

CALENDAR

June

Tue 23 Prep 2021 Parent Evening ****POSTPONED****
Wed 24 Yr 1 Minibeast Mania Day
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
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
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, and probably 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,

The transition back to school has continued very smoothly this week and it is very obvious that the children have settled back into a happy learning environment. The staff have planned very carefully to ensure a happy and relaxed return to school while at the same time creating the curriculum continuity required for learning.

In our planning for Term 3, we have sought feedback from students and staff about their perspectives of the remote learning experience. This coupled with parents' responses gathered from the recent Parent Remote Learning Survey will inform our directions and priorities for the remainder of the year.

Semester 1 Reports

The children's reports are currently being finalised. It is our expectation that they will be available online from the parent portal on Compass by the middle of next week. The reports this semester will look different to past reports. We have followed Department of Education & Training (DET) guidelines and advice regarding the modification to and the preparation of your child's report. The content will include:

- A description of the English, Mathematics and Specialist subject areas of the Victorian Curriculum F-10 taught.
- A succinct descriptive assessment of student learning achievement, based on the Achievement Standards in the Victorian Curriculum F-10.
- A comment on how the student has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment, with reference to the Personal and Social Capability curriculum.

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**Term 2 ends
NEXT FRIDAY,
26th June**

**Early Dismissal - details to
be confirmed**

**After School Care from 2.30pm -
book with Paul Davis.**





June

20th	Amiya S Oesshi G Samuel N
21st	Tyler Z Senuth A
22nd	Robin S
24th	Anshika G
25th	Caden J Olivia S

Information sent home:

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

Year/Group

Notice/Activity

Whole School (each family) Entertainment Membership 2020-2021 flyer

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 - Handling Having Things Taken Away. No Homework.
Year 1	Reminder - Minibeast Mania Day (next Wednesday) Weekly Update (Parents of 10) ArtSEL Grade 1: Inviting to Join In. No Homework.
Year 2	ArtSEL - Grade 2: Responding to Playground Exclusion. No Homework.
Year 6	Year 6 bomber jacketmissing
Whole School	What content are children watching?



CSEF applications close end of Term 2

Applications for the 2020 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) close at the end of Term 2. If you are eligible for CSEF (read the Information for Parents on page 6 of this newsletter, or access on the school website in Notices on the [Parent Resources page](#)), please complete and return the application form to the Office by Friday 26th June.

ICAS ASSESSMENTS™

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

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

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

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

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

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

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 access from the Notices section on the [Parent Resources page](#) on our school website.

Alexandra O'Connor
ICAS Coordinator



Principal's Report

As always there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with teachers early in Term 3 (Note: 1G families will have their discussion with Ms Gilbert next Tuesday, 23rd June). Dates and times will follow however it may well be expected that they may be online or telephone conversations, rather than in person. Rest assured; more details will follow as soon as we are clear of the DET guidelines.

Term 3 Update

As I mentioned last week, we are still unclear about arrangements for Term 3. I expect that more will be known after the review of the State of Emergency on Sunday 21st June. Usually, we receive information from the Department of Education & Training shortly after any announcement from the Premier.

Parent Remote Learning Survey

Thank you to all the families who took the time to respond to our short survey about your experience of 'Learning at Home'. There were 180 responses which equates to about 40% of families.

Thank you
We appreciate your feedback



The broad trends are as follows:

- The overwhelming majority of families were very pleased with all aspects of our management of the whole process.
- Overall management of transition to remote learning – only 1% of respondents were dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction with the program offered – 86% satisfied or very satisfied.
- Ability to access support if needed – only 2.79% responded that they were unable to access support.
- Satisfaction with the ongoing school communication – 95% very satisfied or satisfied.
- Satisfaction with communication from classroom teachers – 89% very satisfied or satisfied.
- Satisfaction with communication from classroom teachers about learning tasks – 87% very satisfied or satisfied.
- There was strong support for the ICT used throughout the remote learning.
- 121 written responses:
 - Overall, very positive, appreciative and thanked the school and staff.
 - Some very valid points to consider.

Now leadership will analyse the responses in conjunction with staff and student feedback and frame our direction for the rest of the year.

Parking at the front of the school

Thank you to all families, who use the drop off/pick up zone at the front of the school, for following the 'Kiss and Go' principle to keep cars flowing through that zone. A few families have sought clarification of the current situation given the new signage as well as the two minute parking sign. I have sought clarification from the City of Monash, but my understanding is that **now parents cannot leave their car unattended**. You can assist your child to get out of the car, put on their bag, and kiss them goodbye. You must then return to your car and drive away. Parking is NOT permitted. Finally, please continue to drive safely and obey parking restrictions in streets surrounding our school.



End of Term 2

A reminder that Term 2 ends next Friday, 26th June. Students will be dismissed early (by 2.30pm); the split departures will still apply, but the details are still being finalised. We will confirm arrangements via Compass next week.

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

George Perini
Principal



Important Reminders



Student & staff health & COVID-19

To help keep our children and community as safe as possible, the Department of Education & Training (DET) **Guidelines** are that no child or staff should be at school with any respiratory illnesses, including:

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

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

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

The **Coronavirus Health Information Line** - 1800 020 080 - is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for any queries you may have, and aid you in assessing and advise re further management. If your child is tested for COVID-19:

- Please advise the school of this; and
- Please do not return to school until you have a negative result and your child is free of symptoms.

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

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

We will only be checking temperatures of students with symptoms.

Do not be late for school

I would like to firstly thank all parents that have tried so hard to ensure that children are at school on time so they're in class ready to learn. As you know, we are currently operating with these amended start times:

- Prep & Year 1 - by 8.45am at the designated drop off location (teachers in classroom from 8.30am)
- Years 2 to 6 - by 9am at the designated drop off location (teachers in classroom from 8.45am).

