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A Newsletter from  
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Dear Parents and Community Members

## COVID-19:

### 1. WA State Government Phase 3 Changes

The Government announced last week the state was moving to Phase 3. Since then schools have received information from Central Office regarding details of these changes.

- **Dropping off and collecting children**

From Monday 8 June parents are allowed on school grounds to drop off and collect students. Due to physical distancing requirements, we request parents **not** to enter classrooms. If you choose to come on to the school site, please say goodbye to your child/ren outside the classroom and collect them outside the classroom. We do know some parents have appreciated dropping off (and collecting) their children outside the school grounds. Please continue to do this if you find it advantageous. The 'bus' gate will be opened each morning at 8:20am. All classes will now finish at usual 'home time': 3.00pm. Please maintain physical distancing of 2 sq metres per adult during this time.

- **Visiting school office**

Our Front Office has remained open throughout Terms One and Two and from Monday 8 June this will continue. We ask, when entering the front office, to be aware of the number of parents/other adults who are already in the office, keeping in mind the 2 sq m requirement.

- **THREE**

Under Phase 3 it is still not possible to run the THREE program.

- **Assemblies**

In-person assemblies will not resume as yet as the maximum number of people allowed at an indoor assembly is 100.

### 2. DETECT program

On Friday of last week, a number of announcements were placed by our school onto Connect. An SMS reminder was also sent out. We also sent a hard-copy letter to families that day. On Wednesday of

this week a reminder note was posted on Connect and we also sent to families another hard-copy letter.

The information is asking parents to go online (and if you cannot go online, see the front office staff for a hard-copy package) to provide consent for their child/ren to participate in the DETECT program. In summary:

- If you want your child to be tested for Coronavirus, you **MUST** provide consent. That is Part 1 of the program.
- If a positive case is identified at EMPS, then tracking (and further testing) will be done in our school community. For your child to be involved in Part 2 you **MUST** provide consent.
- For Part 3, all students Yr 4-6 will be completing a wellbeing survey (this term and again in November). To OPT-OUT of this parents must indicate through the consent process.
- Parents have the opportunity to participate in Part 3, the survey. Consent **MUST** be provided.
- Staff also have the opportunity to be involved in all three parts of the program.

If you have not provided consent can you please do so today as the advertised closing date is tonight.

### National Reconciliation Week

From 27 May to 3 June this year was National Reconciliation Week (NRW). Reconciliation means to make right any issues that cause conflict and mistrust between people. NRW aims to build better relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. During the week our two student council Indigenous representatives – Matthew Watt and Latiya Ugle – visited many of our classrooms to deliver an overview of what NRW is about. Mrs McCreanor also visited the classes at the same time and she spoke about the National Apology (given in Federal Parliament in 2008), a copy of which we have in the library. Students had the opportunity to ask Matthew, Latiya and Mrs McCreanor questions about NRW.

In Digital Technologies, Mr Clarke set a challenge for each of the Year 3 – 6 classes. Students had one period only to design and make iMovies about NRW. Students used images from our school and also the internet to make these productions. One of the movies has been posted to our Facebook page.

### Re-scheduled School Development Day

Tuesday 28 April was originally scheduled as a School Development Day. It ended up being a Pupil Free Day, in that schools had to put aside any plans they may have had for the day and instead use the time to prepare for Term 2 'COVID' teaching and learning. Central Office has declared schools can re-schedule a School Development Day in lieu of 28 April. The four public schools in Manjimup have aimed for this new date to be Monday 20 July, and yesterday our School Board approved the date. This means students will return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 21 July.

### Cleaner-in-Charge Pool

We have had to start a new Cleaner-in-Charge Pool process. The advertisement will be on JobsWA next week. We are looking for keen candidates who are interested in part-time, fixed-term cleaning work at our school, with the possibility of permanency into the future.

### Students Wearing Glasses

We have recently surveyed all classes to find out how many of our students wear glasses. We currently have 28 students with glasses. The majority of the students need glasses for 'close work' (eg. reading). However, there are a number of students regularly leaving their glasses at home. Could parents of students who do need glasses please encourage them to ensure they bring and wear them every day at school.



### National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 27 May was National Simultaneous Storytime. Thousands of people shared in reading *Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas*, a really good-fun children's book. Many of our students wore 'bling' to school on the day. Mrs Thomsett and Mrs Griffiths entertainingly and humorously read the story over the public announcement system for everyone in the school to enjoy. At lunch time many students chose to participate in searching for scenes from the book hidden throughout the school grounds. Check out the short movie Mrs Prosser has put on the school's Facebook page.

### Responses to Anxiety

This is obviously a time when anxiety levels are heightened, both in students and adults. Mrs Hide found a list of terrific responses to anxiety. Over a

number of newsletters, I want to share these with you.

17. 'I get scared/nervous/anxious sometimes too. It's no fun'.
18. 'Let's pull out our calm-down checklist'.
19. 'You are not alone in how you feel'.
20. 'Tell me the worst thing that could possibly happen'.

