PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Council
We had the first meeting of the new School Council last week and elected the Executive positions for 2013. My thanks and congratulations to the following Councillors who have accepted nominations to the positions of:

President – Trevor Sharrock
Vice President – James Fitzpatrick
Treasurer – Andriana Anevlavis
Minutes Secretary – Anita Kuchta

At this meeting we also nominated Conveners for the School Council Sub-committees for 2013. The Sub-committees are a very important part of the School Council process and I have included a short explanation below for your information.

School Council Sub Committees. What do sub-committees do?
Sub-committees:

- Assist Council in the work that needs to be done. They report regularly at School Council meetings, provide advice and make recommendations to School Council which has the final responsibility for decisions. Sub-committees cannot make decisions for School Council; rather they make recommendations to Council
- Are open to non School Council members and therefore provide opportunities to involve people in the school who are not members of School Council
- The Council sub-committees sometimes have working parties that are set up for a specific task for a set period of time. An example of a working party might be related to the development of a policy – for example a “healthy eating” working party or a “sun smart” working party. Working parties are covered by the same rules as sub-committees. They cannot make decisions but instead make recommendations to either a sub-committee or School Council.

I would like to invite any interested community members to become involved in one of the Council Sub-committees listed below. The meetings will generally be on a Thursday and will be publicised in Contact. If you would like to discuss the possibility of contributing to Essex Heights in this way, please feel free to give me a call, or contact the Conveners as listed below.

If you are definitely interested and available, please return the attached Reply Slip (see below) to the Office so we can add you to the Sub-committee mailing list.

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**Finance** – Convener - Andriana Anevlavis
Finance monitors school budgets, income and expenditure, as well as making recommendations regarding financial policies.

**Policy & Planning** – Convener – David Thomas
Policy & Planning is involved with writing new policies covering any aspects of the school program that need that type of documentation. They also conduct a cyclic review and update all existing policies.

**Grounds** – Convener – Darren Mattingly
Grounds look after the external environment of the school, gardens and playground areas. They organize working bees for routine maintenance and also grounds improvement projects.

**OSHC** – Convener – Nicola Sounas
The OSHC committee operates as a committee of management for the OSHC program. They work with Paul Davis and the OSHC team to monitor, maintain and improve the delivery of this service for our families who use Before Care, After Care and the Holiday Program.

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**Ride to School Day & New Scooter Rack**

Last Friday we participated in the ‘Ride 2 School’ day and nearly 70 children (41 bikes and 25 scooters) rode to school. This is a great initiative that promotes a healthy lifestyle as well as reducing congestion on the roads and parking spaces at school. Well done to all those children who participated and thanks to Morwenna Griffiths and Linda Cornell for organising the treats for the riders … and their continued promotion of bike riding at Essex Heights PS. Thanks also to ‘Waverley Cycles’ who supported our day by supplying discount vouchers for all the riders.

Special thanks to Linda’s husband, Rick, who has constructed and installed a fantastic Scooter Rack at the end of our Bike Shelter. This means all the scooter riders (25 last Friday) have a dedicated storage rack when they ride to school. Much appreciated Rick!

See you next term,
Andrew Crossett
Principal

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I am interested in supporting the work of Essex Heights School Council by joining the

__________________________ Sub-committee

Name: ____________________ Child's Grade: ____________________

Email address: ________________________________________________
A Successful Season

As Dan Wilson from Semisonic said in their famous song Closing Time, ‘Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end’. That’s definitely how it feels as the Grade 5 and 6’s prepare for their winter inter-school sport season as the summer season draws to a close.

I have only just stepped off the bus back from our summer season finals and I’m already thinking of the winter season. In fact, planning has already started and some of the grade 5 and 6 teachers were running winter sport training back here at school while we were playing summer finals.

Before one season has even finished we are working on the next and this is the way it has to be. Problem is, is that I rarely take the time to look back and reflect, until today.

As I’m writing this article in my lunch break I have decided to reflect on what we have achieved this season before I put all my energy into the next event. All of our students have been outstanding and they deserve at least some recognition for their efforts even if this article is all I can offer.

First of all we had 4 teams make the finals this season; the Kanga C, Rounders and both the girls and boys softball teams. Of the teams that made the final only the boys softball team won, however, we are very proud of each team’s effort to make the final.

Our bat tennis team also were a source of inspiration even though they didn’t win a single round. They were beaten convincingly most weeks, however, had the perseverance and determination to keep going and eventually won 2 sets, a result we haven’t been able to achieve in my time at Essex Heights.

Reflecting on our successes this season, I have to say the biggest lesson I learned was from the boys and girls volleyball team. In their first two rounds both teams were beaten convincingly as our teams are not so well versed in the art that is volleyball. I reached out to a school parent, Andrea Jordan, who I know has played volleyball at a high level to come in and help out our volleyball teams with some training. Andrea was fantastic and the children really took to her appreciating the time and expertise that she was offering. They appreciated it so much that they began practising every lunchtime on their own reminding each other of the skills, techniques and strategies Andrea had shown them. Within the space of three weeks they went from easy beats; to competitive; to, in the last round, victorious. They had won their first round for the season and also the first round an Essex volleyball team had won in my time and more.

