

## CALENDAR

### October

Fri 23 ..... AFL Grand Final Eve public holiday  
Mon 26 ..... School Photos  
Mon 26 ..... Parent Opinion Survey opens  
Wed 28 ..... Yr 3 ICAS Science  
Wed 28 ..... Yr 5 ICAS Science & English  
Thu 29 ..... Yr 4 ICAS Science  
Thu 29 ..... Yr 5 ICAS Maths  
Fri 30 ..... School Photos (backup day)

### 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 ..... Yr 4 ICAS English  
Thu 5 ..... Music Count Us In Celebration Day

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 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 &  
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>

Essex Heights Primary School  
22-30 Essex Road  
Mount Waverley VIC 3149  
Telephone: (03) 9807 4944  
[essex.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:essex.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  
[www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au](http://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

### Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENT COMMUNITY TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

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. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.



Usually only a randomly selected proportion of the school population is asked to participate. This year, however, we have decided to invite all parents to participate in the survey.

The survey will be 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 will be available in a

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## Monday 26th October

## Prep to Year 6

*And if necessary, Friday 30th October*

Happy  
Birthday!

#### October

26th ..... Ellie F  
Alex S  
27th ..... Lachlan W  
Daisy D  
Lucia B  
29th ..... Sienna C  
Michael J  
30th ..... Jeremy L  
Jake 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
Year 1 .....	Weekly Newsletter
Year 5 .....	Year 5 Weekly Update (End of Week 2) - Onsite Camp Information Included
Whole School .....	Public Holiday - Friday 23rd October School Photos - Monday 26th October Parenting in challenging times Matific

#### **Compass Events:**

Year/Group	Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date
Year 6 .....	Graduation Signature Toys 2020 - pay \$13 & consent by 6th November.



## 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 its return can be logged.

## Hats in Term 4

In accordance with our SunSmart Policy, all families are reminded that the children are required to wear hats every day when outdoors throughout Term 4. These should be in the school uniform bottle green, and legionnaire or wide brimmed style for maximum sun protection. Please ensure that your child's hat is named, so that it can be returned promptly if it's misplaced. Children without a hat will be directed to play in a shaded area.



## parenting \* ideas

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

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

Recent *Insights* articles distributed via our parent portal on Compass and accessible on our school website:

- Parenting in challenging times

Upcoming Webinar:

- *Parenting like a cat and dog* - to be held on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm; accessible until 11th February 2021

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](#).

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range of languages other than English. These include Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. All responses are completely confidential, and the survey is conducted anonymously. I encourage all families to complete the online survey as soon as practicable.

This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 26th October**, and closes on **Friday 13th November**. A Compass notification next week will give you the details of how to access the survey.

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.

### Footy Colours Day

We celebrated our annual Footy Colours Day today. Year 2 teacher, Miss Boyle, organised lots of interesting and fun sporting related activities for students and staff. It was great to see so many students dressed in their team colours! We look forward to sharing some of the details in next week's *Contact*.



### Public Holiday on Friday

Parents are reminded that tomorrow, Friday 23rd October, is the AFL Grand Final Eve public holiday. The school will be closed, and students do not attend school.

### School Photos

School photography was announced as a change by the Premier through social media. This has not been officially communicated in writing by DET, but I have sought clarification from our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) and she has confirmed that photography is now permitted.

Therefore, **school photos** will be taken on **Monday 26th October**, with an additional day available on Friday 30th October. This year, to facilitate the process we will focus predominantly on class photos and individual portraits. Other photos may be taken but that will depend upon time and availability. All students will need to be ready to have their photo taken on Monday so that the photographers can continue to work through the classes. If your child's class is not taken on Monday, it will be on Friday.

**George Perini**  
Principal



## 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

## Year 6 Graduation

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

### Graduation Signature Toys

Another 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 Friday 6th November.

*class of*  
**2020**

## Year 6 2020 to Year 7 2021

It is essential that we have the correct information about where our Year 6 students will be starting in Year 7. If your Year 6 child's enrolment has changed from what you advised (going to an independent school) or had a placement confirmed (going to a Victorian government secondary school) earlier this year, please send an email to Mr Perini via the school email.

## ICAS ASSESSMENTS™

The world-renowned ICAS Assessments are developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments. Learn more about ICAS here: [unsw.global/ICAS](https://unsw.global/ICAS)

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.

ICAS Science, English and Mathematics assessments have been offered for Years 3 to 6 students this year.

