



# EAST BEECHBORO PRIMARY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION BRIEF

2nd February 2023

School Website: [www.eastbeechboroprimary.wa.edu.au](http://www.eastbeechboroprimary.wa.edu.au)

## Message from the Principal

Welcome to the 2023 school year to our returning families and a very warm welcome to new students and families to our wonderful East Beechboro Primary School community.

The first day of the school year is an exciting time for all students. The new year brings new challenges and interesting learning opportunities. It's also a time to catch up with friends and make new ones. Some students may feel a little nervous or anxious but this is quite normal, particularly if they are new to the school. Please be assured that the teachers, Administration and support staff will all be there to assist in their transition.

As the new school year begins, I too am filled with great anticipation and excitement. It is a privilege to be the new principal at East Beechboro Primary School and to serve such a close-knit and supportive school community.

This year marks my fifteenth year in public education, where I have worked as a classroom teacher, a Network Maths Leader, a Deputy Principal and Principal at several schools. I am a passionate educator and place the needs of students as my central focus in our goal of investing in the success of our school.



I look forward to working closely with our staff, students, School Board and the parent community. I am extremely excited to meet all our students and their families.

Included in this Information Brief is a significant amount of important procedural information and our Term 1 Planner. Please take the time to read it thoroughly to ensure that you are aware of school processes, procedures and upcoming events.

I wish everyone a great year.

Caroline Harben  
Principal

## New Staff

We extend a very warm welcome to the new teachers that have joined our school, Mrs Lipiec ( Monday - Thursday Room 4 & Fridays in Room 3) and Mr Brunt (Room 13).

We also welcome back Miss Martyn (Thursday & Friday in PP1) who is returning from maternity leave and Miss Vicentini (Monday - Friday PP -Yr 2 Specialist Areas) who returns this semester to a specialist role.

## Class meetings

In the next two weeks, teachers will be holding meetings designed to provide parents with an understanding of classroom organisation, policies and procedures along with teacher expectations for the new school year. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings which will take place in the Undercover Area immediately after school. As these are not parent-teacher interviews, we ask that any questions parents may raise are of a general nature. It is recommended that a meeting is scheduled for further discussion or issues. Students (and their siblings) whose parents are attending meetings are invited to go to the library where they will be supervised until they are collected by parents. Notes will be sent home with more details. I look forward to meeting many of you at these sessions.

## NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake NAPLAN testing in **Weeks 7 and 8 this term.** The tests traditionally occur in Term 2, however having the tests earlier ensures that results will be available sooner. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. Results are intended to inform parents about the literacy and numeracy achievements of their child and are useful to the school and classroom teachers to support and inform learning plans and outcomes. Further information will be sent home to families of our Year 3 and 5 students.

## Students with Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition that the school should be made aware of, please ensure that you advise us of the details so that we can provide your child with the appropriate care. As plans must be updated yearly, students who have conditions requiring care plans will soon be provided with a medical update form. It would be appreciated if these forms can be completed, signed by your medical practitioner and returned to school as soon as possible so that the school has up-to-date details on how to best manage your child's condition.

## Parking

Parking around the school, particularly at the start and end of the school day, can be challenging. I ask parents to please be patient and to exercise caution during these times to ensure the safety of our students and school community members. When parking near our school, parents are also reminded to please be mindful of street signage, to be respectful of our neighbours' property, to ensure that you do not leave valuables in your vehicle and that you lock your car. Please note that the staff carpark is not for parent use (with the exception of ACROD permit holders). Please do not use the staff carpark as a thoroughfare as this can pose potentially dangerous situations for students and families.

## Drop off and Pick Up Areas

Parents are strongly encouraged to promote the independence of students by dropping off and picking up at designated gates. This also assists with congestion around the school.

- **Kindy & Pre-Primary:** Gate situated next to Kindy classes (Bray Place)
- **Years 1 & 2:** Gate at the front of the school (Brockmill Ave)
- **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6:** Gate at the back of the school next to the basketball court. (Maguire Ave)

## Online Services Acceptable Use

Students from Kindergarten to Year Six have been given an Online Services Acceptable Use Agreement to read, sign and return to their classroom teacher. These contracts are evidence that students commit to using the school computers responsibly. These forms **must** be returned prior to the use of computers at school. To ensure that students are maximising educational programs, I encourage parents to read through this document carefully with their child, reinforce the expectations of our school and ensure their child returns this form to their classroom teacher as soon as possible. Please note that should a student be found to be using computers irresponsibly or inappropriately, their access will be revoked.

## Student Requirements and Uniforms

Thank you to our parents and caregivers for ensuring that students have come to school with the recommended classroom items and that they are in uniform. Thank you to Chantal and Ross Innis from our P&C for their assistance in ensuring that parents have been able to purchase uniforms for the start of the year.

