



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire school community. From the dedicated teachers and staff to the supportive families and enthusiastic students, each one of you have played an essential role in making this year great. With just a week and a half remaining, and so many exciting events planned, we are in for a wonderful conclusion to what has already been a fantastic year of learning, growth, and achievement. I look forward to celebrating our successes with the community tomorrow night at our Dance to the Stars concert.

PRINCIPAL POSITION 2025

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you my decision to take leave in 2025. This year has presented with many personal challenges for my family, which will require my attention for the foreseeable future, and it is important that I prioritise my family at this time. This decision is not taken lightly as I have a deep connection with East Hamilton Hill Primary School and it is an honour to serve this wonderful community.

Craig Beard will fulfil the role of Principal for Term 1, with Nikita Gabrielson in the Deputy Principal role. The principal position will then be advertised for the remainder of the year. I want to reassure the school community that all the necessary planning has been completed to ensure a smooth transition in my absence. The Leadership Team and staff are well-prepared to continue the important work we started, and I have full confidence in their ability to maintain the high standards of education and care at our school.

GATES AND CLASSROOM ACCESS 2025

In response to increasing concerns regarding staff duty of care, we would like to inform the community of a change to the opening times of our school gates for 2025. The school gates will now open at 8:20am each morning, with classroom doors opening at 8:45am. For students arriving before 8:45am, they are welcome to sit on the bench outside the Breakfast Club, where our student leaders will provide toast and supervision will be available from 8:20am to 8:45am. Our OSHC provider, TheirCare, will continue to operate as normal in the mornings. If your child needs to be dropped off at school before 8:20am, they will need to be booked into TheirCare. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students.

CANTEEN

Following the departure of our dedicated Canteen Manager, Sharon Boreham, the P&C has decided to hand the running of the canteen back to the school. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Sharon and the P&C for their hard work and for providing this important service to our community. For 2025, we are excited to announce that we are in negotiations with local businesses to provide the canteen service for us. The businesses will collaborate with Fresh SNAP to create a healthy and balanced menu for our students. Further information on the provider, menu and how to place orders will be shared with the community in the new year. We look forward to this new chapter and the positive impact it will have on our school community.



LANGUAGES

Our Noongar Language teacher, Cassie Mippy will be taking leave in 2025 and will be an enormous loss to our school. As many people are aware, Miss Mippy has been instrumental in immersing the Noongar culture and language into our school community. She has worked tirelessly over the past 13 years in her roles as AEIO and Noongar Language Teacher to advocate for our students and families, creating an important connection between school and home. Cassie has been recognised for her leadership amongst the Aboriginal Languages Teachers in Western Australia and is currently the network co-ordinator for this group. We will miss Cassie's presence and passion next year and wish her well on her year of relaxation and wellbeing.

Following notification of Cassie's leave, we advertised the position in hopes of continuing our Noongar language program. Unfortunately, we were unable to fill the role. As LOTE (Languages Other Than English) is a requirement by the School Curriculum Standards Authority, the School Board has approved a shift in our language program to Auslan for 2025. We are fortunate to have three highly skilled Auslan translators already working within our school, and we believe that adopting Auslan as our language will further enhance and support the vital work they do. The position for an Auslan teacher is currently advertised, and we are excited to move forward with this new direction for our language program.

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank the P&C for their ongoing work this year, coming together for the betterment of our students. Thanks to Georgina Stoker and the committee for the hours they put into our school community. For the P&C to continue their great work, they require more support and numbers. If you have the time, I urge you to put your hand up and join the P&C.

To our School Board, led by Patrick Clifford, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work throughout the 2024 school year. The School Board plays an integral part in the governance, direction and accountability of the school. Your ongoing advice and support is truly valued and I thank you for giving up your family time to support the betterment of our school.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Cassie Mippy for her outstanding service to our school community over the past 10 years as a dedicated member of the board. Cassie's contributions have been immeasurable, offering invaluable knowledge, wisdom, and guidance throughout her tenure. Her expertise, especially in relation to Noongar language and culture, has greatly enriched our community.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge Clare Detchon, who has finished her tenure with the board. Clare joined as a parent representative in 2023, and has contributed significant time to our school community through her role on the board and painting the amazing mural in our ECE area. Thank you for your time and sharing your amazing talents with us Clare, we wish you well in the future.

CLASS STRUCTURES 2025

Teaching staff continue to finalise class planning for 2025 and have put significant time, thought and effort into creating class lists that will provide the best learning opportunities for our students. With enrolment numbers continuing to fluctuate, class lists will be made available on **Monday 3 February 2025**, to limit the possibility for last minute changes. Our projected enrolment numbers for 2025 are currently 264 students.

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**STAFFING FOR 2025**

Year/Specialist	Class Room	Teacher	Mainstream EA
Kindy A – 0.6FTE	Kindy	Nicole Dwyer	Amy Watson (Mon/Wed/Fri)
Kindy B – 0.6FTE	Kindy	Susie Tyrell	Amy Watson (Tues/Thurs/Fri)
Pre-Primary	PP A	Jo Cookson Lecia Clifford (Wed)	Susie Tout
Pre-Primary	PP B	Helen Bedwood Lecia Clifford (Thurs)	Meg Everitt
Year 1	Room 1	Helen Stojan	Jenny Pittorino (1 day)
Year 1	Room 9	Amber Ferris	Jenny Pittorino (1 day)
Year 2/3	Room 13	Carmel Elkins	
Year 2/3	Room 14	Mackenzie Kay (0.8) Wed (TBC)	
Year 4/5	Room 15	Chloe Harken (0.8) Jess Wilding (Wed)	
Year 5/6	Room 16	Rebekah Rowcliffe (0.8) Fri (TBC)	
Year 5/6	Room 17	Kat Simmons	
Languages 0.4 FTE	Room 18	TBC	
Phys Ed/Health 0.6 FTE	Room 18	Lucy Martin (Term 1)	
Science 0.4FTE	Science/Art Room	Mary-Ellen Sheridan	
Music 0.2FTE	Music Room	Mitch Shaw	
Visual Art 0.4FTE	Science/Art Room	Lecia Clifford	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2024**TERM 4 - 2024**

- ◆ **Week 9** - Thursday, 5 December Year 5/6 STEM Students Perth Convention Centre Excursion, Dance to the Stars Concert 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Friday, 6 December CARE Focus Assembly and Basketball
- ◆ **Week 10** - Monday, 9 December Reports emailed to Parents. Wednesday, 11 December Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9:00am. Thursday, 12 December Last day of Term 4.

School returns for Term 1 2025 - Wednesday, 5 February 2025.

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

TERM DATES 2025

- Term 1** Wednesday, 5 February - Friday, 11 April 2025
- Term 2** Tuesday 29 April - Friday 4 July 2025
- Term 3** Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September 2025
- Term 4** Tuesday 14 October - Thursday 18 December 2025

Professional Development Days 2025

- Term 1** Monday 3 February 2025
- Term 1** Tuesday 4 February 2025
- Term 2** Monday 28 April 2025
- Term 3** Monday 25 August 2025
- Term 4** Monday 13 October 2025
- Term 4** Friday 19 December 2025



YEAR 6 CAMP



YEAR 5 FREMANTLE PRISON EXCURSION

