**CALENDAR DATES**

**Term 3, 2016**
- Thurs 1st September: Father’s day Breakfast
- Thurs 1st September: Year 4 Sleepover
- Fri 2nd September: Father’s day Stall
- Fri 2nd September: Year 4 Ceres Excursion
- Wed 7th September: Prep 2017 Transition
- Tues 13th-14th September: Jump Rope for Heart 2.30-3.30pm
- Wed 14th September: Engineers Without Borders Workshops Years 5 & 6
- Thurs 15th September: Footy Colours/Hot Dog Day
- Thurs 15th September: School Council
- Fri 16th September: Last Day of Term 2.30pm Finish

**Term 4 2016**
- Mon 3rd October: First Day of Term 4
- Wed 5th October: Grade 6 Graduation Photo
- Thurs 6th October: Engineers Without Borders Workshops Year 4
- Fri 7th October: Engineers Without Borders Workshops Year 3
- Wed 12th October: Prep 2017 Transition
- Fri 21st October: Showcase

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Waverley Eisteddfod – Amazing Success!**

On Monday of this week Tanya Dolence and the Chamber Choir competed in the 38th Waverley Eisteddfod at Robert Blackwood Hall. In our division there were twelve choirs from across Melbourne schools. The children and supporting parents were very excited when they announced Essex Heights as the winners of our division! Following the wonderful experiences in Singapore, this was just reward for Tanya and the Chamber Choir who have all worked so hard in recent months.

However, that wasn’t the only great news for the day. We were contacted later that evening and notified that Essex Heights had been awarded the overall winner’s trophy as the best performed primary school choir of the whole Eisteddfod. This comes with a $500 prize and a second beautiful trophy.
These prizes are further endorsement of the outstanding music program we have here at Essex Heights PS.

**Class Visit – 1T**

On Tuesday I enjoyed a visit with Sarah Trebilcock and the children of Yr 1T. This was a Writing Session building on work previously completed on ‘adjectives’. To tune the children in Sarah referred top past lessons, then showed a short video clip reinforcing the purpose of adjectives in writing. Sarah then distributed a worksheet that gave the structure of a creature (their choice) and they had to select the best adjectives from a bank of words on the floor. This led to some very creative writing which were shared together at the end of the session. I worked with a small group supporting their writing and we used the iPads to video their responses, encouraging correct pronunciation.

Thanks to Sarah for her great work in developing the children’s writing skills, and her contribution to the Yr. 1 Team.

**Class Visit 5/6T**

Yesterday I spent time with Kelvin Tang and the children of 5/6T. They were involved in a Reading session with the children dividing into three groups for different activities. The general focus was on migration which links to their Unit of Study this Term, ‘A Changing Multi-Cultural Australia’ I read with a small group about children in an Australian school reflecting on the different countries their families originated from. It was an interesting discussion with the children able to share their own family origins as well. They then produced a map/chart identifying the countries of origin for each member of our group.
Thanks to Kelvin for his great work in building the literacy skill of the Yr 5/6 children in his care, his contribution to the YR 5/6 Team and ICT across the school.

See you around the school,

Andrew

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear Teachers, Parents and Friends,

Zoe, mother of Isabella in Year 2LB, approached the Junior School Council with the idea of bringing any coats or jackets that are not being used at home to offer them for the Kid’s Coat Collection for the St Kilda Mums organisation.

While spring is on the way, the nights and many days are still cool. Many families in need would really appreciate a nice warm coat or jacket to see them through the cold.

If you are able to assist, please bring the coats to the following classes where you can place them in a suitcase – 2LB, 3CW, 4O and 5/6 T.

Thank You,

The Junior School Council

Science Rocks

Origin Energy is running a competition for students in Years 3 to 8.

It is called LittleBigIdeas.  

Students have to come up with a big idea. “It could be a new invention, an improvement to something that already exists or a clever idea that helps make the world around us a better place.” The three winners in each age group will fly to the USA for an all expenses paid innovation adventure, visiting NASA Kennedy Space Centre, Epcot Theme Park at Disneyworld and Ripley’s Believe It or Not.
Interested?

Describe your little BIGidea in 200 words or less. To help explain or illustrate your idea, you can also create and submit a video, image or diagram. Online entries close 11:59pm AEST 30/09/16. Mail entries must be sent by 30/09/16 & received by last mail 7/09/16.

Rules

• If you're making a video, it must not exceed one minute in length. Videos longer than a minute will mean your entry is automatically disqualified. Sorry!
• If you're uploading an image or diagram, you shouldn't use it as a way of getting around the 200 word limit. Having lots of text on an image may count against you. Some text is acceptable. Use your judgement.
• You cannot enter more than once -- so make sure you’re happy with your entry before you hit ‘submit’. If you submit two entries, we can only accept your first entry.
• Major Prize winners must be available to travel to the USA within 12 months of the winners being announced.

