

CALENDAR DATES

Term 2, 2016

22nd April

25th April

2nd May

3rd May

5th May

6th May

11th May

11th May

24th May

16th - 20th May

25th May

30th May

6th - 8th June

4th June

9th June

13th June

24th June

Term 3, 2016

11th July

ANZAC Day Service -10am

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Dance Concerts

Dance Concerts

Mother's Day Breakfast

Mother's Day Stall

School Fun Run

School Council

District Cross Country

ARISS – Astronaut Interview –see EHPS Science Webpage

PFA Meeting 7.30pm Staffroom

Pupil Free Day

Year 5 Camp Sovereign Hill

PFA Trivia Night

School Council

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Last Day of Term 2

First Day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back to everyone from the holiday break. I trust that you were able to enjoy time with family and friends, relaxing and recharging for the weeks ahead.

As you will note from the 'Important Dates' listed above, there is plenty happening and we look forward to another exciting Term at Essex Heights PS.

Compass for Parents

Yesterday you would have received your family login details for the Compass Parent Portal. As outlined in the accompanying bulletin, this will improve and streamline communication and administrative tasks between home and school. I would encourage you to check



regularly as we will increasingly use Compass for notices and communications from school. Ultimately, all notices will be emailed and posted on Compass, thereby reducing the need for paper notes to be sent home with the children. Initially we will provide both, as families get used to the new system, but eventually we will phase out hard copies. We will also begin (from this week) posting Contact on the Compass News bulletin board as well as the school website each week. Please note that you can also download an app for tablets and smartphones, 'Compass School Manager'.

'Land Down Under' Dance Program

A reminder to parents of the booking process for the upcoming Dance Concert on May 2nd & 3rd. Please log into the TryBooking site (link below) and order your allocated 2 x Tickets per family. This must be completed by April 22nd so that we can then make any extra tickets available for those who would like them.

Booking Link: trybooking.com/LAMZ



District Sport Results

During the last weeks of Term 1 we had 5 teams still in contention for overall winners for our Interschool Sport Competition. This was a great achievement for the children and teachers of Yr 5 & 6 and we are very proud of their efforts.

The results were outstanding with Boys Softball as well as Girls A and Girls B Softball teams winning their respective sections. Volleyball Girls finished in equal 1st position at the end of the season and will play a Final in early Term 4 to decide the overall winner. The Volleyball Boys team unfortunately lost their final game and finished third overall.

The Boys and Girls A Softball Teams have now qualified for the Division Finals and we look forward to supporting them at this next level of competition.

Thanks to Ben Wooster and all the Yr 5/6 teachers and parents who trained, coached and supported all the teams throughout Term 1. Particular thanks to Con Papanicolaou, who has worked with the Softball Teams and coached them to this terrific result.



ANZAC Day Service

We have planned our ANZAC Day Service for Friday, April 22nd at 10:00am. The whole school will participate and we will assemble together at the flagpoles (on the basketball crt). This year we will also be commemorating the Centenary of the Gallipoli landings in 2015, by planting a 'Gallipoli Oak'. This has been propagated and grown from an oak on the Gallipoli Peninsula and has been supplied to schools across Australia following the Centenary celebrations last year. We would invite any children who are members of Scouts, Guides, Cadets or similar groups to wear their uniforms to school on that day.

We would like to invite interested parents to join us on that day for the ANZAC Day Service, which will last for 30-45mins.



Smoking Ban

Last year the Victorian Government introduced smoking bans across a range of areas. Included in these bans is a 10m exclusion zone around playgrounds and sporting fields and a 4m exclusion zone from any entrance to primary or secondary schools. The legislation effectively makes smoking around our school a fineable offence, given the number of entrances, sporting fields and playgrounds in and around Essex Heights PS.



Pupil Free Days

Please note that School Council has approved the following date for our next Pupil Free Day allocated by DET. It will be on **Friday, July 29th** as a Reporting and Assessment Day. Children will not be required at school on that day.

See you around the school,

Andrew

Science Rocks at E.H.P.S.

Our school applied to be part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program and was successful! 'ARISS lets students worldwide experience the excitement of talking directly with crew members of the International Space Station, inspiring them to pursue interests in careers in science, technology, engineering and math, and engaging them with radio science technology through amateur radio

Astronaut Sunita Williams, KD5PLB, talking to students from the ISS ham radio station.