Please ensure that lunchboxes, water bottles and uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name to ensure that they can be returned should they become misplaced.

## Water Bottles

Parents are reminded to please ensure that their child comes to school each day with their own water bottle as water fountains should be used for refilling purposes only.

## Hats

East Beechboro Primary is a SunSmart school and as such, in order to play outdoors at school, students must wear a **wide brimmed** hat (no caps). Students who do not have a hat or a suitable hat will be required to play/sit in the Undercover Area during recess and lunch. This policy is in place throughout the year.

## Contributions

A sincere thank you to those parents who have paid their child's 2023 contribution. These funds are vital to the school and although voluntary, they are used to provide **all** our students with essential resources throughout the year. If you have not done so and would like to make a payment, please see our office staff. Contributions paid before the end of Week 4 (24<sup>th</sup> February) will be entered into a draw to win a cash prize of \$100.00 which has been kindly donated by our amazing P&C. The winner will be announced shortly after this date.

## Student Arrival Time

Students who arrive at school before 8.30am are asked to wait in the Undercover Area. Students in this area are supervised by a member of Administration from 8.15am and are dismissed at 8.30am. Classroom doors open at 8.30am and this is the recommended arrival time for students to organise themselves for the start of the day. Students who arrive at school after 8.40am must report to the office prior to going to class. Parents are encouraged to ensure that their child arrives at school on time as being late to class is disruptive for the student, the classroom teacher and the class. As supervision of students prior to 8.15am cannot be guaranteed, parents are reminded that we have Camp Australia onsite should before or after school care be required.

## Mobile Phones and Smartwatches

In line with the Department of Education policy, all students who bring mobile phones to school must sign a Mobile Phone Agreement. Students are required to sign their phone in at the office at the start of the day and sign them out at the end of the school day. Students who wear Smartwatches to school are reminded that they must have these switched to 'aeroplane mode' whilst at school. Parents are reminded that should they need to contact their child during the school day, to please call the school and we will ensure that a message is sent to them.

## Peanut/Nut Allergies

We currently have students in our school who are allergic to nuts. These allergies can be extreme and potentially life-threatening (anaphylaxis). As we are a 'Nut Aware' school, I ask parents to please be mindful of what is packed in their child's lunchbox and to not include nut spreads if at all possible. Your assistance and understanding is appreciated.

## Connect

Connect is a safe and free learning, support and communications platform developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. Connect enables parents to engage with their child's learning easily and safely online. It also enables you to stay informed about your child's classroom activities and school events. As it is our primary form of communication with our school community, please ensure that you have provided us with your correct email details and that your Connect account is active. A parent user guide is available on our website and in the office. If you are having issues with Connect, please speak to the office staff.

## Communication

Communication is essential in the effective running of our school. If at any time you need to discuss issues that are important to you, your child or the school in general, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher or a member of our Administration team.

Welcome to Term 1, 2023 to our parents, guardians and East Beechboro community.



During the recent school holidays, we went to the cinema, AQWA and had a blast roller skating.

We also had great fun cooking and made banana muffins, pizza and hedgehog slices.

To celebrate the start of the new year, we enjoyed a water balloon fight and painted our own pencil cases and school bags.

We finished off the holidays with an art party which allowed children to explore their creativity and imagination.

In Term 1, we have some exciting and fun events planned starting off by celebrating the coming Chinese New Year with a variety of fun activities.

The East Beechboro  
Camp Australia Team

#### Activities coming up

- \* Summer picnic
- \* Painting
- \* Guiding the children to complete their homework

#### On the Menu

- \* Pizza
- \* Spaghetti toastie
- \* Banana Oat Muffins

#### It's free to register

#### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week to our blog for parents and cover various topics to help families.

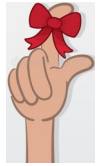
To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



- 7th Feb - Yr 6 Parent Information Session
- 8th Feb - Phys Ed Assembly
- 8th Feb - Yr 2 Parent Information Session
- 9th Feb - Yr 5 Parent Information Session
- 13th Feb - Yr 1 Parent Information Session
- 14th Feb - PP Parent Information Session
- 15th Feb - Room 16 Assembly
- Yr 3 Parent Information Session
- 16th Feb - Yr 4 Parent Information Session

**IMPORTANT**

**DATES**



#### Virtue of the Fortnight



**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.

**HONOUR**

**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 practising your virtues and doing your best. When you act with honour you set a good example.

The City of Swan identifies school parking safety concerns as a priority. In order to address these community safety concerns, City Officers will be attending the school on a regular basis to conduct parking patrols, potentially issuing Infringement Notices with associated financial penalties. Other drivers are also encouraged to report drivers not doing the right thing by contacting the City of Swan (on 9267 9267 or at [swan@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:swan@swan.wa.gov.au)), or by contacting the school where the information will be passed on to City Officers.