Hints

• Every idea is welcome. No idea is too little or too big. The important thing is how it can help people or make their lives easier.
• Winning entries will be chosen based on an exceptional demonstration of originality, creativity, practicality, imagination and innovation. You should aim to come up with something that will blow our judges’ minds.
• We’re looking for original ideas, but we understand this isn’t always as simple as it sounds. If you find your idea already exists in some shape or form, try thinking about a fresh new take on it – could your idea be a new and improved version, for example?
• If you had unlimited money and lots of help, it should theoretically be possible to make your invention or bring your idea to life.

Entry Form  https://www.littlebigidea.com.au/#entry-form

2015 Winners

Oscar Robert Mason (Years 7 & 8) was recognized for thinking up the 'Baby Buddy' a baby seat designed to alert people to the presence of a child trapped in a hot car by utilising the car horn and a bright light.

Greta Cummins (Grades 3 & 4) won for her fantastic vehicle safety product – a small device that contacts emergency services once your car’s air bag has been deployed and alerts them to your exact position using GPS technology.

William Grame (Grades 5 & 6) was awarded for his design of a small, lightweight test strip disposal unit that can fit into a diabetic’s testing kit.

Start Thinking and Good Luck!

Mrs Austin and Ms Steward
Science Coordinators
Hi everyone

Firstly, a big thank you to Jen, Raema, Sophie, Jess, Pauline and Mel for all their hard work last week, reuniting lost uniform items with their owners and making over $350 at the second-hand uniform stall. Please remember in order for lost items to be returned they need to be clearly labelled with a first name and a surname.

Thanks also to the 8 families that had their properties valued by estate agents McGrath Mt Waverley, we received a lovely donation of $800.

Don’t forget the Father’s Day Breakfast is next Thursday morning, so please return the reply slip no later than the 31st of August to assist us with catering.

The Father’s Day Stall next Friday will be stocked with a range of lovely gifts for our eager young shoppers. Stef would greatly appreciate any empty 500g glass jars (like the pasta sauce ones) to assist with some extra yummy gifts. Please leave them at the office for her.

We are in need of a lot more helpers to make these Father’s Day events run smoothly, if you can help please sign up for a time slot below.

Father’s Day breakfast –
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aada829a2ff2-fathers5
Father’s Day stall -
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aada829a2ff2-fathers4

Remember it’s never too late to join the PFA, it’s a fun way to help the children and staff, and is great for getting to know a few of the other parents around the place. If you wish to join or want to know more please contact us any time at ehpspfa@gmail.com.

Have a great week.

Andrea F.
Bread Fundraising

In addition to the Money Munchers, The Junior School Council is raising funds for the children of Timor Leste through bread run from JT’s Bakery in Pinewood. For a gold coin donation, bread is available in the staffroom for the staff and will be available for the parents and friends after school Tuesday to Friday.

Thank you to JT’s Bakery for providing the bread.

Please support this worthy cause. We appreciate your efforts.

The Junior School Council

FOR SALE (BEST OFFER)

GUINEA PIG/ SMALL ANIMAL HUTCH ON STAND
WITH CASTOR WHEELS
STRONG PLASTIC BASE WITH METAL & WIRE FRAME,
CAN BE REMOVED FROM STAND. H 1000mm (on Stand)
H 500mm X L 1180mm D 970mm
GOOD CONDITION
CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 9807 4944

HEALTH CENTRE

Just letting you know that there has been a case of chicken pox diagnosed in the younger grades.

For more information, please check the Better health link and below are signs and symptoms

+++SCHOOL BANKING NEWS ++++

Last term we had a great result:

The school received $640 in commission from the Commonwealth Bank for term 2

Why and how to join

We encourage parents to join their children up for banking as it is a great way for them to learn to count money, learn to save, raise funds for the school but also it is lots of fun for the children when they order their little rewards. For your children to join please open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch or over the internet if you are already a customer. Forms are also available at the office via Gael.

National competition:

Make 15 deposits through the school by the end of term 3 for a chance to win a family holiday to visit Australia Zoo.

State competition:

All you have to do here is bank 3 times in term 3, and yes, there is still time to do so for a chance to win:
- a camping kit
- an instant camera
- a magazine pack
- a playstation 4 pack (for this visit www.commbank.com.au/prizelights and fill in your details once you have made 3 deposits)

Rewards program

Ask your child to check whether they are eligible to order a reward. A list of eligible children is posted in the PFA notices box located in the walkway between the library and banksia building. And if they are on the lists please get them to fill out a reward order form with their name, class, student ID and reward item or simply write us a note with the above details.

Reward items currently available:

- Eraser Pen
- Dollarmites Money Box
- ET DVD
- Galaxy Glider (Frisbee)
- Intergalactic rocket (whistling rocket to throw between people)
- Jump and Skip rope
- Pat Bag Tag
- Outer Space themed Money Box
- Writers Set
Banking process

- parents open bank account for their child at the bank
- children bring yellow pouch with filled in bank book and money to school on Monday mornings
- bank books go into the grey pouch that is in every class
- volunteers take money and slip out of the bank books and put silver token in bank books
- every deposit is entered into the bank's computer program
- when a child has made 10 deposits the silver tokens are swapped for a gold token and the child is now eligible to order a reward (reward card is added to bank book)
- books get returned to class
- child fills out reward slip and sends it back to school with their banking the next week
- rewards are ordered from the bank and usually delivered to school 2 weeks later

Helpers

Thank you to all volunteers who give up their Monday morning every week or some weeks to support this program. The program couldn't run without you. If anybody would like to join the school banking team please see us in the Hall on Monday mornings.

