Showcase – Friday, October 21st

The children and teachers have been working very hard this week to put the final touches on our performance for tomorrow night. I look forward to seeing you all there as we ‘showcase’ the amazing musical talent we have here at Essex Heights.
Traffic and Parking Reminders

I would again appeal to parents to support the safety of students by remembering to:

- Obey all parking restriction signs, especially the Drop Off Zone.
- Avoid conducting U-Turns in front of the school.
- Ensure all children cross at the designated School Crossing only.
- Take extra care if you are using the Council Car Park as the volume of traffic and children there requires extra vigilance.
- Avoid stopping to drop off children in areas that either hold up other parents, or cause children to make dangerous road crossings.

ICAS Maths Results

Recently we received the results from the ICAS Maths Competition. These national competitions see a number of children test their skills and knowledge in the area of Maths. I would like to congratulate all the children who participated and in particular highlight those listed below for their outstanding achievement in receiving special recognition. A terrific endorsement once again of the high quality teachers and students we have here at Essex Heights PS. Thanks to Margaret Fitzpatrick for her work in facilitating these competitions for the children.

### MATHS RESULTS

#### YEAR 3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CREDIT – top 20%</th>
<th>DISTINCTION – top 10%</th>
<th>HIGH DISTINCTION – top 1%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ava</td>
<td>Alexander</td>
<td>Bihan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Damien</td>
<td>Chethila</td>
<td>Evelyn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eshan</td>
<td>Christina</td>
<td>Shuying</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hannah</td>
<td>Hong Jin</td>
<td>Thomas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hayagriv</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kayla</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keat Voon</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lucia</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maggie</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maxim</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oliver</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sen</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tom F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tom S</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### YEAR 4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CREDIT – top 20%</th>
<th>DISTINCTION – top 10%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aiden</td>
<td>Alma</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edolie</td>
<td>Derek</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emma</td>
<td>Joshua</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gaurav</td>
<td>Nick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hanne</td>
<td>Siyuan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kai</td>
<td>Yura</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Luke</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monique</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Natalene</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nathan</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raymond</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sienna</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vivian</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### YEAR 5

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CREDIT – top 20%</th>
<th>DISTINCTION – top 10%</th>
<th>HIGH DISTINCTION – top 1%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Anita</td>
<td>Frederick</td>
<td>Zian</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Habin</td>
<td>Jeremy</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jack</td>
<td>Tessica</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Justin</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kathryn</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lewis</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rowan</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ruby</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### YEAR 6

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CREDIT – top 20%</th>
<th>DISTINCTION – top 10%</th>
<th>HIGH DISTINCTION – top 1%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aaron</td>
<td>Anjali</td>
<td>Alex</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caleb</td>
<td>Ashley</td>
<td>Orlando</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel</td>
<td>Cathy</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lea</td>
<td>Jay Syn</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maneli</td>
<td>Jehan</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Man Kei Sophia</td>
<td>Visith</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seneth</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tarun</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tomasz</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Class Visit – 20

On Tuesday I enjoyed a visit with Nikki Olsen and the children of 2O. They were involved in a writing session with a focus on words/phrases that indicate time or sequence: now, next, later, in a moment, finally. Nikki began with a YouTube clip reinforcing past concepts and then a discussion with the children where they brainstormed words they already knew. The children then broke into groups for targeted activities and I worked with one group in...
the Collaborative Space. We read about the lifecycles of frogs before the children made their own poster of the cycle, utilising their time words. Finally, all groups shared their learning with each other around the circle.

Thanks to Nikki for her great work in developing the writing skills of the children in her care, and for her contribution to the Year 2 Team.

Class Visit – 5/6P

I also visited Con Papanicolaou and the children of 5/6P on Wednesday. They were involved in Reading Groups with the children completing a range of activities. This included accessing a terrific site on the laptops, ‘Kids News’. This is provided by the Herald Sun and consists of topical online articles written for children, a great idea. Others were reading their novels and completing character profiles. I worked with a group on a shared reading activity. I was impressed with the way this group worked together, each taking a designated role. This kept all the children involved in the discussions and engaged with the book.

