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A Newsletter from
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Dear Parents and Community Members

Finish Strong

I once again encourage all members of our school community to 'finish strong' during the remainder of this term and school year. There are always plenty of distractions and many people are getting quite tired and worn out. 'Finishing strong' does take effort and focus but it is well worth it.

Year 6 Graduation

Thank you to all involved in yesterday's Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and celebration events. It was great to have Mr Terry Redman, MLA, Warren Blackwood, and also ex-EMPS student Bryce Bamess both speak at the official ceremony. Once again, all the best to our Year 6 students as they start secondary schooling in 2018.

School Development Days 2018

The following dates have been approved by the EMPS School Board:

Monday 29 January
Tuesday 30 January
Monday 30 April
Friday 24 August
Monday 8 October
Friday 14 December

Year 6 Camp 2018

Please, if you have not done so already could you return the green form and \$50.00 deposit.

Christmas and Public Schools

Christmas means many different things to a range of people. There are also many different events, origins, traditions and legends that contribute to this range of understanding. Many of these will arise in class discussions and work at this time of the year, ranging from the Nativity story, to St Nicholas to Santa Claus, and all things in between. It is legitimate for a teacher to cover these different aspects of Christmas. Sections 68 and 69 of the *School Education Act 1999* also provides some information on this area and I am happy to show any parents through this if needed.

Disco

Thank you to Phyllis Karahoutis and her band of willing helpers for running the disco two weeks ago. Students enjoyed the event and money was raised towards Year 6 Camp costs.

Student Reports

These will be sent home with students on Tuesday of next week.

Cherry Festival

This is of course on tomorrow. A number of our students have art work from school on display. Thank you to the organising committee for allowing Ricochet Circus to visit our school this morning and allowing 30 students to participate in a free workshop. This is very much appreciated.

Beep Test

We will be using this fitness test each term with each class. A number of classes have completed their tests this week. It is a great way to motivate students in improving their individual fitness and in learning to set personal goals.

Mr Hort and Water Slide

Thank you again to Mr Hort for setting up and running the water slide this year. Mr Hort was unable to be at school on the final Thursday of term so we agreed to hold the water slide this afternoon.

Mountain Biking on the Munda Biddi Trail

Did you know the mountain biking track, the Munda Biddi Trail, passes right alongside the O'Connor St edge of the school property? On Monday of next week our Year 6 students have the opportunity to cycle some of it, with two staff members from Pemberton Camp School. Thank you to Mr Mark Hudson, principal of the camp school, for providing this opportunity for our students.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to thank all parents, families and community members who have been so supportive in my first semester at East Manjimup Primary School. I have very much appreciated so many people showing an interest in how I am settling in, asking how my weekend was, and wishing me a good day. This courtesy is valued – thank you.

I hope all school families have a wonderful and meaningful Christmas season and also a healthy, safe and enjoyable summer break. I look forward to working with you again in 2018. The first day for students in 2018 is Wednesday 31 January.

Regards

Michael Smith PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 13 Dec
Thurs 14 Dec

School Concert
Last day for Students

Have a great holiday see you all next year.

Wed 31 Jan

Students return for 2018

AWARDS/CONCERT NIGHT

The school awards/concert will be held on **Wednesday 13 December**. Doors open 6pm **starting time 6.30pm** at the Manjimup Senior High School gym.



STARS OF WEEK 9 FREEDOM

KHALEN CUTTS for being so thoughtful and caring for the needs of everyone. Great job Khalen.

AHLEEA TOIGO for knowing what is right and being prepared to stand up for the rights of others.

TRISTAN FENNING thank you for looking after your mates on Monday and making sure they were safe. Well done Tris.

OWEN AVINS because, in his own words, "we live in a lucky country, where we're not as poor as some others and there's no war."

NATALIE MOORE you can always be counted on to encourage your classmates to give new challenges 'a go' and try their hardest.

THOMAS HOODY-THORNE for assisting students who are being treated unfairly by their friends.

ELLA MCNEVEN Ella supports and encourages her peers and friends alike, is caring and considerate.

LXIE OSBORNE for always being a polite and honest individual who can be relied upon!

GRACE PATTERSON for her increased awareness of what it means to be fair in how we work and play with others. Thank you!



STARS OF WEEK 8 INTEGRITY

TAYLA MINCHIN you are an outstanding example of a reliable responsible and trustworthy student.

KAILI BELCHER for showing a positive attitude in class and striving to do the right thing. Keep it up!

BRONTE HALDEN Bronte, your honest, straight forward manner is demonstrated every day in the way you treat others. Your attitude is wonderful.

ZACHARY CHARLTON for his mature approach during singing rehearsals – you manage distractions like a champion!

MATTHEW WATT for helping to set a truthful and upright example for his classmates.

COOPER RAYSON for always carrying on with a learning activity when you come into the classroom. Thank you.

HARLEE FRANKLIN for always trying to be the best that you can be. Great effort Harlee.

ELLA WALSH for being a reliable class member who knows how to make the right choices.

ALEXANDER SCOTT is a fair and cooperative team player who respects the rules.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

WEEK	CLASS	PERCENTAGE
8	Room 9	99.20%
9	Room 6	95.58%

FACTION VALUES SHIELD

GREEN	Dexi Mahinay / Rhys Adams	651
GOLD	Jessica Leoni-Arnott / Brandon Farmer	547
BLUE	Ella Walsh / Frankie McCurdy	711
RED	Emilia Prosser / Dontrell Lawrence	572

Christmas in the Park



with Carols by Candlelight

FREE FAMILY EVENT

Manjimup Timber Park

Sunday 17th December 2017

4pm Christmas in the Park

Devonshire Tea

Lions Train

Climbing Wall

Merry-Go-Round

Face Painting

Bouncy Castle

Pony Rides

Obstacle Course

630pm FREE Sausage Sizzle

730pm Carols by Candlelight



This is a gift to our community from the combined Churches of Manjimup

