



NEWSLETTER

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EAST HAMILTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK

It has been an outstanding start to the year and so lovely to welcome all our students and families back to school! We are also fortunate enough to be welcoming a number of new students to kindergarten and across all year levels to our beautiful school, as well as a few new staff. We commence 2022 with 228 students enrolled with a positive trend in student numbers. Students have settled back into the learning routine wonderfully well and adjusted to new structures and classes. It is such a pleasure being in classrooms and seeing all the amazing work students are doing!

I am excited for the year ahead, and look forward to seeing all students thrive!

As shared at the end of last year, our class structures for 2022 are:

Room 18 Year 5/6 - Mrs Jones
Room 17 Year 5/6 - Miss Simmons
Room 16 Year 4 - Mrs Martin and Miss Kay,
with Mrs Musto
Room 15 Year 2/3 - Mrs Rowcliffe and Miss Kay
Room 14 Year 2/3 - Mr Myers
Room 13 Year 2/3 - Mrs Elkins and Ms Craig
Room 1 Year 1 - Miss Stojan and Mrs Clifford
Pre-Primary - Mrs Cookson and Mrs Clifford,
with Mrs Tout and Mrs Ferreira

Kindy A - Mrs Dwyer, with Mrs Thomi, Mrs Pittorino
Kindy B - Mrs Tyrell, with Mrs Thomi, Mrs Pittorino

Noongar and AIEO – Mrs Mippy
Visual Art – Mrs Clifford
Science – Miss Sheridan
Phys Ed and Health – Miss Gabrielson
Music – Mr Shaw

Some of our holiday works commenced, but a number of projects have been unavoidably delayed due to supply issues. We hope to complete planned works as soon as possible and progress with our plans to continue to improve the school grounds and buildings throughout the year.

CHANGES IN 2022

The start of the school year has seen a few changes to our school routines; purposefully implemented with students, and improved educational outcomes, at the centre.

Instructional and break times have been adjusted. Students engage with two outside breaks during the day, with the first break the ideal opportunity for students to eat their lunch. This first break is in the middle of the two largest instructional blocks, and refuelling with the most substantial food in their lunchboxes ensures they are able to maintain concentration and focus. Break 1 and Break 2 are each 30 minutes, consisting of eating and play time.

Our start and finish times remain the same. Classrooms open at 8:30am each day and the 20 minutes before the bell prioritises student readiness for the school day, and the opportunity to engage with reading. This is an important time and all students are encouraged to be at school by 8:30am.

This term we are trialling a change in the car parking arrangements to make peak-time parking easier for parents and safer for students. Staff will park in the Redmond Road carpark, with approximately half of the bays remaining for parents. Parents are also able to access the Bradbury Road carpark which will see the peak traffic spread between the two areas and hopefully easing some congestion.

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Additionally, the ring-road outside the canteen can still be utilised as a kiss and drop zone, with parents requested not to park or remain stationary here as it blocks the flow.

As always, patience and courtesy is essential, and we appreciate your commitment to this. Student safety is a priority and pedestrians are encouraged not to walk through the carparks unnecessarily.

CARE VISUALS

Over the holidays the PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) team had our school CARE visuals printed and installed throughout the school grounds. These vibrant posters capture the essence of each value and ensure that our expected behaviours are consistently reinforced in the playground as well as in each classroom. As part of our whole school approach to student behaviour management, students are explicitly taught the desired behaviours within the matrix, and these are then positively reinforced using a variety of common structures, including tokens and TOD awards. Next week our factions will each vote on their preferred milestone rewards that they will each be collectively working towards achieving throughout Term 1.

COVID ADJUSTMENTS

The State Government and Department of Education are committed to ensuring schools stay open with the least amount of disruption as possible as we navigate the next stages of living in a COVID world. As a school, we have comprehensive plans in place to deal with any number of scenarios, consistently focusing on continuity of learning, and a number of measures in place to minimise the risk of transmission. We have seen that situations can change very rapidly, but we will be flexible and efficiently navigate any changes as they arise.

This week, in line with Department of Education directives, we have had to implement additional measures, including the cancellation of whole-school assemblies, class meetings, and not having parents in classrooms. While this is not ideal, it is necessary at this time and we hope that we are able to resume normal school structures soon. I thank you for your continued support and commitment to COVID safe practices. Please refer to the letter sent home yesterday detailing all changes and measures in place.

