

CALENDAR

June

Mon 14	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 15	District Girls' Soccer Gala (pending easing of restrictions)
Wed 16	Division Cross Country (pending easing of restrictions)
Thu 17	School Council meeting
Mon 21	Yr 5 Science incursion
Tue 22	Prep 2022 Information Evening (via Zoom)
Wed 23	Prep Teddy Bear's Picnic
Thu 24	Jump Rope for Heart
Fri 25	Term 2 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

July

Mon 12	Term 3 commences
Mon 19	Prep 2022 Story Time
Tues 27	Prep Melbourne Zoo excursion
Thu 29	Yr 3 CERES excursion
Thu 29	School Council meeting
Fri 30	Yr 5 Sovereign Hill excursion

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

Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in Stadium. *Parents are not permitted to attend under current guidelines.*

**** NO ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY 14 JUNE DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY ****

School Tours

For 2021 & 2022 entry - Thursday & Friday at 9.30am. Bookings essential.

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

EHPS student-free days: 27 January, 28 January, 25 February, 27 May, and probably 11 August (TBC).*

** State wide student free day.*



PARENT PORTAL ON COMPASS

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

CONTACT NEWSLETTER

Published weekly on Friday during school terms and distributed via Compass. Previous issues accessible on our school website.

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Principal's Report



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting your children and our school staff this past fortnight. We were so pleased to see our students back at school today, playing and learning with their friends and teachers.

Until the announcement of any further easing of restrictions, the following guidelines still apply:

- School will be operating as normal.
- Staff will NOT be required to wear masks in the classroom.
- Parents and non-essential visitors **will not be** permitted on site:
 - Parents should drop off and pick up their children at the usual gates.
 - School gates **open** for all students **at 8.45am**.
 - ◆ Yard duty does not begin until 8.45am, so children should not be at school before that time because supervision has not started.
 - ◆ Students must be in class by 8.50am so that learning can commence at 9am sharp.
 - Dismissal:
 - ◆ Prep and Year 1 at 3.25pm from usual gates.
 - ◆ Years 2 to 6 at 3.30pm from usual gates.
 - Parents should avoid congregating in groups and always ensure physical distancing.
 - Parents needing to contact a teacher should send the class teacher an email or ring the School Office. Please note that, due to a teacher's school commitments, a response may not be possible immediately. Allow 24 hours for a response.
 - For an urgent matter, parents should contact the School Office on 9807 4944.

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Public Holiday
NEXT MONDAY

14th June

Queen's Birthday public holiday

No students at school





June

13th Lukas B
15th Celina W
17th Sienna B



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	Preps back to school Friday 11th June
Year 3	Grade 3 Learning Grid for Week 8
Year 5	Year 5 transition back to Onsite Learning (checklist)
Year 6	Year 6 Update
Whole School	Parent and Carers Update 9 June 2021 Use your words Dad Captains/Sports/Specialist/Music Reorder Photos Specialist Subjects - Term 2 Remote Learning 4.0

Compass Events:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date
Year 6	Winter InterSchool Sport - \$45 & consent overdue; contact the Office to process.
Years 4, 5 & 6	Marimba Ensemble lessons 2021 - \$50 & consent overdue; contact the Office to process; CSEF does not apply.
Selected Students	Mulgrave District Girls Soccer Gala - \$12 & consent overdue; contact the Office to process. Community Kinder Visit - consent only overdue. Special Religious Instruction - Christianity - consent or decline by 12th July. Special Religious Instruction - Buddhist - consent or decline by 12th July.

Events that have overdue payment and/or consent: pay using BPay and come to the Office to sign consent, or pay and sign consent at the Office.

Assembly

No Assembly on Monday 14th June due to Queen's Birthday public holiday.

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 \$39).

The following *Insights* article was distributed via Compass this week, and is also accessible on our school website:

- Use your words Dad

For further Parenting Ideas information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

CSEF applications closing

Applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) for 2021 close at the end of Term 2.

If you are eligible for CSEF (read the Information for parents on the school website in Notices on the [Parent Resources page](#)), please bring your concession card with your completed application form to the Office by Friday 25th June.

Principal's Report

- Please ensure that your children have raincoats and appropriate wet/cold weather clothing.
- New restrictions do not allow for incursions or excursions.
- Interschool Sport is not permitted.

A reminder that if you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested at a COVID-19 testing facility and stay home. COVID Safe practices will be strictly applied at school.

