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A Newsletter from
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Dear Parents and Community Members

Parent Survey
Every second year we are required to run a parent survey. This provides an opportunity for school families to have an anonymous say about the school. This information is collected and collated, and feedback – whether it be positive, negative or neutral – is used to help us improve our school. All families recently received a copy of the 2020 Parent Survey. Thank you to those who have returned their surveys. If you have not done so, could you please complete and return the survey during this month. In returning the survey to the school, please let an office staff member know so we can cross your family name off our list. The survey, with no identifying names or marks on it, is placed into the return box. If you require a new copy of the survey, please let the school know. The more returns we have the more valid are the collated results.

The Fathering Project - two events coming up soon
The launch event for The Fathering Project is a breakfast, provided at the Warren Valley Community Church building, on Saturday 22 August, starting at 7.00am. This is for dads/grandfathers/male mentors – not for children. At the breakfast, Rory Murray – the Fathering Project's WA School Manager – will speak about the project and the positive difference it is making in many areas of Australia.

This is NOT a church event – it is a school event. We could do with many more RSVPs, so if you are interested please let the school know asap. One of the main goals of the Project is to provide practical and positive support for EMPS dads, granddads and other father-figures. I do encourage you to participate.

On Friday 4 September will be the first EMPS Fathering Project 'Dads and Kids' event. It will be held in the school undercover area. We will be showing the movie *Happy Feet* and also selling ice creams. The movie starts at 7.00pm. It is a gold coin donation for each person attending and ice creams will be available for $1.00. If your family does not have a father-figure but your child would like to attend, please let Mr Smith know.

School Development Day
A reminder that Friday of next week – 21 August – is a School Development Day. Students do NOT attend EMPS that day.

Spellademic
EMPS hosted the interschool Spellademic Competition yesterday, the first interschool competition able to be held this year! Our student representatives who competed are Delta Jeffery, Tayte Oliver, Annabel Sewell, Madison Horlock, Teale Cutts, Lucas Macfarlane, Mazlyn Membry, Marco Radomiljac, Gwennie Sewell, Brandon Farmer, Olivia Wallace and Emilia Prosser. Well done to Yr 3/4 Team 2 – Madison, Teale and Lucas – in winning the overall Yr 3/4 Competition!
Well done and thank you to Mrs Prosser for organising another high class event and also to the Warren Valley Community Church, and in particular Mrs McCredden, in hosting the event.

Speak Up
Next week we are hosting our Year 4 – 6 Speak Up finals. These will be held in the undercover area on Wednesday, starting 1.20pm. The top three speakers for each of Years 4, 5 and 6 will present their speeches to the school. Judges will have the difficult task of assessing each finalist. Thank you once again to Mrs Bamess for co-ordinating this program at our school.

Science Week
The (national) theme for Science Week is 'Deep Blue – Oceans'. The theme for Book Week is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. The theme for Book Fair is 'Arctic Adventure'. We are combining all three into a grand theme of **'Oceans to Ice Caps'**.

Science Week is next week. We are preparing a 'science show' based on 'Oceans to Ice Caps' for K-2 and 3-6 students. The K-2 show will be on Tuesday at 2.10pm and the 3-6 show on Thursday at 2.10pm.

Parents are welcome to attend. They will be held in the undercover area.

We have a whole-school construction project in mind for Science Week, and we need hundreds of empty, clean 2L and 3L plastic milk bottles – with lids. Thank you to all who have supplied bottles so far. We do need many more so please keep sending them in.

Our technical officer, Mr Fialkowski, will be hosting two 3D printer workshops on Monday next week. Contact the school if you are interested in attending either of them.

EMPS 50th Anniversary

Next year is the 50th anniversary of our school. **Saturday 13 March 2021** has been set as the day of celebration, with a Gala Day and Celebration Dinner. More information will be provided over the coming months. If you would like to assist in organising the celebrations, please contact the school. We are also seeking memorabilia for a major 50th display.

