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A Newsletter from  
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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Dear Parents and Community Members

Hello all. Welcome to Term 4. I hope all who had a break or holiday during the September/October school holidays had an enjoyable, healthy and restful time. It was very pleasing to see the eagerness in the students when they returned to school on Wednesday.

### Mrs Harrington – last day at East Manjimup PS

Mrs Harrington will be working up to and including Friday 20 October (Week 2). She will then be taking well deserved Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year and into Term 1 2018. Mrs Harrington is then looking to retire during Term 1 2018.

There will be a special assembly held on Friday afternoon, 20 October to celebrate Mrs Harrington's amazing contribution to East Manjimup PS. This will start at 2.30pm and we invite all families and other school community members to attend.

### Congratulations Mrs Prosser

Well done to Mrs Prosser in being selected as the substantive (permanent) deputy principal at our school.

### Hats

A reminder students need to be wearing bucket hats or wide-brim hats this term, for morning recess and lunch times.

### Talking Drugs Workshop

On Tuesday representatives from SDERA (School Drug Education and Road Awareness) presented important workshops for our teaching and EA staff. The focus was on the appropriate teaching of drug awareness and associated health matters in primary school. In the evening a number of parents and community members attended the open workshop. Thank you to those people who did attend.

### Students at EMPS: 2018

The following announcement does not include the Year 6s. If you know your child will NOT be at East Manjimup Primary School in 2018 could you please inform the school as soon as possible. Knowing the number of students who will be at our school at the start of 2018 is a great help in class and staff planning.

### Protective Behaviours

As mentioned late last term, over the next three to four weeks teachers (in Health) will be covering elements of protective behaviours. The essential element of protective behaviours is helping children learn how to keep themselves safe in all sorts of situations. If your child raises issues in conversation that you need assistance with, please do contact the school to see if we can assist.

### Classes with multiple year levels

Some of our classes this year are 'straight grades' (eg. Yr 3) and some are 'multiple grades' (eg. Yr 5/6). This will be the case again in 2018. In all school communities there are always concerns raised about multi-grade classes. I just wanted to outline a few important points:

1. Even in straight grade classrooms, the range in student academic ability and achievement is broad, especially in the upper primary years.
2. At our school we have streaming in Maths and English, so all students have the opportunity to work in appropriate groups in these two essential learning areas.
3. Multiple grade classes can also provide advantages in terms of social interaction, variety of school-wide activities students are involved in, and exposure to different levels of the curriculum.

### Quiz Night

If you have not done so already, I encourage you to attend tonight's P&C Quiz, at the Catholic Parish Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

### Some practical tips about children

I have found a fascinating article from Parenting Ideas Schools and would like to share some of the information over the next months. The fourth one –

#### Know your child's temperament and personality

It seems obvious but if we are in tune with the characteristics that make our child unique, we will have a better understanding of when they may need additional support, and when and where they will thrive.

Regards  
Michael Smith  
PRINCIPAL

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 18 Oct	Paul Litherland Incursion Y4-6
Thurs 19 Oct	Mathsademic 9.30am-1pm Incursion – 'Heave Ho' 1.50pm
Fri 20 Oct	Farewell Assembly-Mrs Harrington
Mon-Fri 23 Oct-3 Nov	Swimming Lessons Rms 1-3-4
Fri 27 Oct	Spring Carnival
Fri 3 Nov	Assembly Rm 6 (2.15pm)
Fri 10 Nov	P&C Fun Run
Thurs 23 Nov	Yr 6 Transition to MSHS
Fri 24 Nov	Assembly Rm 4 (2.15pm)
Thurs 7 Dec	P&C Meeting (7.30pm) Yr 6 Graduation
Wed 13 Dec	School Concert
Thurs 14 Dec	Last day for Students

## GIFTED AND TALENTED SECONDARY PROGRAMS

Dear Parent

### INVITATION TO YEAR 5 PEAC STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED SECONDARY PROGRAMS FOR YEAR 7, 2019

Applications are now open for the Department of Education's Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs for Year 7 in 2019.

Programs are in the areas of Academic, Arts and Languages and are offered at 18 select public secondary schools in the metropolitan and Bunbury regional areas, including the new Fremantle College. There is also an online option for students from country Western Australia. Demand for these programs is strong and entry is competitive.

All placements will be made on the basis of individual performance in program-specific testing and assessments, including the Academic Selective Entrance Test. Testing will take place in 2018 when your child is in Year 6.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY NOW.](#)

All applications are now online and further information on schools and programs, application guidelines and key dates and timelines are available at the Gifted and Talented [website](#).

It is important to note that successful applicants are able to attend their school of choice, even though they may not live in that school's local intake area.

### APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2018.

Please contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit at [gtsu@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:gtsu@education.wa.edu.au) or 9264 4307 if you have any queries.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### CHERRY HARMONY FESTIVAL 2017

#### **"Sweet 16 – sixteen years of the Festival" Competitions**

**Design a Mascot:** Closing date 17 Nov. Entries to be delivered to MJP Newsagency. For enquiries call Donna King 0438 965 653.

**Photographic:** Deadline for entries 1 Dec at 5pm and can be post or dropped into Toyworld Manjimup.

**Poster:** Entries close 4 Dec and must be submitted to Hart Mensland or MJP Newsagency.

**Colouring In:** Entries close 4 Dec and must be submitted to the MJP Newsagency. Categories 4-7yrs, 8-11yrs, 12-15yrs and Adults

**Cherry Pie:** Pies must be delivered to Deja Vu Café by 2.30pm on 8 Dec.

For further information check the pinup boards around the school or go to [www.cherryfestival.com.au](http://www.cherryfestival.com.au)

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

WEEK	CLASS	PERCENTAGE
10	Room 12	98.46%

## FACTION VALUES SHIELD

GREEN	Kaylee O'Breza	291
GOLD	Lawson Ward	300
BLUE	Quinn Avins	350
RED	Cejay Brown	349



### STARS OF WEEK 10 RESPONSIBILITY

**BLAKE FRENCH** for his commitment to improving his writing and his determination shown with home reading.

**JOEL LEECH** for being a responsible student who demonstrates how to care for our environment both inside and outside the classroom.

**TANEISHA PERRELLA** for always trying to do the right thing in EVERY situation. You truly are a star Taneisha.

**AVA CRAIG** is responsible, tidy and assists with packing away. You're a wonderful helper in the classroom.

**SETH STOREY** for willingly taking on the responsibility of emptying the compost bucket, being kind and helpful.

**NOAH LISHMAN** for working independently during HASS. Well done, and keep focussing on your learning goals.

**MIA FISHWICK** for making great choices, helping others and doing the 'right' thing in all of your classes.

**JED EDWARDS** you are a champ! Jed always strives to do his best and is polite and responsible while doing it!

**RAHNI SMITH** for her organisation and planning to complete her work. You are such a mature girl!