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Vision

Our vision at Ellenbrook PS is to provide a positive and caring environment that empowers students to acquire, demonstrate, articulate, and value knowledge and skills that will support them, as life-long learners, to participate in and contribute to the global world and practise the core values of the school.

MOTTO

Life long learning

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TONY'S TALK

PRINCIPAL
Mr Anthony (Tony) Shields BEd



Welcome back to the start of our final term for 2024. As is always the case the term has started well and your children have hit the ground running with their enthusiastic and positive approach to their learning and all we do at Ellenbrook Primary school.

Intensive English Centre (IEC)

Preparations for 2025 are well underway and the commencement of an Intensive English Centre (IEC) as part of our school has begun and I am happy to announce the appointment of Mr Matthew Bennett to the staff of EPS. Mr Bennett and his family are moving from his position at Cocos Islands District High School to his permanent appointment here commencing this Monday 21st October. He will be a valued member of our team and has been given the portfolio of Deputy Principal his main responsibility will be to set up and manage the IEC. Matthew will be providing the school community with information regarding the IEC over the remainder of this term. I am sure you will all make him feel welcome.

School Structure 2025

As is also always the case at this time of year we look at our class structures for the coming year. We are currently seeing an increase in student numbers due to the IEC and new land development in Henley Brook. It is our intention to continue to focus on maintaining smaller class sizes where possible and when allocating students to classes we take into account many factors in order to place your child in the class that is best for them. With numbers slowly increasing it is difficult to know exactly how many classes we will have but we will keep you updated on this over the next month or so.

P&C and School Board

Both of the above groups play an important role in our school. This year through the hard work of a very small group of people on our P&C, our year 6 teachers, students and families, together with your generosity and the budgeting of the school we have been able to again cover the costs of all students Prime Maths and Spelling Mastery Books (a saving to parents of over \$60), all the costs related to our year 6 Graduation (a further saving of over \$90 to each family in year 6) as well as being able to cover costs for transporting your children to and from sporting events etc. I hope this and several other costs that have been covered due to the work of those above help slightly ease the pressure and I know that all this work does not go unnoticed. It is difficult to find the time to spare nowadays to get involved with either the Board or the P&C but both are worthwhile and if it is something that you are interested in, please keep watching this space over the next few weeks to find out more information.

New School Front Gates

Many of you will have noticed the change to the school front gates. The new motorised gate has been fitted to allow for easier access to the school for our two staff members in wheelchairs, Mrs Fletcher-Grieve & Mrs Kilmurray. It also allows for another layer of security for you and your children. The gates will be opened and closed at the same times as always and you are always welcome onsite at other times if needed. We ask that you go to the office when you arrive and also when you leave so that we, as a school are aware of who is onsite at all times. We thank you for your ongoing support with this.

As we approach the end of another school year, as always I would like to thank all members of the school community for your ongoing support throughout the year.

KIND REGARDS



TERM EVENTS



ELLENBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM PLANNER TERM 4 2024

| | Monday | Tuesday | WEDNESDAY | Thursday | FRIDAY | SAT | Sun |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|-----|-------|
| WEEK 1 | 7 October School Development Day | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Rugby Union clinic YRs 4/5 | 12 | 13 |
| WEEK 2 | 14 | 15 P&C Meeting | 16 | 17 Years3-6 Mental Health & Sports Presentation | 18 NRL Vrs ½ Gala Day Woodlake Oval | 19 | 20 |
| WEEK 3 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 AISA Athletics Carnival World Teacher's Day | 26 | 27 |
| WEEK 4 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Treat Day | l November AISA back up date | 2 | 3 |
| WEEK 5 | 4 Years 1,3 &6 Swimming | 5 Years 1,3 &6 Swimming | 6 Years 1,3 &6 Swimming | 7 Years 1,3 &6 Swimming Prefect speeches | 8 Years 1,3 &6 Swimming Prefect Election | 9 | 10 |
| WEEK 6 | 11 Years 2,4 & 5 Swimming | 12 Years 2,4 & 5 Swimming | 13 Years 2,4 & 5 Swimming | 14 Years 2,4 & 5 Swimming | 15 Years 2,4 & 5 Swimming | 16 | 17 |
| W | Remembrance Day (St Helena's) | | | | | | |
| К7 | 18 | 19 P&C Meeting | 20 | 21 | 22 Faction Captain voting | 23 | 24 |
| WEEK 7 | Volleyball incursion | Volleyball incursion | Volleyball incursion | Volleyball incursion | Volleyball incursion | | |
| WEEK 8 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 Dec |
| WEEK 9 | 2 | 3 Year 6 Performance | 4 Year 6 Performance | 5 Christmas raffle End of Year Performance & Book Awards | 6 St Helena's last day Outback Splash | 7 | 8 |
| Week 10 | 9 | 10 Graduation Year 6 | 11 | 12 Last Day for Students | 13 School Development Day | 14 | 15 |

NOTICES

New Medical Forms

It is important that we have up to date information regarding your child's medical conditions. If they have been diagnosed with a condition or anything has changed with their condition please download a new Medical Form from the school website, and complete and return it to the office. Forms are also available if your child needs to have medication administered at school. No medication can be given without written permission and all medication must be in its original packaging, clearly marked with your child's name.

Fees and Charges

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

BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has paid your School Contributions.

KINDY ENROLMENTS OPEN

If your child has a birthday between **1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021,** they are due to start Kindy in **2025.** You can download the application from the website of pop into the school office to collect one.

Swimming

Just a reminder that Swimming money is due.

Swimming will commence 4th November for Years 1, 3 and 6. Years 2, 4 and 5 will commence on the 11th November.

All Money and forms are due to be returned to the School Office by **Wednesday the 30**th **October**.

