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A Newsletter from
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Dear Parents and Community Members

End-of-Year: Awards and Concert
I have spent some time discussing with staff and parents the matter of end-of-year awards and concert. There are many factors to consider when planning such events, not least the most suitable times and also formats. There will be significant changes to the end-of-year events for 2018 –

- **Awards Ceremony** (including announcement of 2019 head students) – Monday 10 December; 10.30 – 11.20am (approx.); EMPS undercover area
- **Year 6 Graduation** – same day: 11.30am – 12.15pm (approx.); EMPS undercover area; students head off to pool for lunch and swim after the graduation ceremony
- **Concert Night** (performances only) – Wednesday 12 December; 6.00 – 8.00pm (approx.); held at Sound Shell in Manjimup Timber Park

As we lead in to Term Four more information will be made known about all three events.

WA Education Awards
Mrs Knowles is in the final four in the Primary Teacher of the Year category! On 3 September two of the competition panel members will be visiting our school to interview a range of staff, students and parents. This is a very exciting time for our school.

Banners in the Terrace
And on the topic of competitions, the Shire of Manjimup banner created with our Rooms 3 and 4 students has recently been judged the winner of the Early Childhood category! A special presentation will be made at the 31 August assembly.

Spellademic
Thank you Mrs Prosser for once again organising a fantastic interschool spelling competition. Yesterday nine schools participated in the event, held at the Warren Valley Community Church. Thank you Mrs McCredden, Ms Frichot, Mrs Hughes, Rory and the P&C for your support. Well done to EMPS team Mazlyn, Mia and Gwennie in achieving third place in the Year 3/4 division. Congratulations to Bridgetown PS in achieving three awards out of the six available.

Book Week / Wa-Sa-Bi
Book Week is next week. The theme for Book Week this year is *Find Your Treasure*. We are looking at having a very busy day on the Thursday (23 August). Parents/families are invited to share in the activities between the start of school and recess. Students have the opportunity to dress up (in theme of *Find Your Treasure* or as a book character) and the parade will be held first thing on the Thursday. This will be followed by a treasure hunt. Students then have the opportunity to share their school work with parents/families throughout the classes. Between recess and lunch students have the opportunity to select a book (treasure!) from the collection of books brought in by students/families. After lunch there will be an incursion – performance of Japanese music, called *Wa-Sa-Bi*.

NAPLAN Online – School Readiness Test
You may have heard that NAPLAN Online was introduced in 2018, with 274 schools Western Australian schools participating. Our school will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019. NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child's results will be returned to the school faster, within a few weeks rather than a few months.

This trial, called the School Readiness Test (SRT), will enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. In addition, it will give us a chance to try out the new national online assessment platform in a real-life classroom environment

During this month, some students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking two online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN Online testing. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practise managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the *types* of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided. Participation in the SRT is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience in 2019.

Creek Play
Most classes have had the opportunity to play in the creek at lunch time. Over the next week or so the remaining classes will have their turn. Hopefully classes will get a second go at creek play through this term. A reminder that when it is your child's opportunity to play at the creek they will need three things: 1. Spare clothes (I suggest old play clothes as the creek is very muddy) 2. Spare shoes or boots 3. Towel
Thank you families for the great support you have provided the school in creek play – it is very much appreciated.

Cricket Session
Come and Try Before School on Thursday 6 September 7.45-8.45am, followed by a short assembly talk, as the Perth Scorchers come and visit our school.
Prizes, giveaways and possibly a Perth Scorchers Player. Parents welcome, and encouraged, to come and join in. For years 1 – 6 children.

Cross Country Event – Perth
Well done to students Kaylee O'Breza, Delyth Phillips Johns, Koby Brown, Cejay Brown, Owen Avins, Quinn Avins, Jett Martyn, Mason Goodridge and Lachlan Fisher for representing our school at the state interschool cross-country event in Perth. They did so with grit and enjoyment. There were over 1800 runners, in six races. Thank you also to the many 'EMPS people' who attended to support the students. Congratulations to Jett in finishing 12th in the Year 5 Boys race. This means he is invited to try out for selection in the state 2019 School Sports cross country team.

World Vision Sponsor Child
Well done to our student councillors in running a cupcake stall last week. $169.00 was raised and this will be given to the sponsor child project we support (in Zimbabwe).

FPC Grant: Bicycles
The seven bikes have arrived at the school. They are good quality mountain bikes, thanks to Sports Power, Manjimup. They will be presented at this afternoon's assembly.

