



Success for All

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday 3 December 2020

Year 6 Farewell

Friday 4 December 2020

EHPS Virtual Carols - 6:00pm

Monday 7 December 2020

Presentation Day

Tuesday 8 December 2020

P&C Zoom Meeting

Thursday 10 December 2020

Bazaar Day

Monday 14 December 2020

School reports to go home

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Final day of school for students

Friday 29 January 2021

First day of school for 2021 - Years 1-6

Monday 1 February 2021

First day of school for Kindergarten 2021



Newsletter articles due by COB Monday

# **NEWS**LETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 7 | 26 November 2020

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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was lovely to be able to welcome our new Kinder students for 2021 at orientation yesterday. Children enjoyed playing in classrooms, listening to a story and doing craft. The children were generally very settled and many said they liked our movie about coming to Kindergarten. I spoke with parents and again explained the restrictions due to health regulations. Parents were understanding that this was not our preferred scenario and we would have much rather give a lovely presentation and chat over morning tea. We hope to hold another 'opt in' play session for K 2021 in the coming weeks. Kinder parents for next year should check enews for details in the coming days.







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#### **Presentation Day**

Our annual presentation day will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Due to health restrictions they will be held across the day as follows:

Stage 3 at 9.15am (including Year 5 from 4/5M)

**Kindergarten at 10.15am** (including K from K/1H)

Stage 1 at 11.30am (including Year 1 from K/1H and Year 2 from 2/3A)

Stage 2 at 2pm (including Year 3 from 2/3A and Year 4 from 4/5M)

The assembly will include a pre-recorded performance by the bands. 4 awards will be presented per class and special Year 6 awards, student leaders and house captains will be announced at the Stage 3 assembly.

To support parent involvement, each assembly will be live streamed via Zoom. The live stream will focus only the stage (not the audience).

Parents of students who are receiving awards have been <a href="mailed">emailed</a> with information. We ask that you keep this award a secret so it is a surprise for your child. Students receiving awards must have permission to participate in the live stream. A Google form has been sent to you via email if your child is receiving an award.

**All Kindergarten children** will receive an end of year certificate. Parents have been sent a **link via enews** to give permission for your child to participate in this live stream.

All Year 6 students will receive their graduation certificates. Parents have been sent a link via enews to give permission for your child to participate in this live stream.

All permissions must be received **no later than 30 November**.

Students who do not have permission will have their name read at the assembly and will be presented with their award after the live stream has ended.

All parents will be invited to view the assembly via Zoom. The link will be sent via enews closer to the event. We ask that only 2 separate accounts per student log in, to ensure there is room for all parents. We look forward to joining with you in this unique way to celebrate student achievement at Epping Heights Public School for 2020. Please ensure in the coming days you check enews and emails for more details.

Ms Megan Bridekirk

**PRINCIPAL** 



#### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Haala	3M	Vihaan	45	Leonard	KS
Aakash	5B		·		•

#### **READ WITH ME AWARDS**

Scarlett	KM	Mariam	KK	Meha	K/1H
Juwon	KM	Reuben	KM	Grace	KT
Teagan	KT	Arietta	1G	Thomas	1/25
Jane (2)	1/25	Catherine	2G	Curtis	2/3A
Aiden	2G	Danielle	1/25	Lachlan	2K
Zac	2C	Leon	2K	Evelyn	2G
Athirai	1/25	Michaela	3/4B	Saumya	3M
Chelsea	3E	Micah	3M	Jeremy	4P
Janisheen	4P	Lyn	3/4B	Rhian	5B
Janice	5B	Nicholas	4/5M	Nia	5D
Agatha	5B	Cindy	6S	Teon	6E
Sethuni	1G	Yogan	1G	Gwyneth	5/6Q
Joyce	5/6Q				

