

CALENDAR

March

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| Mon 18 | 2019 student charges & voluntary fees due |
| Mon 18 | Yr 1 Author Visit - Family Tree |
| Wed 20 | Yr 1 Author Visit - Family Tree |
| Thu 21 | School Photo orders due |
| Thu 21 | Harmony Day |
| Fri 22 | National Ride2School Day |
| Fri 22 | Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport |
| Mon25&Tue26 | School Photos |
| Tue 26 | Parent Forum |
| Wed 27 | Yr 3 Deakin Uni science incursion |
| Thu 28 | Yr 4 Deakin Uni science incursion |
| Fri 29 | Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport |

April

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| Wed 3 | Yr 3 Deakin Uni science incursion |
| Thu 4 | Yr 4 Deakin Uni science incursion |
| Thu 4 | Fun Run |
| Fri 5 | PFA Hot Cross Bun fundraiser |
| Fri 5 | Grandparents & Special Friends Day |
| Fri 5 | Term 1 ends - 2.30pm dismissal |
| Tue 23 | Term 2 starts |
| Thu 25 | ANZAC Day public holiday |

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

Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in School Hall. *All welcome.*

School Banking - every Tuesday.



School Hats - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

SCHOOL TOURS

for 2020 entry - Thursday & Friday at 9.30am.
Bookings essential.

ENROLMENT

Enrol now for entry in 2020. Prep 2020 enrolment to be submitted by Friday 31st May.

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,

School Crossing and Road Safety

As you know Essex Heights PS is very conscious of the safety and wellbeing of every child in our school. Therefore, it sometimes concerns me when I observe unsafe non-compliance with road rules, or careless and dangerous practices occurring just outside of our school fence. I would like to remind all families that children should cross the road **only** at the supervised school crossing. With so much traffic in Essex Road at peak times, it is very dangerous for children and parents to cross anywhere else. Also it is very important for parents to model the right way to cross the road and so you should walk to the crossing with your child and cross the road there. Further, if you are dropping off or picking up your child from school by car, please park **only** in the designated areas, and do not encourage your children to hurry across the road where it is not safe. Also, please remember that the Staff & Permit Carpark at the front of the school **IS NOT** a drop off or pick up zone, and parents and children must not walk through and use the gates in that area to enter the school yard, because it is unsafe for pedestrian traffic. This is a big safety issue and that is why it is signed accordingly.

I am very pleased with the large number of students who are riding to school on these beautiful mornings and are wearing their bike helmets every day. Most make sure that they are courteous on the roads by riding safely. I am, however, disappointed to hear from a few parents recently that they have observed some of our children riding their bicycles in a dangerous manner. Sometimes riders are crossing streets or entering intersections without looking carefully for cars or pedestrians. Could I please urge all families to take the time to discuss safe bike riding with your children. Road safety is a serious matter with significant consequences. Please let us work together to keep the children safe.



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March

16th Lewis P
Zachary N
Kavinu B
17th Vipuli W
19th Henry F
Josh C
Mitchell L
21st Lucas C
22nd Kiara A
Ryan S

Information sent home:

| Year/Group | Notice/Activity |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Whole school (each family) | PFA Hot Cross Bun fundraiser |

This week's information on Compass:

| Year/Group | Compass News |
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| Whole School | JSC Badge Presentation General Permission Forms |



Assembly: Monday 18th March

At Assembly on Monday:

- Junior School Council badge presentation
- ArtSEL presentation
- Division Swimming report
- District Tennis report
- Managahigh Mathematics 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 Hall. All welcome.

2019 School Charges & Voluntary Fees

All families were provided with their family statement advising the 2019 school charges and voluntary fees by email on 15th February. As advised in the information provided via Compass at that time, payment of fees is due by Monday 18th March, unless alternative arrangements are agreed with Barbara McCann our Business Manager.