Year 6 Camp – Update

Four students from Balingup PS and two from Greenbushes PS will be joining in our camp in Term 4. It was great to have the students visit our school on Tuesday, to spend the day with our Yr 6s. Well done Mrs McCredden for the fabulous day you provided for them, including Creek Play.

P&C

The P&C is looking for volunteers who can assist in the canteen on any Thursdays, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. An hour or two on Wednesdays (10.00am to 1.00pm) is also welcome. You do not have to commit every week – even if you can help on one particular date only. Please contact Mel at the canteen on 9771 9214.

Thank you

Regards
Michael Smith
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon/Thur 17/20	**Science Week**
Wed 19 Aug	**Yr 4-6 Speak Up Finals**
	Room 5 Power Up Museum excursion
Fri 21 Aug	**School Development Day**
	(no students attend school)
Mon/Fri 31-4	**Book Week**
Fri 11 Sept	**Asian Assembly (1.30pm)**
Wed 16 Sept	**Faction Cross Country**
Fri 18 Sept	**MotoSafe Incursion (Yr3-6)**
Wed 23 Sept	**Yr 1-3 Speak Up Finals**
Thurs 24 Sept	**Interschool Cross Country**
Fri 25 Sept	**Assembly Rm 5 (2.30pm)**

STARS OF WEEK 2
UNDERSTANDING TOLERANCE & INCLUSION

JOSHUA THOMPSON your peers have nominated you for the way you care for others, include everyone in any game or activity you play and your HUGE smile you always wear proudly!!

BLAKE FRENCH for always having a go at all our class activities. The way you smile, join in and try your best is fabulous!

CHARLI HANKS for making a space and inviting another student into our circle during fitness.

LILY BAKER for including other class members in your shop keeping game. You were patient in explaining the rules and use of money.

LUCAS MACFARLANE for welcoming people into his work groups in a friendly manner. A great understanding of how to include others.

ZACHARY LEIGHTON for including younger students in your recess and lunchtime games and understanding that they want a turn in cricket.

COOPER CLAUS for your friendly caring nature and pleasant manner to all is lovely to see. Keep including everyone Cooper.

KOBY CARPANONI for sharing his fishing nets with everyone during 'Creek Play' on Wednesday. You welcomed anyone who wanted to join in with the fishing have fun.

CHARLIE KINGSTON for being a friendly and caring member of our class. You always have a smile on your face and include others.

Information that has gone home in the past fortnight:

The Fathering Project
Year 5 overnight to Perup – Nature's Guesthouse
Parent Survey
Room 1 Class notes
Room 7 Class notes
Canteen Meal Deal
Room 5 Excursion note

STARS OF WEEK 3
RESPECT

RUBEN SHIELDS for your improved mat manners and approach to learning. You are truly impressing us all! Keep it up.

PHOEBE ADAMS for the respectful way she treats her classmates and teachers. No wonder you are coming on in leaps and bounds – what a great attitude!

COOPER BEEDEISON for listening to others, helping others and looking after our classroom equipment.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN for always showing kindness and consideration to others. You listen to your friends and demonstrate lovely manners to all. Well done!

MADILYN BAMESS for being a caring and kind friend and classmate. Well done for always showing the EMPS values. You're definitely a STAR!

ELVIS MCCURDY for respecting others and letting them be themselves. Room 13 appreciates you for this!

ERIN GREEN for being a good friend to others by looking out for them and caring for them when they need it, without being asked. You have a beautiful heart!

JARED TOWLER for being a respectful class member. Jared is polite and willing to share with others.

TAYLAH BEEDEISON for writing a note of encouragement to a peer who had a false start to his 'Speak Up' presentation. Thank-you for being so thoughtful.

TAJ DOUST for caring about your classmates and demonstrating compassion when someone is hurt. You are a kind and caring soul!

