PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

**Vale Marcelo Millan**

We were all saddened to hear of the recent passing of Marcelo Millan, the father of Stephanie and Sebastian in 2FB. Marcelo had been unwell for some time and receiving medical treatment throughout.

Our thoughts are with Angela, Stephanie, Sebastian, Sophia and their family at this time of grieving and loss.

**PFA Meeting**

Last Wednesday night we held the April PFA Meeting at school in the Staff Room. This was a very encouraging night for all concerned with eighteen parents in attendance. Importantly, there were a number of new parents from the Prep – Yr 2 area of the school which was great to see. I wish to thank all those who attended, and quite a few more who sent apologies, as it means the important work of the PFA will proceed this year, with the load shared by many parents.

Please keep an eye on the PFA section of Contact where upcoming PFA events will be advertised as you don’t need to attend the Committee Meeting to give assistance in one of the events. The one fast approaching is the Mother’s Day Stall so there may be an opportunity to assist with that.

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### CALENDAR DATES

#### TERM 2

- 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
- 15th May: NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- 16th May: NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- 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
- 29th May: PFA meeting - staffroom
- 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
‘Coins for Kids’

Yesterday our Junior School Council (JSC) partnered again with the Lions Club of Waverley in the annual ‘Coins for Kids’ fundraiser. As was the case last year, the children brought coin donations to school which were placed on the floor of the Stadium in a long line. We then measured the line (157m) and members of the Lions counted up the coins with the total amount being $1,170.60. Well Done!

Thanks to teachers Maria Capsalis and Renae Simpson plus the children of the JSC for their work in promoting and organising this day.

This money will be used by the Lions to support Cancer Research and we are pleased to have made contribution on behalf of Essex Heights PS. It is also great to be working again with the Waverley Lions Club as they are strong supporters of our school.

**Neighbourhood Watch Support Fund**

Last week I had a visit from two of our local Neighbourhood Watch Area Managers, Warren Peck and Graeme Lawrence. They were making an offer to set up a ‘Neighbourhood Watch Support Fund’ for Essex Heights PS. This would be an annual fund that can be used at my discretion to support students or families who are experiencing financial difficulties, impacting on the students learning and school programs. This is a very generous gesture and one that is greatly appreciated. We already have a strong relationship with our local Neighbourhood Watch as they sponsor an annual Citizenship Award for two graduating Yr 6 children. Further evidence of the strong community links we enjoy here at Essex Heights PS.

**Yr 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill**

Next week the Yr 5 children and teachers head off to camp at Sovereign Hill from Monday to Wednesday. This is a great experience for the children and certainly complements their Unit of Study on Australia’s history with some wonderful ‘real life’ experiences.

I will be travelling with the children to the camp so look forward to the chance to spend a couple of days with them as they enjoy the fun and educational activities that are on offer at Sovereign Hill. Keep an eye on **Contact** the following week for some of the stories from our time away.

**Student Surveys**

Over this week we have conducted a survey to find out what the Yr 5 & 6 children think of our school. The ‘Attitudes to School Survey’ is an annual student questionnaire for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by DEECD (the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s schooling experience. The results also help us to judge the effectiveness of the programs and initiatives that we have implemented to build ‘student voice’ and ‘connectedness’, as part of the ‘Strategic Plan 2011-2014’.

See you around the school,

Andrew Crossett
Last Wednesday we had our PFA meeting, it was fantastic to see so many parents come and join in. Thank you to all the parents who attended, and offered their help.

There will be a second hand uniform stall this Friday the 3rd May outside the hall from 3.00 pm, items will be sold at $2.00 each.

A Trivia night is booked and ready to go for the 1st June. Tickets will be available soon, so get your tables of 10 ready and your thinking caps on.

The next PFA meeting will be held on May 29th at 7:30 pm in the staff room.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend

Betty Ciorciari

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, auntie 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 8pm 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.

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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.

When: Friday 3rd May
Where: Outside the Assembly Hall
What Time: 3.00 to 4.00 pm

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.
FRIDAY 3rd May 10.00 a.m.  
Stefanie Wendler-Canning, Amarjit Nagra, Robyn Perkin, Helen Giakoumatos

MONDAY 6th May 10.45 a.m.  
Louise Power, Jen Hill

WEDNESDAY 8th May 10.30 a.m.  
Jenny Champness

FRIDAY 10th May 10.00 a.m.  
Leigh Sherpa, Linda Cornell, Penny Fleming, Felicity Bolitho

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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.

**Just for the Boys Lunchtime Dance**

A Lunchtime Dance class will be offered later in the term exclusively for boys. They will learn dance warm ups, create their own movements and learn a dance routine inspired by sport. The class will be offered to boys from Years 1 - 6. This program is a great way to get boys involved and interested in dance.

The cost for this program is $30 for 6 half an hour sessions. The classes will run at lunchtimes in the hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays and begin **Wednesday 5th June** and conclude on **Thursday 20th June**. Parents will be invited to the final session to watch the boys perform and a reminder notice will be sent home closer to this date.

A limited number of places are available and will be offered to the first students who return their payment with their booking slip. If you would like your child to participate in this activity, please obtain a registration form from the school office or visit creativedanceanddrama.com and request a form via the contact page.

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