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DECEMBER BOOKINGS DUE & FEE INCREASE FROM: MIDNIGHT 11.12.20
JANUARY BOOKINGS DUE & FEE INCREASE FROM: MIDNIGHT 4.01.21



#### Dec/Jan 2020-2021 School Holidays Vacation Care Program

	Date	Ther	me	Description	Please Note/Excursion	Cost		
Dec	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	1	Christmas with Earthbeats	Are you ready to celebrate? Join us and sing along to some of your favourite Christmas tunes.	Children will participate in games, dance and sing alongs. They will learn to play drums and other percussion instruments, guitar and keyboard with a professional Musician.	\$60		
	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>		Super Soaker Circus	Come and join us for a day of outside water fun and learning the coolest circus tricks around. You might even get to splash your best mate!	A professional provider will lead the children in water-based games and activities. Children will need to come with swimwear,thongs/crocs, a towel and a bag to put their wet swimmers in.	\$62		
Jan Wk 1	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	O	Built By Kidz	Be a builder, be creative and have a blast doing it! You'll even get to take your amazing creations home!	Children will participate in an age appropriate carpentry activity, run by professional providers. Other creative activities will also be run throughout the day.	\$70		
	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>		Canoe- lands	A great day out, learning about life on an Orchard and perhaps even picking some delicious fruit!	A chartered bus will transport the children to Canoelands Orchard, where they will take part in a variety of educational activities as well picking seasonal fruit and vegetables. Excursion duration: 9am-3pm	\$76		
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>		Farmer Dave	Our favourite celebrity farmer is back. Get ready for more animals, more activites and way more fun!	Children will learn a varierty of life skills with Farmer Dave ranging from cooking, animal feeding, team building exercises and other fun filled activities run by Farmer Dave and our talented staff.	\$60		
	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>		Vision Gym	Put your skills to test as you run, jump, climb and swing your way through obstacle courses, foam pits and trampolines.	Children will take a chartered bus to Vision Gym in South Windsor where they will take part in hours of gym activities.  Excursion duration: 9am-3pm	\$82		
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>		Mario Kartz	On your marks, get set, GO! Battle your friends on an awesome racing course!	A child-friendly go-kart course will be set up for the children by professional providers. The children will drive remote control karts in augmented reality inside an inflatable track.	\$65		
Jan Wk 2	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	9	Zoom Archery	Join us for a shoot out and test your skills with Zoom Mobile Archery.	A chartered bus will take the children to AS Tanner Reserve in Monterey where they will learn the noble sport of Achery with a team for professional coaches. All equipment will be provided on-site. Excursion duration: 9am-3pm	\$75		
	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>		Flying Doctors	It's a bird it's a plane, it's the Royal Flying Doctors and they're bringing a flight simulator to our centre!	Children will get to experience a fully equipped flight simulator equipped with stretchers, communications, oxygen and other medical equipment. They will take part in a variety of educational talks and even learn how to land a plane.	\$62		
	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>		Bush Explorers	Join us for an Ecowalk Tour exploring the wonderful native flora and fauna of Sydney Harbour National Park	A chartered bus will take the children to Sydney Harbour National Park (Bradleys Head). The children will be taken on a professionally guided educational tour focusing on native beetles, frogs and birds as well as native shrubs, trees and flowers. Excursion duration: 9am-3pm	\$75		
	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>		Horsing Around	Awesome for all horse and animal lovers! Come along and meet some amazing therapy horses.	Children will be led through an educational presentation by a professional Horse Trainer, as well as take part in other themed activities. Please inform staff if your child is nervous around animals.	\$65		
	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Laser Tag	A day to unleash your skills! Everyone will have a blast with this thrilling, high tech laser tag activity.	A chartered bus will take the children to Underworld Laser Tag Centre in Menai where they will take part in a Laser Tag activity with a professional team of staff. Excursion duration: 9am-3pm	\$77		
	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>		Raptor Reptiles	Snakes, lizards, turtles and loads more amazing scaley creatures to discover maybe even touch!	Children will be led through an educational wildlife presentation by a professional animal handler, as well as take part in other themed activities. Please inform staff if your child is nervous around animals.	\$62		
Jan Wk 3	CLOSED - Public Holiday Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January							
	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>		Pizza & Movie Day	A relaxing day for watching movies and playing games before school starts. We will even have pizza for lunch!	Children can bring a toy/game to play during the day. Please ensure everything is labeled with your child's name. Lunch & Afternoon tea will be provided. Please ensure your child brings Morning Tea.	\$58		
	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>		Water Sports	One of our favourite Summer-time days! Come along for water games, and a bucket-load of fun.	A professional provider will lead the children in water-based games and activities. Children will need to come with swimwear, a towel and a bag to put their wet swimmers in.	\$62		

