

CALENDAR

June

Mon 8 Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 9 Yrs 3-6 resume at school
Tue 9 Yr 6 welcome back breakfast
Wed 17 PFA Meeting
Tue 23 Prep 2021 Parent Evening ****POSTPONED****
Wed 24 Yr 1 Minibeast Mania Day
Fri 26 Term 2 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

July

Mon 13 Term 3 starts
Mon 20 Prep 2021 Story Time
Mon 20-Fri 24 ... Prep Health Assessments with Visiting
Primary School Nurse
Fri 31 EHPS Student-free Day TBC

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

*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

* 28 January was a state wide student-free day; 14 April & 25 May
were also state wide student-free days.

*EHPS student-free days: 28 January, 29 January, 5 March, and
probably 31 July*



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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

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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,

Thank you all for the very smooth transition back to onsite learning for all of our Year 3 to 6 students. It is apparent that you have discussed the information provided with your children and that is very encouraging because it makes the process far easier. It was so pleasing to see all the children again. After visiting all the classes, I am very sure that they are all extremely happy to be back at school with their friends.

The arrival and dismissal procedures have gone very smoothly with only a few very minor hiccups. It is very apparent that the children are far more independent in carrying their own bags and getting themselves to class. This is a big sign of growing up and should be encouraged. Thank you to families for socially distancing and not congregating before and after school. We appreciate that this can be hard, but we are trying to keep everybody safe and well.

I believe that it is still timely to remind all families of a few important points:

Arrival and Dismissal

- **Prep and Year 1 classes begin punctually at 8.45am.**
All children should be in class ready to start work by that time.
 - Teachers are on duty at the gates from 8.30am.
 - Classroom Teachers will be in their classes by that time as well.
 - Upon arrival children must go straight to their classroom.
 - Please do not arrive before 8.30am.
- **Years 2 to 6 classes begin at 9am. All of these children should be in class ready to start work by no later than 9am.**
 - Where possible, Years 2 to 6 students should not be dropped off before 8.45am.
 - Classroom teachers will be in their classrooms by 8.45am as well.
 - Students must go straight to class upon arrival.
 - To avoid congestion at the gates, please try to plan your arrival to match these times.
- Obviously, **siblings can enter together** at the same gate and at the time necessary for the youngest child
- **Students on bicycles and scooters** etc. can enter and exit from the Bike Shed gate.

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June

13th Lukas B
 15th Celina W
 17th Sienna B
 18th Daniel C
 Aydin J
 19th Nathan T
 Liam C
 Chengbin S

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	Foundation. ArtSEL Lesson - Fair Ways to Play. Homework Included. (lesson 21)
Year 1	ArtSEL Grade 1: Fair Ways to Play. Homework Included. Year One - Minibeast Mania Day
Year 2	ArtSEL - Grade 2: Taking Responsibility. Homework Included.
Year 5	Year 5 - Return to School Information
Year 6	ICAS
Whole School	OSHC Update Family Statements CCS 2018-2019 Income Confirmation Collaborative parenting style wins the day during COVID-19 Latest Update re Return to School 9 June 2020 Parent Remote Learning Survey Parent Update: Return to School Years 3-6 Understanding Techno-Tantrums Have you cracked the Mystery Message & engaged with our Year 6s? SSV Virtual Cross Country - NOW LIVE Parenting Ideas Insights articles

parenting * ideas

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

Parenting Ideas is one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. Our school membership provides our school community with access to excellent resources, including *Insights* articles, and registration to the fantastic webinar series at no cost (a saving of \$37).

The latest *Insights* articles:

- Collaborative parenting style wins the day during COVID-19
- Conquering kids techno-tantrums

Latest webinars:

- *Understanding techno-tantrums - Wednesday 17th June at 8pm*
In this digital era, chances are we've all experienced our children throwing a techno-tantrum. Techno-tantrums are completely normal and often a result of the neurobiological changes that occur when kids use technology. But this doesn't mean that we have to simply accept that they're part of our modern parenting reality. In this webinar Dr Kristy Goodwin helps parents and carers understand why children and teens emotionally combust when they digitally-disconnect, and how to establish new, healthy technology habits.
- *Future proofing your kids - held Wednesday 18th March; accessible at no cost until 18th June*
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.

Insights articles and webinar registration details have been distributed via Compass. For further information, access to articles and webinar information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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Late to school

- Students arriving late for school must go straight to the Office to be signed in and collect a Late Pass, before going to class:
 - At or after 8.45am for Prep and Year 1.
 - At or after 9am for Years 2 to 6.
- Parents should:
 - Not accompany their child to the Office.
 - Enter an absence note on Compass if relevant e.g. medical appointment.

