

CALENDAR

September

Sat 14	Victorian State Schools Spectacular
Tue 17	Jump Rope for Heart
Tue 17	Chorale Visit to Essex Heights Juniors
Thu 19	Yr 3 Engineers Without Borders incursion
Thu 19	Footy Colours Day & Hot Dog Lunch
Fri 20	Term 3 ends - 2.30pm dismissal

October

Sun 6	Daylight Savings starts - 2am
Mon 7	Term 4 starts
Thu 10	Prep 2020 Transition Session 2
Fri 11	Yr 6 Graduation Photo
Mon 14	Division Softball
Wed 16	PFA Meeting
Thu 17	Region Athletics
Mon 28	Prep 2020 Glue & Glitter Art Session
Wed 30	Yrs 5&6 District Cricket

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

School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in the Stadium. *All welcome.*

School Banking - every Tuesday.

School Tours

for 2019 or 2020 entry - Thursdays at 9.30am.
Bookings essential - contact the Office.

Enrolment

Enrol for 2019 and 2020 entry.

2019 Term Dates

Term 1: 29 January* to 5 April

Term 2: 23 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

** 29 January is a state wide student free day.*

EHPS student-free days: 30 January, 22 May, and 2 August



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.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and friends of our Essex Heights community,

Planning for learning at EHPS

One of our key priorities at Essex Heights is to have our children build excellent literacy and numeracy skills. As I pointed out last week, our excellent NAPLAN results show that we are well on the way to meet our annual and four yearly targets in these areas. This year as part of our continued review of teaching practice, the staff have spent many hours learning about the latest educational research to improve the writing outcomes of children. Also, a core group of staff have attend the Bastow Literacy Leaders Professional Development in the first half of the year and then they have imparted that best practice to the whole staff through regular staff sessions. Staff have been able to discuss their approaches to teaching and the best ways to teach writing. They have also implemented and reflected upon changes they have tried and discussed the impact it had upon student outcomes.

At weekly team meetings the staff collaborate and plan together to ensure that the learning needs of students are met. This week the teachers of every year level were released from their classes for a day so that they could plan intensively for Term 4. This important time together ensure that all the classes are receiving the same curriculum content and that the needs of the children in every class are understood by the whole team.

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Term 3 ends next Friday,
20th September.
Students dismissed at 2.30pm.
After School Care is available.





September

14th Jaden F
Rania K
15th Darsh N
Jackson B
16th Isla W
17th Jeremy N
18th Dylan I
19th Jerry Z
Joshua H
Shuying J
Brandon L
20th Flora P

This week's information on Compass:



Year/Group Compass News Feed

Year 5 Catching On Early - Term 5
Year 6 Catching On Early - Term 4
Years 5 & 6 IMPORTANT UPDATE: VSSS 2019 - Change to pickup arrangements
Whole School Spectacular Saturday
Hot Dog Lunch orders due on Monday
Family Statements
Student Wellbeing Support Program

Compass Events:

Year/Group Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date

Selected Students Chorale - Essex Heights Juniors Visit - consent only
by 16th September

Assembly: Monday 16th September

At Assembly on Monday:

- REACH Assessments Maths certificate presentation
- VSSS 2019 dance performance
- Footy Colours Day presentation
- Star Man & Ashwood Cricket Club presentation
- School Banking winners
- Student of the Week & Baik Sekali awards

Note: Items listed above are correct at time of publication, but may be subject to change.

Assembly starts at 2.40pm in the Stadium. All welcome.



With one week to go this term, it would be great if some of the items in the lost property boxes were returned to their owners. There are four lost property boxes at school - please check them if your child has misplaced clothing, lunch box or water bottle.

The best way to ensure that lost property is returned promptly is to put your child's name on items that come to school.

Going on holidays?

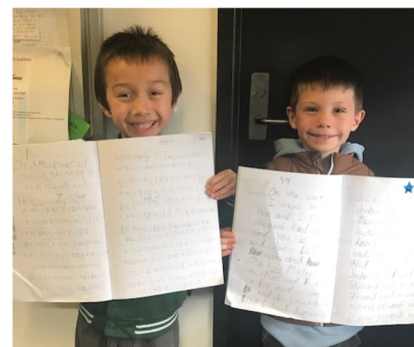
If you are going on holidays and your child will be absent from school for any of the remaining days of Term 3 (until Friday 20th September) and/or at the beginning of Term 4 (from Monday 7th October), please ensure that you enter an absence note on Compass. Please come to the Office if you need assistance with this.