If you have any questions contact Stefanie on sscanning10@gmail.com.

CANTEEN

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If you are unable to help please ensure that you advise Maria as soon as possible. DON'T FORGET – 
Please report to the Front Office to sign the Visitor’s Book and get a Visitor’s Label BEFORE proceeding to the Canteen. Any queries phone Maria on 0409 934 573
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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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Join our own world-renowned choir for a wonderful afternoon of glorious harmony and ensemble power in the spirit of the Welsh valleys.

The Australian Welsh Male Choir
Côr Meibion Cymreig Awstralia

2pm Sunday 18th September 2016
St Faith’s Anglican Church
4 Charles St, Glen Iris

Tickets $25
www.trybooking.com/MGZB
or Parish Office 98895086
Wednesday: 9 am - 12 noon
Friday: 9 am - 11 am
or at the door.

www.auswelshmalechoir.org.au

PINewood PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS...

THE ART OF ANIMALIA
2016

Tuesday 30th August 2016

1st viewing: 3:30 - 4:30pm
GRAND OPENING at 6 - 7:30pm
with special guest; Author and Artist...
GRAEME BASE

-ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION-

Waverley Little Athletics Centre Inc.

The Season begins
Saturday 8th October 2016
8:45am start.

Be part of the 2016/17 Little Athletics Season at Waverley!

Full season membership from $170 minus $10 per additional child.

1 free Come & Try registration is available

Early Bird registration only $150 until Sept 30th

Register Online
www.waverleylac.com.au
or Information Day Saturday 17th September 2016
10am - 12:00 noon.

catch the spirit of the games!

Central Reserve
Glen Waverley

www.waverleylac.com.au
or contact the:
Registrar: registrar@waverleylac.com.au

We are based at Central Reserve, Glen Waverley
Platypus Junction Group is a privately owned and family operated early learning and childcare centre delivering high quality long day care and education for families with children from 3 months - 5 years old for twenty years.

Platypus Junction Group is opening a brand new purpose built early learning and childcare centre at 5 Nexus Business Park, Mulgrave.

Platypus Junction Mulgrave is situated on level 3 and 4 at 5 Nexus Court, Mulgrave. Level 3 will house our welcome area and five separate age grouped rooms from the babies nursery to 3 and 4-year-old Kindergartens with two level 3 outdoor learning areas.

The playground is a fabulous rooftop garden and adventure learning space. A landscaped green playground with fruit trees, citrus and veggie patches mixed with sandpits and water play features and wonderful spaces for stories and experimenting.

For more information or to enroll, visit: www.platypusjunction.com or speak with Felicity, Michelle or Rebecca on 1300 261 685

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ESSEX HEIGHTS TENNIS CLUB
TRIVIA NIGHT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016
6PM IN THE CLUBHOUSE

GROUPS OF 6 OR LESS
GROUPS WITH 3 OR LESS WILL BE PAIRED UP
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

BRING PLENTY OF GOLD COINS
TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MINI GAMES

$5 PER ENTRANT

DOOR PRIZES AND GROUP PRIZES AWARDED

BYO FOOD AND DRINKS

MUST BOOK BEFORE AUGUST 31ST
TO BOOK, HEAD TO: EHTC.COM.AU/TRIVIANIGHT

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Caulfield Little Athletics invites all boys and girls aged between 5-15 years to join our 2016–2017 Season!

Welcome to Caulfield Day
- Come and Try:
  Saturday 1 October
  from 8:30am to 11am

More information:
caulfieldla.com.au

Come & Try - call Mary on 0425 719 384
Registrations - email Donna at
registrations@caulfieldlittleathletics.org.au

All new members who join before 6 October will go into the draw to WIN a CLAC sports bag and uniform!

Register by Thursday 6 October. Drawn at the track on Saturday 8 October.

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Mount Waverley City Soccer Club

2016 SUMMER SCHOOL

WHEN: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM
5 OCTOBER - 7 DECEMBER 2016
6.30PM TO 7.45PM

WHERE: GARDINERS CREEK RESERVE

COST: FREE TO ALL 2016 WOLVES PLAYERS
(AGED 8-15)
$50 FOR NEW PLAYERS*

REGISTER: CALL ANGELO ON 0419341275
OR EMAIL
ENQUIRIES@MOUNTWAVERLEYCITYSOCCER.COM.AU

* If you register to play with Mt. Waverley City Soccer Club for the 2017 season this $50 will be deducted from your registration fees.
Can’t think of a gift for Dad, how about the NEW 2016/2017 Entertainment Membership!

NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Book, or the new Entertainment Digital Membership for your smartphone is a great gift idea this Father’s Day as it is packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more!

Wheelers Hill Lions Club
Plant Sale on 3rd September 2016
8.00am – 4.00pm
at Blackflat Community Centre
Cnr Waverley & Springvale Road
Glen Waverley

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Wheelers Hill