

NEWSLETTER

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EAST HAMILTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 4! The year is flying by and we have a full calendar for the last quarter of the year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break, and it is great to see all our students settle straight back in to learning, in amongst the business of swimming lessons. Please refer to our Term Planner for upcoming events throughout the term, with reminders being communicated through Connect and Facebook.

SWIMMING

Due to unavoidable weather conditions and associated storm damage, two of our scheduled swimming lessons have been cancelled this week. All swimming lessons are fully scheduled a year in advance with no opportunity for changes due to back-to-back bookings coordinated for all 40 weeks of the school year. This means that we will not be able to have any make-up sessions for the two we have missed. Parents will be notified of a credit on student school accounts as we will not be charged pool entry fees for these dates. The exact amount of credit will be communicated at the conclusion of the swimming series. This week we were advised that our swimming allocation in 2022 will be at the end of Term 1 and this will be a 10-day series.

PARKING CHANGES IN 2022

Parking is limited in every school and can often be a source of frustration at peak times. Based on student numbers, East Hamilton Hill PS has more parent and visitor parking bays than standard, but it is still a very busy area in the mornings and afternoons, and with this comes risk to student safety. Following a requested analysis of our parking structure by the Department, we are looking to propose a few changes in 2022 that will see the bulk of parent traffic divided between the two main carparks and all visitor parking relocated to the front of the school near the Administration entrance. Specific information relating to these changes will be communicated prior to the start of the school year in 2022.

STAFFING UPDATE

In 2022 we will be running two kindergarten groups and we are excited to announce that Mrs Nicole Dwyer will be joining our staff. Mrs Dwyer will work in partnership with Mrs Tyrrell, teaching the Monday, Wednesday and alternate Friday group.

Welcome Mrs Dwyer!



We are also looking forward to the 'Stay and Play' sessions for our 2022 kindergarten students in Week 6 this term.

NOONGAR FOCUS

With a swimming focus this fortnight we wish to share some Noongar language that our students have been learning with Mrs Mippy. Djiba-djobaliny means 'swimming', and djiba-djobal means 'swim'. Mrs Mippy always welcomes parents to come and see her for correct pronunciation!

SMOKING CEREMONY

Next Friday we invite our families to join us for a special school event; the opening of our Yearning Circle *Ngalang Miya-P Ngat Yanginy*, and the presentation of our two new murals, with a Smoking Ceremony led by local Noongar elder Marie Taylor. This ceremony will commence at 2:00pm in the quadrangle. A light afternoon tea will be available for our parents guests from 1:40pm.

ASSEMBLIES TERM 4

Due to a full schedule of dance sessions every Friday this term, our assemblies in Weeks 3, 6 and 8 will be held on Thursday mornings, commencing at 9:00am. Following our Pre-Primary assembly in Week 6 we will be hosting our Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea, and before the Noongar assembly in Week 8 we will be having a CARE community breakfast on the oval!

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P&C 2022

We will have a range of positions available on our P&C Executive Committee that we are looking to fill during the AGM in Week 7. Many of our current team are vacating positions as their children graduate from the school and we invite all parents to consider volunteering through the P&C and fulfilling these vacancies. The P&C play a vital role in the success of a school and we have been so fortunate to have such an active and engaged P&C for many years. We are seeking to continue to grow the success of the P&C for the benefit of all our students.

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INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the wonderful students who represented EHHPS at our Interschool Athletics Carnival late last term. Our students demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and athleticism, with EHHPS finishing 3rd overall out of 6 schools and also taking home the Meritorious Shield for the best performing small school. We excelled in our team games, placing in 11 out of 12 team events, including a number of wins.

Special mentions also to our individual champions who excelled, Brodie year 6 Champion Boy, Billie year 3 Champion Girl, and Lucas year 5 Runner Up Boy.

Lucy Martin

Health/PE Teacher



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2021

(keep the dates free for these main events listed below coming up in 2021)

Term 4

Students commence on Tuesday 12 October!

- **Weeks 1 & 2** - Wednesday 13 –22 October Swimming Lessons
- **Monday 25 October** - P&C Meeting 9.00am
- **25, 26 & 27 October** - Year 6 Camp
- **Assemblies** are on a Thursday for this term, in Weeks 3, 6 & 8
- **Canteen** is available each **Wednesday** and for a trial basis on **Friday** in Weeks 3 - 8 Term 4.
- **Wednesday 27 October** - Open School Board Meeting
- **Friday 29 October** - Teacher & EA's day - Yarning Circle & Smoking Ceremony 2.00pm
- **Thursday 18 November** - Volunteer Morning Tea
- **Friday 19 November** - Kindy 2022 Play & Stay Sessions
- **Monday 22 November** - P&C **AGM** 9.00am
- **Thursday 2 December** - CARE Breakfast
- **Tuesday 7 December** - Dance Concert
- **Monday 13 December**—Reports go home
- **Wednesday 15 December** - Year 6 Graduation Assembly.

* For all other important dates that will occur we will update the Term Planner and send home notes.

ZOO FOOD

You may be wondering why the Perth Zoo comes to EHHPS and trim our bushes, well Mr Steve Honnor (EHHPS Gardener extraordinaire) has explained the reason;

“The school has been supplying fodder for the Perth Zoo for the last 7 years. The Acacia Plantation (which the students planted) on Redmond Road is used for the Giraffes. Other bushes that are given to the zoo are our Hibiscus and Coprosma, these will be used to feed primates, giant tortoises, orangutans and some Australian marsupials.”

So when your next visit to the Perth Zoo you may see the animals feeding and know that some of that food has come from our school.