Our preferred payment methods are BPay (details on your family statement) or Compass Pay. If you are not able to use these payment options, print out the Payment Advice form (copy available from the school website - see Notices in Parent Resources under the Communication menu, or use the Notices quicklink on the home page), fill it in and bring to the Office with your payment - credit card/Eftpos (MasterCard or Visa; minimum transaction \$20), cash (correct amount; no change held at the Office), or cheque (payable to Essex Heights Primary School).

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Courtnee Johnston and her husband on the arrival of their son, Nash.

Principal's Report *continued*

Around the school

This week as I have walked around the school, I have been so impressed by the work that the children are doing. In all classes you will see clear Learning Intentions and the Success Criteria for the work that is being undertaken. Most importantly the children can articulate what they are doing and learning and where they are up to.

When I visited Prep D this week they were learning their sounds and then they moved on to their 'Big Book' Story about visiting Grandma's House. Most of the children could really relate to this story and had their own experiences to share with Ms Davies. Well done Prep D for listening with attention and sharing your information with Ms Davies.



In Prep M the children were doing so well in practising to write their '5s' and '6s'. Congratulations Prep M on completing your work with such care.

In 56S Indonesian this week some of the children were using Indonesian banknotes to buy and sell items. The class had the atmosphere of a bustling marketplace. I learned that \$1 is worth 10000 Rupiah and that the largest banknote is 100000 Rupiah. Later in the session the children also had a quick game of Congklak, which the students really enjoyed. Kerja Bagus 56S!



Parent and Friends Association

Following the PFA AGM on Wednesday, I would like to congratulate the new executive on their appointment to the various positions. The new executive of the PFA is:

Fiona Nicholson-Stocker President
Kaye Nolan Secretary
Andrea Fyfe Treasurer
Andrea Fyfe Parent Victoria Rep

I look forward the continued outstanding work of the PFA and to working closely with them to continue to build the close Essex Heights Community for the betterment of our children's education.

Parent Forum – Curriculum and Learning at EHPS

Over the past 18 months the school has been working closely with our educational consultants to develop our curriculum and teaching practices. On 26th March, we will be holding a Parent Forum to explain the progress we have made in this area, and to give parents an insight into our current teaching approaches. The meeting is from 7pm to 8pm in the Hall.

I look forward to seeing you around the school.

George Perini
Principal



Student Permissions



Parents/guardians are required to provide student permissions for:

- Local excursions
- Student photos for displays, media & website
- Internet use, publication of children's work on school website, student contract
Notes: access to software regularly used in the classroom that support and enhance the curriculum (eg StudyLadder and MangaHigh Mathematics) require consent for this permission or students to access and use these programs. This permission also requires student consent.
- Viewing of PG rated media
- Headlice inspections
- Medications reminder

The giving of consent for student permissions is now to be completed on Compass, and will remain for the duration of your child's enrolment at EHPS. Consent for student permissions are now overdue. Please take the time this weekend to complete your child's permissions if your permission consents are still outstanding. Please refer to the screenshots below showing where to locate the permissions on Compass.

A copy of the documentation with explanation of each permission and information on where to access the permissions to give your consent, will also be on the school website - use the Notices quicklink on the Home Page, or Parent Resources under the Communication menu on the Home Page. The documentation will also be accessible on Compass under School Documentation.

If you do not give your consent for a permission, or want to change your consent at any time, please advise in writing using the school email - essex.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

OR

| Confirmation | Status |
|--|---------------------------|
| 2016 Great V... | Complete via Payment Plan |
| Year 9 2017... | Not Started |
| Central Australia Trip - WEASLEY, Ron (WAL0038) | Not Started |
| Year 10 2017 Fees - WEASLEY, Ron (WAL0038) | Pending Payment |
| Year 8 School Fees - WEASLEY, Ron (WAL0038) | In Progress |
| Student Fees - WEASLEY, Ron (WAL0038) | Not Started |
| Year 9 2017 School Fees - WEASLEY, Ginny (GRA0001) | Not Started |
| Central Australia Trip - WEASLEY, Ginny (GRA0001) | Not Started |



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& CELEBRATES HOW ALL
OF OUR DIFFERENCES
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- ★ **WEAR ORANGE** to school on Thursday.
- ★ Bring a **GOLD COIN** to donate to the children of Timor-Leste.

