

EMBLETON ECHO

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope everyone had a great holiday with their kids and that you are looking forward to another exciting term! We welcome Helene Offer who will be taking Melissa Catellani's Kindy Kids whilst Melissa is enjoying her Long Service Leave break and we welcome all the student teachers, EA's and work experience students. So much happened during the last week of Term 1....

Our ANZAC Ceremony held at the end of last term was a fitting tribute to those who fought for us, for our nation and for peace. Amongst the special guests from the City of Bayswater were Councillor Dan Bull, Mayor of the West Ward, Councillor Giorgia Johnson and Councillor Sally Palmer.

Mr Paul Honeysett member of the Bedford-Morley RSL delivered the ANZAC address and Kathrine and Tristin read out the excellent poems they had written in class. We were very fortunate to have Eden, Jennifer, Emma, Aevoia, Kelly, Savannah, Ella, Abbey and Riley from the John Forrest Secondary College Choir and Jarad from JFSC who played the trumpet.

All the visitors to the school were very impressed with the conduct of our students and especially impressed with the signing and singing of both verses to the National Anthem.



Mrs Sandy Tandy is no longer at our school having won a position at Newman Senior High School. As well as helping in the classrooms, Sandy focused on promoting regular attendance at the school. She asked for the following to be included in this newsletter. We will miss her at Embleton.

WOW! Embleton students are great at attending school.

This term we handed out a whopping **113** certificates and icy poles to students who came to school 90% or more.



AND

WELL DONE Year 2's

For being the winning class! Their parents/carers contacted the school the most times, informing us of the reasons why their child was away. All students from Room 9 were able to choose a small gift from the prize box.

One of the concerns we have is the amount of students who are arriving to school late. Last term 352 late slips were filled in at the beginning of the day. By coming to school after the siren, students miss the vital time in the mornings where they get organised, talk about the timetable and begin their lessons. It is disruption to other students in the class as well as the teachers. I understand that at times it is unavoidable. This term I will be contacting parents and carers of students who are consistently late to school as part of our attendance policy.

Thank-you to:

- Andrew and Scott from Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Service for coming to Embleton to do a presentation to the students.
- Sergeant Dawe from Bayswater Police who came to talk to the Year 5/6 students about Graffiti.



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STEM Challenge

Congratulations to the students from Miss Robertson's class who finished their models of playground equipment for their STEM Challenge. One of the best parts of my job is to see all the good work happening around the school!



Sport

At the Interschool Cricket and Modcrosse Carnival last term, the boys cricket team won, girls cricket team came 5th and the modcrosse team came 6th. This term for the AFL and Netball Winter Sports Carnivals, students will be competing in a home and away series followed by a lightning carnival commencing week 4. The school cross country carnival will be held at the end of Term 2.



School Development Day

At our School Development Day on Monday, our staff participated in professional learning about NUMERO. This is an excellent mental arithmetic card game. Stay tuned, I'm sure the students will be raving about it very soon. Embleton will be hosting the NUMERO Challenge in Term 4. On the day we reviewed the Literacy Operational Plan, discussed the 2017 School Report and looked at the possibility of becoming an Independent Public School.

Reading

Our Reading at Home Challenge will continue in Term 2. We had over 50 students who had read more than 40 nights last term and they enjoyed a Movie and Pizza. Congratulations kids! Remember our booklet, 'Help Your Child Become a Better Reader' is available in the front foyer and on our website.

An initiative encouraging parents to keep on reading aloud to their children from Years 3-6 was released at the end of Term 1. Research has shown that there are many benefits to reading aloud to children even when they can read for themselves. Videos and factsheets for parents can be viewed at education.wa.edu.au/neverstopreading.

AEDC

Australian Early Development Census. This census will be completed by Mrs Atkins at the beginning of the term and will involve all Pre Primary students. Detailed information will be sent home this week.

NAPLAN Online

Year 3 and 5 students across Australia will be sitting the NAPLAN Tests in Term 2. Students at our school will be completing the NAPLAN tests online as we have the functionality and experience to do so. Mr Walker and Mr Baldwin will be coordinating the tests. An information brochure will be handed out to parents of the Year 3 and 5 students this week. If you would like to find out more information, please ask Chris or myself. Alternately, spare copies of the brochure will be put in the foyer or you can visit nap.edu.au/online-assessment

Uni-Active

The University of WA with the assistance of Healthway Funding, will be conducting a Uni-Active program with our Kindy kids. Each child's movement proficiency will be assessed and the the skills of throwing and catching will be developed in 4 x 45 minute sessions. Parents will be invited along to the last session to participate.

Edu-Dance

Edu-Dance will start on Friday. This nine-session program with a performance at the end of week eight is part of our Music and Movement sessions. It has come highly recommended by many schools and at a cost of \$2 per session, it is very reasonable. Two payments of \$10 can be made or the total amount of \$20. Please support your child to participate in this program. Edu-Dance fulfils many curriculum requirements for Health, Physical Education and the Arts. It also covers many skills such as coordination, musical appreciation and self-confidence.

Mothers Day

A Mother's Day Stall will be held by the P&C next Wednesday starting at 9am and the Mothers Day raffle will be drawn on the same day. Raffle books and a flyer will be sent home tomorrow.

Assembly

Assemblies have moved to Mondays and will start at 9am for this term. The first Assembly will be run by Room 6 on Monday, 14th May.

Sheryl Pilkington
PRINCIPAL

WINTER UNIFORMS

Pre-order your **WINTER UNIFORM NOW**.

Return your completed form by Thursday 3rd May.

Payment can be made on collection.

Coles Sports for Schools DUE THIS WEEK

Coles Sports for Schools has now finished.

Please bring any vouchers you may have collected to Embleton Primary School for us to exchange for sports gear.

