

CALENDAR

November

Sun 24 PFA Family Portrait fundraiser
Mon 25 Region Cricket Finals
Tue 26 Piano Concert
Wed 27 State Softball Finals
Thu 28 P-Yr 2 Junior House Athletics

December

Sun 1 PFA Frozen II fundraiser
Mon 2-Fri 6 Busking Competition
Tue 3 Prep 2020 Orientation Day
Wed 4 Yr 2 Royal Botanic Gardens excursion
Wed 4-Sun 15 ... *Ever Higher* Art Exhibition - The Track Gallery
Wed 4 PFA Meeting
Tue 10 Years 1-6 2020 Orientation Day
Tue 10 Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
Fri 13 Choir visit to Elizabeth Gardens Aged Care
Tue 17 Year 6 Graduation celebration

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 Hats - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

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: 29 January, 30 January, 22 May & 2 August

2020 Term Dates

Term 1: 28 January* to 27 March

Term 2: 14 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

* 28 January is a state wide student free day.

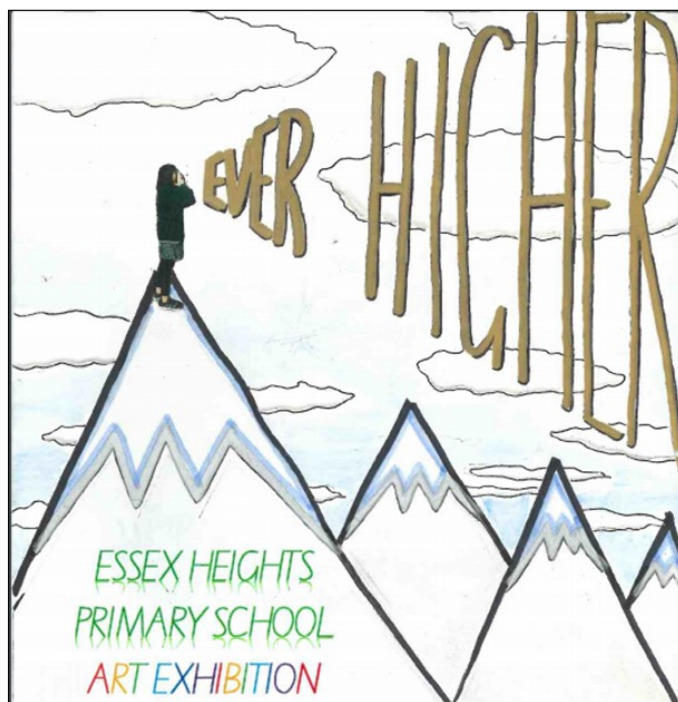
EHPS student-free days: 28 January, 29 January, and 2 further dates to be advised



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

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Principal: Mr George Perini
Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday
during school terms.



The *Ever Higher* Art Exhibition is opening soon!

Wednesday 4th to Sunday 15th December
at The Track Gallery in Mount Waverley
from 11am to 3pm daily

*We're looking forward to sharing the
wonderful work of our students.*

Class Art

For those of you lucky enough to be the highest bidder for our fabulous class artworks, the final day for bidding will be Sunday 15th December (the final day of the exhibition). Payment and collection of the artworks will be on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December – good luck bidding!

All proceeds from the sale of the class artwork go to help fund the exhibition, so we appreciate your support.

The Art Exhibition Committee



November

23rd Richard W
Harry H
Olivia T
25th Mason Z
Ivy L
Jessica S
27th Mitchell S
Reiyi L
Macklan C
Chloe L
Damien N
28th Dejan R
Zoe S
29th Finn H
30th Naisha G
Dylan H
Kabir S
Christopher K

Information sent home:

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



Year/Group

Notice/Activity

Whole school (each family) Birthday & Christmas Cards for sale

Whole school (all students) Let's Go Kids magazine

This week's information on Compass:



Year/Group

Compass News Feed

Year 1 Grade One - Scienceworks Excursion

Year 3 Project Park survey
ArtSEL. Reporting Bullying. Homework included.

Year 6 Transition form for Secondary School

Years 4 & 5 ArtSEL. Bystander Power. Homework attached.

Prep to Year 3 Lost property

Whole School Volunteers for Xmas Cards needed - tomorrow in the Art room,
anytime

Book returns for 2019

Volunteer Needed for Art Gallery 7th Dec 1-3pm

Family Statements

Compass Events:

Year/Group

Notice/Activity and Payment & Consent Due Date

Year 2 Year 2 Royal Botanic Gardens - pay \$30 and consent by
TOMORROW, 24th November

Selected Students Grade 5/6 Region Cricket - consent was due by 18th November *
Grade 5/6 Girls Region Cricket - consent was due by
22nd November *

State Softball Finals - Boys Primary Team - consent was due by
22nd November *

* date to give consent has passed; if consent outstanding, please
come to the Office.