In the event of a COVID positive case, we will need to be able to contact all members of our school community immediately. Please ensure we have correct and updated details in our system, including phone numbers and email addresses.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Effective communication with our school community is essential, and we like to keep parents well-informed about school events, happenings and developments. EHHPS uses Connect, email, newsletters and FaceBook to share information. Classroom teachers also use additional platforms and structures to communicate effectively with parents.

Proactive communication is highly valued and I encourage all parents to contact the classroom teacher if there are any matters you wish to discuss.

BUSINESS PLAN

We have commenced the year with a new 2022-2024 Business Plan that was collaboratively constructed by staff, the school community, School Board and the leadership team throughout 2021, ensuring that the focused priorities that guide our work over the next three years are appropriately aspirational, instil high standards and expectations, and meet the needs of our students. This is a public document and can be found on our website via the following link: [Business plan - East Hamilton Hill Primary School \(easthamiltonhillps.wa.edu.au\)](http://www.easthamiltonhillps.wa.edu.au/business-plan)

I encourage all our parents to take the time to view the Business Plan.

NOONGAR LANGUAGE in 2022

Mrs Mippy would like to share our latest focus Noongar vocabulary for the fortnight with the school community.

Maambakoort - Ocean

Bilya - River

We will be listening out for students integrating these words into their conversational vocabulary.

P&C

Our P&C will commence their work for the 2022 school year, welcoming a new Executive Committee, and holding their first meeting next **Monday 14 February** in the Conference Room. All parents are welcome to attend as the committee map out the year ahead in terms of fundraising and events. The work the P&C do is essential in supporting us to achieve the best educational outcomes for all our students, and we appreciate the support our community demonstrates with fundraising efforts throughout each year. If you wish to know more, please contact Georgina Stocker (P&C President) on **0449 982 880** or email ehhpsp_c1@mail.com

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LIBRARY NEWS

A warm welcome back to the start of year 2022.

The Library is staffed by myself, Mrs Rita Groves, Library Officer and I am in attendance on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday 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. The library will be open each Wednesday during second break for students to enjoy some quiet reading.

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 - Tuesday
Room 1 Year 1 - Tuesday
Room 13 Year 2/3 - Wednesday
Room 14 Year 2/3 - Wednesday
Room 15 Year 2/3 - Wednesday
Room 16 Year 4 - Wednesday
Room 17 Year 5/6 - Wednesday
Room 18 Year 5/6 - Wednesday

Rita Groves

Library Officer



BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you for past donations in 2021 we are asking for donations to help for the start of 2022. If you are able to donate any butter, jam or vegemite we would greatly appreciate your help.

Thankyou for your support and generosity with donations throughout the term.

Breakfast Club Team



TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 Monday 31 January - Friday 8 April
Term 2 Tuesday 26 April - Friday 1 July
Term 3 Monday 18 July - Friday 23 Sept
Term 4 Tuesday 11 October - Thursday 15 December

Professional Development Days 2022

Term 1 Thursday 27 & Friday 28 January
Friday 8 March
Term 2 Monday 23 May
Term 3 Monday 15 August



MERENY- AP YANGINY (CANTEEN) NEWS

Canteen online ordering update! 📢

Canteen online ordering is NOW available at East Hamilton Hill Primary School!

You can now skip the busy canteen day queue, and order from the comfort of your own home.

Visit My School Connect

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au/east-hamilton-hill-ps-canteen>

FREE CABINET ON OFFER!

If you are interested in the cabinet pictured below, please come and see Cheryl, Jo or Rita in the office or phone 9487 9300.



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ICEBREAKER

February 2022

**POSTPONED DUE TO
COVID RESTRICTIONS A NEW
DATE WILL BE ADVISED.**

**We welcome all our new and existing families to
our annual East Hamilton Hill Ice Breaker ~
a chance to meet, mingle and catch up with our
wonderful school community.**

**Thanks to our fabulous P&C efforts we are
putting on free water slides!**

**All age family fun with a large slide and smaller
water obstacle course.**

**Kids (and adults) bring your bathers and towels!
BYO picnic food, drinks & rugs at the nature
playground.**

For more info contact K-A 0401 909 332

