



# EAST BEECHBORO PRIMARY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION BRIEF

27th April 2017

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

## Message from the Principal

### Welcome to Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to the new students and families who have joined the East Beechboro Primary School community. I am sure that our students had a great holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for a busy term. As you can see from our Term Planner, we have many events planned so please keep this somewhere prominent in your home. As this is the first Information Brief for the term we are sending a copy home to each family. Future copies will only be available on our school app and website.

### ANZAC Assembly

In honour of all the servicemen and women who have represented our country in times of war and conflict, we will be holding our ANZAC assembly tomorrow in the undercover area at 2pm. Parents and families are most welcome to attend and to join us and our visiting guests for afternoon tea in the staff room immediately after the assembly. A request was sent home earlier this week for donations of flowers and greenery for floral tributes. It would be most appreciated if you could please bring these in tomorrow morning and take them directly to your child's classroom. Students who belong to clubs such as Scouts, Cubs, St John Ambulance etc are invited to wear these uniforms to the assembly.

### NAPLAN

A reminder that our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking NAPLAN testing in Week 3 this term. Tests will be administered in paper form and not via online testing due to the decision to the Minister for Education to delay the commencement of NAPLAN Online. All NAPLAN tests will take place in the morning sessions of the school day. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time to ensure that testing is not disrupted by late-comers and to give your child the best chance of completing the tests to the best of their ability. To support your child in the lead up to the tests, please ensure that set homework tasks and nightly reading is completed and simply urge them to try their best and to attempt all questions. Please remember that these are not pass or fail tests. They are purely a general assessment of literacy and numeracy and provide a snap shot of student performance **at the time** of testing. If you have any queries regarding the Minister's decision, please contact the school for further information.

### Summer Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated at the Interschool Summer Carnival on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. All the teams promoted the school positively and demonstrated excellent skill and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Thank you to those parents who came to support our teams. Thank you also Miss Vranjes, Miss Petkovic, Mr Fairbairn and Mr Perkins for their efforts in training the teams and a special thank you to Mr Maidens for coordinating the event. Congratulations to the Cricket A Division team who won their competition.

### Change of Student Details

If you have changed address, phone number or any detail relating to your child's enrolment, please advise our office staff. It is essential that we keep our records up to date so that we are able to contact you in relation to your child or in case of an emergency.

### Custody Issues

It is the responsibility of the school to provide education and care for all students enrolled. If there are any changes in family circumstances which may impact on the children, the school should be notified immediately. However, unless there is a court order that states otherwise, each parent has equal legal responsibility for their children and the school is unable to alter details or communication/access arrangements. There are strict guidelines that the school is required to follow in these situations and school staff are unable to become involved in these matters, It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to advise the school of any issues and provide copies of relevant, up to date documents. The school should also be advised if there is a change in arrangements for collecting children or if contacts require updating, even if these changes are temporary.

Nicky Suckling - Principal

## Social Media and the School Community

The internet and social media provide great opportunities for us to network and stay in touch online. While these technologies can offer a positive space for sharing information and ideas, they also have the potential to cause harm to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

Just as you would discourage your child from acting inappropriately online, it's important to remember that sometimes, negative comments posted about a school community by parents or caregivers can have a bigger impact than expected. Reputations of staff, schools, and even parents can be damaged.

Whenever you're online, you are potentially speaking to an unlimited audience, even if you think your conversations are private. Taking a few moments to think about the content you post could save upset, embarrassment - and even possible legal action or police involvement.

Parental and community feedback is important for schools. If you have a concern, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to us, rather than discussing it in a public forum. If you are worried about online content involving the school community, contact the principal. If you are posting online, remember that your comments help build and support the school community. Make sure you're honest, respectful, considerate - and a good role model for your children.



### Important Dates

**28th April** - ANZAC Commemoration 2pm  
**3rd May** - Student Councillor Assembly  
**5th May** - Morley SHS Yr 5/6 visit  
**9th - 11th May** - NAPLAN Testing  
**9th May** - Mother's Day Stall (KINDY ONLY)  
**11th May** - Mother's Day Stall (K3, PP-6)  
**15th May** - Bookclub closes

### Canteen Days Monday, Wednesday and Friday

#### Uniform Shop Days:

**Tues** 2.30pm-3.00pm

**Wed** 8.40am-9.15am

**Fri** 8.40am-9.15am & 2.30 - 3.00pm

**School Banking** In the Library every Friday from 8.15am until 8.40am. 

**Dates:** April: 28th May: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

**June:** 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

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 apply if your child takes part in a session. Flyers in the office or visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) for costs

**Before care: 6.30-8.40am After care: 2.45-6pm**

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

**Waterwise Tip** A leaking tap can waste up to 10,000 litres of water a year. Good news – fixing them is usually quite simple and a licensed Waterwise Plumber can do the job. 

**Saver Plus** Stressed out about school costs? Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet? Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work. Visit [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au) or call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355

**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](mailto:Ann.Evans@education.wa.edu.au)

### 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



### Dads4Kids Planned events for the year include:

**June:** Ten Pin Bowling (Dads and Kids)**September:** Bingo Night (Family Event)

**November:** Whiteman Park (Family Event)

Dads4Kids understands the busy life of dads and aims to build a communal group of dads within the East Beechboro Primary School to help build a better life and community for our families and kids.



### Virtue of the Fortnight



#### Honesty

**What is honesty?** Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest they can be relied on not to lie, cheat or steal. Honesty is telling the truth. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. Being honest means that you don't pretend to be someone you are not.

**Why practise honesty?** Honesty is important because it builds trust. When you are honest with yourself, you accept yourself as you are. When you are honest others can believe you.

**How do you practise honesty?** When you are honest you say what you mean and you mean what you say. You only make promises you can keep. Do not cheat or lie to others. Admit your mistakes and fix them. Be honest with yourself and you will be honest with other people. You don't need to make up things to look good – you're already good!

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

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**. My office is located in the Early Learning Childhood Block (you will see my Disney/Pixar sign) but I will also be at Assembly.



### P&C News

East Beechboro Primary is selling **2017/2018 Entertainment Books**. Books are \$70 each and our school receives \$14 from each sale. These make great gift ideas and can also be purchased as a digital membership with easy access on your mobile phone. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help raise funds for the school also. To order, please visit: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/857s80> (if viewing electronically, [click here](#)) or contact Rose Elliott on 0408 887 061 or email [elliott99@inet.net.au](mailto:elliott99@inet.net.au) Funds raised will go towards having shade structures installed over the new playground.

**Mother's Day Stall** - Donations of gifts are greatly appreciated for our Mother's Day Stall (Week 3). Please ensure donations are in good condition and sent to school by 3pm Monday 8th May. Collection boxes will be placed in the waiting area behind the staffroom, in the Pre-Primary block and in the office.

**StudentCover**-StudentCover accident insurance was developed to give parents and guardians a helping hand when they need it most, at a very affordable price. For \$29 a year your child can be protected 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world \* whether they are at school or not, and includes almost every sport \*. (\*some conditions apply)To apply, simply go to [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au) and click APPLY NOW. (StudentCover is only available online) 

**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.