

EAST HAMILTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUR SCHOOL MISSION

The school's mission focuses on the whole school community to promote the academic, social, physical and emotional well being of each child, so as to develop confident, independent students, to enable them to fulfil their potential and make worthwhile contributions to society.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back to the new school year. We have had an excellent start and our swimming lessons are going very well. I would like to take the opportunity to thank my office team, Mrs Grady Scheiblehner, Mrs Cheryl Ancell, Mrs Jo Stals and Mrs Rita Groves who have worked so hard on ensuring we have a smooth start. I would like to also thank all our staff for making sure your classrooms were ready on time, especially after maintenance works.

I would like to thank and acknowledge our gardeners and cleaners for their fantastic work over the holiday period. It was great to return to a clean and tidy work environment, they go above and beyond what is expected in their everyday duties and their efforts are greatly appreciated by all of us.

It was also nice to see our Noongar Seasons paintings on the veranda near the Breakfast Club completed as he as the Cockatoo on the Electrical Board near the side gate. A special **thank you** to Ms Catherine Peattie as I have received a great deal of positive feedback from our school community, this fantastic artwork enhances our school culture and will complement our new factions of **Bunuru**, **Djernan** and **Makura**. New faction shirts and school hats (reversible with faction colour) will be arriving around Week 4. Please see Jacqui from Eclipse Universal (a separate entity) in the school library on Mondays 8:30am - 10:00am. I am also obtaining information if we can introduce online orders and will keep you updated via our school website www.easthamiltonhillps.wa.edu.au.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR STAFF

Miss Anne Christodulou	Principal
Mrs Grady Scheiblehner	Deputy Principal (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)
Ms Helen Burridge	Room 17 Year 5/6
Miss Chloe Harken	Room 16 Year 4/5
Mrs Rebekah Rowcliffe	Room 15 Year 3/4
Miss Kat Simmons	Room 14 Year 2/3

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Miss Nikita Gabrielson	Room 13 Year 1/2 (Mon-Wed)
Miss Holly Craig	Room 13 Year 1/2 (Thurs-Fri)
Miss Helen Stojan	Room 1 Year 1
Mrs Joanne Cookson	Pre-Primary EC1
Mrs Susie Tyrrell	Pre-Primary EC1 (Wed)
Mrs Kerrie Thomi	PP Education Assistant EC1 (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
Mrs Susie Tout	PP Education Assistant EC1 (Wed)
Miss Katie Hannah	Kindergarten/Pre-Primary EC2
Mrs Sharon Mills	Kindergarten/Pre-Primary EC2 (Fri)
Mrs Jody Barkla	Education Assistant K/PP EC2 (Mon, Tues, Fri)
Mrs Natalie Bobojcov	Education Assistant K/PP EC2 (Tues & Thur)
Mrs Christiane Morrone	EA Special Needs EC2 (Mon Wed, second Fri)
Mr Mitch Shaw	Music (Mon)
Mrs Lucy Martin	Physical Education (Mon, Wed)
Mr Ben Lea	Science and Design Technologies (Mon, Tues, Fri)
Mrs Cassie Mippy	Noongar Teacher (Thur)
Mrs Lauren Musto	AIEO/EA Special Needs Education Assistant Special Needs
Mrs Susie Tout	Education Assistant Junior Primary
Mrs Jenny Pittorino	Education Assistant Room 1 (Wed & Thur)
Mrs Zenda Furzer	Library Officer (Tues & Thurs)
Mrs Cheryl Ancell	Manager Corporate Services
Mrs Jo Stals	School Officer (Mon-Wed)
Mrs Rita Groves	School Officer (Thur-Fri)
Mr Steve Honnor	Gardener (Tues - Thur)
Mr Malcolm Rose	Cleaner -In Charge
Mrs Sharon Gilmore	Cleaner
Mrs Di Jones	Cleaner
Miss Sidnie Robinson	School Chaplain
Mrs Natasha Rodgers	School Psychologist

Our school currently has an enrolment of 212 students. To accommodate our students, when we work out the school structure, we use the Department guidelines for class sizes and plan with the preoperational budget that is anticipated as a result of projected student enrolments. This year we have split classes across the year levels. Parents often ask why we need to split year levels and wonder why we can't have 'straight' year levels throughout the school. The answer is because East Hamilton Hill Primary School is an inclusive school with an open enrolment policy; we don't have control over the number of students in each age group. This means some age groups may have 30 students while other age groups may have 40 students. Obviously we can't have 40 students in a class so we need to 'split' the classes. Experience tells us that it doesn't make any difference in academic or social outcomes if a child is in a split or straight class. Teachers are required to differentiate the curriculum for all their students (based on ability not age).