School Uniform
I encourage all families to do all they can to ensure children are in full school uniform as often as possible.

Parents invited to a special information session with Steve Heron
Steve Heron, from Busselton, is an ex-school chaplain. He is a children's writer and is well known for his work on child development, bullying, resilience and emotional wellbeing. He is visiting our school on Thursday 30 August and will be working with the years 4, 5 and 6 students. He will also be spending time with teaching staff after school on that day.

From 2.25 – 2.55pm he is running a parent information session at the school. He is a very good presenter and has many practical and positive things to say about children, bullying, conflict resolution and resilience. All parents/carers are invited to hear Steve – I would encourage you to do so. The session will be held in the school library.

Assemblies
The next assembly of the term will be held on Friday 31 August, hosted by Room 4.

Regards
Michael Smith PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon-Thur 20-23 Aug	**BOOKWEEK**
Thurs 23 Aug	**9am Bookweek Parade** **10-11am Open Classrooms** **1:45pm Incursion Toshi & Noriko – Wa-sa-bi**
Fri 24 Aug	**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY** **No students attend this day**
Thurs 30 Aug	**Steve Heron Session Yr 4-6 also Parent session.**
Fri 31 Aug	**Assembly Rm 4 (2.15pm)**
Thurs 6 Sept	**P&C Meeting (7.30pm)**
Fri 7 Sept	**Asian Assembly (1.30pm)**
Mon-Thur 10-20Sept	**Swimming (9 days only) (Rm 6-13) *($41.30)***
Fri 21 Sept	**Last day for Term 3**

FACTION VALUES SHIELD

GREEN	Braxton Bachos / Esther Batrick	**912**
GOLD	Reko Radomiljac / Brodie Rayson	**988**
BLUE	Harvey Pianta / Matilda Scott	**1073**
RED	Acadius Lawrence / Lilly Thomas	**808**

ATTENDANCE AWARD

WEEK	CLASS	PERCENTAGE
4	Room 12	97.20%
5	Room 6	98 %

STARS OF WEEK 4

FREEDOM

KHALEN CUTTS is a positive, caring student who cooperates well with others.

TAYLAH BEEDEISON who shows kindness to others and takes an interest in everyone's well-being. We value you, Taylah.

DELYTH PHILLIPS JOHNS for assisting other students to take turns in line skipping in the playground. You showed younger children how to be a fair player.

DYLAN COOK for showing an interest in the wellbeing of others and the environment.

LAYLA WOLFS for her mature ability to recognise when a class mate needs to be included and for how she warmly interacts with others.

RILEY KEEGAN earlier this week you noticed that a group of young children needed some support during lunch time. Well done for standing up for others in need.

BAILEY WATT It is very impressive always watching you trying to do the right thing for yourself and others. Keep up your great attitude!

OLIVIA WALLACE we love the way you share your Aussie animal and 'up' place names knowledge, plus write 'good-to-read' Aussie camping stories.

MIKEY LEECH you are a responsible member of room 3 and you use your voice to stand up for what is right.

STARS OF WEEK 5

RESPONSIBILITY

TRISTAN FENNING for assisting staff with returning a younger child to the play area. Thank you!

AVA CRAIG who is conscientious about her work and who takes on responsibility in the classroom and playground.

MAHAYLIA SMITH you have been recognised by your classmates as being a responsible person. You have been very helpful when there is a job to be done.

ALEXANDER SCOTT for choosing to work at learning your spelling words by completing tasks and working well with a partner. Top effort Alex.

JAMES MARTIN for his great care and attention to detail when undertaking his classroom job. Thanks James.

DAMON KAY for trying hard to be organised in class and apply himself to his work quietly and diligently. Great effort Damon.

FRANKIE MCCURDY a responsible and hard working student who is keen to learn and improve.

WILLAH WHILD for your grown up-approach to your daily bus journeys to and from school. You are always organised and responsible for your own things.