Parent Forum: Curriculum & Learning at EHPS

Tuesday 26th March from 7pm to 8pm in the Hall

We are always working on teaching and learning at Essex Heights so that we can continue to deliver our very high standards of education and stay up to date with current research. Keeping parents and carers up to date with how we are doing this is important to us.

We are inviting all parents and carers to attend a forum presented by our professional learning consultants, 'Language of Learning'. The forum will outline the following:

- Understanding 'high impact teaching'
- A summary of latest research on teaching and learning
- How our students and teachers use a common language for learning
- Strategies students are using to take control of their learning

This forum is a fantastic insight into how your child(ren) are learning at school.

To book your place, RSVP to the School Office by next Friday, 22nd March.



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2019

FRIDAY 22 MARCH



In the spirit of embracing a healthy and happy start to the day, we encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

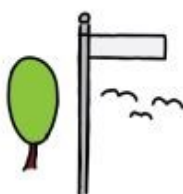


National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active transport for our community.

If you can't actively travel the whole way, consider parking the car nearby and riding or walking the rest of the way.



It's going to be a wheelie good day and we hope to see you there!



Fun Run & Cross Country Training

With the Whole School Fun Run fast approaching, please ensure you have the date marked on your calendar!



2.30pm to 3.30pm on Thursday 4th April on the council oval (Essex Heights Reserve).

Every child participates and collects points for their house. We welcome family and friends to come along, support and assist with this exciting whole school house competition and earn extra points for your house by dressing in your child/ren's house colours: **Boyd - Blue**, **Drysdale - Red**, **Lindsay - Yellow**, **Nolan - Green**

Results on the day for students 9/10, 11 and 12/13 years will be recorded to select the school cross country team. Keep your eye out in the newsletter for more details in the coming weeks.

What: Cross country training

When: Tuesday & Thursday 8.15am to 8.45am - 19th, 21st, 26th, 28th March & 2nd April

Where: Junior school oval, sign in at the Stadium

Who: All students, parents/guardians, and staff welcome



Junior School Council Badge Presentation

The Hon Bruce Atkinson MP, Member for Eastern Metropolitan Region in the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament, will present our Junior School Councillors with their badges at Assembly on Monday (18th March). All welcome.

School Photos



School Photos will be taken on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March. The School Photographer will be taking the photos this year.

Order envelopes for individual students and sibling envelopes for a family photo have been distributed.

Please note the following about ordering photos:

- Each student has been provided with a personalised order envelope.
- Our preferred method of payment is online - [click here](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) or type www.theschoolphotographer.com.au into your web browser, and enter the purple code from your child's envelope; record the online receipt number on your envelope.
- Photo orders are to be handed to the classroom teacher, not the Office, no later than Thursday 21st March.
- Sibling photo orders are to be in returned in the provided Siblings Only envelope; staple/paper clip to student's individual photo order envelope—DO NOT put inside individual student envelope.
- If paying by cash, enclose CORRECT MONEY as no change is available.
- Please ensure correct and clear details are written on your child's envelope.