All Years 3 to 6 students who have been registered online and have returned the permission form to school will now do the assessments as follows:

#### ★ Year 3

- Science on Wednesday 28th October
- English on Wednesday 4th November
- Maths on Wednesday 11th November

#### ★ Year 4

- Science on Thursday 29th October
- English on Thursday 5th November
- Maths on Thursday 12th November

#### ★ Year 5

- Science & English on Wednesday 28th October
- Maths on Thursday 29th October

#### ★ Year 6

- Science on Wednesday 4th November
- English on Tuesday 10th November
- Maths on Wednesday 11th November

**Alexandra O'Connor**  
ICAS Coordinator



### Hay Fever / Asthma / Thunderstorm Asthma

Grass pollen season occurs between October and December. Please be aware of an increased risk of seasonal asthma, hay fever and epidemic thunderstorm asthma during this time.

Epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are triggered by an uncommon combination of high grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm, resulting in large numbers of people developing asthma symptoms over a short period of time.

People with a history of asthma, undiagnosed asthma or hay fever are at an increased risk of epidemic thunderstorm asthma during this time. Having both hay fever and asthma that are poorly managed increases the risk further.



More than ever before, this year it's important for staff and students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms that are similar to coronavirus (COVID-19) such as runny nose, cough or shortness of breath.

The best way to reduce and prevent symptoms of asthma or hay fever and reduce unnecessary absences from school is to follow an up-to-date asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan.

If your child presents at school with hay fever symptoms and we do not have an up to date allergy plan, then you will be asked to collect your child from school as soon as possible.

Parents of children with known allergy / hay fever, please use apps such as Melbourne Pollen, and monitor the pollen rating of the day. Please administer antihistamines at home in the morning before school if that is part of your child's allergy plan. If you need an Allergy plan for your child, please call me between 11am and 3pm and I will send one home for you to complete, preferably with your Doctor.

**Julie Zuk**  
First Aid Officer

## Sustainability



### Aussie Backyard Bird Count



If you have ever wanted to be part of something that can help our environment you can. It's now easier than ever - the Aussie Backyard Bird Count is on now, finishing on Sunday, 25th October.

Download the Aussie Backyard Bird Count app and help create a database from your very own backyard. If you don't know many birds, there are so many resources in the app and also on the associated website - [click here](#) for more information.



Part of the fun of the Aussie Backyard Bird Count is getting to know the [birds that live in your area](#). You can probably identify a lot of them already. But there's always one or two elusive species to learn more about!

**Ms Steward and the Sustainability Captains**



## Three Free Events

Three wonderful not-for-profit organisations have teamed up to deliver their annual community events, but this year with a difference. The events will be streamed to their audience over the internet, and this year, our whole community are invited.

1. **Razzamatazz**

*Streaming available from Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November*

The Immune Deficiencies Foundation (IDFA) is again holding its annual "RAZZAMATAZZ" event, a family-friendly show full of weird and wonderful gizmos and gadgets, and hilarious shenanigans from some of the most original and inventive minds in the world of visual and prop comedy.

2. **Circus Quirkus**

*Streaming available from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd November*

The Rotary Club of Preston proudly presents "CIRCUS QUIRKUS", an eclectic and entertaining mix of circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned clowns, jugglers, acrobats and more, deliver hilarious, hugely engaging and sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill.



3. **World Festival of Magic**

*Streaming available from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th December*

Children's First Foundation is excited to host the "WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC". Audiences will be amazed by cutting edge, large scale illusions and intimate close-up magic by world-renowned magician, Michael Boyd. Suitable for all ages and fun for the whole family.

This year audience members will be able to watch all three shows in their own COVID-safe bubble at home. The shows can be watched at any time during the three day period allocated for each show, and unlimited access means they can also watch it as many times as they like during that time. Or, they can even just play their favourite bits over and over again.

All that is needed to enjoy our show this year is an internet connection and a device with a screen such as a PC, laptop, tablet or even a smartphone. We will provide you with a web address and a password for each show.

### How to book tickets

Please send an email to me with the following information no later than Monday 26th October:

Surname of family

Name and class of eldest child

Name of show (Razzamatazz/Circus Quirkus/World Festival of Magic)

How many devices (e.g. PC/laptop/phone/iPad) will the show be viewed on?

How many people will be watching from each location/device (approximately)

*Example email:* The Smith Family (John Smith, 3F) - Circus Quirkus and World Festival of Magic, 2 devices, 5 watching



You will be provided you with the web address and password for the "Razzamatazz" show by Wednesday 28th October. Web addresses and passwords for "Circus Quirkus" and the "World Festival of Magic" will be emailed five days before streaming access is available for each show.

