



# EAST BEECHBORO PRIMARY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION BRIEF

2nd February 2017

School Website: [www.eastbeechboroprimary.wa.edu.au](http://www.eastbeechboroprimary.wa.edu.au)

## Message from the Principal

### Welcome

I would like to welcome our students and families to the 2017 school year. In particular a very warm welcome to those who are new to our school community. I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and hope you are ready for a challenging, exciting and very rewarding year. Our Term 1 Planner is being sent home today and is a useful reference point for planned school-based activities and events. Please keep this document in a prominent place in your home to ensure that you are aware of what is taking place at school.

Communication is vital in ensuring that our school runs effectively. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher or a member of the Admin team for issues that are important to you or your child. Every fortnight, information is sent either in the form of an Information Brief or a Newsletter. Only the Newsletter is sent home as a hard copy. As this is the first Information Brief for the year, a hard copy is being sent home to all our families. To receive the Information Brief and additional school information in future, please ensure that you download our school app. (Instructions on how to download the school app are included in this Information Brief). Parents specifically wanting a hard copy of the Information Brief are asked to advise the office staff.

### Announcement of Student Councillors and Faction Captains

2017 Semester 1 Student Councillors and Faction Captains will be announced and presented with their badges at next week's short assembly (8th February). We welcome all parents and families to this and all our assemblies.

### Parent Meetings

Over the next couple of weeks, parents of students in Pre-Primary to year 6 will be invited to attend information sessions that are designed to provide an overview of classroom expectations, organisation, policies and procedures. Meetings will take place immediately after school and a fully supervised activity has been planned in the library for those children whose parents are attending meetings. All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings as they are designed to establish positive two-way communications between your child's teacher and you. Please note however that these sessions provide a general overview of classroom operations. If you have a specific issue you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to do so.

### Student Standards/Presentation and Dress Code

It is fantastic to see that our students have brought in their school requirements and are dressed in uniform. I would like to thank our parents for their support with this and a special thank you to our P & C for co-ordinating the school requirements and the Uniform Shop to ensure that our students are prepared for school.

As we are a Sunsmart school, students **must** wear sunsmart hats when in the playground and at sport. The school has a "No Hat, No Play" policy and students who come to school without a hat will be asked to sit in a designated shaded area for the duration of recess and lunch. Please ensure that items of clothing including hats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

High standards in student work and presentation are expected and valued in all year levels. Parents can help their child develop pride in their work by ensuring that your child has all their school requirements (eg. stationery, books etc) and that they are clearly labelled with names. It is highly recommended that all work books are covered to keep them intact. EBPS has a no tolerance to graffiti policy. Should equipment, work books or clothing be defaced, they will be sent home to be cleaned or replaced.

### Computer/Internet/iPad Usage

The use of computers and the internet are a part of our teaching programs. Students have been given a Computer Usage Policy to read and sign. These contracts are evidence of your child's acceptance to use the computers responsibly. It is essential for you and your child to read, sign and return these contracts. Students will only be permitted to use the computers once this contract has been returned. Parents and students are reminded that failure to use computers responsibly may result in a student's access being revoked.

### Arrival At School

Classrooms open at 8.30am and lessons commence at 8.40am. It is imperative that students arrive at school on time to ensure that they do not miss out on important information given at the start of the day. Students in Years 1 to 6 and Pre-Primary students accompanied by older siblings who arrive to school prior to 8.30am are asked to sit in the undercover area outside the staffroom. Parents who accompany their children to school may also wait in this area until the students are dismissed. Please note that the playground, play equipment and sporting gear are not to be used before and after school. Students arriving after 8.40am must obtain a late note from the office prior to going to class.

### Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have paid their child's 2017 contribution. Although these funds are voluntary, I urge you to consider making payment as these funds are vital in providing all our students with essential resources throughout the year. If you would like to make payment, please see our office staff. All contributions paid before the end of **week 4** will be entered into a prize draw to win \$100.

### Use of student images

There are many times throughout the year where images of students are used in publications (eg. newsletter, website etc). We will work on the basis that all children **can** have their photo published in the newsletter unless otherwise advised. If you **do not** want your child's image used, please advise the office.

Shayne Harris - Principal

### Important Dates

**6th Feb** - LA1 & LA2 Parent Meeting  
**7th Feb** - Rms 15 & 16 Parent Meeting  
**8th Feb** - Short Assembly  
**8th Feb** - Rms 9, 10 & 11 Parent Meeting  
**9th Feb** - Rms 13 & 14 Parent Meeting  
**10th Feb** - Rms 3 & 4 Parent Meeting  
**14th Feb** - Pre-Primary Parent Meeting  
**15th Feb** - Rms 5 & 6 Parent Meeting  
**1st Mar** - P&C AGM 7pm

**Children with Allergies** We have some students who have severe and in some cases life threatening allergies to certain foods. In the interest of the safety of our students, I ask parents to please be mindful of what is in your child's lunchbox. Please refrain from including items that may contain nuts and please discuss with your child the importance of washing their hands before and after eating and to refrain from sharing food.