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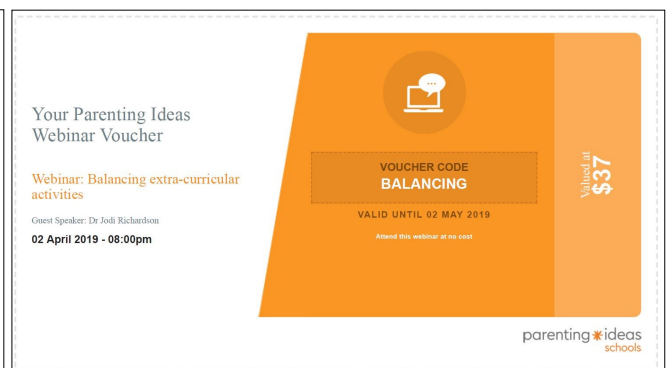
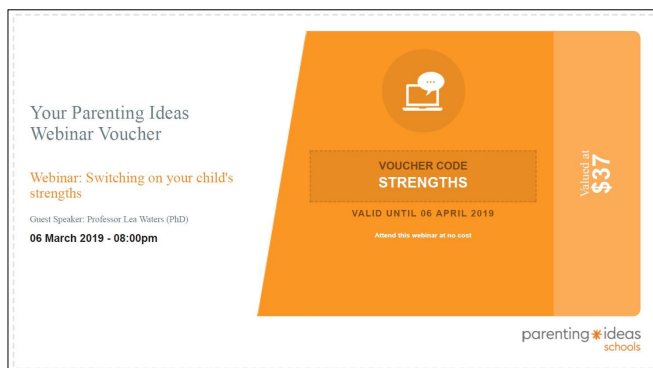
"Schools are at their dynamic best when teachers and parents work hand-in-hand together" **Michael Grose**

New *Insights* articles accessible on our school website:

- Daily lessons in resilience
- There are better questions than "How much screen time?"
- Unearthing kids's strengths
- Top five strategies to improve your parenting this year
- Preventing childhood bullying

Our school membership of Parenting Ideas also entitles our community to access webinars free of charge (save \$37) up to a month after the presentation:

- *Switching on your child's strengths* - 6th March; available until 6th April.
- *Balancing extra-curricular activities* - 2nd April at 8pm; available until 2nd May.



For further information, including the 2019 webinar series, go to our school website.

Division Swimming Results

On Tuesday 5th March, 12 students represented Essex Heights Primary School and the Mulgrave District at the Monash Waverley Division Swimming Competition at Monash Aquatic Centre. All students represented our school and District with pride and incredible effort. There was a wonderful atmosphere once again at the 50m outdoor pool as our students participated in ten individual events and three relay teams. Congratulations to all these students.



Camryn R - Freestyle 3rd, Breaststroke 3rd

Ryan T - Freestyle 5th, Backstroke 2nd

Kayla S - Backstroke 3rd, Breaststroke 2nd

Mackenzie L - Backstroke 4th

Seunggwon - Butterfly 6th

Anabelle H - Butterfly 4th

Nicholas L - Butterfly 4th

Girls Open Medley Relay (Camryn R, Kayla S, Anabelle H, Annabelle X): 2nd

Girls 11Yr Freestyle Relay (Camryn R, Annabelle X, Kira D, Grace L): 2nd

Boys 12/13Yr Freestyle Relay (Ryan T, Nicholas L, Tom F, Max K): 6th



Congratulations to all participants, with special mention to team captains Kayla and Ryan, who set an excellent example of leadership and sporting success on the day, both progressing to the Region Championships finishing second in their individual events. Two of our relay teams, the Girls Open Medley (Camryn R, Kayla S, Anabelle H, Annabelle X) and Girls 11Yr Freestyle (Camryn R, Annabelle X, Kira D, Grace L) both finished second and will also progress to the Region Championships on Friday 15th March.

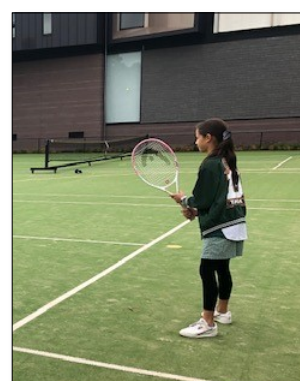
We wish these students all the best.



