now available to order online:

- School Captains
- Art Captains
- Indonesian Captains
- Music Captains
- House Captains
- Flag Captains
- Library Captains
- Sustainability Captains

These can be viewed and ordered online from [The School Photographer](#) using the Online Order Code **20S3040PER46E**. Details of photo prices are published in the attachment to the Compass message.

If you didn't order an individual student photo, but would now like to order a 2020 photo, you can still place an order (*note: this is an exception for the 2020 photos only*). Order online from [The School Photographer](#) using the Online Order Code **X3052PER43E**, and choose from the photo packs for EHPS.

All photos ordered now will be available in February 2021.

Please note that The School Photographer will close on 18th December and will reopen on 27th January 2021 if you need to contact them. Online orders can be placed throughout this time.

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 reports were published on Compass this week.

It is timely to remind parents/guardians to copy their child's reports to an external source each semester so that you have access to them after leaving EHPS. This is especially relevant for students who are leaving EHPS this year, as your Compass access closes when your child leaves EHPS.

Grounds & Maintenance



Watering of School Grounds

We are seeking parent help to water our beautiful gardens over the Summer school holidays. If you are willing and able to volunteer, please [email](#) your name, contact details, and availability.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Secondhand Uniform

We are really grateful for donations of secondhand uniform:

- Items to be clean and in good condition.
- Current logo only; no old logo items.
- Remove your child's name.

Deliver secondhand uniforms to the School Office or place in a Lost Property box in bags clearly marked "Donation" when school returns next year.

Pending guidelines from the Department of Education & Training, the PFA hope to hold a secondhand uniform stall early in Term 1.

Student Leaders in 2021

Congratulations to the following students who will take up these leadership positions in 2021:

- **School Captains** - Shibe H, Pranavi D, Reyansh G, Lachlan W
- **Music Captains** - Timothy F, Ariya L, Yuki L, Joshua C
- **Indonesian Captains** - Elaine P, Morgan S, Aiden D
- **Sustainability Captains** - Conor S, Max D, Ethan S, Tiana K
- **Art Captains** - Eromi G, Celine L, Erin M, Matilda S, Ruby B
- **Flag Captains** - Sebastian K, Sienna B, Liam G
- **Library Captains** - Phileas L, Ilsa K, Livia W, Zara K, Anita W, Murray H, Edward P
- **Lindsay House Captains** - Bella H, Huzaifa A, Luca M
- **Boyd House Captains** - Olivia S, Jacob C, Celeste V
- **Drysdale House Captains** - Noah S, Emma C, Zoe K
- **Nolan House Captains** - Elissa O, Romesh G, Josh M

congratulations

2021 School Year

Start of School in 2021

Wednesday 27th January	Term 1 commences; compulsory statewide student-free day in all Victorian government schools. Office opens.
Thursday 28th January	EHPS student-free day; first of three student-free days in 2021 school year.
Friday 29th January	Years 1 to 6 students commence (8.50am to 3.30pm). Preps attend Meet & Greet.
Friday 29th January to Thursday 4th February	Prep School Entry Assessment (SEA) interviews - one hour interview between the student and the teacher; parents/guardians do not stay (date and time have been advised by letter mailed to parents/guardians). Uniform is not required. Students are to bring a water bottle to their SEA interview.
Friday 5th February	Prep students commence; Prep students will have a staggered start between 9am and 10am (specific start time advised in the letter mailed to parents/guardians), and finish at 1.30pm.
Monday 8th to Friday 12th February	Prep students attend school from 8.50am to 2.30pm.
From Monday 15th February	Prep students begin attending school full time from 8.50am to 3.30pm.

School Terms

Term 1: Wednesday 27th January* to Thursday 1st April

Term 2: Monday 19th April to Friday 25th June

Term 3: Monday 12th July to Friday 17th September

Term 4: Monday 4th October to Friday 17th December

* 27th January is a compulsory student-free day in all Victorian government schools.

Student-free Days in 2021: Wednesday 27th January, Thursday 28th January, Thursday 25th March, plus one additional day to be advised when ratified by School Council. OSHC care available from 7am to 6pm for students enrolled in the program.

Public Holidays in 2021 during school terms - no students at school:

Monday 8th March Labour Day

Monday 14th June Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 2nd November Melbourne Cup Day

Students on holidays at the start of Term 1 2021

If your child will be absent at the beginning of Term 1 in 2021, please ensure that you enter the appropriate absence note on Compass for the day/days that they are absent from their first day at school, Friday 29th January (Years 1 to 6) or Friday 5th February (Prep). Please also email their teacher (via the link on Compass, or school email if needed) to advise your child's absence and when they will commence school.

Students not returning in 2021

If your child is not returning to EHPS in 2021, please advise Mr Perini in [writing via email](#), including the following information:

1. Child's name and 2020 class.
2. Name of the school your child is enrolled at to commence in 2021.
3. The reason for leaving EHPS.
4. New contact details, if any are changing (eg address, phone number, email).

Remember to copy academic reports on Compass to an external source as access to the parent portal closes when students leave EHPS.