Our school has been given the week 16 - 22 May 2016. At this stage we have not been notified which date or time. It may be out of school hours and may even be an evening. It will be at the school. We will not have a direct contact, instead we will be using a telebridge which means we will link with our ARISS partner, Tony Hutchison in Adelaide.

<http://www.electric-web.org>

We would like to select 10 students from Years 3 to 6. There would be 2 students from each grade level and 2 students from between Years 3 to 6. Each student should be able to ask one question and possibly two questions during the interview. The interview should last about ten minutes. At this stage we don't know which astronaut the students will be interviewing.

If your child is interested in being selected to be part of the team interviewing an astronaut would they please submit in writing **why they would like to be selected and why ISS is important**. Please handing in to Jenny Austin or place in the ISS box in 3AW classroom (Portable 2), **no later than Tuesday April 12th**.

Thank you

Jenny Austin

Science Coordinator



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2016

Once again students from across Victoria have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge in 2016. The students of Essex Heights have been participating in this since it began and we see it as a means of promoting the importance of reading among students in our school. This year the Victorian Government is encouraging families and parents to be more involved with supporting children's reading, in and beyond school. Before the end of term your child will bring home a permission form for the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Successful Challengers receive a Certificate in Term 4.

For your child to be awarded the certificate, you will need to sign the permission form. There is no charge for the certificate. Student's names will also be published in an edition of the Sunday Age if you give permission.

Let's keep up the Essex Heights tradition of being ambassadors for the Reading Challenge in 2016. Attached to the newsletter is a letter from the Premier, Daniel Andrew's promoting not only the Premier's Reading Challenge but also the benefits of instilling a love of reading in your child.

Please return the permission form to your class teacher as soon as possible so that your child can get started on their personal challenge.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Hello everyone

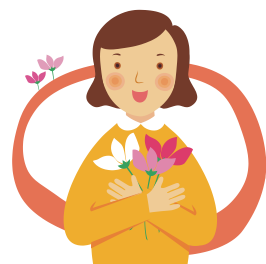
By now you should have received a notice about our honey fundraiser. Cathedral Valley Honey is offering us **delicious pure honey**, with part of the sales going towards the school. Slather some on your warm toast in the mornings and support our school. You know you want to! *Please have your order in by Friday 22 April.*

Make sure you put Thursday 5 May in your diary for our **Mother's Day breakfast**. It's a great chance for mums to be spoilt. Thanks to Tristan and his team of dads for putting this on.

Our **Mother's Day stall** will be on Friday 6 May. For more details, see the notice later in *Contact*. Stef's looking for donations of **empty 500g glass jars** (like the pasta sauce ones). If you have any you can collect and pass on, please leave them at the office for her. Also, if you can **help on the day**, please sign up for a timeslot at tinyurl.com/ehps-mums.

If you know a business that could **donate a prize** to support our **Mother's Day breakfast or trivia night**, please let us know (ehpspfa@gmail.com). We're approaching local businesses asking for support for these two social fundraisers.

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Andrea J



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

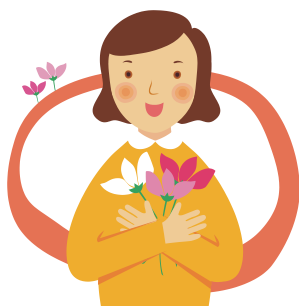


When: Friday 6th May

Where: School Hall

What to bring: Money & a
carry bag

Mother's Day gifts range from \$1 to \$6



The PFA are looking for helpers on the day. Any amount of time you can offer would be appreciated. Please register your details and availability at tinyurl.com/ehps-mums or email Stef sscanning10@gmail.com or Andrea ajfyfe@optusnet.com.au .

Morning tea will be provided. Thanks from Stef & Andrea



Land Downunder

Prep-6 Dansical (Dance Concert)

Date: *Group 1 Performance* *Monday May 2nd*
 Group 2 Performance *Tuesday May 3rd*

Venue: *Kel Watson Theatre*
 Forest Hill College
 178-180 Mahoneys Rd, Burwood East

Time: *7.00pm start (students will be asked to arrive earlier)*

Please note that tickets are now on sale.

Prep-6 Dance Concert: Costume List

March 11th, 2016

The Essex Heights Dansical 'Land Downunder' will be held over two nights. Please note that your child will only perform on one of these nights.