Assembly: Monday 25th November

At Assembly on Monday:

- 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.

Leaving EHPS?

Our planning for the 2020 school year is well underway. Therefore it is essential that we know if any students are not returning next year. If your child is not returning to EHPS in 2020, please advise the following information to Jo in the Office:

1. Date of last day at EHPS
2. Name of the school that they are enrolled at
3. Commencement date at new school
4. The reason for leaving EHPS
5. New contact details, if any are changing (eg address, phone number, email)

Family Financial Statements

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

- 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: Charges are not payable via Compass. Refer to your family statement sent by email today. Payment by BPay preferred; otherwise at the Office. All charges are OVERDUE and are payable now. *Please note:* 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.

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.

Instrumental Music



Piano Concert

The Piano Concert will be held next Tuesday, 26th November, from 6.30pm to 8pm in the School Hall. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Remembrance Day 'Poppy' Appeal

The Waverley RSL have advised that they collected \$45,747.20 in this year's Remembrance Day 'Poppy' Appeal. They extend their heartfelt thanks for our school community contribution of \$103.05, which enables them to continue providing welfare assistance.



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Library

Last borrowing day & return of books

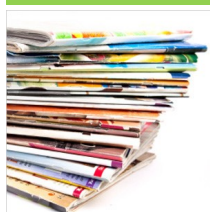
- ★ Last borrowing day for 2019 is Friday 29th November.
- ★ All books are to be returned to the Library no later than **Friday 6th December**.

This will enable us to stocktake and repair books in preparation for 2020.



Thank you & happy reading,

Gael Munro
Librarian



Magazines Wanted

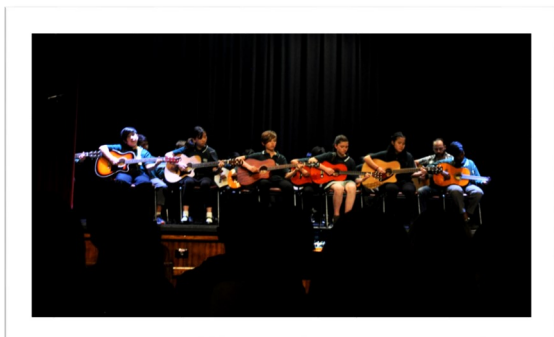
Donations of old magazines for Art would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver to the Art Room.





Oxfam Concert

On Monday 11th November the Essex Heights Guitar Ensemble, Chamber Choir and Contemporary Band performed at the 51st Oxfam Festival held at Box Hill Town Hall. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to share their talents with the broader community and perform in an amazing venue. It also helped raise money for a very good cause.



Chorale visit to Essex Heights Juniors

On Tuesday, members of Chorale visited the students at Essex Heights Juniors. We walked over to Juniors and performed some songs that we had been preparing, we then invited the kids from Juniors to sing some children's songs together with us. They all did a fabulous job. The students at Juniors have been busy preparing for their end of year concert and we were lucky to be shown a collective of dances and songs they had prepared. It was lovely to see some familiar faces that had visited us for Prep Transition.



Michael M: *This experience in Chorale has been great. I have got to be with my friends and I've made new friends. Going to Juniors was fun to meet all the kids and I look forward to next year.*

Hayden L: *It was great seeing all the kids having fun and performing and getting to know some of them.*

Jordan K: *Seeing their adorable little faces filled with excitement as we performed was the best bit.*

Shuying J: *It was an amazing opportunity to get to know some of the little kids and seeing their faces as they performed.*

Caitlin D: *It was so fun seeing the kids joining in with our songs and performing to us.*

Ava A: *I had fun practising with Chorale and singing to the kids at Juniors.*

Ella B: *I loved watching the little kids dance and sing.*

Alex P: *It was so cool to see all the little kids having fun although they did scare us sometimes, but it was fun.*

Karen C: *I enjoyed the musical experience to see the students at Essex Heights Juniors perform.*

Oliver H: *I really like the way they did their singing and here and there I spotted a lookalike to someone I knew.*

Winston H: *It was a fun experience learning songs in Chorale and going to events such as today and I'm looking forward to future events.*

Sen L: *There is not much of a chance to meet these unpredictable kids and not only to perform to them but also to be performed to.*

