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A Newsletter from
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Dear Parents and Community,

The first half of Term 1 is now behind us and the students are well and truly into their learning routines. It was sad to farewell Mr Hadlow after 9 years. He has left us with a great legacy: the attitude and determination to always strive for improvement within a daily framework of caring, compassion and friendship. We wish him well in his new position at Spencer Park PS and will strive to continue with this wonderful work ethic.

Diaries
Part of the training for our students to operate their lives smoothly is the use of their diary. I trust that all students have purchased their diary from the Front Office and are busily entering plenty of information. Not only is this a great tool for students to monitor their learning and organise their daily activity, it is a very useful home/school communication tool. Please discuss with your child how they are using their diary, and perhaps make some suggestions for how they can increase its usefulness in their daily life. This is an excellent lifelong habit which will assist them with planning and recording such things as schedules, finances, family activities and friendships.

Nude Food
What is Nude Food? This is simply a term to promote the use of reusable containers and wrappers, in order to reduce our consumption of disposable packaging and wrappers. Hopefully as shoppers, we will then look on the supermarket shelves for products with the least packaging, as well as making homemade food from raw products which come without wrappers. To consolidate this message, we conduct a nude food focus every Monday, but hope that it extends to every day. Therefore, removing highly packaged food from their wrappers and placing into a small container on Mondays would be teaching the wrong message to our children. Let's see if we can really make a difference to this sustainability problem, right here at East Manjimup.

School Board AGM
The School Board AGM will be held on Thursday 16th March at 3.15pm in the staffroom. All visitors are welcome to attend. The AGM will provide an overview of 2016 school year and appoint positions for 2017.

Playground Shelter
Shortly work will commence on two new shelters to cover our junior playgrounds at the front of the school. We are hoping this will occur during the holidays. These shelters will provide a much safer and more serviceable area for our children to play in, both summer and winter time.

Kindy Play Area
We are also looking forward to having an increased play area for our Kindy students. The area between Room 5 and the Kindy will be incorporated into the Kindy during a fencing project which will soon take place.

Robyn Harrington
Principal

New Pages on Our Website

Picnic at School
Student Portraits
Community

School Fees - $40 ($1.00/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 31st March**. As an incentive we will be offering 3 students per class the chance to win a canteen lunch voucher. These prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 5th April at the mini assembly and can be used at the canteen any time.

Faction Carnival
Next week we will be holding our Faction Carnival events. Wednesday afternoon from 11.00am onwards will see the Yr 3-6 students participate in jumps, throws and long distance events. Friday will be the main carnival day, with lots of team games and running events. If you would like to assist on either of these days please contact Mrs Prosser or Mrs Harrington. Mr Nash would love some help at 7.00am to help set up, no experience necessary! Meet @ the oval.

'World of Maths' Incursion – Thurs March 9th This will be an enjoyable and educationally rewarding incursion for all students. We have had the same incursion in the past and it has been one of the most popular with students. The cost of the incursion is $6 per student which can be paid right up to Thursday morning.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 6 Mar	**LABOUR DAY**
Wed 8 Mar	**Faction Athletics Field**
Thur 9 Mar	**Incursion World of Maths**
Fri 10 Mar	**Faction Athletics Track**
Fri 17 Mar	**Room 12 Assembly**
Mon/Fri 20-24 Mar	**Year 6 Camp**
Wed 29 Mar	**Interschool Field Athletics**
Fri 31 Mar	**Interschool Field Track**
Thur 6 April	**School Photos**
Fri 7 April	**Last day of Term 1**
Wed 26 Apr	**Students first day back**

Harmony Day – March 22nd The message of Harmony Day this year is 'Everyone Belongs'. To help us celebrate this day we are collecting information on the origins of all our students and staff right back, if possible, to great grandparents. Thank you to those families who have already returned the information slip that your children brought home. If you haven't had time as yet, the slips can still be sent in to school as I won't be compiling the information for a while yet. If you have lost, or didn't get, a note there are some spares in the front office.