Thanks to Con for his great work in building the independent work habits of the children as they prepare for secondary school. Also his contribution to the Year 5/6 Team, particularly in the area of sport.

Student Planning and Placement for 2017

Teaching staff are now beginning discussions regarding the placement of children in grades for 2017. This is a complex task as there are many factors to take into account to try and get the best mix for all students to learn to their utmost. When developing class lists, teachers ensure that each class has an equitable spread of boys and girls with a range of academic abilities. Student compatibility and behaviour is also taken into account and students are placed with some friends with whom they work well. This process takes many hours of consideration and planning with the main objective being to place students so that their learning potential is maximised.
I would ask that if you have matters that are of interest to the educational wellbeing of your child, please complete the Class List Formation for 2017 form that is available on the Essex Heights website and return to me by Friday 21st October. This of course is not a case of parents selecting teachers for their children, but rather an opportunity for me to gain an insight into the matters you see as important to the educational wellbeing of your child, and to consider this carefully in the allocation of students to classes. This information will be handled by me in a confidential manner at all times. Please contact me if you have any further queries in this area.

See you at Showcase,
Andrew

---

**MUSIC NEWS**

This year’s Music Count Us In song has been released. The students have been listening to it and the Year 5/6s have created actions. The song is called *Let it Play* and was composed by four school students (no Essex Heights students this year 🙈). The performance date for this year is Thursday 3rd November at 12:30pm (there will also be a sneak preview at Showcase tomorrow, October 21st).

*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 this at home, please use the following link:
or search “MCUI Let it Play” in your web browser.

Happy singing
FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES

Essex Heights Primary School has a number of children who suffer from food allergies, including severe life threatening food allergies known as anaphylaxis. Any food can cause anaphylaxis but generally these foods account for 90% of all reactions: Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Shellfish, Fish, Milk, Egg, Sesame, Soy and Wheat.

Any food brought into the school can have serious consequences to children at risk. We ask parents, students and staff to be sensitive to the critical needs of these children at school who have severe food allergies.

Due to the large number of children with nut allergies we request that nuts, foods that contain nuts and nut products such as Nutella and peanut butter are not consumed at school at any time.

If food is brought in to share for a birthday or special occasion, please speak to the teacher and provide the teacher with a printed list of ingredients before distributing.

Parents of children with food allergies may choose to provide an alternative “treat “to be kept with the class teacher for these occasions.

Any concerns, please talk to me in the Health Centre between 11am and 3pm (Monday to Friday).

Julie Zuk
First Aid Officer

SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

Dear Parents,

Once again we are looking for volunteers to assist with the council recycling program. Please add your name to the fortnightly roster which can be found at reception.

We are also seeking clean 1lt or 2lt ice cream containers (or similar sized yoghurt) to place under the bubblers to collect water from the bubblers for the gardens. Please place your donations in the purple tub located in V5.

Regards,

Marita Steward and the Sustainability Captains
RUBBISH COLLECTION - FAMILY ROSTER
Monash Council Recycling Area A

Thank you to our school families who volunteer to put the bins out. Please collect the bins from the driveway behind the Art Room. Check the gate and if the gate is locked, please use alternate gate. Please space the bins out for the driver. The bins need to go out on Sunday night as collection times vary on the Monday morning.

Important note: the bins cannot go out on Saturday as we may receive a fine or worse still, the bins may fall over!!

We have three gaps in our bin roster on the following dates:
13th November, 27th November and 11th December.
If you can help, please see Marita Steward (V7) after adding your name to the roster kept at the Front Office.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 27th October we are having our Halloween Party in the hall.
It is going to be huge, so bring a big appetite as there are going to be lots of treats and the Afterscare Halloween Cake will be unveiled.
You can come to the party in your Halloween costume.
Only children that are currently enrolled in the program can attend.
Next week the programs activities will be:
Monday .................................. Jack-O-Lantern Mask
Tuesday (Before Care) .......... Pancake Breakfast and Halloween Cartoons
Tuesday (After Care) ............. Make a Mummy
Wednesday ....................... Hotel Transylvania 2
Thursday ............................ HALLOWEEN PARTY
Friday ............................... Halloween Cookies

Thank you to all those families that brought their accounts up to date last week. Just a reminder all accounts must be cleared prior to the end of Term 4.