To ease us into the year, I have encouraged students and teachers to emphasise that during recess and lunch students may play across the classes if they are in the same year levels. When swimming lessons conclude we also begin our whole school programs, where it is physically viable (enough room in the class), the children in the same year level will go to one class for Spelling Mastery and Stepping Stones Mathematics.

Last year we implemented our [Formation of Classes and Class Placement Procedures](#) as well as Split Grade Information, which I mentioned a couple of newsletters at the end of last year. I would like to highlight Step 2 the Student Allocation process as well as Step 6, the Parent Enquiry/Alteration of Class Lists. Please refer to the link above which will take you to the policy.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

We have now signed off on the engineering drawings and the whole project for the senior and the early childhood playground. We have devoted a great deal of school funds, including reserves and are seeking some funding from the P&C. As a part of the maintenance of the school and the project committee, we require a shed to replace the old one and be big enough to store early childhood resources. The Department are building us toilets for the new Early Childhood building in the Gardner's Shed and we will require a purpose built shed. We would like to re-carpet 4 classrooms this year and paint the entire school if possible. At the moment I am negotiating with the Department to see what they can assist us with. The Project Committee would also like to improve the front gardens and I have suggested to a few of the Project Committee members last year and Kelly Mattravers perhaps this may be a busy bee for our community.

A friendly reminder that next Monday 18th February we have the P&C Meeting at 9:00am in the Parent Room. I look forward to meeting new parents to the school and working with you all to produce the best we can for our school and most importantly your child; our students.

FLEXIBUZZ

Could I please encourage you all to check with each other to make sure you are all on the Flexibuzz App as communication is the key. If we have 100% of our school community on Flexibuzz, we can ensure clear lines of communication. Can I also please encourage you to spread the word about our newsletters too, as I often speak with parents who have missed key information because they have not read the newsletter.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our School Development Days went well on the 30th January and 1st February, this year. We worked on school planning, operational matters as well as online Professional Learning that Mrs Scheiblehner organised regarding Learning Difficulties provided by the Dyslexia SPELD Foundation and endorsed by the Department of Education.

I wish us all the best for 2019 and am looking forward to seeing our school vision in action as the year progresses. The staff reflected on this vision last year and here it is;

East Hamilton Hill Primary School is a high performing school and is renowned for its commitment to meeting the educational and individualised needs of its students. In partnership with the school community we aim to deliver a high quality learning program in a caring and nurturing learning environment. All students have the opportunity to become successful learners, creative and confident individuals and people who make a positive contribution to the world.

Anne Christodoulou

Principal

Email: anne.christodoulou@education.wa.edu.au

ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for this year will be conducted by Miss Harken's Year 4/5 class (Rm 16) at 8.50am in the undercover area on Friday 22nd February.

Please enjoy a coffee and meeting new parents in the Parent Room (Kaya Wanju Café) after the assembly.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Payment of Voluntary Contributions is now due. Funds raised through these contributions are used to purchase resources etc. to complement the educational programs we run throughout the school. For your own information the school has paid in excess of \$60 for every child to receive a range of literacy and numeracy text books. Normally this would be passed onto parents as part of the personal items list, however we have chosen not to do this. If you are unable to pay at this time please speak to the office and we can arrange a payment plan for you. Thank you to those families who have already paid their contributions. As a school we are always conscious of the costs we seek from parents in relation to educational activities. School contributions can be paid at the office or by direct deposit.

Account Name: East Hamilton Hill Primary School
(use student's surname as reference)
BSB: 066-144
Account: 00900056
Contributions are as follows:
• Kindy - \$60 per year
• Per child (PP - 6) - \$30.00 per year

SCHOOL TIMES

The following times operate for PP – Yr 6 children:

8.40am Warning siren – students go to class
8.50am School commences
10.50-11.10am Morning Recess
12.40pm Lunch
1.17pm Toilet/drink/ return to class
1.20pm Lessons commence
3.00pm End of Day

Parents are reminded that students should not arrive at school before 8.30am unless they have made prior arrangement with Administration or are attending Breakfast Club.

