Message from the Principal

Welcome to 2016

It has been a busy start to the term and I would like to thank all our parents for ensuring that our students have come to school in uniform and equipped with their stationery items. At East Beechboro Primary we expect and value high standards in student work presentation. I encourage parents to ensure that their child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their name and that work books are covered to help keep them intact throughout the year.

I would like to thank our amazing P&C for managing the massive task of coordinating the back to school supplies and for running the Uniform Shop to ensure that our students have started the year prepared and in uniform.

Our Term 1 Planner is being sent home with this Information Brief. There are many events organised this term. I encourage you to refer to this document often to ensure you are kept up to date and informed of these events.

Finally I would like to welcome back all our students and families to the 2016 school year. A warm welcome to our new students and their families. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all.

Internet Usage Policy

Students were given a Computer Usage Policy to read, sign and return to their classroom teacher. These contracts are evidence that students commit to using the school computers responsibly. I urge all parents to read through this document carefully with their child and reinforce the expectations of our school. Much of our classroom learning involves the use of computers and the internet and students will only be permitted to use the computers once this contract has been signed and returned. Failure to use computers responsibly may result in student’s access being revoked.

Arrival At School

Our school day commences at 8.40am and classroom doors are open at 8.30am. It is essential that students arrive at school on time to ensure that they do not miss out on important instructions given at the start of the day. Students in years 1 to 6 and Pre-Primary students accompanied by older siblings who arrive to school prior to 8.30am are asked to sit in the undercover area outside the staffroom. Parents who accompany their children to school may also wait in this area until the students are dismissed. Please note that the play equipment and sporting gear are not to be used before and after school. Students who arrive after 8.40am are asked to obtain a late note from the office prior to going to class.

School Organisation

I would like to welcome to our staff Mr Fairbairn who is teaching in Room 15 whilst Mr Byford takes on Mrs Suckling’s Deputy Principal position. Mrs Suckling has accepted a secondment in the Department. Mr Fairbairn has gained substantial experience at East Beechboro over the last 12months and he is well known to the students. I would also like to congratulate Miss Jamieson on her appointment at the school this year and finally, I would like to welcome back Mr Perkins, Mr Baker and Miss Harper.

Parent Meetings

Over the next couple of weeks, classroom teachers will conduct parent meetings designed to provide parents with an understanding of classroom expectations, organisation, policies and procedures. Meetings will take place immediately after school and supervision will be provided for those children whose parents attend the meetings. I urge all our parents to attend these briefings as this is a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s classroom teacher and meet other parents from the year level. The information presented is a general overview. Should you have specific issues that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment with the teacher.

Children with Allergies

We have some students in our school who have severe and in some cases life threatening allergies to certain foods. I implore all our parents to be mindful of what goes into your child’s lunchbox. Please refrain from including items that may contain nuts. Teachers of students with severe allergies may have contacted parents of their students outlining the foods that are of concern. I would appreciate if parents could reinforce with their child to wash their hands before and after eating and to refrain from sharing food.

Parking

Parking around the school is problematic, particularly at the start and end of the school day. To ensure the safety of our students, parents are asked to please be patient and to exercise caution during these times. Parents are also reminded to please be mindful and respectful of our neighbours’ property when parking their vehicles.

Use of student images

There are times throughout the year where images of students are used in publications (eg. newsletter, upcoming website etc). We will work on the basis that all children can have their photo published in such publications unless otherwise advised.

Shayne Harris - Principal

Important Dates

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Camp Australia

The school offers onsite before and after school care through Camp Australia. There is no fee to register your child. Charges are only incurred if your child takes part in a session.

Before care: 6.30am-8.40am
Full Fee $16.00  Out of pocket*  $5.19 to $7.94
After care: 2.45pm-6pm
Full Fee $22.00  Out of pocket*  $5.49 to $10.89

Fliers are available in the office or visit www.campaustralia.com.au.

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School Banking

Come and see us in the Library every Friday from 8.15am until 8.40am.

Dates:
- FEB: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
- MAR: 4th, 11th, 18th, 24th
- APR: 1st & 8th

Mums and Dads, it’s never too late to get your children involved in the school banking program whether you have a Commonwealth Bank account or not.

Thank you. Lyndsey & Sue (Co-ordinators)

Would $500 assist you with education costs

Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, for education costs incl: school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition. Gain some new skills too.

To be eligible you must: have a child at school or starting next year & have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card & have some form of income from work, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time, or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Meagan your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

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Direct Debit

The school offers direct debit as an option for payment of contributions, excursions or incursions. Details as follows:
- BSB: 066 132 Acct: 00902273
- Details to be entered as first initial of student name and surname eg TSmith. If you wish to receive confirmation, please email: Ann.Evans@education.wa.edu.au

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P&C News

All credit card purchases incur a 1.3% surcharge. This will apply to all credit card transactions made to the P&C. Please note that online payments for uniforms are to be paid to the P&C bank account. Details as follows: BSB 036 033 Acct: 186571.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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School App

Download the free school app available to iPhone (iOS) and Android platforms.

Visit: App Store
Or
CTRL/CLICK to open

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Why reading is important for children

Before they even understand what words and books are about, young children still benefit from listening to you read aloud. By making books a part of your daily routine, you’re setting the stage for future success in school, work and life.

Benefits include:

- **Boosting School Readiness** – Reading is one of the easiest ways to increase school readiness. When you read to your child, you’re building their vocabulary, language and literacy skills, while improving concentration, curiosity and memory.
- **Success in School** – Studies show that children who grow up with lots of books in the home tend to go further in school.
- **A Love of Books** – Reading together builds strong family relationships. By cuddling up together with a good book, you teach your child that reading is fun—even for adults.
- **Teaching Coping Skills** – Books are a great way to teach children how to handle new experiences and stressful situations. Stories can help children understand, talk about and deal with everything from starting a new school to the loss of a pet.

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Virtue of the Fortnight - Honour

**What is honour?** Honour is living with a sense of respect for what you believe is right. It is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself, other people and the rules you live by.

**Why practise honour?** Without honour, people act disrespectfully and do things which make them and others feel ashamed. Someone’s word of honour means they will do exactly what they promise. People respect and look up to someone who is honourable.

**How do you practise honour?** When you act with honour, you do the right thing regardless of what others are doing. You keep your promises. You honour your elders by speaking respectfully to them. You honour yourself by practicing your virtues and doing your best. When you act with honour you set a good example.

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Waterwise Tip

**Shorter showers save water**
As much as 22% of household water use is in the shower. Dropping 2 minutes off your shower time will save precious water. In fact, 4 minutes is the ideal waterwise shower time. You can save even more water in the shower by switching to a water efficient showerhead, which will save 7,000 litres of water each year.

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CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS

If at any time you have a matter which you feel you need to discuss please contact the school.

Please note that ALL formal complaints should be marked Private and Confidential and sent to the Principal.