Regards

Michael Smith  
PRINCIPAL

**Information that has gone home in the past fortnight:**

Information Sheet & Consent Forms for Parents  
Reminder – Consent forms due back  
LOTE – Rooms 12 & 13

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Fri 3 July      End of Term 2**

**Tue 21 July    Start of Term 3**

CLEAN Environment	
WEEK	CLASS
5	Room 7
6	Room 3

FACTION VALUES SHIELD		
<b>28s</b>	Nate Podziuka James Godfrey	<b>855</b>
<b>Blueys</b>	Jensen Pinelli Emma Brackenrig	<b>626</b>
<b>Red Tails</b>	Tahlia Simpson Dylan Cook	<b>830</b>

ATTENDANCE AWARD		
WEEK	CLASS	PERCENTAGE
5	Room 13	95.45%
6	Room 1	97.50%



## STARS OF WEEK 5 CARE & COMPASSION

**KHALEN CUTTS** for being a super organized classmate who sets out his brother's chair and pencil case, ready for school each Wednesday. Thank you for being so considerate.

**MILLY BOURBON-MUIR** for persevering when tasks are tricky, and then being able to help friends when they need assistance. You are a good friend!

**GEORGE** for being a very kind dog ~ "you let us cuddle you and you bring us all happiness!"

**MILLIE FREETH** your class has nominated you for the care you showed to a friend when they had no crunch and sip. Thank you for your generosity. We are lucky to have you in Room 1.

**MASON FORD** for always being a kind and caring classmate. You have such a wonderful manner when talking to others. Thank you for being you!

**SAGE HAWTHORNE** for watching out for the well-being of others. Sage, we appreciate your care and thoughtfulness.

**AMELIA PERCIVAL** for being very aware of how classmates are feeling. You always try to help and cheer others up when they are feeling down.

**EMILIA PROSSER** for helping a classmate out with some work in HASS that he found tricky. You made a big difference to his day.

**DEKOTA THOMPSON** for always 'being on hand' to be a great friend. You look out for others and are the first on scene if someone needs a helping hand.

**CARTER ENKELMAN** for your thoughtfulness towards your peers. You are very good at choosing the right thing to do for yourself and others. Great job!



## STARS OF WEEK 6 DOING YOUR BEST

**BRYCE COUPER** for noticeable improvement in all areas of his schooling. Bryce, you are better organised and much braver and it is paying dividends.

**MOLLY THOMPSON** for your focus and attention in all subjects, particularly in phonics. You are doing a great job with your reading.

**JARED TOWLER** you have been focusing very hard in class. Well done on the improvements you have made in reading and writing.

**BAILEY BOURBON-MUIR** for always trying hard to do your best especially with difficult challenges – and then enjoying your achievement!

**GRACE PATTERSON** for making a great effort in Maths and Writing. Grace, keep working hard and your efforts will result in improvement!

**ALEX SCOTT** for his improved effort to complete Sound Waves activities and learning his words in spelling. Keep striving to do your best every day.

**RILEY HETHERINGTON** for doing his absolutely "best work" even when someone near to you is offering distractions. Our class is impressed with your focus. Well done!

**LILY CARLEY** for completing your morning tasks quickly and precisely. You have blown me away with your focus and work this term Lily, keep it up!

**JESSICA ROOKE** for your positive and focused approach to all you do at school, whether it is class work, Fitness, mixing with your classmates and even the Green Team. You have a terrific attitude Jess.

**HARRY BROWN** for putting 100% effort into all areas of your schooling. You are a role model for others. Keep up the great work!

IF YOUR CHILD HAS RECEIVED  
 A **STAR OF THE WEEK** AWARD OR  
 A **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**  
**THIS TERM**  
 AT ONE OF OUR NON-ASSEMBLIES  
 AND YOU WOULD LIKE  
 A **DIGITAL COPY**  
 OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL PHOTO  
 SENT TO YOU,  
 PLEASE TEXT YOUR CHILD'S NAME TO  
 0439444398.




## Grand - Carers

A new Manjimup support group  
 for Grandparents who care for their  
 grandchildren




To register your interest contact  
 Michelle 0428 609 394  
 Robyn 0408 952 854  
 email: patrobbro85@gmail





## 2021 EMPS Kindy enrolments are now available!



Collect a package from  
 our Front Office  
 or call 97719200 for  
 further information.  
 Enrolments close  
 24 July 2020.

Warren Womens Hockey Assoc presents ...  
**Hockey Come & Try Day**  
 Saturday June 13 2020  
 From 10:15-12 noon  
 Collier Street Hockey Grounds  
**Open to all school age children**  
 - new and current players -



*Remember how much fun we had when  
 the Hockey WA Roadshow visited  
 our schools in February?  
 Here's your chance to play a bit more  
 hockey to see if you really like it!*

- ~ Join in a mini game (we'll loan you a stick if you don't have one)
- ~ Complete our tabloid circuit and win a prize
- ~ Enjoy a free sausage sizzle for lunch

~ and if you like it, register on the day or on-line at home.

All Hockey Enquiries:  
 Women & Girls, u12 boys: Carol Samsa samsa51wa@westnet.com.au 0401 915 884  
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