LILLY THOMAS while others chose to chat about other things during group work in health, you stayed on task and focussed. Well done.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Erin Green *for the enthusiastic effort you have been putting into your daily writing.*

Madilyn Bamess *for your unbelievable effort in all that you do. Your attitude to learning impresses me daily.*

Matilda Scott *for your persistence and dedication towards improving your reading and writing. Keep it up!*

Brodie Rayson *for working purposefully in all areas of his learning. Excellent results, Brodie.*

Ava Craig *for your consistent commitment to achieve in everything you do.*

Mia Allbon *for your diligent and positive approach to learning. Well done!*

Maddison Dunn *for always being considerate of others and a conscientious worker.*

Emma Price *for her consistent effort, readiness for lessons and excellent achievement in Maths.*

Blake Whatman *for a great focus in Maths with your times tables learnt, improved results and a good understanding of what has been taught.*

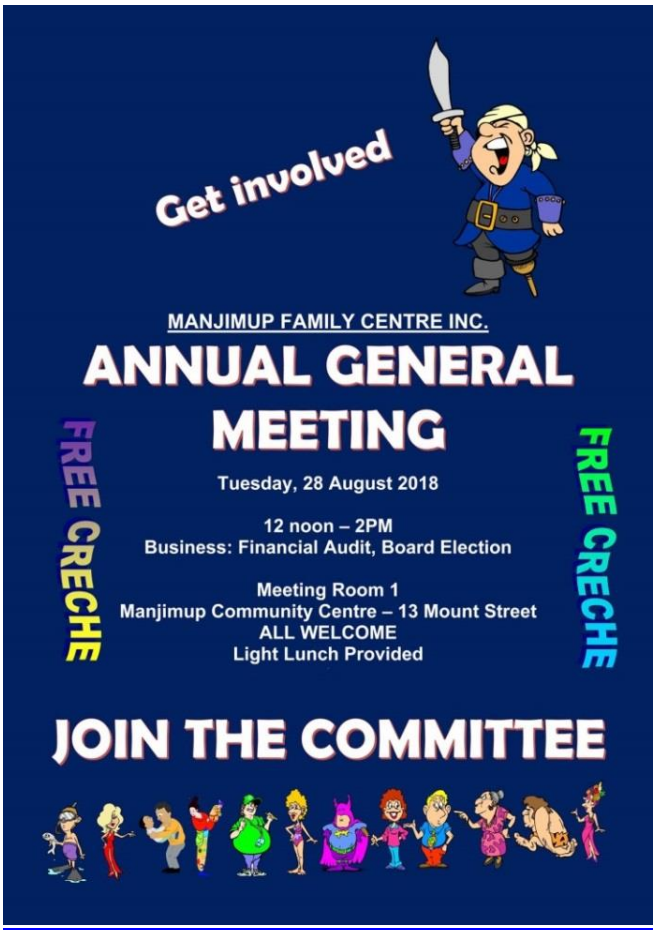
DONATIONS

I would like to ask the school community for donations of the following items:

- Bees wax
- Cotton cloth

I will be exploring purposes for these materials in chemical science and variables which influence changes to them. In addition to this I would like to involve the students in preparing some re-usable wax sandwich cloths, which can then be sold at the Gala day in fourth term. Please hand into the front office.

Many thanks
Kath Swallow



Book Week 2018

20th – 23rd August

Find Your Treasure

ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

Next week, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd, we ask all students to bring in a book they no longer need or want, with parent permission of course, and drop it off at the library. Books will have a small sticker placed on the cover to identify them as a 'swapping book'. Students will then place their book somewhere in the library "Find your Treasure" display. On Thursday 23rd August classes will have the opportunity for students to select a 'new-to-them' book.

Thursday 23rd August

9.00am - BOOK WEEK PARADE

We will hold our annual Book Week Parade in the Canteen Undercover Area at 9am.. Students are encouraged to dress up to match the theme "Find Your Treasure" (think pirates, explorers, miners ...) or as a book character. We would love to have lots of parent spectators for this event.

9:30am - TREASURE HUNT

Following the Parade there will be a Treasure Hunt around the school, following clues created by our classes. We would love for parents to join in with their children to solve the riddles and at the same time tour the school.

10.00am – 11.00am OPEN CLASSROOMS

After your child has completed the treasure hunt, their classroom will be open for you to visit. This is a great opportunity for our students to share with you what they have been doing at school – their favourite subjects, the pieces of work they are most proud of, the spaces they prefer to work in and the progress they have made throughout the year. If you would like to share recess with your child or children, recess runs from 10:40am until 11am.

If you are unable to attend the Open Classroom session, please arrange an alternate time with your child's teacher.

TOSHI AND NORIKO - WA-SA-BI INCURSION

At 1:45pm students will attend an incursion where the thundering power of the Taiko drum meets the shimmering beauty of the Shamisen (Japanese banjo). Join two master musicians as they take our students on an unforgettable and exhilarating journey through the music and culture of Japan with plenty of participation and loads of laughs blended seamlessly with virtuoso performance. Cost is $5.50, to be paid to the office before the event.

REMINDER:

Friday 24th August is a School Development Day – students do not attend school on this day.