Principal's Report

This professional learning we do on a weekly basis at Essex Heights means that all staff are kept abreast of the best way to teach our children and to enhance their opportunities to learn and be successful.

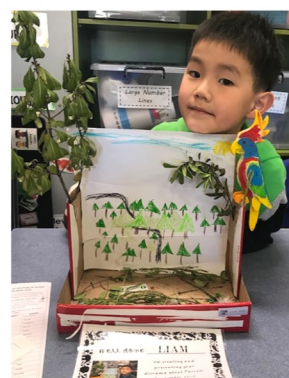
This week Ian and Damon from Prep were so proud to show me the two pages they had written about their weekend activities. Great work boys!!



Ian and Damon from Prep

The Animals are coming!

This term the Prep students have been learning about animals. They have been to the Zoo and created dioramas to depict their favourite animal. On Monday two classes had an open afternoon to show off their creations. The children were very excited to share all the information they had learned about their animal. They answered questions about the animal, could discuss why they had chosen that particular animal, and how they had gone about creating their diorama. In the photos below you can see the wide diversity of creations that were on show.



Victorian State Schools Spectacular

Tomorrow 16 students will be performing in the mass dance items at the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. This annual event brings together the best performers from across the state. Our group has been rehearsing solidly for months. We wish all the children the very best of luck with their performance. We look forward to seeing them on the big stage at Melbourne Arena tomorrow.



Special thanks must go to the staff that have supported them throughout the past months.



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Principal's Report

Footy Colours Day

Next Thursday is Footy Colours Day and we encourage all students and staff to come dressed in their favourite football team's colours. A special parade will be held at 2.30pm in the Stadium, and all families are invited to come along. See you there!!



JOIN US

See you around the school during the last week of term. Don't forget that students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday.

George Perini
Principal



Family Financial Statements

Family financial statements have been issued this week to families by email (please check your Junk folder if you can't find it in your Inbox) if you have charges on your school account. All outstanding charges are payable now:

- Compass Pay or BPay are the preferred methods of payment.
- At the Office:
 - Credit card/Eftpos (Visa/MasterCard; minimum transaction of \$20)
 - Cheque payable to Essex Heights Primary School, or
 - Cash (correct amount as we don't hold any cash in the Office).
- Instrumental Music: This is an additional program outside the school's curriculum and therefore prompt payment of fees is essential in order to maintain the financial management of the program and our commitment to the Instrumental Teachers. Cycle 2 charges are overdue and payable no later than TODAY, 13th September. Cycle 3 charges are now due and payable by the end of term (next Friday, 20th September). Charges are not payable via Compass. Payment by BPay preferred; otherwise at the Office.

Please see our Business Manager, Barbara McCann, if you are experiencing financial difficulty and want to discuss a payment plan; Barb is available each weekday except Wednesday.

Jump Rope for Heart Day

Jump Rope for Heart Day is next Tuesday, 17th September:

- ★ Years 1 & 2 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
- ★ Years 3 & 4 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm



Footy Colours Day



We will celebrate Footy Colours Day next Thursday, 19th September. This EHPS tradition celebrates our favourite sporting teams and all that sport offers individuals and our community. Sport for many is celebrated in Australia for uniting people “side by side” in participation and spectatorship.

Come to school dressed in your team colours and bring a gold coin donation in support of the Cancer Council.

The PFA will be running their annual **Hot Dog Lunch**. Return your order and payment by Monday. A reminder, including a copy of the order form, has been sent via Compass. Thank you to the PFA for organising this special lunch.

Parents and friends are encouraged to join students and staff in coming to school dressed in your favourite team colours and participate in a special assembly and team parade in the Stadium at 2.30pm on Thursday.

Prep to Year 3 Swimming Program

Prep to Year 3 students will participate in an intensive eight day swimming program run by Just Swimming at Aqualink Nunawading from Wednesday 6th to Friday 15th November.



The swimming program is part of the curriculum and all children are expected to attend. Each session will be approximately 40 minutes. The cost will be \$95; there will be no refunds for isolated lessons missed as the costs are set.



Information will be published soon on Compass, including the medical form (under the Resources tab). Consent and payment are to be done on Compass, and the completed medical form is to be returned to your classroom teacher, by Friday 25th October.

