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NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6

10th March 2022

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Term 1

31st January – 8th April 2022

Term 2

27th April – 1st July 2022

*ANZAC Public Holiday
25th April 2022*

*Pupil Free Day
26th April 2022*

Dr Neil MacNeill, PhD, EdD, FACEL

Oh dear, the Covid pandemic has started to impact on our community. Many of the schools have been affected, but we have been lucky so far.

1. One of our students tested positive, but the thoughtful family had already gone into quarantine, so when our student tested positive, he had not been at school in the infectious period. That meant that we avoided listing lots of close contacts, who would not have been allowed to come to school.

2. **The good news** is that we are one of the few schools that has not had classes disrupted by Covid. Thanks to the parents for their thoughtfulness. The face masks are so important.

3. **Year 6, Day Camp.** Last year we made a tentative booking for our day-camp for our Year 6 students. Based on previous cost we worked on \$120 per student for the two days. However, the new cost of \$185 per student has made us re-think this full event because of the exorbitant increase in charges, which will mean many of our families will not be able to afford to take part. We are currently trying to negotiate with Swan Valley Adventure Centre.

4. **Good News:** In 2021 as part of the election promise, we were fortunate enough to receive a Grant of \$20,000 for shade sails for the new fitness (Ninja) style playground. We are grateful to our local member, Rita Saffiotti MLA, for this support.



Full newsletter:

<http://www.ellenbrookps.wa.edu.au/>





Merit Certificates Winners

Dylan Green	B2
Jessica Zoller	B2
Lauriel Alinsunurin	B5
Alice Wager	B5
Yessakore Kebede	B6
Kayla Rosario	B6
Lucas Dhu	R1
Amaiya Webber	R1
Kai Milne	R5
Rylee Smith	R5
Cornelius Faliu	Y1
Skyla Fortes	Y1
Farhan Syed	Y1
Jaxon Rusiecki	Y2
Hadley Whiter	Y2
Barry Pascoe	Y6
Jordan D'Rozario	B1
Amelia De Jager	B1
Keira Jones	B1
Zahrel Little	R2
Paris Jones	R4
Ava Phillips	R4
Jaxson Dineley	R5
Summer Nelson	R5
Robert Wager	R5
Hanna Pendreigh-Norman	Y5
Naman Vaghjiani	Y5

DEPUTIES' UPDATE

NAPLAN: At this stage it appears NAPLAN testing for years 3 & 5 will continue and take place in weeks 3 & 4 in Term 2. If you do not wish your child to take part in this testing, due to pressure, stress etc, you can complete a withdrawal form. These are available from the classroom teacher or the office. Any queries call Vicki Harley 9297 7300. A withdrawal form is attached to this newsletter if you want to complete it and return to the classroom teacher.

Absentees – Just a reminder to parents/caregivers that you can use the website to notify the school of any student absences. Ellenbrook Primary School website is <http://www.ellenbrookps.wa.edu.au/>.

New SMS Messaging - You may receive an SMS from +61 447 877 396 advising your child has been marked with an unexplained absence. If you receive a message you can respond to the text message advising if your child is sick or ring the office if your child should be at school.

Unwell Students – Please ensure you keep your child at home if unwell. Do not send your child to school if they have flu like symptoms and/or vomiting/diarrhoea.



Homework and home reading- We are discouraging the bringing of shared material (books, homework, and food to share) from home because of the danger of transmitting germs.

Student Health Care Summary – If there are any changes to your child's health care please either download the health care summary from the website <http://www.ellenbrookps.wa.edu.au/> or come to the office for a copy. You can either email it back using ellenbrook.ps@education.wa.edu.au or drop to the office.

School Contributions Voluntary – In 2022 parents and carers of students attending Ellenbrook Primary School are asked to contribute: \$40 per child in Year 1 to 6, \$50 per child in Pre-Primary and \$60 per child in Kindergarten. Thank you to all those who have paid their fees, however if you have not paid these fees through the Book Order with Campion, they can be paid in cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the Office.

Important Dates

24th June 2022

AISA Winter Carnival

22nd July 2022

EPS Faction Cross Country
Carnival

5th August 2022

AISA Interschool Cross
Country Carnival

12th September 2022

EPS Jumps Day

15th September 2022

EPS Faction Athletics
Carnival

23rd September 2022

Footy Colours Day

21st October

AISA Interschool Athletics
Carnival

P&C UPDATE

P&C Chatter

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28th of April 2022.

