



# NEWSLETTER

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## EAST HAMILTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### MASKS

Last week saw the introduction of mask-wearing while indoors for our students in Year 3-6 and I would like to thank everyone for the amazing way students have adjusted so quickly to this change. We have taken a reasonable and supportive approach to this mandate and have worked with students as needed while they adjust to the new normal. A key factor in this change has been the positive support from parents as we all do our bit to stay healthy in these COVID times.

The introduction of masks is aimed at significantly reducing the likelihood that whole classes would be required to isolate in the event of a student or teacher being unknowingly infectious with COVID while at school. This is a welcome measure, and it has been great to see many of our Year 2 students also wearing a mask while at school across all three Year 2/3 classes.

#### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Our whole school approach to behaviour management is PBS and defined by our CARE values of Cooperate, Aspire, Respect and Excel. This term we are focusing on the value of cooperation and what this looks like in school. Students are explicitly taught the expected behaviours within our school matrix, and these are then positively reinforced using a range of systems in classrooms and through our whole school token collection. Our new faction token houses are filling up fast!

All factions are currently working towards a reward that fits within current COVID guidelines, and next term students will vote in their faction groups as to which rewards they will work towards throughout the term. Student voice is an essential component and increases motivation and ownership.

Our much-anticipated CARE Term 1 community breakfast will be on hold for the moment, however we will still recognise the importance of this approach to our school through a CARE colour day towards the end of the term.

#### ATTENDANCE

Every day matters and a regular school attendance career provides students with the optimal foundations for success, progress and achievements. Even one day away from school per fortnight interrupts the learning process as students miss vital explicit teaching and the opportunity to practice new skills and understandings, reinforcing their knowledge. While it is important to be cautious in our current climate and keep children at home if they are unwell, if your child is well they should be at school on time every day.

At the end of last week notes were sent home requesting explanations for unexplained student absences for the first six weeks of the term. Please complete and return as soon as possible. Additionally, letters identifying students who have attendance rates in the 'at risk' categories will also be coming home this week.

This year we will acknowledge and reward regular attendance through a number of initiatives and continue to encourage high attendance rates. Watch out for regular updates and the presentation of each term's attendance incentive. It is important to note, that absences due to class closures or students who are required to isolate according to the Health Department guidelines, will not have these days included in attendance percentage calculations for rewards and incentives.



## HOME READING - KAPER

At EHHPS we recognise the importance of reading every day. Each student has a home reading tracking system (KAPER) that supports students and parents to practise reading mastery at home. Reading books that are selected by teachers and sent home are aimed at a level of independence, allowing students to master the skills explicitly taught at school. Listening to your child read each night should be a positive part of home routines, and supports all students to become confident and capable readers. In addition to this structure, students are encouraged to read in class when they are ready for the day after the classroom doors open at 8:30am. These 20 minutes are valuable, and we encourage all students to be at school on time so as not to miss this part of the day. If you have any questions regarding home reading or reading books, please contact your child's teacher.

## PARENT SURVEY

Tell Them From Me® (TTFM) is a suite of surveys for measuring student engagement and wellbeing. The surveys capture student, parent and teacher voices, providing reliable evidence for schools to use in identifying strengths and areas for improvement. The TTFM Parent Survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and our school. Insights into parent and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parental opinions build an accurate and timely picture that can inform our planning. The survey is anonymous, voluntary, and easy-to-use. It is based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering several aspects of the parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at home and school. The TTFM Parent Survey for 2022 is now open and can be accessed via the link below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/ehhps2022>

We encourage all parents to take a few minutes to share your opinions and thoughts with us as your voice is essential to the work we do. The survey closes on 18 March 2022.

## P&C POSITIONS

The P&C will hold their second meeting of the term next Monday morning at 9am. We still have a few positions we are looking to fill for 2022 and we also encourage new members to come along and participate. There is no expectation that attendance will require you to fulfil a position, and we hope to see some new parents next week. Our P&C do amazing work for our school and we have enjoyed outstanding parent support over many years; please come along and see if you are available!

## YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISING

In 2022 our Year 6 students will be attending the Swan Valley Adventure Centre camp in Term 4 (restrictions permitting). This year's fundraising group of parents will be working in consultation with the P&C to raise funds towards this, aimed at reducing the cost for all students. Fundraising efforts for camp do not take the place of P&C fundraising, but work alongside to ensure families are not overburdened with requests for support of multiple fundraising initiatives at any one time. There are some fantastic things coming up this year from both the P&C and the Year 6 camp sub-committee; we look forward to sharing these with you!