Early Departure

- If your child needs to leave school early:
 - Email your child's teacher, preferably the previous day, to advise them of the reason and the expected departure time.
 - Enter an absence note on Compass relating to the early departure.
 - The teacher will send your child to the Office at the specified time.
 - When you arrive at school, ring the office on 9807 4944 and your child will be signed out and sent to meet you in the 'Kiss and Go' zone at the front of the school.

Forgotten Items

- If your child has forgotten something that they need for the day:
 - Ring the Office on 9807 4944 when you arrive at school to drop off the item.
 - Come to the Office door, where Gael or Jo will collect the item and deliver it to your child.

Parking

- The drop off zone, in front of the school is now a Kiss and Go zone. You are not permitted to leave your car.
- Municipal officers are and will continue to patrol the streets around the school enforcing the traffic and parking laws.
- Please be aware that some parents have received fines this week.
- Safety in our streets and around our school is our highest priority.

Illness and Hygiene

- If your child **is ill or is feeling unwell**, they **must not attend** school.
- The school will continue to enforce **good hygiene practices**.
- **Food must not be brought to school to share** with other children.

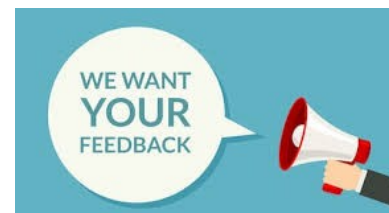
School Services

- OHSC and Canteen will be operating as usual.

A few parents have asked whether we will be following similar arrangements in Term 3. Unfortunately, I am not yet in a position to provide an adequate answer. I expect that more will be known after the review of the State of Emergency on 21st June. Usually, we receive information from the Department of Education & Training shortly after any announcement from the Premier.

Parent Remote Learning Survey

Last week, I posted a Compass News Feed regarding a 'Parent Remote Learning Survey'. Thank you to the many families that have already responded. We really value your feedback. If you have not looked at the survey, I encourage you to spend the few minutes to give us feedback about the COVID-19 and Remote Learning experience. The survey closes on Sunday, 14th June, at 11.59pm. After that time, the leadership will collate your responses and we will also be able to inform you of the general trend of the feedback. We look forward to your input. Please follow this link to complete the survey: [Parent Remote Learning Survey](#).



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To obtain a full picture of the remote learning experience, staff have been talking with the children to get their feedback about how they learned while at home. As well, our leadership team has been seeking the staff perspective of the past 10 weeks. All this feedback will assist us to review how things went, where we are up to with respect to the children's learning goals, as well as our Annual Implementation Plan. This will then help us to set our new goals so that we can continue to move forward for the best possible outcomes for the children and our school.

Finally, please find a letter on pages 5 and 6 to Parents and Carers from the Secretary of the Department of Education and Training, Jenny Atta.

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

George Perini
Principal



Prep 2021

Enrolment

If you have a child born on or before 30th April 2016 to enrol in Prep next year, and who will have an older sibling at EHPS in 2021, please note that their enrolment is now overdue (Prep 2021 enrolment was due by Friday 29th May). Please phone Jo in the Office on 9807 4944 to request enrolment documentation for your child. The documentation will be prepared and will be available to collect from the Information & Enrolment Pack tub located outside the Office between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Return the completed enrolment to the tub between the specified hours next week.

OVERDUE

Parent Evening - POSTPONED

The Parent Evening for interested parents of child commencing in Prep in 2021 scheduled for Tuesday 23rd June has been **POSTPONED** until further notice due to the current restrictions on numbers for gatherings. We will advise alternative arrangements on the school website in Term 3.

POSTPONED

Family Statements

All families were advised via Compass that family statements, including Cycle 2 Instrumental Music charges, were sent this week. Only those families with Cycle 2 Instrumental Music and/or any other outstanding charges will have received an email with their family statement attached (check your Inbox and Junk folder).

Prompt payment of all outstanding Instrumental Music charges would be appreciated.

The current payment options are BPay (details on your statement) or Compass Pay. Please note that Instrumental Music is only payable by BPay.

Please contact the Office if you are not able to pay using either of these methods, or are experiencing financial hardship.

Thank you,
Barbara McCann
Business Manager



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Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students.

Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around handhygiene

Your details will be dealt with in accordance with the Public Records Act 1973 and the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014. Should you have any queries or wish to gain access to your personal information held by this department please contact our Privacy Officer at the above address



and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Atta
Secretary
Department of Education and Training

Virtual Cross Country



School Sports Victoria (SSV) are excited to launch the SSV Virtual Cross Country event!! Students and families now have a 'school sport place' where you can record your cross country experiences. It could be running, walking or a combination of both, just for fun and /or fitness.