STARS OF WEEK 4 DOING YOUR BEST

ELIJAH MSAPENDA for your continued effort during Maths class.
TODD LARSEN for putting in a fine effort with all class activities. Well done Todd.
CHAD HERCOCK for always trying his best – with a smile on his face. Keep it up Chad!!!
MIA ALLBON Mia has terrific work habits, presents her work neatly and always does her best. Well done!
SHELLEY TOWLER for always trying to do her best work, pay attention and learning as best as she can!
SETH POLLARD for trying his best during Maths and focussing on his learning.
SAMUEL CARLEY glad to see you take up the challenge to improve your work and to complete your homework.
CALLUM WALSH for always striving to achieve his best and inspire those around him!
TAYNE PROSSER in every learning area you have shown that you are keen to learn. Fantastic!

FACTION VALUES SHIELD		
GREEN	Tamika Purdy / Trent Reeve	105
GOLD	Moniqa Wolfs / Zachary Charlton	106
BLUE	Emma Price / Ella Walsh	104
RED	Lexie Osborne / Nakiyah Herman	131

P & C NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The first book club orders for this year will be going home today. They are due back by Wednesday 15 March. Please return completed order forms with correct money to the front office with your child's name, room number and teachers name on an envelope. Alternatively you can order via the loop.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB LOOP:

There are Three Easy Ways To Pay

Your order will electronically link when ordering by LOOP.

1. Credit Card. Your school is in the loop! When you order and pay by LOOP, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. It's easy.
2. If your school accepts cash payments, please enclose cash with completed order form and return to school.
3. Cheque or Credit Voucher. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Attach cheque or voucher to completed order form and return to school.

Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

Three Program

Our pre-kindy program commenced on **Monday 27 February 2017** and will run from 9.15am to 10.15am. If you know someone with a young child born between July 2013 and June 2014 then please tell them about this wonderful program.

ATTENDANCE AWARD		
WEEK	CLASS	PERCENTAGE
4	Room 1	97.39%
5	Room 6	98.33%

STARS OF WEEK 5 FAIR GO

GRACE PATTERSON for her continued effort in keeping Room 1 organised so that we can make the most of our days.
FRANKIE MCCURDY for being a good friend and sharing and cooperating with his classmates.
SAGE HAWTHORNE for always being considerate of other people's feelings and including her classmates in al she does.
ESTHER BATRICK for being friendly towards others. It's great to see you trying to fill other people's buckets!
DAMON KAY for his constructive approach in helping his partners in Science. Well Done!
TESSA BORSHOFF for being friendly to everyone in our class and showing kindness to anyone in need. You warm our hearts.
MEGAN WALLACE your quiet, beautiful manner and your ability to get on with everyone is a joy to watch. Fabulous attitude.
NAKIYAH HERMAN for always being a positive class member who encourages others!
CAMERON BAMESS for being a great guy. You are kind and allow others to speak and you consider their opinion.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Scarlett Lovkis for showing care and attention to detail in Art.
Moniqa Wolfs for the extra effort during morning Writing.
Todd Larsen Todd has made a great start to pre-primary by listening well and producing work of a high standard.
Ian Lawrence Ian has made a big effort to settle into year one. He's trying hard at all tasks and giving everything "a go".
Marcus Leighton for sharing your unbelievable knowledge of the rotation of our solar system
Jordan Pinelli your steady commitment and focus to your work. Your work ethic is to be commended.
Indirose Hort for settling into Pre Primary so well and being a role model in every way.
Mason Ford for his diligent, hard working approach to learning.
Aleikye Olliver for working hard to learn and improve.
Zachary Leighton for a great start to learning– keep it up!
Haleigh Holbrook for her great organisational skills that have her ready for work – always!
Jessica Leoni-Arnott for always working hard during class and for excellent results in math.
Emma Price for settling into her new school environment so well. You are a lovely addition to EMPS!
Jessica Gill You are a positive role model in our class due to your initiative, work ethic and ability to get jobs completed.
Clayton Barber for your 'fairness' and 'good spirit' shine through with everything you do.
Delyth Phillips Johns for your enthusiasm for everything we do and your commitment to your study is commendable.
Reece Henderson for always displaying a positive attitude!
Chanelle Harfouche for being a cheerful individual who is striving to be more organised in class!