Essex Heights District Tennis Team

On Tuesday 12th March, Tamara A (56L), Ava B (56L), Ugo G (3F), Tyrone I (56C), Shuying J (56O), Connor M (56L) and Dejan R (56L), represented Essex Heights Primary School at the Mulgrave District Tennis Tournament held at PLC. Having participated in the recent school trials, these students took out the top seven places to make the team and represented our school with sporting talent, integrity and pride at the Tournament. Led by our 2019 Tennis Captains, Shuying and Tyrone, all students gave 100% under challenging autumn weather, including varied wind conditions from court to court, and several rain showers passing through. All players took games off their opponents throughout the day with the open age fast four format leaving little room for error. Match wins were taken out by Dejan and Tyrone each with three wins, and Tamara and Ava finished with one win each.

Thank you to the parents who were able to drive and support our students on the day. It was lovely to see the Essex Heights parent community so well represented at another District event.

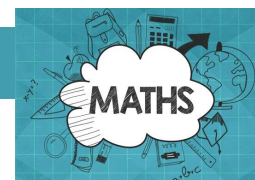


Mangahigh Mathematics Competition

The Mangahigh Mathematics competition started last Monday, and will end next Friday, 22nd March. It is an optional challenge where students complete maths activities on a computer/tablet to earn points.



MANGAHIGH Students who gain 150+ points during the competition period will be presented with a medallion at assembly. Please encourage your children to choose activities that challenge them and also activities that reinforce their automaticity. Note that the maximum points that can be gained per activity is three points. After gaining the three points, the children have mastered that skill and should move on to the next activity instead of repeating it.



Kelvin Tang

SPECTACULAR

On Thursday 14th March, we had sixteen of our Years 5 and 6 students attend their first mass dance rehearsal session for the VSSS19. They will attend four different out of school rehearsals where they will learn eight dances. The first rehearsal was held at Oakleigh South Primary School alongside seven other primary schools, and was conducted by two amazing choreographers from the Victorian State Schools Spectacular team. All students did an absolutely fantastic job learning parts of four different dances, and will continue to practise their moves they learnt on this day until the next rehearsal session. We cannot wait to keep perfecting these dances and see how the show comes together in the coming months!

Lauren Davies and Kirsten Lightfoot



Sustainability Team



We had such a special purpose for our School Clean Up this year as it marked the first Clean Up organised by the founder's daughter Pip Kiernan. Sadly, Ian Kiernan passed away last year, but his example and passion has made such a long lasting positive impact on our awareness of litter since the first clean up of Sydney Harbour over 30 years ago. This year's theme was 'Change Starts With You', a powerful sentiment which reflects the work of Ian over the years.

Packaging is such a large component of our litter around the school grounds. With very little effort we can make changes by **rethinking** our purchases. Try **refusing** to purchase small chip and biscuit packets. These foods are not part of the healthy eating (eat daily) foods as their salt and sugar content is so high. Try a rubbish free lunch at least once a week, then try for two days a week. The rubbish free challenge ... how many days in a row can you go?



Introducing the 2019 Sustainability Captains - from left, Max K, Stephanie P, Charlotte N and Alex P. Already the Captains have shown great leadership around the school; they have so many great ideas for Essex Heights.

Before & After School Care

After Care

If you have not instructed your child/children to go to After Care, and you need them to attend that night, **please contact the program on the following Before & After School Care phone numbers before 3.20pm:**

9807 2615 or 0417 941 986

If either phone is unattended, please leave a clear message on the program's voicemail service or answering machine.

To ensure your child's safety and well being, can you please follow the aforementioned procedure. Your child's safety is the program's number one priority.

Thank you for your co-operation.

April Vacation Care

The April Vacation Care program will be out on Friday 22nd March. This program is pre-booked. If you require care during this period, please enrol early, as spaces are limited.