Finally, I would like to thank Helen Croft who has done a mountain of work this month to make sure Halloween has been a big hit with the children. I also need to thank Rita for all her hard work in the kitchen. Thank you Helen and Rita.

To those families that need the 2017 January Program it will start on the 16th January 2017 and run until school commences.

Thank you,

Paul Davis
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Hi everyone

Helpers welcome at the World Teacher’s Day tomorrow (Friday) in the staffroom from 12:30 to 3pm. Warm thanks to Deb Leigh for bringing this all together. It’s lovely to have an opportunity to thank the people who care so beautifully for our children every day.

Make sure you have your order for delicious mangoes back to the school by Wednesday 2 November. You don’t want to miss out on these beauties!

Friday 11 November is fast approaching. The notice and permission slip for the Essex Heights School Disco! will go home this week. Please return the money and permission slip by Friday 4 November to book your child’s place on the dancefloor. This is an event for Essex Heights children only (no siblings, and no parents unless they’re registered helpers), so the permission slip is vital. More details about the Disco! later in Contact.

See you at Showcase!

Andrea J

SECON DHAND UNIFORM STALL

Tuesday 29 November in the Stadium, 3–3:45pm

Helpers needed from 2:30pm. Donations can be left at the front office or in the lost property boxes. No old logo items please and also please remove your child’s name off the donated items otherwise they may be returned to you!

CANTEEN

MONDAY 24th OCTOBER

11am Dana Beamon

WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER

10am Sophie Sautner

FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

10am Katy Smith, Natalie Murphy & Jo Whateley

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.
CALLING ALL KIDS

Put on your dancing shoes
and come to the Essex Heights

SCHOOL DISCO!

GLOWSTICKS 
FOR SALE 
$1/$2

Cordial and icy poles provided

$5 per child

Friday 11 November 2016
in the Essex Heights Hall

Prep-Year 2: 6–7pm
Years 3–6: 7.15–8.30pm

IMPORTANT INFO NO PARENTS, BROTHERS OR SISTERS ALLOWED SORRY!
Parents and guardians, please sign in your child at the start of the session, and sign them out when you pick them up at the end. Only Essex Heights children in the designated year level will be allowed in the Hall. Please leave other siblings at home.

Help please! We need some adult helpers for setup and supervision. If you can lend some time and have a current Working With Children Check, please sign up online at tinyurl.com/z5pt6bt

Make sure you return your super-important permission slip and money by Friday 4 November
Berita Bahasa Indonesia!

Please see below regarding some upcoming events which may be of interest to our EHPS community.

The Museum of Indonesian Arts Inc.

The Power of Story: Sing me, Dance me, Play me, Read me, Tell me a story...

Date: 3rd October to 25th November, Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm, workshops on Saturdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Venue: Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery, 141 Queen St, Melbourne

A workshop will be run on each Saturday of the exhibition from 1.30pm to 3.30pm:

22nd October ........ Singing an Acehnese baby to sleep – Ari Pahlawi
29th October .......... Dancing a Panji story – Doctor Michael Ewing
5th November .......... ‘Si Kancil’ as a wayang story – Irene Ritchie
12th November ........ Weave me a Kalimantan or a Sumba story – Lauren Brand
19th November ....... Rendra and Indonesian Poetry – Professor Harry Aveling

To raise funds, MIA will raffle Illuminations: Writing Traditions of Indonesia by Ann Kumar and John H Mc Glynn at $5.00 per ticket.