It is very important that children are in class punctually so that instruction can start on time. Children should be at school about five to ten minutes before learning time commences so that bags can be unpacked, readers changed, and any other organisational tasks addressed, so they're ready for their day.

It has been noticed that there are still children arriving late to school. We do appreciate that sometimes mornings can be busy and difficult, and it's sometimes hard to get going on these cold mornings, but being late to class not only affects your child's learning but also the education of other children in the class.

Remember:

- ★ Arriving 5 minutes late everyday adds up to over 3 days each year.
- ★ Arriving 15 minutes late everyday is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- ★ Arriving 30 minutes late everyday is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

Students arriving at school at or after 8.45am (Prep and Year 1) or 9am (Years 2 to 6), must first attend at the Office ON THEIR OWN (parents/guardians **are not** to come into the Office) to be signed in and they will be given a yellow pass that must be handed to their teacher.



Important Reminders



We understand that sometimes children have a commitment at the beginning of the school day, e.g. a medical appointment. In this instance, parents/guardians must enter an absence note on Compass before the school day commences.

On arrival at school, the child attends first at the Office to be signed in, and they will receive a yellow pass that must be given to their teacher. It's also recommended that you email your child's teacher via Compass to advise of the absence.



Our Compass parent portal is an excellent communication tool between school and home. If you need any assistance using Compass, please check the [information booklet](#) on our website or speak to the staff at the Office.

Well rested children are less likely to be late! Getting to school on time and effective learning at school requires children to be well rested and for their brains to be active and alert. Well rested children engage in learning activities better, are able to think clearly and then apply it to their learning. Also children that have had the appropriate amount of sleep are happy at school and do not get tired as the day progresses.

Good sleep is critical in children's growth and development. Research tells us that children who do not get enough sleep on a consistent basis are more likely to have problems at school and develop more slowly than others that are getting enough sleep.

Children between 3 to 5 years need about 12 hours sleep, and from 5 to 12 years about 11 hours. Therefore, if your child in Prep needs to wake up at 7.30am to get ready for school, the child needs to be in bed by 7.30pm to get the right amount of sleep to help their development.

I know that we may all have different routines at home for our children, but I urge you to seriously consider the need for your children to have more sleep. Even if you believe that your child is doing well at school and they are managing even though they go to bed late. Imagine how well they could be doing at school if they received the appropriate amount of sleep. Here are some useful tips:

- ★ Have a bedtime routine
 - Have a light snack
 - Take a bath.
 - Put on pyjamas.
 - Brush teeth.
 - Read a story.
 - Make sure the room is quiet and at a comfortable temperature.
 - Put your child to bed.
 - Say goodnight and leave.
- ★ Make bedtime the same time every night.
- ★ Make bedtime a positive and relaxing experience without TV or videos. According to one recent study, TV viewing prior to bed can lead to difficulty falling and staying asleep. Save your child's favourite relaxing, non-stimulating activities until last and have them occur in the child's bedroom.
- ★ Keep the bedtime environment (e.g. light, temperature) the same all night long.

Please work with us so that we can provide the best possible learning opportunities for your children all day, every day.

Leaving school during the school day

Current procedure if your child needs to leave school early during a school day:

1. Parent/guardian to put absence note on Compass - before the school day commences, and preferably a minimum of 24 hours prior.
2. Parent/guardian to send email via Compass to child's teacher advising of the early departure, and what time the child will be picked up. Ideally, this must be done the day prior, and not later than the beginning of the school day.
3. Teacher will send child to the Office at the time specified.
4. Parent/guardian arrives at the Pick Up/Drop Off/Kiss & Go Zone at the front of the school in Essex Road.
DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. Ring the Office on 9807 4944 to advise of arrival. Your child will be signed out and sent out to meet you at the front gate.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Family Statements

As advised via Compass last week, Instrumental Music Program Cycle 2 charges and all outstanding charges are now payable, and family statements have been issued. Families with outstanding charges will have received their family statement by email. Please check the email Inbox (and Junk folder if necessary) of the parent/guardian designated to receive school email; check with our Office if you're not sure which email this is, or you need to change it. Prompt payment of all outstanding charges, especially 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.

Barbara McCann
Business Manager

Munch & Crunch Canteen

The Canteen is open for the rest of this term (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) for lunch orders, but is required to operate without the assistance of parent volunteers. As a result, the following items are not currently available to order:

- ★ Baked Potato
- ★ Rainbow Rice
- ★ Chicken Burgers



parenting * ideas

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

The latest *Insights* articles:

- What content are children watching?

Latest webinar:

- *Understanding techno-tantrums - held on Wednesday 17th June; accessible until 17th September*

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

Prep 2021

Enrolment

Enrolment for Prep 2021 was due by Friday 29th May, and is now overdue.

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 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.

If you have family or friends with a child eligible for entry in Prep 2021 who were intending to enrol at EHPS, but haven't yet lodged an enrolment, please advise them to contact the school before the end of this term.

OVERDUE

POSTPONED

Parent Evening - POSTPONED

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



**WATCH
THIS
SPACE**

Thanks to everyone who attended the PFA meeting on Wednesday. Our usual events are on hold until further notice, however we are planning something different in Term 3, so watch this space ...

Entertainment Membership - BUY NOW!

Buy your [Entertainment Book NOW](#) and receive these great bonuses. Once purchased, you have three months to activate your membership. Your 14 months of membership will commence from your activation date.



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Contacting the PFA

Contact us by email using ehpspfa@gmail.com.

Fiona Nicholson Stocker
(Mum of Allison, 40, see right)



Allison reading in a tree in our backyard during remote learning.

Photo: Fiona Nicholson Stocker