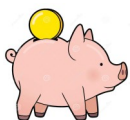
### School Banking

Come and see us in the Library every Friday from 8.15am until 8.40am.

**Dates: FEB:** 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

**MAR:** 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st **APR:** 7th

Mums and Dads, it's never too late to get your children involved in the school banking program whether you have a Commonwealth Bank account or not. Thank you. Lyndsey & Sue



### Camp Australia

The school offers onsite before and after school care through Camp Australia. There is no fee to register your child. Charges are only incurred if your child takes part in a session.

**Before care: 6.30am-8.40am**

**Full Fee \$16.00 Out of pocket\* \$5.19 to \$7.94**

**After care: 2.45pm-6pm**

**Full Fee \$22.00 Out of pocket\* \$5.49 to \$10.89**

Flyers in the office or visit : [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

\* Contact the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50 for information or to check your eligibility for a rebate.



### Direct Debit

The school offers direct debit as an option for payment of contributions, excursions or incursions. Details as follows: BSB: 066 132 Acct: 00902273  
Details to be entered as first initial of student name and surname eg TSmith. If you wish to receive confirmation, please email:  
[Ann.Evans@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Ann.Evans@education.wa.edu.au)

### P&C News

All credit card purchases incur a 2.3% surcharge. This will apply to all credit card transactions made to the P&C. Please note that online payments for uniforms are to be paid to the **P&C bank account**. Details as follows: BSB 036 033 Acct: 186571.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

### Installing the School App

**App Store > Search for Smartlink > Download Smartlink > In the Smartlink search type: East Beechboro PS > Tap on our school.**

*It is essential for parents to stay up to date with the latest iOS operating system releases /updates and the latest Smartlink App versions. This applies to all apps on the App Store*



Or CTRL/CLICK to open



### Canteen Days - Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing Week 2

Menus are available in the office or at the canteen.

**Uniform Shop Times: Tues** 2.30pm-3.00pm **Wed** 8.40am-9.15am  
**Fri** 8.40am-9.15am & 2.30 - 3.00pm Order forms available in the office or Uniform Shop.

### Help your child shine at school this year - Michael Grose

The single most important step you can take to help your child learn is to be an active participant in your child's education. This includes: talking to your child about their day, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

The second step is to become involved in your child's school. This is harder than ever due to work commitments, but you can still be positively engaged in the life of your child's school even when you work. Here's how:

1. **Find out** what your child's school is trying to **achieve** and show your support for it's **aims**. What is your school focusing on over the following three years? What are it's specific values?
2. **Support** a broad, **balanced curriculum** that offers a variety of experiences rather than a program that narrowly focuses on the 3 Rs.
3. **Direct** conversations through the **correct channels** such as your child's teacher, the principal or the school's governing body.
4. **Get** the school diary/calendar and place open days, interview days and other **important days** in your own diary so you can plan ahead.
5. **Meet** with your child's teacher at the start of the year and ask for **practical ways** you can help at home.
6. **Encourage** your child to take **pride** in their school, and don't 'bag' it yourself. Your **positive advocacy** of your child's school will send a powerful message about school and learning.
7. **Model** learning and reading. Your kids need to see you **learning** new things and **reading** so they become normalised.

There are lots of ways you can support your child's learning. However you can't go too far wrong if you start with these basics; take a real interest in what kids do at school and be an active, risk-taking learner yourself.



### Virtue of the Fortnight - Honour

**What is honour?** Honour is living with a sense of respect for what you believe is right. It is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself, other people and the rules you live by.

**Why practise honour?** Without honour, people act disrespectfully and do things which make them and others feel ashamed. Someone's word of honour means they will do exactly what they promise. People respect and look up to someone who is honourable.

**How do you practise honour?** When you act with honour, you do the right thing regardless of what others are doing. You keep your promises. You honour your elders by speaking respectfully to them. You honour yourself by practicing your virtues and doing your best. When you act with honour you set a good example.



### Waterwise Tip

Evaporative air conditioning can waste water through faults or leaks. Regularly check your evaporative air conditioner for leaks, maintain flow control and clean filter pads.



### CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS

If at any time you have a matter which you feel you need to discuss please contact the school. Please note that ALL formal complaints should be marked Private and Confidential and sent to the Principal.