Community News

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Enrol Now for 2014

Essendon North Primary School is accepting enrolments for students to commence in 2014 for Grades Prep—6.

Enrolment forms are available from the schools website and school office.

School Photos

- Grades 1—6 individual photos and Prep—6 grade photos will be taken on Tuesday, 30th July, 2013.
- Sibling photos will be taken on Thursday, 1st August, 2013

Students are required to wear full school uniform on photo days.

Open Day 2014 Enrolments

The school will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday, 22nd May which coincides with this year’s education week.

There are four times that prospective families can select to visit our school:
9.30 am, 12.00 pm, 2.15 pm & 5.00 pm

Please contact the school office to register your attendance.

Follow us on Twitter @EssendonNorthPS

6+ club

After school fun and games

Every Tuesday during school term 3.30 pm—4.30 pm
Starting 4 June at Niddrie Library

Free
A Message from Scott Mullen ~
Principal

Student Toilets
The aging condition of the student’s toilets has remained problematic for some time. As a result, the Victorian DEECD has requested the student toilets at our school be put to tender for a total refurbishment and upgrade. Over the past few weeks, a project management team has worked closely with me to prepare the scope of work ready for tender. The tendering process commences today (Wednesday May 22nd) and closes Friday June 7th. Following this process, quotes will be provided to the Victorian DEECD for consideration/approval. Depending on the outcome from the Victorian DEECD, work is scheduled to commence at the beginning of the upcoming July school holidays. I will continue to keep the community updated on any further developments for this project.

Visual Arts Specialist Program
Throughout the course of semester one, students have attended a visual arts specialist program that Sharon McWhinney has planned and taught exceptionally well. We continue to be very proud of our student’s achievements in visual arts. I wish to advise that the school has now finalized the appointment of Nicolina Myszka to the Visual Arts Specialist Teaching position at our school. Nicolina will commence at the beginning of Term 3 and will be providing the school with expert advice on how to best set up the new visual arts studio. Nicolina is a trained visual arts teacher and comes to Essendon North Primary School with many years experience in this specialist area. We are looking forward to welcoming Nicki to our school community.

NAPLAN
Thank you and congratulations to everyone for assisting our students to prepare for last week’s NAPLAN. The results will be provided to the school and families in September.

2014 Enrolments
Enrolments for 2014 are now open. If you are intending to enroll your child next year at Essendon North Primary School (ie: a sibling or a new student), and have not already done so, enrolment packs for Prep to Year 6 are available from the school’s office. Enrolments will be confirmed with families in August.

Before and After School Supervision of Students
Please be advised that students will be supervised in the playground from 8.30am onwards, and classrooms will be open by 8.40am so that students can prepare for their learning day. If your child arrives at school prior to 8.30am and is not accompanied by an adult, arrangements may need to be made for your child so that they are appropriately supervised. This may mean your child attends Camp Australia’s Before School Program.

Students waiting to be collected after school are required to wait at a school gate with the yard duty teacher. As teachers are required to be attend meetings on most afternoons from 3.30pm onwards, students who are not collected by 3.30pm may be required to attend Camp Australia’s After Care Program.

If parents or guardians wish to discuss their child’s before and after school supervision arrangements at our school, please come and see me. Alternatively, please contact Camp Australia.

Homework
The homework that ENPS teachers provide students is intended to establish effective homework patterns from an early
Teachers will generally set homework across a team that will relate directly to the work that students are doing in the classroom and will be matched to the ability of a student. Every student is expected to read every night, and we require home reading to be monitored regularly by both teachers and parents/guardians. Revision of spelling and the automatic recalling of number facts are recommended too. The recommended homework per day is:

Prep to Year 4:
- Should not be seen as a chore
- Enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials
- Will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- Will generally not exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations.

Years 5 and 6:
- Should include daily independent reading
- Use homework diaries to provide a regular communication between parents and the school
- Will extend class work, projects, assignments and research
- Will generally not exceed 45 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations.

Teachers will follow up with parents if a student regularly does not complete their homework. In most cases, the school will be unable to provide students with homework if they are absent for an extended period of time (i.e: vacation). This is because homework reinforces classroom learning and children need to be at school to learn these concepts in the first place.

