Dear Parents and Community,

Faction Carnival
Congratulations to all of our students for their participation and wonderful sportsmanship during the faction carnival events last week. Well done to all of our 1st-4th medallion winners for each year level and a huge congratulations to Green Faction, who haven’t won the shield since 2000!

I would also like to thank Mrs Harrington for her coordination of the day, our wonderful gardener (Mr Nash) for his preparation of the oval and events, the Manjimup High School students for their assistance during the day and to our parents and community for your support.

The interschool team will soon be announced and then some practice for the interschool (5th & 8th April) will begin. If you are interested in assisting our students with practising their team games, relays, jumps or throws please contact the school for times when the team will be practising.

Year 6 Camp
Our year 6’s enjoyed an action packed camp to Perth this week. The itinerary was packed with plenty of fun and activity including: Bounce, Perth Zoo, Fremantle Prison, Scitech, Timezone, Ten Pin Bowling, Laser Tag, Adventure World and much more. A huge thank you to Mr Percival who helped organise the camp and also drove the bus. Thanks also to Mrs McCredden, Mrs Pianta and Miss Rooney for their supervision, assistance and long nights during camp.

Three Program
Our wonderful pre-kindergarten program will commence next term. The sessions will be coordinated by Mrs Karen Markovski and will run from 9.15am to 10.15am. The program will run on Mondays for the rest of the year and will provide our young future students with an excellent introduction to our school. If you know someone with a young child born between July 2012 and June 2013, then please tell them about this wonderful program.

NAPLAN Preparation
As part of the school’s preparation for the National Assessment Program in Literacy & Numeracy, Yr 3-5 students will be participating in some practice tests as well as focusing in class time on key areas. These tests and focus areas will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar and comfortable with the structure/format, before sitting the real tests scheduled for Week 3 term 2 (9th – 13th May). If you do not wish your child to sit these national tests please discuss this with the classroom teacher and then sign a form at the front office.

Parent Survey
From time to time it is important for the school to collect information from parents regarding the school’s operation. Next week the school will be emailing a link that will provide parents with an opportunity to provide some very valuable feedback to our school. If you do not receive an email, please use the link in this week’s newsletter to complete the survey online or come into the school and we will provide a computer to use or provide a hard copy of the survey. Copies of the survey will be available in classrooms as well.

PLEASE take some time to share your thoughts and provide feedback.

Survey Link:
https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/Ck3wMPuc

School Fees - $40.00 ($1.00 a week for a great education)
As a government primary school the maximum fee that we can charge for school fees is $60 per child. At EMPS we have kept our fees as low as possible to ensure affordability. We would greatly appreciate all parents making the effort to pay school fees before 1st April. As an incentive we will be offering 3 students per class the chance to win a canteen voucher. These prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 6th April at the mini assembly and can be used at the school canteen at any time.

Reminders:
- Web Site – Please take a moment to have a look through the wonderful web page the school has. The address is: http://www.eastmanjimup.wa.edu.au

Have a great fortnight!
Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES
Fri 25 Mar Good Friday
Mon 28 Mar Easter Monday
Tue 29 Mar Easter Tuesday-no students
Tues 5 April Interschool Athletics Field
Thurs 7 April School Photos
Fri 8 April Interschool Athletics Track
Thurs 28 April Term 2 begins for students
New Pages on Our Website

OSCAR Learns About Turtles
Healthy Body Image
Faction Athletics Day Fun
Field Events Day for Athletics
Faction Athletics Results and Champions
Artwork at Warren Districts Show

Attendance Award

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P & C Notes

*Easter Raffle:* Will be drawn on Wednesday 23 March.

*Canteen:* Wishes to thank Tammy Crosby, Tammy Charlton, Fiona Browne, Georgie Barnsby and Dale Edwards for helping in the canteen at the sports carnival.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Dear Parents,

Our school photo day is coming! Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. *If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.*

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please note sibling orders close @ midday Wednesday 6 April 2016

*Code: XGVXBP*

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.

Bicycle Safety

The Bike

*Make sure the bike fits:* A bike that is too big or small is a safety hazard. How to check: have your child sit on his/her bike; at least the toes should touch the ground on both sides.

*Do equipment spot checks:* Parents should ensure their child’s bicycle is equipped with safety devices such as lights (AS3562), reflectors (AS2142) and a bell or horn. Helmets should be approved for safety with an Australian Standards (AS2063) certification.

*Be a role model:* Set a good example when cycling with your children and wear a helmet too.

*Make bikes safer:* Buy safe bicycles, with spoke guards & chain guards; Ensure a bike lamp is used at dusk or at night; Fit safety devices to bicycles such as reflectors and safety flags.

Community News

YouthFocus

Where Youth Suicide and Depression Stop
Understanding mental health education program for young people.

*This is an adults-only session*

Location: Staffroom - Manjimup Senior High School
Date: Wednesday 30 March 2016
Time: 6.30pm – 8pm
RSVP: Karen Royer on 97770500 or karen.royer@education.wa.edu.au

This information session is designed for parents of adolescents, to increase awareness around common mental health issues young people face, focusing on depression and anxiety. Aimed at helping parents of young people to understand more about mental health and mental illness in their children and other family members, and assist them to find appropriate help. More information phone 6286 4333 or visit youthfocus.com.au