- Students who are unwell **must stay at home**. Please do not medicate your child before they come to school. Families of children with symptoms will be contacted to take the sick child home.
- The school will continue to practise good hygiene.

Each family should regularly check the list of public exposure sites in Victoria (where a person with COVID-19 has attended), and if anyone in the family has attended a site at the times listed, follow the instructions given.

If you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, please follow this link for information and bookings - [Coronavirus Vaccination Centres](#). The Government is encouraging all eligible people to get vaccinated because it goes a long way to keeping our communities safe and schools open.

The wellbeing of all our students is our priority and our school staff and teachers are here to support you and your family. Information that might be of assistance to you in talking to your child about COVID-19 is available.

If you are concerned about your wellbeing or that of your child, please contact the school so we can talk with you about how we can best assist.

Below, I have listed other resources that may help families:

- [Parent Line Victoria](#): 13 22 89
- [Kid's Helpline](#): 1800 55 1800
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Victoria: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>
- Translated information in over 50 languages: [Translated COVID-19 Information](#)
- Wellbeing Support:
 - Mental Health: [Coronavirus Mental Health resources](#)
 - Beyond Blue: <https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/>
 - Partners in Wellbeing: <https://www.partnersinwellbeing.org.au/>
 - Friend Line: <http://www.friendline.org.au/>
- Migrant Information Centre: <https://miceastmelb.com.au/>

I look forward to being able to catch up with you all in person during the next week.

George Perini
Principal



Rescheduled Activities

Please note the changes to the following events and activities due to the current restrictions:

- Mulgrave District Girls' Soccer Gala - rescheduled to Tuesday 15th June, pending the easing of restrictions.
- Monash Waverley Division Cross Country - rescheduled to Wednesday 16th June, pending the easing of restrictions.
- Prep Teddy Bear's Picnic - rescheduled to Wednesday 23rd June.
- Jump Rope for Heart - rescheduled to Thursday 24th June.
- Year 2 Police incursion for 2O and 2PB (Group 1) - postponed.
- Kinder Community Visit for Year 4 - postponed until Term 3.
- Chamber Choir performance - postponed.
- PFC Girls' Movie Night - postponed.
- Year 6 Winter Inter-School Sport – not permitted under current guidelines.
- Prep Responsible Pet Education incursion - not permitted under current guidelines; will proceed on Wednesday 23rd June if restrictions eased.
- Prep Cultural Day and Parent Careers Day - cancelled.



Order Group Photos Now

Orders can now be placed for the following photos:

- ★ School Captains
- ★ Music Captains
- ★ Library Captains
- ★ Indonesian Captains
- ★ Art Captains
- ★ Sustainability Captains
- ★ Flag Captains
- ★ House Captains—Lindsay (yellow), Boyd (blue), Nolan (green), Drysdale (red)
- ★ Junior School Council
- ★ Music Groups - Percussion Ensemble, Combined Bands, Guitar Ensemble and Combined Strings

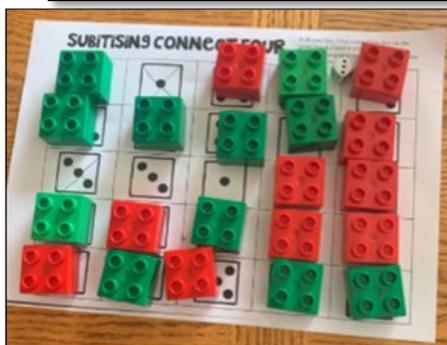


Photos are available to view and order online ONLINE ONLY. Go to The School Photographer - www.theschoolphotographer.com.au - to view and order, using the Online Order Code **21S3040PER46E**.

Photo prices are \$18 each, 2 for \$34, 3 for \$46, 4 for \$58, or 5 for \$70. Any additional photographs are \$10 each. This discount is only available per family order.

Remote Learning in Prep

The Preps are extremely excited to be back to school today! They have been amazing while Learning At Home. During whole class zooms we have done ArTHUB drawings, yoga, bingo, what’s in the box and treasure hunts. On Seesaw they have posted their community hat craft, positional language maths, magic words, weekend recount and more! Here are some special moments from Prep LGs Zoom classes and Seesaw activities while in Remote Learning.



Photos: Kirsten Lightfoot

Jump Rope for Heart



This year we are celebrating Jump Rope for Heart on Thursday 24th June (*note the new date*).