Monday May 2nd: Group 1

Tuesday May 3rd: Group 2

Below is an outline of what students will need to wear on the night. If you have any concerns please let **your classroom teacher know well before the concert.**

Grade	Costume
Prep ZR & Prep B Amazing	Girls: White leggings, white singlet and white canvas shoes. A yellow skirt will be provided on the night. Hair: Piggy tails with yellow ribbons. Boys: White T-Shirt and white canvas shoes. Orange shorts will be provided on the night.
Prep L & Prep C	Girls and boys: Black pants/shorts/skirt, black shoes and a white T-Shirt.

Crocodile Rock	Girls Hair: Piggy tails with a green ribbons. Children will be given a calico crocodile to paint at school. This crocodile will be sent home and you will need to sew the crocodile on to the FRONT and in the CENTRE of the T-Shirt.
1T & 1J Gotta Feeling	Girls: Black leggings, black singlet and black flats. Hair to be worn out. A skirt will be provided on the night. Boys: Black pants and black top. A headband will be provided on the night.
1W & 1C Go West	Girls: Black leggings, blue denim skirt or shorts and a white T-Shirt with black flat shoes. Hair: High pony tail with a blue ribbon. Boys: Blue denim jeans with a white T-Shirt and black shoes. Children will be given a calico shark to paint at school. This shark will be sent home and you will need to sew it on to the FRONT and in the CENTRE of the T-Shirt.
2S & 2O Can You Feel It?	Girls and boys : Black pants/shorts/skirt/leggings. No shoes. Please wear a pair of thongs or slip on shoes to wear before performing. Girls hair to be worn out. White T-shirts will need to be sent to school. Please name clearly. Students will be decorating this T-Shirt at school.
2LB & 2B I'm So Excited	Girls: Black leggings, white singlet and black flat shoes. A red skirt will be provided on the night. Hair: High pony tail with a red ribbon. Boys: Black pants, black shoes and a red singlet.
3AW & 3F Run To Paradise	Girls and Boys: Wear bright beach style clothing. Board shorts, singlets, dresses, sunglasses, zinc cream etc. No shoes. Please wear a pair of thongs or slip on shoes to wear before performing.
3C & 3CW Crazy	Girls: Black leggings and a white singlet with black flat shoes. A blue skirt will be provided on the night. Hair: Free choice. Boys: Black pants and a navy blue singlet (bonds chesty style) with black shoes.
4L & 4O Cold As Ice	Girls: Black leggings, black singlet and black shoes. A blue skirt will be provided on the night. Hair: Free Choice. Boys: Black pants with a black T-Shirt and black shoes. A blue tie will be provided on the night.
4G & 5/6B Livin' On A Prayer	Girls: Black leggings, black singlet and a blue denim skirt/shorts. Black flat shoes. Hair: Teased. Boys: Black pants, white singlet and black shoes. A black headband will be provided on the night.
5/6M & 5/6P Holiday	Girls: Black leggings and a black skirt with black flat shoes. Hair in a high ponytail with a pink

	ribbon. Boys: Black pants and shoes. Students will need to bring a white T-Shirt to school. Please name clearly. Students will be decorating this T-Shirt at school.
5/6T & 5/6R Song 2	Girls: Black leggings, black singlet and black flat shoes. A red skirt will be provided on the night. Girls Hair: Teased. Boys: Black clothing. A red headband will be provided on the night.

Make up is optional but recommended. Brown eye shadows, blush, black mascara and eyeliner and a red lipstick.

Thank you,
 Georgia Lombard
 Douros
Dance Teacher
Program Co-ordinator

Alex

Dance

CANTEEN



CANTEEN

FRIDAY 10.15 a.m.	15th April	Katy Smith, Natalie Murphy, Jo Whateley
MONDAY 10.00 a.m.	18th April	Juliah Lai, Nina Kijwisarn
WEDNESDAY 11.00 a.m.	20th April	Georgie Kelly, Prue Mahar
FRIDAY 10.15 a.m.	22nd April	Jenny May, Nadeeka Priyashanth

DON'T FORGET –

Please report to Front Office to sign the Visitor's Book and get a Visitor's Label
BEFORE proceeding to the Canteen. Any queries please see Maria.

ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

APRIL 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 ST		
4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH		
11 TH First day Term 2	12 TH ARISS forms due in to Jenny Austin	13 TH	14 TH	15 TH Deakin Science Week		
18 TH	19 TH	20 TH District Tennis Carnival (Selected 5/6 Children)	21 ST	22 ND ANZAC Day Service 10am		
25 TH Anzac Day Public Holiday	26 TH	27 TH	28 TH	29 TH		

MAY 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 ND Dance Concert	3 RD Dance Concert	4 TH	5 TH Mother's Day Breakfast	6 TH Mother's Day Stall		
9 TH	10 TH	11 TH School Fun Run School Council	12 TH	13 TH		
16 TH	17 TH	18 TH	19 TH	20 TH		
23 RD	24 TH District Cross Country	25 TH PFA meeting 7.30pm Staffroom	26 TH	27 TH		
30 TH Pupil Free Day	31 ST					

JUNE 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH Trivia Night	
6 TH Yr 5 Sovereign Hill Camp	7 TH Yr 5 Sovereign Hill Camp	8 TH Yr 5 Sovereign Hill Camp	9 TH School Council	10 TH		
13 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	14 TH	15 TH	16 TH	17 TH		
20 TH	21 ST	22 ND	23 RD	24 TH		
27 TH	28 TH	29 TH	30 TH			

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



Glen Waverley ANZAC Services 2016



Sunday 24th April
Commemoration Service
Cenotaph
Kingsway, Glen Waverley

All Ex-Service personell are invited to March
from Waverley RSL

Form up 9:45 am

Step off 10 am

Service 10:15 am

Monday 25th April

ANZAC Day

Dawn Service

6:00 am

WW1 Cenotaph

Central Reserve

Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley



An invitation is extended to all to attend a gun-fire breakfast at the Waverley RSL following the respective Services. Gold coin donation.

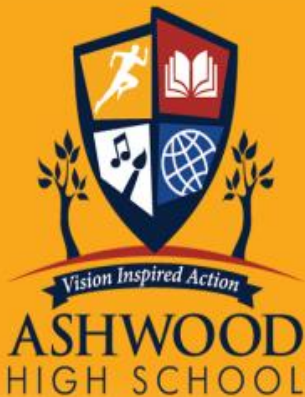
A free coutesy bus will operate between the RSL and the Cenotaphs.
Bookings essential. Ph: 9560 6885

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available in 2017



Ashwood High School congratulates 2016
Sporting Excellence Scholarship winner,
Sienna Spencer (Essex Heights Primary School, 2015).
Applications are opening soon for 2017
FIND OUT MORE AT OUR OPEN NIGHT (below)



Ashwood High School

VISION INSPIRED ACTION



Open Night - *Ashwood Revealed*

Wednesday 27 April, 2016

Tours at 4:30pm, 6:30pm & 7:00pm
Principal's Address at 6:00pm
Accelerated Curriculum & Enrichment (ACE)
Program information at 6:30pm

Bookings essential – see website or phone 9807 1333
www.ashwood.vic.edu.au | Vannam Drive Ashwood

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 28th April and finishes 2nd June 2016

Time:

Thursdays 10am - 12.30pm

Where:

Monash Training & Seminar Centre
1A Atherton Road
Oakleigh

There is no fee but bookings are essential as places are limited. To book call Libby or Emily at MYFS on 9518 3900



Mount Waverley Secondary College
warmly invite you to join us for our

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 20 April – 4.00pm to 7.30pm

Open Night Information Session & Tours

Junior Campus tours offered from 4.00pm

College Principal's address at 6.00pm

Interactive displays, student-led tours and more.

These sessions held at the Junior Campus only.

Open Morning Tours – Bookings are required and can be made by visiting our website at www.mwsc.vic.edu.au

Junior Campus: 9.15am & 11.15am

Senior Campus: 9.15am & 11.15am

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WDNA - NetSetGo!



Registrations are now open for the Winter 2016 NetSetGo! program which commences on Saturday, 30 April 2016 from 8.00am to 9.00am at Ashwood Netball Courts, Cassinia Ave, Ashwood.

NetSetGo! is Netball Australia's Junior Netball Program and Waverley District Netball Association is an accredited NetSetGo! Centre.

The structured 10 week program is aimed towards players (girls and boys) aged 7 to 9 years old and incorporates activities to enhance player's netball skills and understanding of the game.

To register or for further information please visit -
<http://www.wdna.com.au/>



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