

EMBLETON ECHO

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Embleton for the start of Semester Two. I am really happy to be back on board after my leave in Term 2 and wish to thank everyone for their hard work in my absence particularly to Chris Walker for doing such a great job as acting principal and to Tanya Taylor in her role at acting deputy. Monday's School Development Day was very productive. Our support staff went to a networking opportunity on Classroom Management Strategies and our teaching staff completed a variety of sessions on Reading, Performance Management and Asthma.

This term is a very busy one with Interschool Cross Country. School and Interschool Athletics Carnivals, Book Week, Incursions, Fathers Day and Assemblies.

Dogs on School Grounds: We all love our dogs and cats but please don't bring dogs or cats onto the school grounds. (Inside the school fence). Dogs can get excited easily with so many children around wanting to pat them and I do not want any children hurt. We also have many students with Asthma and allergies and pets can be a trigger for them.

Our school will be one of a limited number of schools who have the technical capacity to transition to NAPLAN Online this year for implementation in 2018. Yesterday, Chris Walker went to a training session and today, we both participated in a webinar. We will send out further information as it comes closer to the testing.

Our school has been fortunate to receive an *Enrich* grant of \$4,145 from Barnardos and ALDI. The application I submitted was for the Sensory Garden which will be established near the dinosaur. Childscapes has completed a wonderful design plan for the area and is currently calculating the costs. We are hoping that the area can be developed jointly with the community. Nature Play Solutions has also completed Stage 1 of the Early Childhood area. It not only looks exciting, the kids have a variety of interesting activities to engage in.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Like all Australian schools, Embleton Primary is part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties. We will provide information about the number and learning needs of children at our school.

The name of the school and the names of students will not be reported.

We believe our contribution is important because it will help Governments and the Department of Education develop better policies to acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia.

If you would like to learn more about the NCCD you can visit the following website:

<https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Schedule Building Condition Assessment

Building Condition Assessment (BCA) are carried out at all schools at regular intervals as part of the Department of Education's overall asset management strategy. In addition to the inspection of building internals, drones will be used for the first time to provide footage of roof condition and coverings, including penetration points, box gutters and safety anchor points. All of the drone footage will be given to the Department of Finance's Building Management and Works and drones will only be used out of school hours, before 8.00am and after 4.00pm weekdays, on weekends or during school holidays.

Drone operators are required to comply with necessary insurances and certifications including:

- Current Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) certification; and
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) operator certification

It is anticipated the BCA inspection of this school will be conducted in July/August 2017.

Please therefore do not be alarmed if you see drones flying over the school buildings during this period.

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Kindy and PrePrimary Enrolments

Applications for enrolment of students entering Kindergarten and Pre Primary in 2018 are now being taken. Children entering Kindergarten must have a date of birth between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014. Children entering Pre Primary must have a date of birth between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. The school Education Act of 1999 requires parents/guardians to provide their child's immunisation records when the child is enrolled in school. The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) Immunisation History Statement is also a requirement of the Department of Education Student Health Care Policy.

Parents are therefore asked to obtain a current copy of the immunisation details from Medicare by:

- Phoning the ACIR on 1800 653 809
- Visiting your local Medicare Centre (Department of Human Services Centre)
- Using your Medicare online account through my.gov.au.



Sheryl Pilkington
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WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN is on again

Start collecting Wednesday

Anyone can help our school earn amazing resources:

- Earn one sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths.
- Complete Sticker Sheets.
- Drop Sheets in a Collection Box for our school.

Runs 26 July to 19 September 2017.



Chaplaincy Chat

This fortnights Virtue is LOYALTY, Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals. When you are a loyal friend even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. Loyalty is staying committed. Please encourage your children this fortnight to understand and practise this.

I would also like to draw your attention to an up and coming six week course held at the Bayswater Family Centre - 53 Murray Street, Bayswater.

Its called TUNING INTO TEENS - A parenting program for parents of children aged 11 - 18 years. It starts on Wednesday 26th July and is from 6 to 8pm. Further information can be found on our school notice board and you can book by calling Leah Adams on 0437 706 322 or emailing parentingservice1@mundaring.wa.gov.au. This course is free.

We would also like to thank all our families that have supplied meals for our family in need, we have enough meals in stock at the moment and will advise when more meals are required.

Karen Blaq, Chaplain



TALKING DRUGS INFORMATION SESSION AT HAMPTON SHS

SDERA are hosting a **FREE Talking Drugs** information session to help parents understand the role they play in school drug education. Parents will expand their knowledge of drugs including methamphetamine, and explore ways to speak with their children about alcohol and other drugs.

Date: Wednesday 23rd August

Time: 6:45pm - 8:30pm

Where: Hampton Senior High School Performing Arts Centre, 60 Morley Drive East, Morley

Spaces are limited. Book now!

To book this **FREE** event or for more information please contact Kelli Dawson at SDERA on 9402 6267 or kelli.dawson@education.wa.edu.au. Please RSVP by Monday 21st August.

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3, hope you had a refreshing break. The P&C has a number of events on this term with the Book Week dress up on 24 August, Father's Day stall on 31 August and the Sports Café to be open during the school's Sports Carnival day. Other usual activities continue with School Banking and uniform shop – and don't forget to utilise the online Canteen option at Hillcrest Primary available Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

School Banking

Don't forget that Thursday is School Banking Day and students can bring in their weekly deposit no matter how big or small. School Banking operates at the School Library from **8.15am ever Thursday**.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every second Thursday morning from 9am. Next opening time date is **27 July 2017**.

Next P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C is **Tuesday 1 August starting at 6pm**. Come and join in the discussion about the future of your school.