Music



Music Count Us In

This year's Music Count Us In song has been released and it's extra special this year as one of our past students, Roan Nair, was chosen to help write the song. He was flown to Sydney where he worked with John Foreman, Jack River, and three other school students from across Australia to compose the song. At Essex Heights we are so proud to now have two students who have been chosen for this wonderful experience. In 2015 Lynn Ng (as a Year 5 student) helped to write 'Gold'.

The 2019 song is titled 'We Are' and so far we are loving it! The students have all begun learning the song, the Year 5/6s have created actions and we were fortunate to have a visit from Roan (now in Year 11) one Wednesday afternoon during Prep Choir and 1/2 Choir. He performed his original song to the students, spoke about his experience and how he won this opportunity, answered questions from the students and he taught us some of 'We Are'. It was a really special experience and he hopes to come and visit again to help with the song.

The performance date for this year falls on the Thursday after Showcase. It will be on 7th November and will take place in the Hall.

If you don't know about this event, here is a little info ...

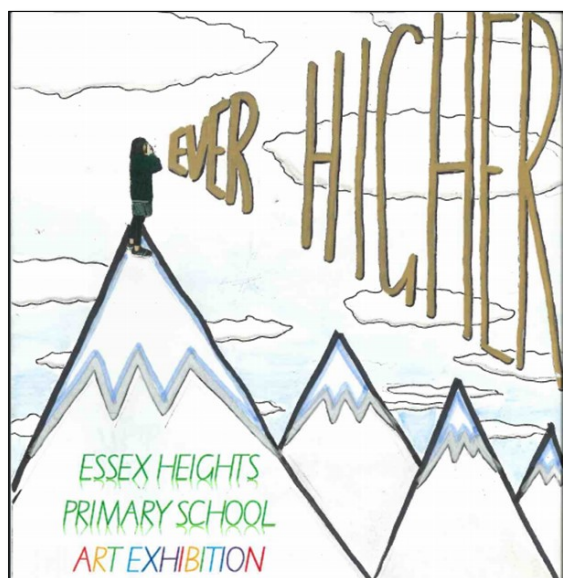
The idea came about as a way of promoting music in schools; each year, one song is written and thousands of schools across Australia sing the same song on the same day at the same time as a way of joining students, teachers, parents and friends nationwide to celebrate the importance of music and community.

If you would like to listen to We Are at home, please use the following link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYUwYAxF4VA>. Alternatively, search "MCUI We Are" in your web browser, or use the link provided in the message on Compass.

*Happy singing
Tanya Dolence*



Essex Heights Primary School Art Exhibition



From the 4th to 15th December, The Track Gallery in Mount Waverley will be exhibiting a range of beautiful art pieces created by our very own students here at Essex Heights Primary School. The Gallery will feature work of individual students as well as class art pieces! It will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase the amazing artistic talents of all our students.

To celebrate this very special event, students will have the opportunity to visit the gallery themselves as part of an excursion. The Track Gallery will be open to Essex Heights families and the local community also. Individual and class art pieces will be for sale as well as specially made Birthday and Christmas cards!

Students have already been working hard, developing a variety of creative art pieces for the exhibition. Classroom teachers will also begin working in collaboration with their students to create a special class art piece in the upcoming weeks.

Please continue to check *Contact* as more information about the exhibition will be made available in Term 4.

Kind regards,
The Art Gallery Committee

Parents & Friends News



Hot Dog Lunch on Footy Colours Day



Don't forget to fill in your child's Hot Dog Lunch order form, and return it on Monday if they wish to have a hot dog and juice for lunch on Footy Colours Day next Thursday.

The PFA still need helpers to ensure the day is a success. Please sign up if you can spare an hour counting on Monday (16th September), or if you can help on the day (19th September) - <https://tinyurl.com/HotDog19>.



The PFA can be contacted via email on ehpspfa@gmail.com.

Fiona Nicholson Stocker
(Mum of Allison 3F)

Munch & Crunch Canteen



Canteen Roster

Monday 16th September - 11.15am to 1.45pm Sarah Cobelli

Wednesday 18th September - 9.00am to 1.45pm Stephanie Trace & Erica Baddeley

Friday 20th September - 9.00am to 1.45pm Pamela Mujica & Eling Chen

Please remember to sign the Visitor's Register in the Office before coming to the Canteen.