For further information, please go to the website -
http://www.museumofindonesianarts.org/upcoming/
# EHPS Calendar

## October 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
<th>Sunday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Policy &amp; Planning 7.30pm</td>
<td>World Teachers' Day Lunch 1.30pm SHOWCASE 6.30pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Yrs 5 &amp; 6 Values for Life: Lead the Way Prep 2017 Transition 11.45am</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>OSHC Committee 5pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## November 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
<th>Sunday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Melb Cup Day) – NO SCHOOL</td>
<td>Prep Science Morning Prep Science Morning</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prep Edendale Farm Excursion</td>
<td>Yr 2 Botanic Gardens Excursion</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Prep 2017 Info Evening 7pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keyboard Concert 6.15pm Piano Concert 7.30pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Secondhand Uniform Sale 3pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PFA Meeting 7.30pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

KIDS HELPING KIDS

It’s on again! 27 November 2016

Kids Fun Run with Thomas

Call Three Six Five

For more details contact three six five at 361-261-885 or visit their website at kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

St. Luke’s Preschool

Have you missed out on a Kinder spot?

Enquire now about our 4 Year Old program over 3 consecutive days and our 3 Year Old weekday programs

See stlukeskindergarten.org.au for more details

As a not for profit Preschool we can accept transfers from the City of Maroondah

Our small classes use play-based learning in a stimulating environment

Learning is tailored to each child’s individual needs

Our program celebrates the cultural diversity of our community

St Luke’s Preschool

22 Dream Road, Mount Waverley

www.stlukespreschool.org.au

facebook.com/stlukespreschool

Joey Scouts - Prep Students

Joey Scouts is the youngest section of the Scouting Movement, targeting girls and boys aged 6 to 7.

Local groups currently have some vacancies for Prep students interested in trying Scouting. Contact one of the leaders below to arrange a three week trial.

2nd West Waverley Joey Scouts

24 Sasalda Road, Ashwood

Monday 7pm – 8pm

Contact Chris at chrisomeara8@gmail.com

3rd West Waverley Joey Scouts (also accepting 5 year olds)

Fairway Ave, Mount Waverley

Tuesday 5:45pm – 6:45pm

Contact Sarah at 3stwaverleyjoeyscouts@gmail.com

Waverley Valley Joey Scouts

Valley Reserve, 2 Willis St, Mount Waverley

Wednesday 6pm – 7pm

Contact Jane at wv.groupleader@gmail.com

Adult volunteers also welcome!
PARENTING ADOLESCENTS 10 - 15 YEARS

Parenting Adolescents is a program for parents of young people aged 10-15 years of age. Over 6 weeks the program will cover a number of topics including:
- Understanding adolescent development
- Setting boundaries & limits
- Consequences
- Strategies to deal with adolescent behaviours
- Respectful communication
- Problem solving
- Anger
- Self-care

In addition to these topic areas, the program will give parents the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from each other.

When:
Starts 20th October and finishes 24th November 2016

Time:
Thursdays 7pm - 9.30pm

Where:
Clayton Community Centre
9 - 15 Cooke St
Clayton

There is no fee but bookings are essential as places are limited. To book call Libby or Emily at MYFS on 9516 3900

---
---
---

Tennis Coaching at MCC
Glen Iris Valley Tennis Club

Vida Tennis and the MCC Glen Iris Valley Tennis Club invites you to organise your FREE lesson today!

- **Kids Hot Shots group lesson**
  - Mon to Fri from 4pm
  - Set & Sun from Sun
  - All ages available with multiple options every day

- **Ladies - Adult - Cardio Tennis**
  - Mon 7:30 - 8:30pm
  - Thu 7:30 - 8:30pm
  - Tue & Thu 9:30 - 10:30am
  - Friday mornings

- **Junior Squad Sessions**
  - Green Bell Squad Tues, Thur, Fri & Saturdays
  - Hard Ball development squad Mon, Tues, Thu & Fri

- **Private Coaching**
  - Private and semi-private lessons available 7 days a week.
  - Programs & lessons available for all ages and levels.

- **Other Programs**
  - Junior Competition, Head Start Motor skills,
  - Tournament, Holiday Programs, Camp,
  - player development and more

- **FREE Intro Lessons**
  - Try a FREE intro lesson in any of our programs in Term 4.
  - Sessions time to suit everyone.
  - Sign up via the details below and get started today!

Contact our team: Angelo 0497 997 796 info@vidatennis.com.au
Address: 260 High Street Road, Mt Waverley