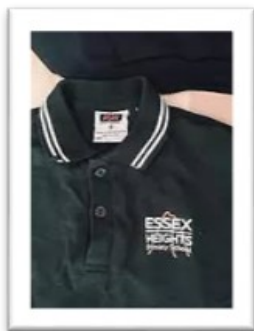
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

**Gael Munro**

Gael.Munro@education.vic.gov.au



### Secondhand Uniform



We hope those who enquired about secondhand uniforms found our contactless service helpful. Niki, the PFA's friendly Secondhand Uniform Coordinator, still has some stock at her house, so feel free to contact her by email at [ehpspfa@gmail.com](mailto: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).

Thanks Niki for organising this service!

### 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

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[www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty](http://www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty)

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### Contacting the PFA

Contact us by email using [ehpspfa@gmail.com](mailto:ehpspfa@gmail.com).

We hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

**Fiona Nicholson Stocker**  
(Mum of Allison, 40)

## Community Noticeboard

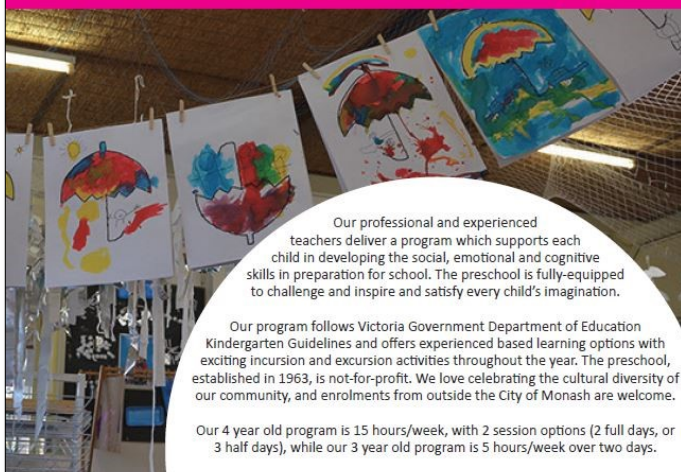
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### St Luke's Preschool Mount Waverley

<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](mailto: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>

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](http://marywalkerartsed.wixsite.com/home)  
Or email: [marywalkerartsed@outlook.com](mailto:marywalkerartsed@outlook.com)  
Priority given to City of Monash residents  
and new participants. Places are limited.

Supported by the City of Monash

2020 has been a tough year  
but when it comes to looking after our mates  
**AUSSIES ARE ABSOLUTE LEGENDS**

Reconnect with your mates and help their mental wellbeing  
Train together for the ultimate team challenge  
Walk 30km, 60km or 100km in 2021

Training and support program available from  
September and adapted for current restrictions

REGISTER EARLY - NUMBERS STRICTLY LIMITED

[greaaussiehike.com.au](http://greaaussiehike.com.au)

TEAM CHALLENGE  
26-27 March 2021  
East Gippsland Rail Trail

**HELP YOUR MATES AND REGISTER A TEAM TODAY**

**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

Register at  
[playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)



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### Dads Matter

**Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive**

Are you a dad who would like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Further develop your relationship with your young people?
- Get your head around what they need from you?

Come along to these 6 online sessions. Share strategies, strengths and stories. Take some time out for you and celebrate the importance of being a Dad!

**When:** Tuesdays (6 evening sessions)  
27th October to 1st December 2020  
**Time:** 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm  
**Where:** Online - Via Zoom  
**Cost:** Free of charge. Bookings are essential.  
**Bookings:** Julia on 0400 866 495 or 9721 3629

**PARENTZONE**

This is a Parents Building Solutions Program

[anglicarevic.org.au](http://anglicarevic.org.au)

**BETTER TOMORROWS**



**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 LEWSCZHENKO - PRESIDENT**  
[kris.lewsczhenko@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kris.lewsczhenko@yahoo.com.au)

**WWW.COUGARS.NET.AU**  
[enquiry@cougars.net.au](mailto:enquiry@cougars.net.au)

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





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kids' discount

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Be seen quickly; Live estimated wait time at

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Alan, Ada and Eva Selwyn Emergency Department

[www.cabrini.com.au/EDdiscount](http://www.cabrini.com.au/EDdiscount)

# 3 WAYS TO STAY SAFE WHILE YOU'RE OUT



Stay 1.5 metres  
away from others



Wear a face  
covering



Wash your  
hands regularly

**If you have symptoms, stay home.**

STAYING  
APART KEEPS  
US TOGETHER

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