I would also like to thank Pat and Bruce Kuzmick who have also given up their time on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes and Friday game times to help our softball teams become the best they can be. It certainly paid off with both teams making the finals with the boys team becoming district champs again. The big lesson I learned, or rather confirmed this season, is that if you can show even a small amount of interest in a team (or student) and show them that you are willing to give up some of your time so that they can benefit then they will repay you with effort in spades. Everyone wins.

If you would like to be involved with our interschool sport program next season we are looking for parent helpers to assist with the netball and soccer teams. This ideally requires a training session throughout the week at your convenience and coaching during the games on Friday afternoon. If you feel that you have some expertise and would like to help out then please contact me at school.

We appreciate all help.

Yours in sport,

Ben Wooster
Inter-school Sport Coordinator

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

We are often contacted by the local Municipal Libraries - Mount Waverley, Glen Waverley and other districts to advise that our Essex Heights library books have been returned there by mistake and must be collected. No delivery or postal service is offered so staff must then go to pick up

Please check to ensure that all EHPS library books are returned to the school. Thank you.
Take-Home Reading books

Take Home Reading books will not be sent home as of next Monday the 25th of March. We need to stock these books as many books were missing at the end of last Term!

Could you please look for these books in all the ‘black holes’ at your house e.g. under the bed, on bookshelves, behind chairs and so on. Any found books will be welcomed back with open arms...no questions asked.

Encourage your child to keep reading books during the holidays. They can read books from their own bookshelves or borrow books from the local library. Children really benefit from having books read to them too. Read ‘harder books’ to them and get them to read the words that they know, this will help them realise that they can read ‘regular’ books and not just Take Home Reading material.

I can recommend that the younger children enjoy and can read some of the simple Dr Seuss books, so try and borrow or buy some of those books.

Our Take Home Reading program has always been an extremely important part of your child’s reading development. It is very important that it continues with a wide range of books available for all children to read. Please remember that your child should only be borrowing one book per night as it is important to reread, talk about the story, ask your child to retell what they have read and ask many literal and inferential questions.

Thank you for your co-operation.
The Early Years Team

PARENTS & FRIENDS 'NEWS'

Monday was a day of giving with Hot cross buns and easter eggs. Thank you to all who bought and supported the school, and also to celebrate easter.

Thank you to Morwenna who organised the Hot cross buns, and to Nicola who arranged the easter eggs. Congratulations to the winners of the Easter raffle:

1st Prize - Leigh S – 4CW
2nd Prize - Renata S – PRZ
3rd Prize - Maya S – 4CW
4th Prize - Kosta – 3M
5th Prize - Aleks G - 1L

On behalf of the PFA we would like to wish you all a happy Easter and enjoy your holidays.

Betty Ciorciari
President

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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/o 4S or 5L, phone 9807 2493 or email ehpspfa@gmail.com.
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Thank you for your supporting Essex Heights Primary School

$13 from the sale of each Book contributes to new resources for our school
SCHOOL BANKING

We are very pleased to see that lots of children and parents have started to get into the school banking routine again. We believe that it greatly benefits the children to learn to regularly save some money and to learn to count and handle money, which doesn't happen all that often anymore these days. Of course the children enjoy the little prizes they get to order after 10 deposits too.

We had quite a number of children starting new this year, with currently just under 200 students banking, but would like to see more children. It does not matter how much your child saves every week! By banking through the school you not only teach your child a good attitude towards saving but our school also benefits through a 5% commission we get from the bank.

If you are interested in starting with the school banking program why not use the holidays for a trip to the Commonwealth Bank with your child to open an account for them. Existing customers can do so via net banking. All you need is your ID and your child's birth certificate.

We would like to welcome more new bankers after the holidays. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

The School Banking Team

BASC
If you have used the program this term and have not received your Childcare Rebate can you please contact me on davis.paul.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Congratulations to the children who are helping Jesse on Tuesday and Friday nights. Declan and Darcy did an exceptional job on Friday, well done boys.

To those many families that have kept their accounts up to date, I really appreciate your effort.

Enrolments for the April Vacation Care are very limited, ensure you enrol quickly.

Thank you
Paul Davis
Co-Ordinator

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

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8th April and Sunday 9th June. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10.00 spent at Woolworths, you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Point Sheet and, once this is completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies with the school name on it. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program and we would like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art and crafts through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask the school.

Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program Year 7 2014

The Box Hill High School Year 7 SEAL Application link is currently open on our website. 
www.boxhillhs.vic.edu.au

To commence the selection process, parents of 2013 Year 6 applicants are asked to apply now. Places in the SEAL Program are for gifted students, currently residing in Victoria, who qualify for a government funded education, regardless of the location of their residential address.

For further information about the SEAL Program and Box Hill High School, we extend an invitation to our 2013 Open Afternoon 2.30 – 4.30 pm Tuesday 23 April.

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