



EAST BEECHBORO PRIMARY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION BRIEF

16th February 2023

School Website: www.eastbeechboroprimary.wa.edu.au

From the Principal

Parent Meetings

I have thoroughly enjoyed attending the Parent Information Sessions that have taken place over the last two weeks. Thank you to those parents who have attended and I hope that you found these sessions informative. These are also a great opportunity to meet with other parents and I have certainly enjoyed meeting many of you. Please remember that you are encouraged to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher if you have any questions or would like to discuss specific needs of your child.

Student Councillors and Faction Captains

At last week's assembly we officially acknowledged our Semester One Student Councillors and Faction Captains and presented them with their badges. These students were elected for demonstrating excellent leadership skills and I am sure that they will be great role models to all our students. Congratulations to our elected leaders. I wish them all the very best and I am certain they will lead with distinction.

Student Councillors

Toby C, Chloe E, Ashleyly H, Daniel L, Ryder P, Vancaleb S, Stella S & Skarlet W

Faction Captains

Bandicoots: Riley G, Andrew L, Ricky M & Mckinlee M

Wallabies: Nicole F, Laila K, Heath M & Emily P

Numbats: Savannah H D, Kodee G, Rogan M & Brody P

Billbies: Samara L, Chase M, Jennifer N & Stella N

Parents in Classrooms

Whilst I understand that there are some students who need the reassurance of having a parent take them to class and help them settle in, it would be appreciated if parents could please leave by 8.40am so that teachers can commence their daily program. Prolonging your exit not only delays the start of the educational program but it can cause more anxiety and make it more difficult for your child to settle in class. Please trust that our teachers and support staff in classrooms can assist your child and help them settle in for the day. If you are at all concerned about your child, please call the office and a staff member will check on your child and contact you if necessary.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will sit the online National Assessment program - Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) in weeks 7 and 8 this term. A parent information sheet will be sent home to parents of students involved in the tests. NAPLAN tests the literacy and numeracy skills of students and assists schools by highlighting priority areas for improvement. Please reassure your child that these tests are only one form of assessment. Teacher judgements and Semester Reports will provide you with a greater understanding of your child's progress and achievements. If you have any questions or concerns about the NAPLAN tests, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of Admin.

On the back of this Information Brief are some tips to assist your child in their approach to NAPLAN and tests in general.

Pre Primary On-Entry Assessment

In weeks 3 – 6 this term, Pre-Primary students will be participating in the Department of Education's On-entry Assessment Program. Teachers will spend one-on-one time with each student to gain an understanding of the literacy and numeracy skills they have started school with. The information gained will be used to help inform, plan and target teaching programs to suit the individual learning needs of each student. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like further information about these tests.

Attendance

In order for students to get the best education possible, it is essential that they attend school every day. West Australian law stipulates that school-aged children must attend school every day and each school must keep accurate attendance records for all its students. Regular attendance at school is important for a student to learn. Missing just half a day of school a week, can place a child's academic achievement at risk which can further affect work skills and the ability to participate in the workforce and community. Learning is cumulative and missing a day makes it harder for students to catch up. To assist with maintaining regular school attendance, parents are asked to try to avoid making holiday plans in term time and if at all possible, to make appointments after school. We completely understand that unplanned absences such as sickness or family matters are inevitable. In these instances, we ask that you please notify the school of your child's absence. Where an absence is planned, please advise the school in writing. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Staff Carpark

A reminder to all parents our staff carpark must not be used for drop-offs or pick-ups. This area is strictly for staff use. Parents who are dropping off or collecting their child from Camp Australia in the morning or afternoon are also asked not to park in the staff carpark. Please use the Kiss and Drive area at the front of the school (the gate at the front of the school will be open). Many of our staff members arrive at school early and leave school well after the end of the school day. As such there can be significant vehicle movement in the staff carpark which can make the area unsafe for children and parents.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 28th February at 1.45pm in the staffroom. This meeting is open to all parents who may be considering joining the P&C and for those who would like to learn more about the role of the P&C and how they work with and contribute to the success of our school. We look forward to seeing many new faces at the meeting.

Caroline Harben
Principal

Easy, hassle-free care



Camp Australia's flexibility provides families with care, how and when you need it. Your OSHC Before School Care starts early in the morning, and After School Care goes into the evening and our Rocketeers school holiday programs run all day – so you can work around your life schedule.

Our industry leading online Parent Portal, also available as a smartphone app gives you unfettered access and control over your account and bookings. For more information, visit www.campastralia.com.au or speak to one of our friendly team members onsite at school.

Visit our [blog](#)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

22nd February - Student Councillor Assembly
28th February - P&C Meeting (1.45pm in the staffroom)
1st March - Room 3 Assembly
2nd March - Newsletter
3rd March - Mid Term Rewards
6th March - **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**



Dental Therapy Centre

The Caversham Valley Dental Therapy Centre provides dental services to all our enrolled students. If your child is experiencing dental issues, please do not hesitate to contact them.



Phone: 9461 2713

Email: CavershamValleyDTC@health.wa.gov.au

Address: 60 Summerville Boulevard, Caversham 6055

Virtue of the Fortnight



What is consideration?

Consideration is being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel.

Why practise consideration? When people behave selfishly and don't practise consideration, other people feel hurt. When we are considerate, others know they are important to us. We bring them happiness and they feel like making us happy too.

How do you practise consideration? Consideration begins by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions are affecting them. You care about how they feel. You act as if other people are just as important as you are. You do little things to bring happiness to others. Give tender attention to people who are sad.

Consideration

Connect is our primary form of communication with our school community on school events and what is happening in your child's classroom. Please ensure we have your correct contact details and that your Connect account is active. If you are having issues with Connect, please visit the office.



P&C Payments All credit card purchases incur a 2.35% surcharge which applies to all credit card transactions made to the P&C. Online payments for uniforms are to be paid to the **P&C bank account**. Details as follows: BSB 036 033 Acct: 186571.

Uniform Shop: Tuesday 2.20pm-3.00pm,
Thursday 8.15am-9.15am & **Friday** 2.20 - 3.00pm

Orders can be placed on www.QuickCliq.com.au
QuickCliq. Please note that orders will incur a charge of 21 cents per order.

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

Waterwise Tip: Consider using your leftover bathwater on the garden, just make sure you're using soaps that aren't harmful to the environment. You could even use your bath water to wash your car!



10 tips for taking tests

No one really likes tests or exams. Here are a few tips,

1. Remember everyone gets stressed during tests and everyone has to learn how to manage these feelings.
2. Know that stress is your body's way of getting ready to take on a challenge and perform at your best.
3. Write down your concerns about the upcoming test as questions – and then write answers to those questions.
4. Focus on doing your best with the questions in front of you, rather than thinking about how you did in past tests
5. If you breathe out and count silently, "one thousand, two thousand, three thousand", you will start to feel calmer.
6. Maintaining a powerful posture sends a signal to your brain that tells it you are feeling in charge of things.
7. Eat breakfast – a mix of protein (like eggs) and carbohydrates (like toast).
8. Drink water. Avoid energy drinks, which may interfere with your levels of concentration.
9. Get a good night's sleep.
10. Remember that tests and exams are important, but they are not the big predictors of life success.

(Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist)

NAPLAN - Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. Parents can support their child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best.

Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.



Concerns/Complaints: If 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.