Students are invited to dress in their house colours on the day - **Nolan (green)**, **Lindsay (yellow)**, **Drysdale (red)**, and **Boyd (blue)**. They will participate in skipping during the day, watch some exercise videos and eat some healthy fruit arranged by the PFC after they skip.

If you would like to practise your skills at home, this link will provide you with the Health and P.E site (created by Elisha Cotterell during Home Learning last year): <https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/ehps-health-pe>, and click on the 'Skipping Skills' tab. Have fun!!! Thank you for your support.

Melanie (Miss Boyle, 2B) and Alexandra (Mrs O'Connor, 2O)

Health & P.E.

Mulgrave District Girls' Soccer Gala

Selected students will represent EHPS in the Girls' Soccer Squad at the Mulgrave District Girls' Soccer Gala Day currently scheduled to be held next Tuesday, 15th June, pending the easing of restrictions, at Terrara Park in Vermont South. This is a day of round-robin matches, where girls are provided the opportunity to participate in a competitive sports environment. Finals will be played and the winning team will attend a Division event.



Students are to meet at the Stadium foyer at 8.50am, and be transported by chartered bus, departing at 9am and expected to return at 3pm. Full school sports uniform is to be worn. Shin pads will be provided. Mouth guards are optional.

Information has been published on Compass. Payment of \$12 and consent was due by 3rd June; if not finalised please contact the Office.

If you have any queries, please contact Marita Steward or Maria Capsalis.



Monash Waverley Division Cross Country

Karl S and Ethan L have been invited to compete at the Monash Waverley Division Cross Country event currently scheduled to be held next Wednesday, 16th June, pending the easing of restrictions.

Marita Steward
Sports Coordinator

Junior School Council: Orangutan Adoption

EHPS is partnering up with [The Orangutan Project \(TOP\)](#) to support an infant Orangutan that has been rescued from the illegal wildlife trade. The Orangutan Project aims to rehabilitate and support vulnerable or displaced orangutans, and where possible, release them back into protected forests. The organisation also focuses on protecting rainforest ecosystems in order to ensure there is sufficient habitat for orangutans and other species to survive.



A century ago it is estimated that there were more than 230,000 orangutans, but today it is now estimated there are only about 104,700 Bornean orangutans (Endangered) and about 7,500 Sumatran orangutans (Critically Endangered).

Further, as the repercussions of the pandemic rip through developing nations like Indonesia, poaching, encroachment and forest crime are rife. Infant orangutans are being kidnapped and sold in the illegal exotic animal trade.

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Junior School Council: Orangutan Adoption



Here are some of the Orangutans that need our help:



Sam and Sule: Mum who gave birth to Sule after she'd been released to TOP's Open Orangutan Sanctuary in Bukit Tigapuluh (a forest in Sumatra)



A young male rescued by our Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA) in April - he'd been held illegally as a "pet"



Bagus - Bagus is a female orangutan who was rescued last year.



Popi – At Jungle School

More pictures can be found on the EHPS Learning at Home website:

<https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/ehpsindonesian/the-orangutan-project>

About Adoptions

Only 1 out of 6 orphans are lucky enough to be rescued – over 1,000 orphaned orangutans are living in rescue and rehabilitation centres. **When you adopt an orangutan, you support that infant and others at the care centre. Adoption funds go towards food, medicine, enrichment, Jungle School and more.** Jungle School is one of the most important parts of a young orphaned orangutan's life, as they would normally learn the skills for survival in the wild from their mothers. **They are not born with the instincts to survive in the wild, and they normally stay with their mothers for up to nine years.** When orangutans are orphaned, they need to learn these skills somewhere else, or they won't know how to climb a tree, how to swing through the canopy, what foods to eat, and how to stay safe. **TOP carers provide all the guidance and support these young orangutans need to learn, and many orangutans in our care will need six or more years of Jungle School before they're ready to survive on their own in the forest.**



If we are able to adopt an orangutan, EHPS will receive updates on our adopted orangutan so we can keep track of how she or he is going.

Please bring a gold coin donation to school and the JSC will collect it.

Come support The Orangutan Project!

Community Noticeboard

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Coping with Covid-19



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

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

Go to cabrini.com.au/covidtips



Alan, Ada and Eva Selwyn Emergency Department

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away from others



Wear a face
covering



Wash your
hands regularly

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