Isabel A: *I really liked seeing their rainbow coloured room.*

Isla P: *I really liked meeting all the little kids.*

Sharon K: *I liked hearing the little songs that they prepared for us.*

Kylin H: *I liked when we weren't supposed to sing 'heads' and the little kids still sang it, during 'Heads, shoulders, knees & toes'.*

Evelyn L: *It was nice performing to them and also watching what they had worked very hard on.*

Kayla S: *Seeing their faces light up as they sang and danced for us reminded me how I used to sing in Kindergarten like that.*

Charlotte D: *It was wonderful to see the smiles on their happy faces.*

Health & PE

Region Cricket Finals

The Years 5/6 Boys A cricket team and the Years 5/6 Girls A cricket team have been invited to participate in the Region Cricket Finals as wild card entries. The Region Cricket finals will be held on Monday, 25th November, at DW Lucas Oval in Malvern East.



Parents/Guardians will be required to make arrangements for their child to travel directly to and from this event. Please email Elisha Cotterell if you require assistance with making travel arrangements for your child. Elisha will meet the team at the venue.

Students will need to bring a bag with a healthy snack, lunch and water bottle. This is a Term 4 outdoor event and all students must have a school hat. Sun block is recommended to wear and bring to re-apply throughout the day.

Information has been published on Compass. There is no cost for this event, but consent is required; if the due date has passed on Compass you will need to see Elisha Cotterell or come to the School Office.

State Softball Finals

The Boys' Softball Team have received an invitation to participate in the Victorian State Softball Primary Finals at the Waverley Softball Centre in Wheelers Hill on Wednesday 27th November. Essex Heights finished runners-up in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Finals and have been offered this opportunity because another region do not have a representative for this event.



Students will need to travel to this event by private vehicle, to arrive at 9am. Chris Cavill will meet the team at the venue. Please contact Mr Cavill if you require assistance with these arrangements.

Information will be published soon on Compass. There is no cost for this event, but consent is required; if you didn't provide consent prior to the due date of 22nd November, you will need to come to the School Office to sign a consent form.

Junior House Athletics

The countdown is on for our JUNIOR HOUSE ATHLETICS and what an event it will be!

We would love to see families and friends of our Prep to Year 2 students there on the day - as a cheerleader from the side lines, join in the fun by dressing in house colours, and/or as a helper at a station alongside a teacher. Your assistance will help make the event a great success! The more helping hands the better!!

Remember that you need to hold a Working With Children Check and have signed the Child Safe documentation to volunteer. If you've not already lodged these with our Office bring your WWCC card in to be copied and sign the Child Safe acknowledgement. If you are available to help: [CLICK HERE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4cafab2da7fc1-p2junior) or enter <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4cafab2da7fc1-p2junior> into your web browser to sign up.

Here are the details you need to know:

Date: NEXT THURSDAY, 28th November

Time: 9am to 11am

Location: Council Oval – beside the council carpark (Essex Heights Reserve)

What does my child need to wear?

Children are to wear a sun smart hat, their house colours and sunscreen (applied before they arrive at school). They need to also bring a filled and clearly labelled water bottle.

If you are unsure what house your child is in, please check your child's profile on Compass. The Houses at EHPS are:

Lindsay (Yellow)

Nolan (Green)

Boyd (Blue)

Drysdale (Red)

It is always a fantastic school community event!!

*Thank you in advance for your support,
Elisha Cotterell and the Prep to Year 2 teachers*

ArtSEL

This week in ArtSEL, we've learnt what to do if we experience or see bullying. To stop bullying, just think of the three Rs: **Recognise. Report or Refuse:**

Recognise that it IS bullying and not an argument or someone being mean. That is, it is happening over and over.

Report means tell a teacher or a parent.

Refuse means to not to let it happen. That means assertively telling someone to stop.

Information provided this week on Compass:

- Year 3 - Reporting Bullying, including homework
- Years 4 & 5 - Bystander Power, including homework
- Year 6 - Transition form for secondary school

If you would like to know more about this program, please come and see me.



Nikki Olsen
ArtSEL Teacher

VSSS - Broadcast & 2020 Auditions

The Victorian State Schools' Spectacular (VSSS) is an annual event and is one of the largest recurring productions in Australia. The Victorian State Schools Spectacular brings together over 3000 school students performing as a 64 piece orchestra, 1300 voice choir, 1200 mass dancers, 30 lead vocalists, 16 principal dancers, 20 ensemble dancers, eight backing vocalists, roller skaters and puppeteers and much more.

VSSS encourages creative skills, discipline, perseverance and confidence over months of rehearsals. Students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a three hour show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

Participating students have the opportunity to work with industry professionals including Creative Director Neill Gladwin, Musical Director Chong Lim AM and Dance Director Deon Nuku, (Scooby Doo, Happy Feet, Moulin Rouge).