(We anticipate 85 for in-centre days, 75 for excursions and an expected staff to child ratio of 1:15 (5-6 staff))

Please visit our website or see our staff at the Centre to view risk assessments

Our Centre has electronic permissions for Vacation Care which is completed upon booking via our online system. Please retain this form for your own information.

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# Please read this information



#### Dec/Jan 2020-21 VACATION CARE

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Bookings for December vacation care <u>MUST</u> be received no later than midnight <u>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020</u> and booking for January Vacation Care MUST be received no later than midnight <u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</u> in order to confirm your booking without a late booking surcharge. Please note that no changes or cancellations are possible after this date without a charge.
  - Should you need to make changes after this time, you must contact the centre via email.
- Please be aware that ALL bookings are made online via our website. You must log in using your username and
  password and navigate to the appropriate section to make and changes your bookings.
- ALL bookings taken and ALL changes made to your booking AFTER the applicable cut-off dates (noted above) are payable and incur a \$5 surcharge per child, per day.
- During this vacation care period, ALL incursion days are capped at a maximum of 85 children and excursion days are capped at 75 children. Please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

**HOURS:** The centre is open from 7.00 am until 6.00 pm. Late fees apply for late pick-ups as per the parent handbook (if you do not have a copy please ask us for one or visit our website).

**MEALS:** Breakfast is usually available until 8:30am and afternoon tea is provided daily. On some days (as specified in the program) we will supply lunch. Although the program may specify the centre's provision of lunch, we advise you provide your child with morning tea and lunch <u>EVERY</u> day. This ensures that your child will have plenty of food for the day, particularly if they do not like what is being served.

Please ensure you avoid providing your child with any nut products as we cater for children with severe nut allergies.

**SIGNING IN AND OUT:** Children must be signed in and out of the centre (when dropped off and picked up) by a responsible adult, each day they attend (as per our centre policies). Please note that this does not include brothers or sisters of children who are under 18 years of age, as well as those not on your child's authorised collection list (unless specifically authorised prior via phone call/email). All people collecting your children other than their parent/guardian need to supply our staff with photo I.D. If you or an authorised collecter and you don't have your username and password, which would require centre staff to sign your children in/out - the family will incur a non-sign in/out fee of \$15.

(To add authorised collectors, please log in to our webserver.)

#### CHECK LIST: Each day all children must bring:

- $\Rightarrow$  A hat and drink bottle (children should also wear sunscreen each day particularly in the warmer months).
- ⇒ Morning tea, lunch and drinks.

(There are additional charges if the centre has to supply your child with lunch, recess or a water bottle - please refer to parent handbook).

- ⇒ <u>Suitable sun-safe clothing</u> appropriate for art/craft and outdoor play as well as enclosed shoes (thongs/sandals/crocs are not appropriate unless being used for water activities).
- ⇒ Wet weather gear for excursions (if applicable).

