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NEWSLETTER

Term 1/2020 Week 8

Thursday 26th March, 2020

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Coronavirus - The Coronavirus issue is really starting to affect school attendance and we have seen the number of students withdrawn by their parents from 178 last Friday, to over 400 today. It is terrible watching crying children leaving school when they have been told they are not returning. Tommy Tran was really distraught and tears were running down his little face. Đừng khóc Tommy. The school reassures parents that the decision to keep their children home is solely theirs, and we will support them through Connect.

These are difficult times for all families and our staff and we hope that we can put together this school, its teaching and learning programs, and the great relationship that we have with our families after we get through this Coronavirus situation

Latest update from the Director General 26th March 2020

Today, the Government has announced all public schools in Western Australia will remain open until the end of term – **Thursday, 9 April 2020.**

However, families are now encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so. The Department's learning from home resources are available to them.

What this means for your school is:

- From Monday, 30 March to Friday, 3 April all children who attend school will be taught as normal.
- The following week (6 to 9 April) teachers and education assistants will prepare teaching programs for Term 2.
- During this time (6 to 9 April), students who attend school will be supervised.
- The Government recognises there will still be families who need to send their children to school to continue their learning during this period. These may include:
 - Children of parents and carers who need their children to attend school to maintain employment.
 - Children who live in families with aged relatives.
 - Children where it is safer for them to be at school.

Full newsletter:
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No Failure Learning - Mr Johns and I had an article published online on the weekend, and we described how we are trying to develop the concept of No Failure Learning. We are driven by the moral imperative that if we shape the curriculum into bite-sized bits (ZPD- Vygotsky) and then reinforce the teaching with repetition so every student will learn. This is Work in Progress for us. Check out the article at:

<https://www.educationtoday.com.au/news-detail/No-failure-learning-in-military-instruction-4849>



Important. The school canteen will not open next week because fewer than 10 students are ordering. Please send your children with their own lunches next week. However, children without lunches should tell their teachers and we will make certain that no one misses out on having something to eat.

Connect - A lot of communication will be coming out via Connect over the next few weeks. Please ensure we have your correct email address on record. You can update this via our school email (see below). Log in to Connect and check for updates regularly. We now have posts coming out via our whole school space in addition to your child's classroom page. You need to log in via a computer to gain initial access and from there you can get updates via the downloadable phone app. Please email ellenbrook.ps@education.wa.edu.au if you have any queries or need your account login details to be resent.

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Merit Certificates Winners

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| Amad Memon | Y4 |
| Azahria Webber | Y4 |
| James Ewe | Y5 |
| Sophia Calimlim | Y6 |
| Laren Al-Kozai | Y7 |
| Ashton Pool | Y7 |
| Tristan Gusakoski | Y8 |
| Benjamin Pool | Y8 |
| Sophie Gane | Y9 |
| Everlin Opio | Y9 |
| Bryleigh Keetui | Y10 |
| Mansehaj Bhinder | Y11 |
| Zainab Naveed | R1 |
| Kavitha Suresh | R1 |
| Barry Pascoe | R3 |
| Blaze Quince | R3 |
| Mohammad Al-Kozai | R5 |
| Joseph Cabello | R5 |

Learning from Home – The Education Department have issued a link for you to access some learning resources at home. Click on <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home/learning-resources-by-year-level>

Cancelled – Just a reminder the following activities have been cancelled due to the current circumstances.

- Summer Carnival
- WAFC Dockers Yr5/6 Cup
- Freo Long Bomb competition
- ANZAC combined schools service
- School Community Banking
- NAPLAN 2020

Harmony Day - Our Harmony Day celebration with our good neighbours, St Helena's, was cancelled as a combined event, however the students were encouraged to dress in their ethnic dress and/or orange clothing. A highlight for all of the students was the Tamil Parai drumming done by Yaazh Shankar and Nithin.Suresh.



In Tamil, the word “*parai*” means 'to speak' or 'to tell'. It was performed in the courts of Sangam, Chola, and Pandiyan rulers. The drums were used to announce important messages and orders of the great Tamil Kings.

Best wishes Neil

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P&C UPDATE

Canteen - ***Canteen Closure***

We have made the hard decision to close the Canteen from the end of school this Friday (27th March). Parents, please ensure you send your children to school with lunch and recess in week 9. We will keep you updated regarding reopening in Term 2. Stay safe everyone and thank you for your understanding.

Uniform Shop - ***Uniform Shop Closure***

In light of the ever evolving COVID-19, the P&C has made the decision to close the Uniform Shop. We will revisit opening hours in Term 2. Thank you for understanding.

Fundraising - Please note that all fundraising events planned for Term 1 (Easter Raffle & Free Dress Day) have been cancelled.

Leavers - The Leavers Committee has advised that the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle has been postponed. We will keep you updated about the future date.

School Banking - School Banking has been cancelled for the rest of Term 1. We will keep you updated about starting up again in the future.

Have a question or want to stay up to date with the latest news please join the Ellenbrook PS P&C Facebook group (<https://facebook.com/groups/eipsandc/>) OR Please email us at eipsandc@gmail.com.

Kind Regards,

Ellenbrook PS P&C

COMMUNITY NEWS

From Monday 30 March we will be offering families the option to book their children in with us for full day care.

Kind Regards

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