If you are unable to do your rostered duty, or you have any queries, please contact Maria as soon as possible on 0409 934 573.

Maria Vlahos
Canteen Manager

Before & After School Care

Payments

With the end of term upon us we request all outstanding accounts are paid in full by next Friday, 20th September.

I appreciate the families who diligently pay their accounts on a regular basis.

All payments can be made during program operating times. Payment can be made in cash, PayPass, credit card or cheque.

Vacation Care

The September Vacation Care Program is out now and enrolments are being taken.

Please keep the following in mind if you wish to access the September Vacation Care Program:

**vacation
care**

**BOOK
NOW!**

1. The program operates between 7.00am and 6.00pm.
2. If your child/children is collected after 6.00pm, you will be charged late fees, which are charged at \$1.00 per minute, per child. (This also applies to Aftercare).
3. If you want to cancel your booking for the September Vacation Care Program, it must be done before 6.00pm on Friday 20th September. Any cancellations after this time will incur full charges unless accompanied by a doctor's certificate.
4. We are unable to accept Vacation Care enrolments over the phone or via email.
5. Please ensure that you inform the program if a third party is collecting your child. You will need to provide the program with the third parties name, address and phone number. They will need to present a photo identification to staff on collection of your child/children. We are unable to allow children to leave the program by themselves or with a person that is not endorsed by the parents/legal guardian.
6. After two months of not using the program your CCS funding will automatically cease. You will need to contact me to reinstate your funding. Once this is done you will need to go into your myGov account and confirm that you are the legal guardian of your child/children. Once these steps are completed, your CCS funding will be reinstated.
7. Booked Vacation Care or Curriculum Day enrolments are not transferrable to other families.

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Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

If you have any questions, please send them to davis.paul.d@edumail.com.au.vic.gov.au, or phone BASC on 9807 2615 or 0417 941 986.

*Thank you,
Paul Davis
Coordinator*

Dance Classes in Term 4



Lunchtime Dance - Years 1 to 6

Lunchtime dance classes will run on Tuesdays in Term 4 for students in Years 1 to 6 in the Hall. Lessons will commence on Tuesday 15th October and conclude on Tuesday 3rd December. Please note there will be no classes on Tuesday 5th November or Tuesday 12th November.

Children will be involved in dance warm ups, dance creation activities and learn a choreographed dance. In the last session students will perform their routine for family and friends giving them a sense of achievement. A notice will be sent home a week before this performance.

The cost is \$40 per child for 6 x 30 minute sessions.

If you would like your child to participate in these classes, please obtain a registration form from the School Office or visit creativedanceanddrama.com and request a form via the contact page.

Dance Classes in Term 4



After School Dance - Prep to Year 2

After School Dance classes are offered on Tuesdays for students in Prep to Year 2 in the Stadium beginning at 3.40pm and finishing at 4.25pm.

Children will participate in a variety of warm up routines, create their own movements through dance creation activities and learn a choreographed dance to be performed at the end of the last session for family and friends.

The Term 4 2019 After School Dance program dates are Tuesday 8th October to Tuesday 10th December. The cost is \$80 for 8 x 45 minute sessions. Please note there will be no classes on Tuesday 5th November or Tuesday 12th November.

Georgia Lombard
Creative Dance and Drama

Community Noticeboard

Products & services advertised in Contact are placed on a paid basis and are not necessarily being promoted by Essex Heights Primary School.



BRANDON HEIGHTS T-BALL



Boys & Girls

Saturdays – 10am – Starts Oct 5th

Contact Brandon Heights Softball Club for more details:
Brandon.heights@gmail.com or 0407877158

Website: Brandonheightssoftballclub.com
Email: Brandon.heights@gmail.com

Jells Park Sports Precinct – Cnr Jells & Waverley Rds. Glen Waverley



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Sessions are available on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and/or Sunday afternoon and focus on establishing the fundamental skills of the game in a fun learning environment.

Contact luke@nunawadingbasketball.com.au for more information on the most appropriate session for your child.

Tuesday / Thursday	Aussie Hoops	4:00pm
	Skills Academy	4:00pm
	Next Gen	4:00pm
Friday	Spook Hoops	4:00pm
Sunday	Aussie Hoops	12:30pm, 1:30pm
	Skills Academy	12:30pm, 1:30pm
	Next Gen	12:30pm, 1:30pm

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