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CALENDAR DATES

TERM 2
1st May
Coins for Kids
6th – 8th May
Year 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill Camp
9th May
School Council
10th May
Mother’s Day Stall
13th May
Piano & Keyboard Concert
14th May
NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
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16th – 22nd May
Book Fair - Library
20th May
Open Night – 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
23rd May
Chamber Choir & Chamber Strings – The Glen Shopping Centre
27th May
Guitar Concert
30th May
‘Meet the Orchestra’ Excursion– Year 4 & Chamber Strings
1st June
Trivia Night (more information in next week’s Contact)
3rd June
Brass & Woodwind Concert
5th June
I.C.A.S. - Science
7th June
REPORTING & ASSESSMENT DAY – No school for students
17th June
Strings Concert
10th June
Queens Birthday Public Holiday
24th June
Percussion Concert
28th June
End of Term 2 – 2.30 p.m. finish

TERM 3
15th July
Term 3 commences
31st July
I.C.A.S. - English
12th August
STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY – No school for students
13th August
I.C.A.S. - Maths

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**Surplus Tables and Chairs**
You may remember that last Term I publicised some surplus furniture that we were trying to dispose of. These student tables, chairs and teacher desks were eventually going to be transported to the Tip. However, thanks to the work of the local Mt Waverley Rotary Club, they have been salvaged and will be transported to a remote school in New Guinea that will be able to use them. The Rotary Club organised a working bee over the holidays to dismantle the tables, they were then loaded onto a truck and taken to be packed into a shipping container with furniture from other local schools. This is a great result and means that our surplus furniture will continue to be used rather than just ending up as land fill. Our thanks to the Rotary Club of Mt Waverley for their essential role in this process.

However, the transport and shipping costs are several thousand dollars and this has to be raised by Rotary before the furniture can be sent. I have committed to raising $500 from the Essex Heights Community to support this effort and will let you know how we intend to do that in the near future.

**Trivia Night – Saturday, June 1st**
A reminder for parents to keep this date free for the PFA Trivia Night. This will be a fun evening and an important fundraiser so we would like as many parents to attend as possible. Specific details will be publicised in the coming weeks.

**Pupil Free Days**
Please note that School Council has approved the following dates for our final two Pupil Free Days allocated by DEECD. They are **Friday, June 7th** as a Reporting and Assessment Day and **Monday, August 12th** as a Strategic Planning Day.

See you around the school,
Andrew Crossett

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**Coins for Kids Project**
The Lions Clubs throughout Victoria are planning a state-wide project to raise money in co-operation with local schools in aid of Children’s Charities.. These charities will include The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. The project is called ‘**Coins for Kids**’. This project will be greatly increased with community support. It’s simple and it’s fun. The Junior School Council greatly support this event and will be assisting the Lions and the school on this day.

On Wednesday, 1st May, Waverley Lions members and students from Essex Heights Primary School will have a line of tape laid in the Stadium. This event will begin at 12.30. The Local community is invited to assist by donating their loose change to the line of coins.

To help your local Lion’s Club and school raise as much money as possible for the chosen charities, please consider **collecting** loose change from your pocket/purse in advance of the day to lengthen our line of coins.

We can also convert a small donation ($5) into coins that would be laid on the line by the students. Students are asked to please bring the coins **on the day**.

We look forward to a great day and hope we can make an even bigger line than we made last year!

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Maria Capsalis, Renae Simpson and The Junior School Council
PARENTS & FRIENDS ‘NEWS’

Mother’s Day Stall – 10th May
We will be holding our traditional Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 10th May. This is an opportunity for the children to purchase a gift for their mum, grandmother, aunty or special someone in their life. It will be held in the hall during school time and each class will be allocated a time. We do our best to allocate classes, but in the event of a child not being able to make it they are welcome to come during recess, or please speak with their teacher.

We are looking for volunteers on the day or on Thursday 9th May at 8.00 pm to help set up. Please contact Stef Wendler Canning (sscanning10@gmail.com) or Kylie Moore (petekyl2@bigpond.com) if you would like to help or have any questions. Thank you to those who have already offered to help, we will be contacting you this week. It is a great opportunity to meet new parents and the children always love seeing their parents there.

