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# NEWSLETTER

Term 2/2020 Week 5

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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### Dr Neil MacNeill, MEd, MEdAmin, PhD, EdD

We had a wintery start to this week and the school lost one evaporative air conditioner that was blown off the roof on Sunday afternoon.

**Congratulations** to Donald Wager (Year 6) who was awarded a full scholarship to Kingsway College.

**Congratulations** also to Leticia and Loretta Samson who were interviewed for the competitive entry to the Rossmoyne SHS Language Program. Good luck

**COVID 19** precautions are still being carried out and everything is going well. The staggered dismissal can be problematic when it rains, but that is something we face every year. Parents with large dogs are requested to keep the dogs away from the school gate for safety reasons.

**Just a reminder:** Cakes or other goodies that are brought to school when a child has a birthday must be purchased and stay sealed - they cannot be home baked.

**The Matthew Effect** is a metaphoric phenomenon that describes how those who are advantaged win further advantage. For example, good readers or mathematicians have greater gains when new programs of learning are introduced, than students who are struggling. This then becomes an issue of equity. Ray Boyd and I have just had this paper published online in *Education Today*: <https://www.educationtoday.com.au/news-detail/The-Matthew-Effect-4936> We think that this effect impacts on all students' schooling and lives.

**Fruit Trees.** As you know the fruit on the school's fruit trees is ripening, and teachers are taking students to pick and eat the fruit, direct from the trees. This is an important part of our teaching of sustainability.



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### Merit Certificates Winners

Tahnee Bros	B1
Jishnu Gundeboina	B1
Thomas Waters	B1
Matthew Bacon	B2
Kailee Smith	B2
Daniel Matthew	B3
Betanya Mehari	B3
Logan Bain	B4
Mia Golding	B4
Jordis Greagen-Castle	B4
Petrus Poelina-Hunter	B4
Yaazhventhan Shankar	B4
Stuti Patel	B6
Mason French	B7
Nandini Gujjar	B7
Isaac White	B7
Emma Upton	Y4
Riley Watson	Y5
Panashe Fanadzo	Y5
Alex Thomas	Y5
Harper Gerovich	Y6
Jaxon Nickerson	Y7
Rachel Ahlawat	Y9
Mackenzie Parke	Y9
Katrina Manuel-Bain	Y10
Mikayla French	R1
Taylor Bradley	R2
Enoch Sikazwe	R2
Yazmin Ismael	R3
Romail Usman	R3
Harleen Kaur	R4
Isabelle Prescilla	R4
Emma Wilson	R5
Caleb Hogan	R5
Lilly Tristram	R5

## DEPUTIES' UPDATE

### KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

**Kindergarten Program:** We are currently taking Applications for Enrolment for children who will turn 4 years of age before June 30th, 2021.

The closing date for all applications is the 24<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020.

Please note: Applications for Enrolment are not to be confused with Enrolments. All applicants will be contacted shortly after closing date advising if their application has been successful and invite them to return and complete enrolment forms. If you know of anyone in area who has children who may need a placement next year, please pass this information on.

**School Contributions Voluntary** – In 2020 parents and carers of students attending Ellenbrook Primary School are asked to contribute: \$40 per child in Years 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 your Book Order with Campion, they can be paid in cash or by cheque or EFTPOS at the Office.

**Collection of sick children** - If your child becomes ill at school it is essential that the office staff have up to date contacts so the child can be collected and cared for by parents or care givers. The school does not have facilities or staff to care for sick children and many children become distressed when they feel unwell.

**Grace Life** – are offering a free bread table each week day morning to anyone in the community. Fresh bread is delivered there between 9:00 – 9:30 each morning and you can help yourself to what you need. They are located in the Grace Life building next door to the school.

**Reminder** – There is a public holiday on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June (WA Day).

**Student Numbers for 2021** - We have commenced planning for the 2021 school year. If your child/children will not be returning in 2021 please complete the form on page 3 below or notify the office as soon as possible. If your child/children will be going on an extended holiday and will be returning after the commencement date of 1 February 2021, could you also please come to the office and complete the form notifying the school of the absence and the expected return date.

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### **Fitness Circuit – Local Schools Community Fund -**

We are excited to announce the completion of the new Fitness Circuit located outside Red block. The School was successful in applying for the Local Schools Community Fund, an Australian Government initiative, which has allowed us to establish phase one of this project. The Fund was an application-based process open to all eligible schools – government, Catholic and independent – designed to benefit students and their school community by contributing to small scale projects and their associated costs at the local school level.

We hope to add on and extend this project throughout the year. The students will get to use this equipment and be taught circuit type fitness activities which we hope will be lifelong skills that can be used in their community parks and shared with their family.



### **Student Numbers— Is your child here next year? If not please complete this form.**

It is crucial for our planning for next year to have, as much as possible, accurate numbers of students for the commencement of 2021.

**Leaving Ellenbrook Primary School at the end of 2020**  
Please return the below slip to the office.

My Child/children will be leaving Ellenbrook Primary School at the end of 2020.  
Please list the names and year levels of your children.

Name	Year Level	New School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Day attending Ellenbrook Primary School is: \_\_\_\_\_