Meetings will be advertised on the P&C Info Board and Early Learning Notice Board and on the Facebook page – Ellenbrook PS P&C. We are still welcoming members so if you would like to see what it's all about, please join us and membership is just \$1 for the year.

Due to Covid restrictions when we have final numbers we can advise where the meeting can be held.

Uniform Shop

****UNIFORM SHOP CHANGES from March 8th ****

Making our volunteers safe is one of the things we as a P&C strive to achieve.

As a P&C we decided to not open the Uniform Shop on Tuesday mornings to parents/guardians and students during Term 1 and will take appointments for new students and sizing requests only.

We will still be taking orders on Flexischools and the P&C box in the Front Office. The Uniform Order forms will be restocked soon and can be found next to the P&C info board on blue block wall.

To book an appointment please email uniforms@eipsandc.org.au

Thank you for your understanding

Canteen News

Thank you for your continued support and what a great start to 2022.

The P&C are currently putting together a plan for if and when our wonderful staff need to go into isolation and how to let you know of any changes. At this time to keep up to date please keep an eye on the P&C Noticeboard or follow the Ellenbrook PS P&C page on Facebook.

Leavers 2022

The Leavers Committee has been hard at work getting ideas and plans together for fundraising and sourcing quotes for Leavers T-Shirts. It's going to be a challenging year but as a group we will make it the best we can for the 2022 Leavers. Some information has been provided for parents and guardians through handouts to the students. If you haven't received these, please contact us on Facebook or reach out to your class teacher.

Fundraising News

Plans are underway for a few Fundraisers this year. Due to the current restrictions the P&C are still working on ways to make some of the student's favourites happen! But we can let you know that there will be a few free dress days and Mother's Day Stall at this stage.

Thanks to all the hard work from committee members, parents, and students with fundraising the P&C is able to donate \$15,000 to the school to go towards the upgrade of the lights and audio system in the performing arts area.

Lifelong Learning





**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2022
WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION
To be submitted by Monday, 2 May 2022**

Email Application to: naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au

Telephone enquiries: 9442 9442

STUDENT GIVEN NAMES:

STUDENT FAMILY NAME:

STUDENT YEAR LEVEL: **DATE OF BIRTH:** / /

WEST AUSTRALIAN STUDENT NUMBER (WASN):

SCHOOL NAME:

SCHOOL PHONE NO: **SCHOOL CODE:**

NAPLAN COORDINATOR EMAIL:

WITHDRAWAL OF A STUDENT FROM NAPLAN TESTS

Parents and carers have the right to apply to withdraw a student from any or all the tests in the NAPLAN assessment program. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious and philosophical objections to testing. **This form must be signed by the student's parent/carer and the school principal.** See *NAPLAN Handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators* section 5.3.

Students who are granted a withdrawal are not counted as part of the cohort of assessed students. The text that will appear on the individual student report for tests for which the student was withdrawn will read: *Your child was withdrawn from this test.*

Indicate the tests for which parent withdrawal is requested:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Language Conventions | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Numeracy |

Parent/carer signature: **Date:**
(sign) (print name)

Principal signature: **Date:**
(sign) (print name)

Office use only. HPRM ref: **Approved:** **Date:**



Child and Parent Centre
Arbor Grove



Toileting

For families with children aged 18 months to 4 years



Are you thinking about starting toilet training? Have you already started but need some support with this? This session will explore some tips and strategies whilst providing an opportunity to ask questions and to hear other parents' experiences.

Date: Monday 4 April 2022

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Venue: **This session is now online.** Please contact the centre for more information.

Bookings required

childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au | 08 9263 2845 | cpcarborgroveadmin@anglicarewa.org.au

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COVID-19

Information for parents

Q. My child is a close contact.

Do I need to quarantine with my child?

- A. No. Only close contacts of a positive case need to quarantine. However parents or guardians of close contacts need to take extra precautions and limit interaction with the person who is a close contact where possible. It is important to monitor for symptoms. If you experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you should get tested immediately.



Q. My child has tested positive for COVID-19. What must I do?

- A. If your child tests positive, do not send them to school or day care. Other members of the household become close contacts and must self-isolate.

If you or someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19, then your child becomes a close contact and must not go to school or day care.



Note, the Omicron strain can present with less typical symptoms such as diarrhoea, particularly in children.



COVID-19: My child has tested positive

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 they must isolate for 7 days.