This page on the SSV website has all the information you need: <https://ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/VirtualCrossCountry.aspx>. You'll also find this link on the [EHPS H&PE Google site!](#)

This is open as an optional 'at home' event for all EHPS students and families. If you do participate, I will see your results in the weekly report shared by SSV. You may also like to share your experience in your PE folder on Seesaw (Prep to Year 5) or Google Classroom (Year 6).

I can't wait to hear all about your experiences!


Have Fun Every Run!
Mrs Cotterell

P.S. We are part of the Eastern Metropolitan Primary Region

Prep Class of 2020 travelled around the world!




On Wednesday during Week 8, the Preps had a 'Cultural Week' to celebrate their learning throughout their Term 2 integrated unit 'Our Community, Our World'. And what a week it was!!

 First we went to India and delved into this wonderfully colourful country. The children were wowed when they watched examples of people doing henna. Then we all had our own go at creating a henna design and they were amazing!! The children were also introduced to the world of Bollywood dancing, which was a lot of fun.

Our next stop was China! Many of the children shared about their own experiences and knowledge of China. We then learnt about the significance of lanterns in China before getting to make our own to take home.



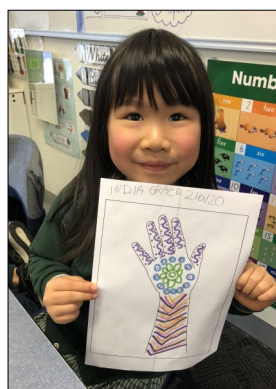
 Next stop was Italy!! We looked at where Italy is in the world and how Italy looks like a heeled boot. How cool! And what a delicious way to celebrate Italy, than to make our own pizzas out of chalk outside in the sunshine. I think we were all very hungry after this activity.

We arrived back into Australia. We shared about what we knew about Australia and where we have visited with our families. We then specifically looked into the Australian Indigenous people and their culture. We discussed some of the important parts of Indigenous culture, such as storytelling through art. The children then created their own artwork using a template of an Australian animal. We also enjoyed learning an Indigenous children's song 'Inanay'.



During the week, each Prep class also had a 'cultural lunch', where the children each bought something along in their lunchbox that reflected their own nationality or their family's culture. It was lovely to hear the children share their item of food and explain why it represented their families nationality.

It was a wonderful week to sum up our learning for 'Our Community, Our World' and celebrate all the wonderful cultures around the world, and those that are represented at Essex Heights.



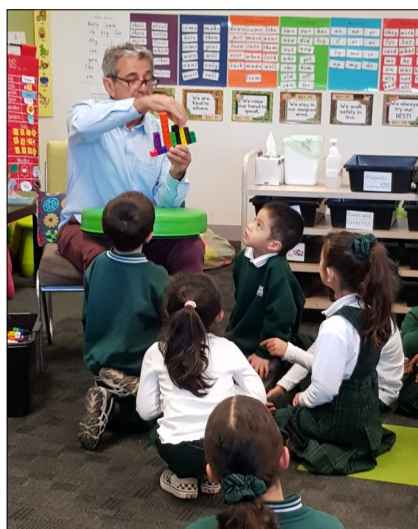
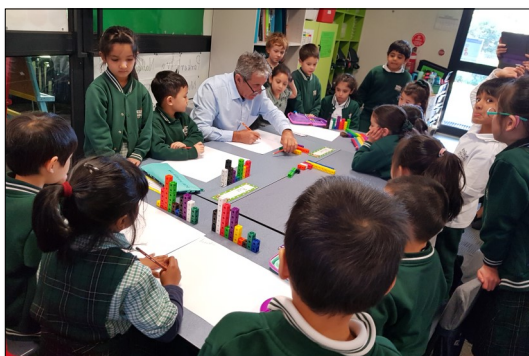
Shona Misso
PM Teacher



Photos: Shona Misso

Prep & Michael Ymer

On Friday 5th June the Foundation (Prep) teaching team had a Professional Development day with mathematician Michael Ymer. It is always beneficial to update our skills and keep in touch with the latest research into student learning, developmental stages and how we link it with our Victorian Curriculum and put it all into Learning Sequences so we can teach the children at the developmental stage they are up to. We watched him demonstrate a maths lesson with Prep LM students. They were so engaged in the story telling and hands on activities. They were also very excited there were so many teachers in the classroom!



Photos: Kirsten Lightfoot

Year 1 Minibeast Mania Day

To celebrate all of the learning the children have done about Minibeasts this term, we will be having a 'Minibeast Mania' activities day on Wednesday 24th June. The children are invited to attend school dressed as their favourite Minibeast, and they will engage in a range of special activities with their classes throughout the day.

