



EAST BEECHBORO PRIMARY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION BRIEF

16th February 2017

School Website: www.eastbeechboroprimary.wa.edu.au

Message from the Principal

Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to those parents who accepted the invitation to attend class meetings over the last couple of weeks. Communication is vital in establishing effective relationships between teachers and parents. I sincerely hope that you found these meetings valuable and that they have helped in opening the lines of communication between yourself and the school. If at any time you have an issue you that would like to discuss about your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or a member of the Administration team.

Semester One Student Leaders

Senior students are given the opportunity to develop leadership skills and to be role models to all the students in the school. Students who are elected into leadership positions are encouraged to develop these qualities by accepting responsibilities that assist in the operation of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our successful Semester One student leaders. I am sure they will ably fulfil their duties and will be outstanding role models.

Student Councillors:

Imogen Bailey, Danielle Barnachea, Leah Haeata, Kaylee O'Rourke, Jake Simpson,
Ashlyn Tiedtke, Arjuna Veaudry and Jessie Zurakowski

Faction Captains:

Bilbies: Shenae Dunbar, Tamioka Grieve, Pranay Hirani & Jhae Ong

Wallabies: Mitchell Alexander, Made Chidgey, Lukas De Costa & Yao Yao Liu

Numbats: Ali Al Hakimi, Charly Price, Jake Simpson & Jessica Warhurst

Bandicoots: Caleb Cooper, Kianah Graham, Sophia Papiccio & Madison Walker

2017 NAPLAN

NAPLAN is an annual national assessment of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All schools will move to NAPLAN online over the next two years. East Beechboro Primary School is amongst the first schools to have online testing commence this year. NAPLAN testing for online schools will take place next term (9th May to 19th May). Further information will be sent home to parents of students in Years 3 and 5 shortly. Parents or carers may choose to withdraw their children from the tests. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents in consultation with the principal and is intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. An application for withdrawal must be completed before a student can be withdrawn.

Attendance

Fundamental to academic and later life success is regular and punctual school attendance. Late arrival and poor attendance directly impacts on learning and may have negative and long term implications. While at school, children learn essential academic and social skills that they carry with them throughout their school years and into later life. By encouraging your child to establish a positive attitude to their learning and to develop good attendance habits, they will be more likely to experience academic success. There will be times such as illness and extenuating circumstances where a student is not able to attend school. These absences however should be a rarity rather than the norm. Parents are reminded that as part of the Department of Education's attendance strategy, holidays during term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence unless the vacation has been given prior approval by the principal.

Student & Medical Update Forms

Student and Medical Update Forms were sent home this week. It is imperative that these are checked thoroughly, corrected if necessary and returned to the office by Friday 24th February. This information is vital in ensuring that student records are up to date. Please ensure that the school is provided with correct contact numbers so that we are able to make contact with you for any issues regarding your child or in case of an emergency. Only students whose enrolment information indicates a medical condition have been sent a medical update form. It is essential that the school has up to date information regarding medical conditions and action plans. This will ensure that should your child experience an episode related to a diagnosed medical condition, the school is equipped to manage the issue correctly. If your child has a condition that the school needs to be aware of, please see the office staff. Your support and attention is greatly appreciated.

2017 Contributions

A sincere thank you to those parents who have paid their child's 2017 Contribution. The school receives government funding to enable us to provide students with some of the resources required in the delivery of our education programs. In order to supplement and enhance these programs, the school relies on the payment of contributions. The funds received will be used to ensure the needs of all our students are met. Although voluntary, I sincerely ask you to consider making this \$50 payment if you have not already done so. Essentially, this equates to \$1.25 per school week per child but this makes a tremendous difference for what we are able to offer our students.

All contributions paid before the end of **Week 4 (24th February)** will be entered into a prize draw to win \$100. Thank you to our P&C for donating this prize.

Shayne Harris - Principal

Important Dates

22nd Feb - Student Councillor Assembly

1st March - Room 16 Year 6 Assembly

1st Mar - P&C AGM 7pm

Canteen Days Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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.

School Banking

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

Dates: FEB: 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

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



"Ask Allison"- I'm here for parents and carers too.

Welcome back to all our returning and new families to 2017. Just a reminder that I am your school chaplain. I am available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for not just your children but for you also, our parents and carers. This year, I will be available for **parents**

and carers who may want to drop in and have a chat **every Wednesday after assembly.**



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



What is Bullying? - Michael Grose



Bullying is an insidious behaviour that affects many children.

It transgresses a child's natural right to feel safe and secure and can affect a child's performance at school, their peer relations and his or her self-esteem.

It also takes many forms and has many guises. Bullying is the **selective, uninvited, intentional, repetitive** oppression of one person by another person or group. It can involve some or all of the following behaviours: physical abuse, intimidation, harassment, exclusion from activities or groups, extreme teasing.

Bullying is not the domain of either gender. Girls bully just as much as boys but they do it in less physical ways. While boys will use physical intimidation or verbal abuse to wield power over others, girls are more likely to use exclusion or subtle verbal sarcasm to assert themselves over their victims.

While children will often tease or sometimes fight physically with each other, this bickering should not be confused with bullying. The latter involves an imbalance of power as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse.

Enviro FEST 2017

Saturday 25 March
10am-3pm

Enjoy workshops,
market stalls &
eco activities!

FREE event

[/whitemanpark](https://www.facebook.com/whitemanpark) #envirofest2017



Waterwise Tip

We all like our houses to look neat and clean, but hosing down driveways or paving is a waste of valuable water – and is not permitted under WA's permanent water efficiency measures. It's better to use a broom or blower to clean outside your home instead.

Virtue of the Fortnight

What is consideration?

Consideration is being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel.

Why practise consideration?

When people behave selfishly and don't practise consideration, other people feel hurt. When we are considerate, others know they are important to us. We bring them happiness and they feel like making us happy too.

How do you practise consideration?

Consideration begins by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions are affecting them. You care about how they feel. You act as if other people are just as important as you are. You do little things to bring happiness to others. Give tender attention to people who are sad.



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.

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. For confirmation of payment please email: Ann.Evans@education.wa.edu.au

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.