Avoid receiving an Infringement Notice by:

- \* using alternative transport options (carpooling, cycling, walking, public transport)
- \* planning your trip so you arrive with time to spare in case you have to walk a distance;
- \* using "Kiss and Drive" where possible; and
- \* parking safely and legally at all times should you have to drive.



Please note: Although the school supports safe school parking, this is a City of Swan initiative and has not been instigated by the school. School Road Safety Guides are available in the office.

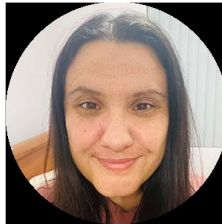
**From Our Chaplain** My role as Chaplain is to work alongside staff to facilitate the wellbeing of all members of the community.

I will be running programs to build children's emotional resilience, personal awareness and social capabilities.

I am available to meet with students and other members of the community to provide support and guidance regarding relationships, wellbeing, choices, values and spiritual matters if requested. Please note that parents/guardians will be required to provide written permission for me to talk to their child.

To find out more or to make a referral please contact me at the school. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting many of you.

Clare Wagner - School Chaplain



**East Beechboro P&C** Welcome back to school to our students and families. We hope you all had a great holiday.

We will be holding our first P&C meeting for the year on Tuesday 28th February at 1.45pm in the staffroom. If you are interested in learning more about the P&C, please feel free to attend.

Being a part of the P&C is a great opportunity to learn more about our school, meet with other parents and to positively contribute to the school and students. We hope to meet you at our meeting.

The East Beechboro Primary School P&C



**Direct Debit** -The school offers direct debit as an option for payment of contributions, excursions/incursions. (BSB: 066 132 Acct: 00902273) Please enter first initial of student name and surname eg TSmith. For confirmation please email: [EastBeechboro.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:EastBeechboro.PS@education.wa.edu.au)

**P&C Payments** All credit card transactions made to the P&C will incur a 2.35% surcharge. Online payments for uniforms are to be paid to the **P&C account**: BSB 036 033 Acct: 186571.

**Uniform Shop: Tues 2.20-3.00pm, Thurs 8.15-9.15am  
Fri 2.20 - 3.00pm**

Orders for uniforms can be placed on **QuickCliq**. Orders will incur a charge of 21 cents per order. Orders that have been paid will be delivered to students.

[www.QuickCliq.com.au](http://www.QuickCliq.com.au)

**CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS** If you have a matter which you feel you need to discuss please contact the school. Please note, ALL formal complaints should be marked Private and Confidential and sent to the Principal.



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## TERM PLANNER – TERM 1, 2023

**Ph: 6216 1900**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	30 <sup>th</sup> January Pupil Free Day	31 <sup>st</sup> January Pupil Free Day	1 <sup>st</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Term 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> February Information Brief	3 <sup>rd</sup> February
2	6 <sup>th</sup> February	7 <sup>th</sup> February Yr 6 Parent Information Session	8 <sup>th</sup> February Phys Ed Assembly  Yr 2 Parent Information Session	9 <sup>th</sup> February Yr 5 Parent Information Session	10 <sup>th</sup> February
3	13 <sup>th</sup> February Yr 1 Parent Information Session	14 <sup>th</sup> February Pre-Primary Parent Information Session	15 <sup>th</sup> February Room 16 Assembly  Yr 3 Parent Information Session	16 <sup>th</sup> February Information Brief  Yr 4 Parent Information Session	17 <sup>th</sup> February
4	20 <sup>th</sup> February	21 <sup>st</sup> February	22 <sup>nd</sup> February Student Councillor Assembly	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	24 <sup>th</sup> February
5	27 <sup>th</sup> February	28 <sup>th</sup> February P&C Meeting 1.45pm (Staffroom)	1 <sup>st</sup> March Room 3 Assembly	2 <sup>nd</sup> March Newsletter	3 <sup>rd</sup> March Mid-Term Rewards
6	6 <sup>th</sup> March Labour Day Public Holiday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> March Student Councillor Assembly	9 <sup>th</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> March
7	13 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> March Team Challenge Excursion (Yr 6 Students)	15 <sup>th</sup> March No Assembly <b>NAPLAN (Yrs 3 &amp; 5)</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March Information Brief	17 <sup>th</sup> March
8	20 <sup>th</sup> March National Young Leaders Conference (Student Councillors only)  NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)  Harmony Week	21 <sup>st</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> March No Assembly	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> March
9	27 <sup>th</sup> March  NAPLAN – Last Day (Yrs 3 & 5)	28 <sup>th</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> March Room 15 Assembly (Harmony themed)	30 <sup>th</sup> March Newsletter	31 <sup>st</sup> March Summer Interschool Carnival (selected students)
10	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Assembly	6 <sup>th</sup> April Last day of term End of Term Rewards	7 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday Public Holiday

**TERM 2 COMMENCES FOR STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**