If you have any questions please send them to davis.paul.d@edumail.com.au.vic.gov.au



After Care Activities

Monday Cooking: Choc Chip Cookies
Tuesday Dress ups
Wednesday Parachutes
Thursday Harmony Day Tree
Friday Resist Painting

*Thank you,
Paul Davis
Coordinator*

Munch & Crunch Canteen

Canteen Roster

Monday 18th March - 11.15am to 1.45pm Monica Fulton

Wednesday 20th March - 9.00am to 1.45pm Qingfang Yu & Karen Lam

Friday 22nd March - 9.00am to 1.45pm Lavina Moschou, Nicole Allison & Sherry Yip

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





Annual General Meeting & 2019 Executive Team

The PFA Annual General Meeting on Wednesday night went well. The Executive Team for 2019 are:

President Fiona Nicholson Stocker
Secretary Kaye Nolan
Treasurer Andrea Fyfe
Parent Victoria Rep Andrea Fyfe



Thanks Catriona for being the Treasurer for the last two years.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Look out for a notice this week about the **Hot Cross Bun** fundraiser. You can order Baker's Delight hot cross buns in bags of 6 for \$7.50, and \$2 per bag will go to our school! They will be delivered on the morning of Friday 5th April, which is Grandparents' & Special Friends Day and the last day of term. Make sure you get the children to ask friends and family whether they would like to order a bag or two.

Bakers Delight
We're for real.



Contact the PFA via email on ehpspfa@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to a great year in my new role as PFA President.

Fiona Nicholson Stocker
(Allison 3F)

Community Noticeboard

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



March 2019

ART SHOW
Roberts McCubbin Primary School



Guest Artist Kirsty McInlyre

Opening Night
Fri 15th @ 7pm
Art Prizes Presented
Live Music & Refreshments

Exhibition & Sale
Sat 16th, 10am-6pm

Featuring Established & Emerging Artists

Same day as our

Family Fair



Kirsty McInlyre

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FAMILY FAIR

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

3 TILL 9PM

- AWESOME RIDES
- LOCAL ART SHOW
- DELICIOUS FOOD
- LIVE STAGE ACTS
- BOOK STALL
- FIREWORKS DISPLAY COMMENCING AT 9PM!
(DON'T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE)

Please log onto try booking to pre-purchase your **unlimited ride wristband** and avoid queueing for tickets on the day, www.trybooking.com/BAYGX

57 BIRDWOOD STREET, BOX HILL SOUTH



Register Now!

Ashwood Auskick

Essex Heights Reserve, Outlook Rd Mt Waverley

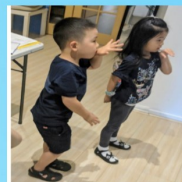
Saturday 9.30-11am Starts April 27th

Oudom Chhit
oudomchhit@gmail.com

Visit play.afl/auskick



Bridge to Chinese  **Chinese Learning Studio**



Chinese rhythm
 Learn Chinese with singing and dancing



Learning Chinese
 is a lot of fun!



Art craft making
 Making lanterns for Chinese lantern festival



Art craft making
 FIRECRACKERS FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR



STORYTELLING
 Learn Chinese idioms through stories



Time to focus on writing practice.



Chinese playgroup for aged 3 – 5

0404 466 821

Chinese class for aged 5 - 10

info@bridgetochinese.com.au

Call or email us for more timetable and class information.



Darren Bradley's Tennis Academy

FUNDAY ON SUNDAY

Essex Heights
Tennis Club Barton
Street, Mt
Waverley

1pm-4pm Sunday 17th
of March
All skills and
Ages Welcome

Darren Bradley
0415419855

Radar Gun Prizes Games BBQ Giant Racquet Ball Machine



Lets Talk About Parenting

Do you want to know how to talk so kids will listen?

Understand what is normal childrens behaviour?

Come along to this session to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!



Education and Training

When:
Tuesday 30th April 2019
Time:
7.00pm to 9.00 pm
Where:
Christian Alliance Church of Victoria
17 Livingstone Close Burwood
Cost:
Free of charge. Bookings essential.
Bookings:
Helena 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204



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TOMORROWS

Ashwood Junior Football Club



U8 – U18

Boys and Girls

junior.ashwoodfc.com.au

Dale 0419 166 300

Tim 0411 960 404 (girls)



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2019



FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation,
who will ride, walk, scooter and skate to school.

Visit ride2school.com.au to find out more.

