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NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2

10th February 2022

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Term 1

31st January – 8th April 2022

*Green and Gold Day
11th February 2022*

*Labour Day Public Holiday
7th March 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

The COVID issue with the development of the Omicron variant, is changing the face of schooling as we know it, with face masks, RATs and quarantine becoming discussion points.

Numbers and Staffing. Our school population is currently sitting around 420 students, which is well down from the 720 students that we had 18 months ago before Brabham Primary School opened. I suppose the upside of this is that there is now ample space for the students to play, but we are waiting for the numbers to stabilise.

COVID update.

We have just received a new set of instructions that are designed to keep our students and staff safe:

- Students and teachers must not mix with other classes and blocks. This means NO Cross Setting for Maths or Spelling Mastery or any other subject.
- Recess and Lunch play will have designated zones for block use, and it will be up to the teachers of that block to work out a timetable for the supervision of these zones.
- The following events have been **cancelled** as a result of mixing of cohorts and bus transport:
 - Swimming (Mixing with other people and schools)
 - Interschool Carnivals (Including Summer Carnival- mixing)
- Any shared equipment used by the students must be wiped over after use including ipads and laptops.
- A ventilation Audit is being conducted on Thursday 17th February.
- Everyone- please remain vigilant with hand washing and students must be given time to do prior to eating.
- Encourage parents to order food items from the canteen online to avoid lines at the canteen. Duty teacher to ensure canteen line is well spaced out using 1.5m rule. **Neil**

Full newsletter:

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





Merit Certificates
Winners

DEPUTIES' UPDATE

We're turning Ellenbrook Primary School green & gold on Friday 11th February, in support of the Australian Winter Olympic Team - Green & Gold Day is for everyone. The athletes, the fans, the schools, the young, the old and everything in between. It doesn't matter who you are, your sporting ability or your background, we believe sport has the power to unite us all. This day is about painting the country in our national colours and being proud of Australia's sporting achievements, it's about all Australians coming together and celebrating the green and gold. We encourage all staff, students and parents to get involved and show your support!

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

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 on the website <http://www.ellenbrookps.wa.edu.au/> or come to the office for a copy. You can either email 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.

2022 School Captains and Prefects – Congratulations to the following students elected -

Elianna Hailu	School Captain
Esme Zolnier-Brooke	School Captain
Emma Priest	Prefect
Logan Findlay	Prefect
Paige Ball	Prefect
Xylon Reutens	Prefect

School Board Nominations - Ellenbrook Primary School are seeking members of our school community to nominate for our School Board. The council or board of a public school works with the school community to achieve the best outcomes for students. It plays an important role in contributing to good school governance so that school resources are used efficiently, and community expectations and the school's priorities reflect the needs of students. If you wish to nominate yourself, please complete the attached form and return to our front office by **Thursday 17th February**. Criminal history screening will be required to become a member of our School Board. For further information regarding School Boards, please phone the school on 9297 7300.

Lifelong Learning





Ellenbrook Primary School

2022

Nomination of a candidate for Parent Representative on the School Council

I wish to nominate myself as a candidate for election to the School Council.

Full name:

Candidate Profile

Declaration of candidate

I nominate myself as a candidate and if elected will accept the responsibility of being a parent representative.

Signature of candidate:

Date: / /

Now You Have Started Kindy Online Session



Has your child just started Kindy?

This session is an opportunity to meet with other parents and chat about this exciting milestone. Explore some routines to make going to school easier for the whole family.

Date: Friday 18 February 2022

Time: 1.00pm to 2.45pm

This is a live online session. Further information will be provided to you when you register.

Bookings required – please contact the Child and Parent Centre

Speech and Language Professional Development For early years services in Ellenbrook



Join our Speech Pathologist Anita, to hear more about speech services at the Child and Parent Centre, Child Development Services, the referral process for therapy and how to write an informative referral. There will be any opportunity for questions & answers. Afternoon tea provided.

Date: Tuesday 15 March 2022

Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Child and Parent Centre Arbor Grove
Brookmount Drive, Ellenbrook
(across from Sparrow Early Learning Ellenbrook)

Bookings required

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Child and Parent Centre – Arbor Grove Term 1 Planner

Monday 31 January to Friday 8 April 2022

Connect with us

We are located on Brookmount Drive, across from Sparrow Early Learning Ellenbrook.



Search for the Child and Parent Centre Arbor Grove on Facebook to join our closed group.



Regular Programs

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
<p>Drop In Clinic 9.00am to 10.00am</p> <p>For parents/carers with babies or young children who want to see the Child Health Nurse for a quick question or to weigh their baby.</p>	<p>Maali Waabiny Parenting and Playtime 9.30am to 11.15am</p> <p>A specialised playgroup for Aboriginal families to come and play, meet other families, and access parenting support. The group is facilitated by Ngais and is suitable for families with children aged birth to 4 years.</p>	<p>Early Years FAST 10.00am to 1.00pm</p> <p>An 8 week program for parents and their children birth to 3 years. Facilitated by CLAN Midland. Early Years FAST strengthens relationships within the family, with peers, and the community.</p>
<p>Joey's Playgroup 9.00am to 10.00am</p> <p>Join us for a morning full of play! An opportunity to meet with other families in the area. For families with babies up to 1 year.</p>	<p>First Steps Playgroup 12.30pm to 2.30pm</p> <p>A specialised playgroup facilitated by the Autism Association of WA for children displaying delays in their communication or difficulty playing with others. Suitable for families with children aged birth to 6 years. Bookings required.</p>	<p>Please note this program has an intake process. Please contact the centre if you would like more information.</p>
<p>Kangaroo Playgroup 10.15am to 11.45am</p> <p>Join us for a morning of play, rhymes, and stories. Bring a piece of fruit for a shared morning tea. For families living in Ellenbrook with children aged 1 to 4 years.</p> <p>Please note this group is currently full. If you are interested in attending this group, please contact the centre.</p>		

Call the centre on 9263 2845 or email cpcarborgroveadmin@anglicarewa.org.au for more information & bookings

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GREEN & GOLD DAY

FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2022

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