Scott Mullen
Principal
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The school’s office wishes to welcome Clare Teale to the team. Clare brings a wealth of experience and passion to achieve excellence in school administration. Clare and Fay will both be available at the front office to assist with any inquiries.

Our website directly handles all subscriptions to the school’s newsletter.

It’s easy to subscribe, go to our website: http://www.enps.vic.edu.au/ and click on ‘Subscribe’ and enter your details.

To decrease the cost of newsletter printing, please let the us know if you have registered for the eNewsletter but are still receiving a hard copy. Thank you for your cooperation.

We have quite a few families using bPay to pay for Excursions etc. Paying electronically frees up teachers from the cash administrative task in classrooms so that they have more time to teach the children. It also saves you waiting at the office to have your payment processed.

To pay via bPay – you need Essendon North PS’s Biller Code Number: 87361 & your family’s Reference Number which you can obtain by contacting the school’s office on 9379 3979.

Thank you
Kaye Sperling—Business Manager
A Day in May brings musical moments to children with cancer

Essendon North Primary School is one of several pre and primary schools across Victoria getting involved in 'A Day in May', an annual fundraising event that aims to provide positive musical experiences for children living with cancer.

We are encouraging students to wear yellow on Thursday the 30th of May. We are also asking students to donate a gold coin to the Musical Moments Trust which provides funding opportunities to children in metropolitan, regional and rural locations throughout Victoria.

Such opportunities include the provision of a music therapist to visit a child’s home to conduct fun music sessions, the chance to attend a specialised music program, the creation and recording of a song with a music teacher, group music sessions for pre or primary school children living with cancer as well as the provision of a musical instrument.

The Musical Moments Trust was established in 2011 by Challenge, an organisation that provides ongoing support to more than 1000 families who have a child living with cancer.

A Day in May was inspired by a little boy whose favourite colour was yellow and who lost his battle with cancer. Regardless of his treatment and what was happening around him, he embraced life and surrounded those around him with happiness. One vital resource that helped this little boy to keep a positive attitude was music: singing, dancing, playing an instrument and creating songs. Music provided moments away from the reality of his situation.

Each year approximately 300 Victorian children are diagnosed with cancer or another life-threatening blood disorder, and a further 1000 children are undergoing treatment. For a child and their family this means a dramatic change in life. The goal at Challenge is to provide daily support to these families from the point of diagnosis, throughout treatment and beyond.

The Musical Moments Trust can be viewed online at www.challenge.org.au and application forms are located in the Program Scholarship link entitled Musical Moments Trust.

Michelle Galea and Laura Dilisio
JSC Teacher Representatives
Congratulations to:

Allanah
Edward, Joe & Ana
Prep AC

Anabelle & Rocco
Prep KD

Aayra & Ava
Prep MA

Raj
Prep ST

Lola
1 AC

Dean & Thomas
1 JK

Summer & Ryan
1 JW

Gabriel & Alvin
1 MT

Claire & Chae
1 SF

Sienna & Tom
2 AP

Ishika & Angela
2 CU

Alastair
2 TM

Jem
3/4 AM

Tyler & Victoria
3/4 AW

Hailie
3/4 CM

Lawrence & Chloe
3/4 EG

Mason
3/4 NS

Sofi
5 RA

Friday, 31st May:
SUBWAY LUNCH DAY
All orders and money to be in no later than Tuesday, 28th May.
No late orders will be accepted.

Friday’s: 7th, 14th & 21st June:
SOUP CLUB
Soup and bread for lunch
Only $8 per child or $15 for a family of 2 or more.
or $4 on the day if no registration made
Children need to bring their own non breakable mug.
Payment to be no later than Monday, 3rd June.

Saturday, 23rd November:
FETE.....FETE....FETE
SAVE THE DATE
Your school needs you!!!!!
In the term one newsletter from 20th March, we discussed our review of school attendance and absenteeism as a focus of the 2013 ENPS Annual Implementation Plan.

Throughout term two and the rest of the year we will be continuing to monitor student attendance, with a focus on implementing strategies across our school community, to reduce lateness and unexplained absences. An unexplained absence is when parents have not provided a written reason for the absence. As part of our review, we have now developed more consistent structures and processes for monitoring and following up absences.