Farewell

This year we farewell:

- ★ 73 Year 6 students - 48 of these students are the last member of their family to attend EHPS. One student is home schooling while travelling with family, and the remaining are going to 19 different secondary schools: Ashwood High School, Avila College, Box Hill High School, Carey Baptist Grammar, Caulfield Grammar, Emmaus College, Highvale Secondary College, Huntingtower School, Mount Waverley Secondary College, Presbyterian Ladies' College, Ringwood Secondary College, Ruyton Girls' School, Salesian College, St Leonard's College, The Knox School, Vermont Secondary College, Victorian College of the Arts, Wesley College, and Whitefriars College.
- ★ 12 Prep to Year 5 students are transferring to new schools. 8 of these students and their families are leaving the EHPS community.



Thank you for the contribution you have all made to EHPS and our school community - you will be missed.
All the best for the future to:

Akira & Zian A and family
Mitchell A
Jacob A
Cameron A and family
Jackson B and family
Sophie B and family
Lachlan B and family
Ava B and family
Nischal C and family
Jayda C
Claire C
Jay Sern C and family
Stephanie C
Bailey C and family
Nandita C and family
Thomas C
Daniel C
Kira D and family
Rafiq D
Caitlin D and family
Jaxon E and family
Lucas F
Tomason F
Oscar F
Maria G and family
Grace H
Daniel H and family
Tommy H
Aydin J
Eli K and family
Yaj K and family
Darcy K and family

Sharon K and family
Eezen L and family
Evan L and family
Grace L
Hayden L and family
Matthew L
Nehir M and family
Yuna L
Andrea L
Alex L and family
Reiya L
Jaslene L
Hanya & Chelsea L and family
Catheryn L and family
James M and family
Michael M and family
Daniel M and family
Liam M and family
Pari M and family
Stefani N and family
Kahleb N and family
Tai N and family
Isabel P and family
Aubrey P and family
Bowen P
Daniel P
Isla P and family
Camryn R and family
Dejan R
Aditi S
Daniel S and family
Anastasia S and family

Oliver S and family
Jake S and family
Tess S and family
Allison S and family
Divyaansh S and family
David T and family
Gabriel T and family
Jeet & Jai T and family
Ben & Sam T and family
Max T and family
Ummehani V
Jacob W
Kenan W and family
Annabelle X
Ron X and family
Sarah Z and family
Rex Z and family

Outside School Hours Care

January Vacation Care

The 2021 January Vacation Care Program will operate on weekdays from Monday 11th to Friday 22nd January, prior to the start of the new school year. All students enrolled in the OSHC program can access Vacation Care; please contact OSHC to enquire about attendance.



Care at beginning of Term 1

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January 2021 (first two days of Term 1) are student-free days at EHPS. Care from 7am to 6pm is available for students enrolled in the OSHC program.

If you have any queries about the OSHC program, please contact me by email at Paul.Davis@education.vic.gov.au, or phone on 9807 2615 or 0417 941 986.

Paul Davis
Coordinator

Parents & Friends News



Well Done and Thank You

The PFA would like to congratulate all of the Essex Heights P.S. students, families and friends in all that they have achieved during this most extraordinary year. We wish you all a happy holiday and may 2021 be filled with good health, lots of fun and awesome learning.



Coming Up ...

You are invited to the Welcome BBQ on Friday 26th February 2021 from 6pm to 8pm. Come along and enjoy a picnic on The Heights.

Entertainment Membership

A time for giving
& getting together

Support us & buy today

Get into the holiday spirit & buy an Entertainment Membership to help us raise an **extra \$10** or **\$20** on top of the **20%** we already receive!

You can continue to support our fundraising with an Entertainment Membership - digital or book - <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/187402c>

Fiona Nicholson Stocker and Betty Ciorciari

YOU'RE INVITED TO A



Welcome BBQ

Friday 26th February 2021

6pm to 8pm
on The Heights

Bring your own dinner or
buy a sausage



Sausages and Cold Drinks for sale

Bring a picnic rug or chair
and join your children's friends



Community Noticeboard

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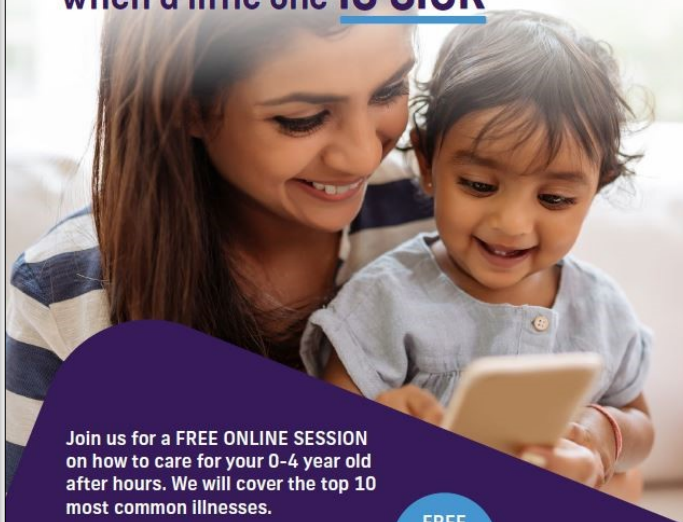
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