STATIONERY ITEMS

Parents are asked to ensure that students come to school with all of the stationery items as per the personal items list (copies are available from the office if required). If students do not have the appropriate items they are at a disadvantage and become anxious because everyone else has the right equipment and they don't.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child is missing any clothing items please check the plastic bin container outside the Breakfast Club. We will be disposing of any items not collected.

LIBRARY NEWS

A warm welcome back to the start of year 2019. The Library is staffed by myself, Mrs Zenda Furzer, Library Officer and I am in attendance on Tuesday mornings and Thursday all day of each week.

Student library book borrowing will commence in week 3, with Pre Primary students and Year 1 students able to borrow one book each week, Years 2 – 5 students, two books and Year 6 students, 3 books each week.

All books are borrowed for one week and can be extended if required. As we like to encourage children to read, please make sure that your child has a cloth library bag, clearly marked with their name, which is used to protect the books as they are carried to and from school. Library bags must be used for borrowing. Plain calico library bags may be purchased from the library for \$2.00.

The class Library Book Change days are as follows and as parents you can assist your child by ensuring that books are returned on time each week.

- Pre Primary - Thursday
- Room 1 Year 1 - Thursday
- Room 13 Year 1/2 - Tuesday
- Room 14 Year 2/3 - Thursday
- Room 15 Year 3/4 - Thursday
- Room 16 Year 4/5 - Thursday
- Room 17 Year 5/6 - Tuesday

Each year we ask for parent volunteers to help in the library. It can be as little as ten minutes after drop-off in the morning or before pick-up in the afternoon to help with shelving. If you are able to commit to a longer period of time there is also repairs and book covering. No experience is necessary and training is provided.

If you would like to volunteer your help please call in and see me on the days that I am here or leave your name and contact number at the front office.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the Library!

Zenda Furzer
Library Officer



TERM DATES 2019

Term 1 Monday 4th Feb - Friday 12th April
Term 2 Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
Term 3 Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th Sept.
Term 4 Monday 14th Oct. - Thursday 19th Dec.

*** Professional Development Days - students commence on the next school day.**

STUDENT HEALTH PLANS

Students who have a health condition requiring care at school must have up to date health care plans in place. These plans are reviewed annually or when a student's health care needs change. If your child has a health condition that requires a health care plan please see the office staff. For students with existing health care plans, we will send home new plans with your child. If you do not receive these plans please inform the office staff immediately. Medications will also need to be updated.

Ph: 93371410

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STUDENT AUTHORISATION & UPDATE FORMS

These very important forms are due back at the latest this Friday 15th February. Thank you to those families who have already returned their forms. For those who have not returned forms please return with your child as soon as possible. It is important we have all the relevant updated information for contacts in case of emergency.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Welcome back to all students in 2019.

At the start of each year and throughout, we top up our supplies with the Foodbank who offer a great community service. We also rely on donations from our school community.

Our wonderful volunteers tell me that we are in need of margarine any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave items at the office.

Thankyou for your support

Grady Scheiblehner

Deputy Principal



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open for your convenience each **Monday between 8.30am - 10.00am.**

The Uniform Shop is located in the library.

◆ Due to unforeseen delays with the supplier our new reversible hats will not be available to purchase until Week 4 of Term 1. Small sizes in shirts and shorts have also been affected, these will become available in the coming weeks.



P & C NEWS



Welcome back to school, for what we are sure will be another exciting and successful year for the P&C!

Our next P&C meeting will be held in the Kaya Wanju Café (Parent Room) at 9.00am next Monday 18th February 2019.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the meeting. As this is the first meeting of the new year, if you would like to vote on P&C motions please bring a one-off gold coin donation, to become a paid member. If you would like to join us to observe the meeting, please come along too.

If you would like to contact the P&C you can do it 3 ways....

- Request to join our closed Facebook page EHHPS Social Information Page
- Email us at ehhpsp_c1@mail.com
- Or speak to one of the P&C members

Thank you !

P&C Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will be open next Wednesday 20th February. We are always in need of **volunteers** to help in the canteen. It is only one morning a week and if we are able to get **volunteers** it will only be once or twice a term on a roster system. If you can spare a few hours on a Wednesday please come and leave your name at the office or with Loretta at the Canteen.

- Their will be a new canteen menu coming home with this newsletter we will also place the menu on our school website: (www.easthamiltonhillps.wa.edu.au) on Flexibuzz and in the magazine stand in the school office.

Loretta Stoker

Canteen Manager