#### FOR ALL DAYS INVOLVING EXCURSIONS: Children should be at the centre before 9am!

Even if we intend to leave later than this there are many important things that need to be done before we leave the centre. This includes issuing the children with details and instructions about the excursion for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in attendance. The bus will be unable to wait for your child if you are late. We will usually endeavor to be back at the centre by 3pm. Please do not give your children any money to spend on the excursion as it is not fair to children without money. Please ensure you provide your child with a packed lunch, recess and water. Travel will be by chartered bus as specified on the permission notice. If you require more information about any of the excursions please speak to a staff member.

If you need to contact us for any reason, please do so on the centre number (02) 9869 0602. During excursions the phone will be diverted to the centre mobile telephone.

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# EPPING HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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#### **Epping Heights Carols Virtual Choir**

Carols may be going online, but we want everyone to join in! This year the Epping Heights Community Band will perform "Joy To The World", and we are calling all parents, teachers and ex-students to join the virtual choir by recording yourself singing "Joy To The World" on your smartphone or tablet. All the videos will be assembled into a one-of-a-kind virtual performance! If you are interested in participating, please contact ehpscarols@gmail.com so we can send you the lyrics, recording instructions and backing track.





#### **Joining Epping Heights School Band 2021**

We welcome any student who is year 3 or above (2021) to join the school band, commencing Term 1 2021. For more information on the school band program and how to join, please click on the link below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12GRsbtXu813rkrfLnQRPVAThgpm479on/view?usp=sharing

The band committee also runs a String Ensemble. If your child is at AMEB grade 2 level or above and would like to audition for the string ensemble, please email ehps.stringensemble@gmail.com

Regards,

**EHPS Band Committee** 



#### 2021 SCHOOL BAND - STRING ENSEMBLE AUDITION

Here is another great opportunity to join EHPS String Ensemble 2021.

Please email below details to <a href="mailto:ehps.stringensemble@gmail.com">ehps.stringensemble@gmail.com</a> by 30 Nov 2020. We will arrange and notify the date and time slot for the audition.

- Student Full Name
- Student Year
- Class
- Instrument Playing and Which Level
- Parent Name
- Parent Mobile and Email

#### Who can apply for the audition?

- In year3 or above (2021)
- Playing Violin with an AMEB Grade 3 or equivalent level
- Playing Viola, Cello or Double bass with an AMEB Grade 2 or equivalent level
- Have been learning for at least 2 years

#### **Audition Requirements:**

- Scales: A minor, G major, F major, C Major and D major
- One prepared music piece of your choice ( max 1.5 minutes)
- Sight reading (You will be given a music piece on the day and to play it as best as you can without prior practise)

Grace Ji, EHPS STRING ENSEMBLE COORDINATOR





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 2021

The **Epping Heights Public School Parent & Citizens Association (P&C)** works with the school to improve the learning environment for our kids and to build a stronger community in our school.

The P&C contributes to the school in many ways including:

- financially supporting the purchase of classroom equipment;
- organising and running fundraisers;
- coordinating the school music program; and
- providing essential services such as the uniform shop, book club and the school banking program.

# To do this, we rely on parents who are also keen to make this school a better place for their child(ren).

We are still looking for parents willing to volunteer and fill up positions for our school's P&C for **2021**. The roles we need to fill are:

President - runs our meetings and represents the P&C

Secretary- take notes at meetings and handles the paper work

Fundraising - plans and coordinates fundraising events for the school.

Grounds - organises school working bees with volunteers from the school once a term

Banking - runs our school banking program

The roles above **CAN BE SHARED** and you will get a lot of support and assistance. You do not need to have experience and we are always happy to see new faces. If you are interested or want to find out more, please email **ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com**.





# JOIN EHPS P&C 2021

Joining our school's P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C, you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.

The 2021 annual membership fee of \$1.10 is payable via Qkr! and entitles you to full voting rights as a Financial Member at our general meetings. Should you choose not to pay the membership fee, you are still welcome to participate as an observer but you will not be able to vote or hold office.

If you have any questions, please email ehps.p.n.c@gmail.com



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