FACTION VALUES SHIELD		
28s	Winnie Attwell	**1390**
Blueys	Sophia Markotis	**1085**
Red Tails	Luke Cook	**1279**

ATTENDANCE AWARD		
WEEK	**CLASS**	**PERCENTAGE**
3	Room 1	98.10%
4	Room 12	99.17%

CLEAN Environment	
WEEK	**CLASS**
3	Room 3 and 9
4	Room 9 and 12

3D PRINTING WORKSHOPS

Take advantage of 3D printing here in Manjimup!

Are you an inventor, artist, tinkerer or someone who just wants to learn more about 3D design and printing? The creative possibilities of 3D printing are endless and ANYONE can get involved. You may design an object yourself or find something you need online. Have it printed at East Manjimup Primary School! Come to one of our workshops to find out all about it!

In-Person Workshops

Monday August 17

10am – 11am or
3:30pm – 4:30pm
@ Manjimup Public Library
Limited spaces

Live Video Stream Workshops

Monday August 24
10am – 10:30am or
8pm – 8:30pm

Interested? Contact gavin.fialkowski@education.wa.edu.au or call 9771 9200 and follow EMPS on Facebook!

This Inspiring Australia initiative is supported by the Australian Government as part of National Science Week.

Industry Road Safety Alliance
SOUTH WEST

Artwork by Layla Holmes

ROAD SAFETY CHILDRENS ARTWORK COMPETITION

Share your road safety artwork and you could WIN up to $500!

Children across the South West are invited to put their artistic skills to good purpose.

We're seeking talented young artists to help remind all road users of the reasons it is important to stay safe. Children and youths of all ages are encouraged to enter.

Winning artists will be presented with prizes and their artwork will feature in road safety campaigns throughout the South West. Terms and conditions apply.

Entries close 25 September 2020

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Quote for August

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible." – Saint Francis of Assisi (1181—1226) Alan Cohen (1950 –)

That subject for August

Social distancing, did you find it easy to adapt to the new normal ?

Welcome to our August newsletter, bringing a variety of stories we hope readers will enjoy. We are especially happy to share with you a thoughtful story written by a seven year old, Lucas Fall, who has put pen to paper to tell us about the Covid experience in his life. Lucas is great grandson of our yarn spinner Liz Coley, and it certainly looks like Liz has shared her writing genes with this young lad. Thank you for contributing Lucas and I hope this isn't the last we will see of your writing skill.

Thankfully, gratitude continues for WA's current safety in the virus nightmare, our sympathy to fellow Aussies in Victoria. Let us hope we don't experience anything similar.

COVID HOME SCHOOLING

We all have stories to tell about Covid-19, tales of isolation, shortage of goods in the shops, Café and pub closures, hospital beds limited as WA prepared for the virus to enter our state and no hugging. This story is about one boy's experience of home schooling, thank you Lucas!

Liz Coley

Hi my name is Lucas Fall, I am 7 years old. When Covid-19 arrived, I had to stop going to school, that made me sad. But my mum explained to me the reasons why we had to do it. I did not want Covid to spread but I missed seeing my friends and playing at the parks. We stayed home for 1 month and 2 weeks. During this time, we did our schoolwork from home. My favorite thing to do was an online math's game called prodigy. I also stayed in touch with my teacher though the Seesaw App. My teacher taught us about the life cycle of a chicken, and we got to watch videos and pictures of chickens hatching. We hatched 11 chickens and I was able to name one. I named mine Covid because he was big and black and born during the Covid time. I was allowed to keep Covid the Chicken at my house forever.

I was able to see and talk to my friends through an online program called Zoom. We would play games like celebrity heads & Pokémon cards. I also wrote letters to my friends and delivered them to their letter boxes.

I enjoyed the time at home with my Mum, Dad and my brothers, Patrick & Samuel. However, I was super glad to go back to school. I really missed being with my friends and learning. I wish that Covid 19 virus never comes back.

Lucas Fall. Photos supplied by Fall Family