## SCHOOL BOARD

Our search for nominations for School Board parent positions has concluded, and I would like to share with the community the outcome of this process. We welcome:

- Ms KA Garlick (returning Chair) – 3 year tenure
- Mr Patrick Clifford – 3 year tenure
- Mr Mandeep Singh – 2year tenure
- Mr Neil Dumais – 1 year tenure.

Our new board members will commence their positions officially next term, but will be invited to attend the meeting in Week 8 as an introduction to their role. At the same time we thank outgoing parent representatives on the board:

- Mrs Loretta Stoker;
- Mrs Kellie Halbert
- Mrs Amy Price, and
- Ms Sarah Kahle.

These parents have represented the parent body for up to three years and we thank them for the time they have volunteered to support and add value to the work of the school. Strong governance is an essential component in a highly effective school and I wish to acknowledge the contributions of each member over a three year period. We look forward to progressing our work as a Board, achieving the best outcomes for our students and school as a whole.

*Michelle Nash*

**PRINCIPAL**

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### NOONGAR LANGUAGE in 2022

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

Ngaangk ngarda - means sunset; and  
Ngaangk yira - means sunrise.



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

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2022 TERM 1

- **Monday 14 March** - P&C Meeting 9.00am Conference Room
  - **Wednesday 23 March** - School Board Meeting 5.15pm to 6.30pm
  - **Thursday 24 March** - Early close 11.15am for Parent Interviews
  - **Monday 28 March** - Swimming Lessons commence for one week.
- ◇ Uniform Shop is open in Weeks 8 & 10, from 8.30 - 10.00am
- ◇ Canteen open Wednesday and Friday each week.
- ◇ Assemblies have been cancelled for Term 1 due to COVID-19 restrictions. (Students will still receive Honour Certificates on the existing Assembly days).

**\* For all other important dates that may arise we will update the Term Planner as needed and send notes home.**

### 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 2 **Monday 23 May**  
Term 3 **Monday 15 August**

### MERENY- AP YANGINY (CANTEEN) NEWS

#### MUESLI BARS - A LUNCHBOX STAPLE

The muesli and fruit bar aisle of any supermarket can be a minefield, many bars are energy dense and provide very little nutritional value. Here are some tips to help you make a healthier choice:

- o Avoid bars that are dipped in chocolate or contain choc chips
- o Avoid bars that contain confectionary i.e. those topped with 'yoghurt'
- o Look for a bar that contains fruit rather than just cereals
- o Avoid fruit leather or straps – these are no good for children's teeth – choose a piece of fruit instead
- o Restrict muesli bars to once a week as a treat.

**Did you know eggs are super nutritious foods?** They are a good source of protein, contain most vitamins except C, and are especially a good source of vitamin B12 and to retain nutrients eggs are best stored in the fridge in their cardboard container as it prevents odours entering the eggs.

**Shaani Richards**  
Canteen Manager



**be heard!**

We are looking for enthusiastic young people (7 to 12 years) to join our children's reference group

Seeking expressions of interest for 2022

The Children's Reference Group gives kids a voice and helps the City to understand what kids like and what issues affect them.

For more information or to register your interest, contact the Children's Development Officer 08 9411 3444.

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Find us on



## REGISTER NOW!

Fremantle College are hosting Webex Information Sessions for our Approved Specialist Programs.

If you have a child in Year 4, 5 or 6 - you are invited to learn more about the Approved Specialist Programs available at Fremantle College.

Separate sessions will be run for each of our programs:

- Specialist Contemporary Music
- Specialist Marine Studies
- Specialist ICT

To find out more and register, please go to:

<https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/specialist-programs-webex-information-sessions/>

# Specialist Programs

## Webex Information Sessions



FREMANTLE  
COLLEGE

Current Year 4, 5 and 6 students and their families are invited to learn about the Approved Specialist programs available at Fremantle College via online Webex Information Sessions. Separate sessions will be run for each of our Approved Specialist Programs:

Specialist Contemporary Music - Monday 28 March - 9:00am and 4:00pm

Specialist Marine Studies - Tuesday 29 March - 9:00am and 4:00pm

Specialist ICT Wednesday - 30 March - 9:00am and 4:00pm

**Register Now**