Broadcast on Saturday 7th December

Be sure to tune in to Channel 7 on **Saturday 7th December at 7pm** for a special broadcast of the 2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

The two-hour broadcast will feature highlights from the live performances as well as behind-the-scenes footage and interviews.

The show will also be simulcast via live streaming on the 7plus app and [7plus website](#).

Audition registration for 2020 now open

For more information on participating in the 2020 Victorian State Schools Spectacular, and to register - [CLICK HERE](#).



Before & After School Care

Accounts, Care in Term 4 & CCS

As the end of the year draws to a close, it is expected all Before and After Care accounts will be paid in full. We require all accounts to be paid in full by Friday 6th December.

If you require Before and After Care after 6th December, you will need to pre-pay your care up to and including Friday 20th December.

Any care pre-paid and not utilised will be credited to your account and you will not be charged.

We are very restricted as to how much we can assist you with any Child Care Subsidy (CCS) issues. Hence in a majority of cases families will need to contact Centrelink to rectify any issues with their account. Obviously, I will help families where possible.



Christmas Activities & Christmas Party

We have three weeks of Christmas activities planned for Aftercare. On Wednesday 11th December we will be having our Aftercare Christmas Party. We will have lots of treats for all the children.



Aftercare Activities

Monday Cooking Xmas Cookies
Tuesday Santa Hands
Wednesday Stained Glass Xmas Windows
Thursday Xmas Tree Decorations
Friday Movie: *The Polar Express*



A reminder that After School Care closes at 6pm Monday to Friday. If your child is picked up after this time you will be charged late fees.

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

Munch & Crunch Canteen

Canteen Roster

Monday 25th November - 11.15am to 1.45pm Cindy Yeo & Saifon Photha
Wednesday 27th November - 9.00am to 1.45pm Angela Millan & Vicki Milevski
Friday 30th November - 9.00am to 1.45pm Erica Baddeley & Amanda Kelsall

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



T & G PHOTOGRAPHY

Family Portrait Fundraiser on Sunday

We hope everyone who is having their photographs taken **this Sunday, 24th November**, enjoys the experience. Those who have booked should have received an email from Gabriel, the photographer, with some tips. Please double check your time you have chosen for the session. Gabriel recommends that you arrive exactly at the time you selected to avoid waiting extra time. Don't forget ... pets, neighbours or special friends are welcome to be part of your photo. Please contact Gabriel if you have any questions on 0466 551 311.

FROZEN II - Sunday 1st December

We have over 100 people coming, but there are still tickets available. [Book your tickets here](https://waverleycinema.com/E_003.php) or enter https://waverleycinema.com/E_003.php into your web browser. We have a birthday party and other locals supporting our school so it should be a fun event. Remember the money raised will go towards a new Year 1 and 2 playground! The start time has now been confirmed by the cinema as 3.15pm—see you there! The cinema will confirm this by email.



Collecting Mangoes

Delivery date will be confirmed soon.

Entertainment Membership - Christmas promotion

Christmas All Wrapped Up

The Gift of Entertainment is available for the first time ever.

Looking for a gift idea? Entertainment Memberships has a new promotion for Christmas - Gift Memberships. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase.



What makes this the perfect present?



12 months starts from day of activation



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Fiona Nicholson Stocker
(Mum of Allison 3F)
ehpspfa@gmail.com

Community Noticeboard

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




Rotary Club of Emerald & District Inc.

KIDS FUN RUN

with **THOMAS** 

24th of November 2019 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook
Children 3-12 years running against Thomas The Tank Engine
Proudly supporting

Monash Children's Hospital

THANKS TO OUR FANTASTIC SPONSORS

Trophies to 1st Girl & Boy in each run!

Train rides with Thomas the Tank Engine

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Enter Online
www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au
Information Line 0408 769 491

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Kids Fun Run with Thomas

Are you a parent of a child between 4 and 10 years old?



If you would like to learn skills to help manage
your child's challenging behaviours, you are
invited to a **FREE** parenting program

Online, group and one-on-one programs available in 2020

Location of sessions – Clayton, Hawthorn, Thornbury and
Flemington

TUNING IN TO KIDS may assist you to:

- help your child manage difficult feelings such as worry, sadness, frustration and anger
- build your connection with your child
- better understand what underpins challenging behaviours
- stay calm when dealing with tantrums
- help your child develop social skills and reduce aggression.

For further information contact

9371 0218

or BigTIK-admin@unimelb.edu.au



Programs are being run as part of a research study

*If you are interested in Tuning In To Kids, please come to
the School Office to collect a parent information letter.*