Information about this day has been sent via Compass.

We look forward to having a fun day with all of our Minibeast friends!



Year 6 Welcome Breakfast

The Year 6 students and their teachers celebrated the return to school on Tuesday with a shared breakfast.



Welcome Back Breakfast

On Tuesday, the Year 6s had a fabulous breakfast. They enjoyed foods like cereal, waffles and fruit. This was a great welcome back to school! It was special for the Year 6s, because it gave them the opportunity to socialise with their friends. We hadn't seen them for months and it was exciting! It was a very easy way to return to school and I felt relaxed.

by Oli S, 6M

The breakfast was delicious. It was our first day back and we had something really nice. We were able to catch up and talk to our friends whilst eating our breakfast. It had been eight weeks without seeing our friends. We laughed a lot and it was noisy in the classroom. I felt happy because I got to see my friends and I enjoyed coming back to school.

by Dejan R, 6P



The breakfast was a really wonderful treat for all the Year 6 students. We had it when we arrived back at school from remote learning. It was also special because we had lots of time to catch up with our friends. I enjoyed the face-to-face conversations rather than online. It was a great relief to come back to school after looking at the screen the whole day. I am feeling happy to be back.

by Yajur K, 6M



Photos: Jenny Austin

The breakfast smelt really nice and tasted amazing. At first I thought the waffles were going to be a disappointment but I was surprised. They were really good! I'm not sure what I was expecting from the school breakfast but it was a nice treat and I would like to thank the teachers for organising this for us.

by Aubrey P, 6M

I enjoyed coming back to school and being greeted by the Year 6 breakfast! It was great being able to have that time to talk to my friends and catch up with them. Everyone seemed so happy to be back. It was fun and delightful eating the breakfast and I was digging into the waffles! They were delicious!

by Jake S, 6C



When I arrived and saw the cornflakes on the table, I was excited and ready for breakfast! I ate everything! The waffles (dripping with syrup) were the best! We also had watermelon, cantaloupe, rockmelon and banana. While I was eating breakfast, I chatted to a friend. It was great talking to him. I haven't really talked to anyone for a long time. I felt happy to go back to school.

by Tai N, 6P

The waffles tasted sweet like honey without toppings. There was also fruit, cereal and juice. The aroma of the breakfast was incredible. There was loud noise coming from every Year 6 classroom. The noise was of people talking, eating and laughing. I felt happy because I finally got to see my friends again!

by Conor S, 6M

Outside School Hours Care

I would just like to reassure the community the OSHC Program is operational. If you intend using the program, could you please contact us a day prior or inform your child's classroom teacher.

To access the program you must be currently enrolled in the OSHC Program.

Vacation Care details for the upcoming school holidays will be advised next week. The program will be operating from 2.30pm on the last day of term (Friday 26th June).

If you require care, the program is there for your support. We want to try and alleviate some of the stress our community is enduring.

CCS 2018-2019 Income Confirmation

If you received Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for 2018-19, you must confirm your income with Centrelink. This includes CCS paid directly to you and CCS paid on your behalf to a child care provider (Essex Heights PS OSHC Program). Most parents have already confirmed their income, but if you haven't, do it now. If you don't confirm your 2018-19 income by Tuesday 30th June 2020, your CCS will stop from Monday 13th July.

To confirm your income with Centrelink, you and your partner need to either:

- Lodge your tax returns with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO); or
- Complete an 'Advise non-lodgement of tax return' with Centrelink, if you don't need to lodge a tax return. This is completed in your Centrelink online account through myGov or your Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.



If you have already confirmed your family income for 2018-19, there's nothing else you need to do.

If you have any questions, please send them to Paul.Davis@education.vic.gov.au (note new email address), or phone OSHC on 9807 2615 or 0417 941 986.

I wish all Essex Heights families, your extended families and friends, a safe and healthy passage during these tumultuous times.

Paul Davis
Coordinator

Parents & Friends News



Next PFA Meeting

Please log in and come to the next PFA meeting **next Wednesday, 17th June**, at 7.30pm. All parents and friends are welcome. George will give a brief report about what's happening at school, and then we'll develop plans for Term 3.

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=NXZKNTJ5UjkyUjl6WXpGcDIrc2puUT09>

Meeting ID: 726 4565 6339

Password: EHPSPFA

Entertainment Books

Check out the new Entertainment Book offer at

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

Contacting the PFA

Contact us by email using ehpspfa@gmail.com.



We hope all the children enjoy being back at school for the last couple weeks of Term 2.

Fiona Nicholson Stocker
(Mum of Allison, 40)