Entertainment Books
The Entertainment™ Book is a restaurant and activity guide that provides special 25% to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from many of the best restaurants, hotels and attractions throughout Australia. It also includes discounts on purchases at retailers such as Coles, Woolworths, Caltex, Dan Murphy and Big W. The cost of the book is $65. You only need to use a couple of vouchers and you will have recouped your investment. Then you can save lots of money for over a year as the offers are valid until June 2014. Books may be ordered now online or using the order form which will be sent home after the holidays (or see flyer below). Ask your family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues if they would like one, as the school receives $13 from each book sold. You can order online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/187402c. Other payment options are cheque (made payable to Essex Heights Primary School), cash, Visa or Mastercard. Please include your child’s name and Class on the order form and return to school via your Class Teacher. The book will be delivered to your child’s classroom. For more information or to make special arrangements for book collection, contact Linda Cornell C/- 4S or 5L, phone 9807 2493 or email ehpspfa@gmail.com.

Donated and Unclaimed Uniform Sale
It’s on again! Your chance to purchase uniforms that have been donated or unclaimed. All clothing items are $2. School Bags are $5.

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Lost property boxes will be cleared regularly during the term and named items returned to classrooms. Clothing labelled with your child’s full name is more likely to return to you so PLEASE label all school clothing. Donations of clothing are welcome. Please remove or cross out names on donated clothing so we don’t return it to you 😊

For more information contact Morwenna on 0401 491 051 or email the PFA at ehpspfa@gmail.com.

CANTEEN

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PRINTED LUNCH BAGS 50 bags = $3.00 10 bags = $0.60

Please contact Maggie on 9807 1815 if you have any queries or are unable to attend
IT’S ‘EARN & LEARN’ TIME AGAIN

Don’t forget to collect your stickers and sticker sheets next time you shop at Woolworths and bring them to school and place in the green box in the Office.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.
Essex Heights adidas Cross Country/Fun Run!

We will be holding an adidas School Cross Country/Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on 16th May within the school grounds.

The Essex Heights adidas School Cross Country/Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

Students from Prep to Grade 3 have the option to collect sponsorship on a ‘per lap’ basis or as a straight donation as they will tally the amount of laps they can complete in a given time frame. Grade 4-6 students will collect sponsorship as a straight donation as they will be completing a set distance.

All students have received an adidas Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. Prep to Grade 3 students have received an alternate sponsorship form that caters for the per lap donations. The funds raised will be used to help improve the school grounds and give students an even better place to play.

We ask all parents to read the adidas Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Parents of students in Grades Prep-3 will need to sign the alternate sponsorship form as well. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the adidas Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to train for our event and to receive advice from sporting heroes like Sally Pearson and Jonathan Brown, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and clicking on mi adizone.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the Essex Heights adidas School Cross Country/Fun-Run event day at the school on 16th May to help cheer on the students.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on 9807 4944.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Ben Wooster and the Parents and Friends Association
50th year anniversary celebration
September 14th 2013 12-3pm

St. Luke’s Pre School welcomes back past students to join in a fun family afternoon revisiting this delightful preschool, and seeing the changes that have been made in recent years.

To help commemorate this occasion, a beautiful recipe and photo book will be compiled and for sale on the day.

If you have a recipe or photos of St Luke’s preschool in past years that you would like to offer for submission, please contact Deb Leigh on 0411 778 417 or at "to.deb.leigh@gmail.com"
3 and 4 year old classes

Where your child’s creative imagination is expressed through a planned, educational program of play

Come and meet the teachers and view the grounds on our:

OPEN DAY

Saturday 18th May 2013
1:00pm – 3:00pm

St Luke’s Pre-School – a ‘Sun Smart’ school
Est since 1963

Located in a quiet, residential area
Ample off street parking
Large grounds with shaded play equipment

Highly qualified and experienced staff in small classes