

EAST HAMILTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUR SCHOOL VISION

East Hamilton Hill Primary School is a high performing school and it 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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This is our last newsletter for the term and if someone had told me last year that in 2020, the world would be upturned with this pandemic, I would not have believed them. It has had a great deal of impact on us all and our role as a school is to make sure we remain a connected community through these difficult times. I am so thankful to all our families who have supported us over the last few weeks with your Home Schooling efforts. Teaching is an art form. Teachers and Education Assistants spend many years training for this vocation. We all have a mental model of education and schooling that has been challenged. As parents/carers, you have moved into sharing this role as well as all your other responsibilities. We appreciate your efforts. Staff are working very hard at school to provide more structure and meet the needs of all our students by modifying our whole school approaches. A combination of online work and work packages are being prepared. If you find it too difficult to teach some of these tasks, please leave them and move onto another activity and let the teacher know.

Next term, we will ask parents to visit the school on their own and we will have packages ready to be picked up in the **Parent Carpark**, near the school canteen. We will have a system where parents will be requested to drive through only, stop and we will pass all your children's work pages to you through the car window. We kindly request you remain in your car and we hope to provide you with a swift and safe service, following the Australian Government's social isolation rules. More information will come about the finer details via my Connect updates.

Also, the Stepping Stones textbooks will be sent home, with very clear instructions. Please look after these textbooks and follow the teacher instructions. Students are to only complete work that is outlined by the teacher. Remember these textbooks will be required when we return to school and resume our usual routine. We will not be able to replace them if they are lost, damaged or completed.

Communication will be a key to keeping our school community connected. From a whole school level, we will

be sending out notices via Connect and Flexibuzz- we will no longer be printing hard copies of newsletters. If you have not signed up to Connect you must contact the school office either by phone on **94879300** or email easthamiltonhill.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

Class Teachers will be using Connect as a tool to provide overall learning instructions via **Classes** and to provide communication amongst the students. We are also investigating how we could use other computer programs/apps either to be used on a mobile phone, iPad, Tablet or desktop computer to provide voice/video conferencing. We will also use telephone technology as each teacher has a telephone in their classroom. I am also very happy to chat with parents if you would like to call me. Some of our staff use other *apps* such as ClassDojo or Seesaw and may use these in conjunction with the resources they set up for you.

Our focus for this week is to remind you all of your health and wellbeing and here is a link that may be useful to read:

<https://headspace.org.au/friends-and-family/tips-for-a-healthy-headspace-for-family-and-friends/?stage=Live>

If there are any changes over the next few weeks, I will be sure to keep you updated.

I take this opportunity to use a quote from a very wise parent (thank you K.A.) in our school:

'Wishes for strong hearts, clear heads and clean hands.'

I hope you make time to rest and relax over the next few weeks as we enter school holidays and try and enjoy Easter as best as you can during this difficult time for us all.

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MEMORIES OF SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