Our goal for our 2013 AIP and 2011-2014 Strategic Plan is for students to have ten or fewer days absent over the course of a year. At this stage we are concentrating on unexplained absences and currently our data indicates there are 437 days across the school of days absent without parental written explanation. Our current data also indicates that since the beginning of the year, female late arrivals total 425 and male late arrivals total 724. These are numbers we are determined and committed to reducing and we greatly appreciate our community's support.

ENPS staff ensure that all learning opportunities are maximized. It is expected that all classrooms begin learning and teaching at 8:45am, and that high quality learning continues right up to 3:15pm.

The first 30 minutes of the school day is critical to the literacy development of students, as this is when new skills are taught and practiced. If students regularly miss this instruction time they run the risk of delayed literacy development.

Classroom rolls and cashbooks are completed first thing every morning, as efficiently as possible so as not to interrupt this focused learning time. Rolls are also marked following lunch at 2:15pm for the afternoon session. After completion on both occasions, rolls are sent directly to the office for data entering and documentation. This process is a DEECD legal requirement.

Over the past two weeks, families may have received notes from the office requesting written reasons for previous unexplained days or times absent. This has been necessary to update our current records and bring our documentation into line with DEECD requirements and will now continue on a regular basis.

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We would like to advise all families of the ENPS updated structures and processes for days absent, late arrival and/or early dismissal:

**Days Absent**
- Written explanation for absence from parent/carer (note to office or classroom teacher, or email to school or classroom teacher) is to be provided for all student days absent (either prior to the day or the day after being away.)
- Written notes from parents/carers are to be recorded and put in the class roll when received for office documentation.
- Verbal notification to teachers or the office is no longer sufficient
- Absent slips (blanks) will be kept in the office to assist parents/carers as required, as additional support.

**Late Arrival (after 8:45am)**
- Parents/carers are to bring students to the office on arrival and are to complete a late arrival slip which is to be handed to the classroom teacher.
- Late arrival slips are recorded and put in the class roll for office documentation.
- The office have copies of timetables to ensure students can locate their classrooms if not in their rooms.

**Early Dismissal (Before 3:15pm)**
- Prior to dismissal from class, parents/carers are to sign an early dismissal slip in the office and are required to hand that slip directly to the classroom teacher when they pick up that student from the relevant classroom.
- Teachers, staff or the office are not in the position to remind or send students to the office for early dismissal.
- The office have copies of timetables to ensure parents can locate students if not in their rooms.

We appreciate the ongoing support of the ENPS community as we strive for excellence in all facets of schooling for your children.

If you need support in managing attendance or arriving at school on time please contact either Assistant Principal. We have access to a number of resources to support families in this area.

Kate Barletta and Margo Edgar
Blank Absence Notes

Date:   ____/____/____

Students Name: ____________________________________________  Grade:  ____________

My child will be / was absent:   ____/____/____  to   ____/____/____

Reason:  
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Parent’s/Guardian’s signature:  __________________________________

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School Policies

School Council has recently ratified a number of school policies, including ratifying an updated Anaphylaxis policy. Copies of policies can be downloaded from the school’s website at http://www.enps.vic.edu.au/about-us/policies/

Parent Vacancy On School Council

School Council wishes to thank the members of the parent community who expressed an interest in the 12 month casual vacancy on council. Following an extra-ordinary meeting held on Monday, 13th May, School Council wishes to congratulate and welcome Naomi Leask who has accepted the 12 month casual vacancy on council. Photographs of school councilors can be found on our Community Board outside the staffroom.

School Council Sub-Committees

Members of our school community are encouraged to become involved in a School Council committee. To find out more information, including meeting dates and times, please contact one of the following councilors:

- Tyler Hueston  Building and Grounds
- Margo Edgar   Education and Policy
- Scott Mullen   Finance
- Hayley Nolan  Community Building and Fundraising (FOEN)

Community Survey: School Uniform Policy and Shop

A reminder that the School Council of Essendon North Primary School is conducting a survey to allow community members to have input into the review of the school's uniform policy and shop. We encourage parents and guardians to participate in this survey. Surveys are to be returned to school's office by Friday 24th May, 2013. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Scott Mullen (Principal) or Onur Ali (School Council President) at the school.
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