

# Embleton Echo

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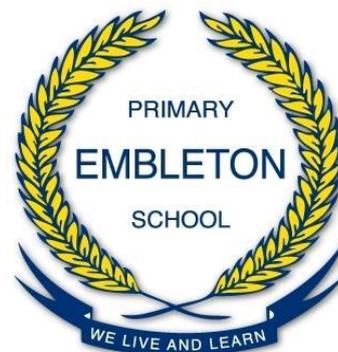
Parent Newsletter No.1

4<sup>th</sup> February 2020

PRINCIPAL: Chris Walker

DEPUTY: Tanya Taylor

MANAGER COPORATE SERVICES: Janet Gordon



Welcome back to Embleton Primary School for 2020. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break, yet are ready to return to the excitement and challenges that a new school year brings. I would also like to pass on a very special welcome to all of our new Embleton families, who are now valued members of our school community.

We welcome four new teaching staff. Ms Megan Lennon will be in pre-primary on a Thursday, Miss Kate Jackson with year one, Miss Tara Fitzgerald with Year 6 and Ms Bronwyn Wallis teaching Music, PE and in Year 4 on a Wednesday. While Mrs Pilkington is on Leave Mrs Tanya Taylor will be Acting Deputy Principal and I (Chris Walker) will be Acting Principal. Mrs Sera Iry has been appointed on a permanent basis and is teaching the Year 5 class and we are really happy to have her here. Welcome back also to all our other highly professional and capable Teachers and Education Assistants. We also welcome Mr Stephen Catellani our new Gardner.

Thank you to all parents for your preparation of students in school uniform and the friendly and warm manner everyone bounced back into school with. The staff and I look forward to catching up with old friends and meeting newcomers. Please make yourself known. If you have any queries, good ideas, problems or concerns at any time please let my staff and I know. We are keen to understand and help!

We know that preparing our children for school and settling into good patterns really helps with learning (and sanity at home and school). Please ensure your child(ren) have a substantial breakfast, plenty of sleep and get to school in time to prepare for the day ahead. Every day at school is important. Don't let TV and electronic devices rule your life. A little time and effort put into these areas now will set up a great year. We remind everyone that our school policy is that any students with mobile communication devices, including mobile phones, are dropped off at the front office before school and picked up after school.

Our daily timetable will remain the same as 2019, to make our teaching sessions more productive. Recess time will be from 10.50 until 11.10am and Lunch break will be from 1.10pm until 1.50pm, as this time worked well for our teachers and students last year. To overcome potentially hungry students, especially in the first few weeks back into the school routine, please ensure you support your child to pack crunch and sip into their lunchboxes for an energising fruit and vegetable break throughout their morning session, in addition to plenty of water during the hot summer months ahead.

Our parent information meetings will take place in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 1. These provide you with an important opportunity to meet other families in your child's class and allow us to pass on vital information about the classroom routines and expectations for the year. Notification will go to all families shortly as to the days and times for each year level.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- School Times:  
Start 8:50am  
Recess 10:50-11:10  
Lunch 1:10-1:50  
Home 3:00
- Interm swimming will commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> February.  
Notes will go home with students on Thursday
- Parent Information Meetings will be held in Weeks 2 & 3 of Term 1 (Dates to be announced)
- Student Councillors Assembly – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

2019 Reading Reward Pictures:



I am very excited to announce that with the growth we are experiencing we will be beginning the year with one class of each year level, Kindergarten through to year six. Whilst we have this structure for the beginning of 2020 there is of course no guarantee for future years as our numbers continue to grow.

You may have noticed that we have changed the room number allocations for some year levels and we have had operable walls installed over the holidays to create the extra classrooms needed.

| YEAR LEVEL   | TEACHER   | ROOM    | EDUCATION ASSISTANT   |
|--|---|---------|---|
| <b>Kindy<br/>(Tues/Wed)<br/>(Alternative Thursday)</b> | Mrs Melissa Catellani                           | Room 13 | Mrs Dawn Girdlestone  |
| <b>Pre-Primary</b>                                     | Ms Jacqui Atkins<br>Ms Megan Lennon             | Room 18 | Mrs Deb Baker<br>Mrs Dawn Girdlestone<br>Mrs Lyn Campbell<br>Mrs Jodie Hartland |
| <b>Year 1</b>  | Miss Kate Jackson                               | Room 12 | Mrs So-Tien Ngo<br>Mrs Dawn Girdlestone   |
| <b>Year 2</b>  | Ms Aleks Swalski                                | Room 9  | Mrs Deb Baker<br>Mrs Jodie Hartland   |
| <b>Year 3</b>  | Miss Rachel Robertson                           | Room 6  | Mrs So-Tien Ngo   |
| <b>Year 4</b>  | Mr Malcolm Baldwin<br>Miss Bronwyn Wallis (Wed) | Room 5  |   |
| <b>Year 5</b>  | Mrs Sera Iry                                    | Room 4  |   |
| <b>Year 6</b>  | Miss Tara Fitzgerald                            | Room 2  | Mrs Rennae Wirth<br>Mrs Lyn Campbell  |

**\* Education Assistant allocations may change as needs arise**

|                                |                                    |               |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Performing Arts (Music)</b> | Ms Bronwyn Wallis<br>(Mon, Tues)   | Hall          |
| <b>Physical Education</b>      | Ms Bronwyn Wallis<br>(Thurs, Fri)  | Hall          |
| <b>Digital Technologies</b>    | Mr Malcolm Baldwin<br>(Wed)        | Computer Lab  |
| <b>Italian - LOTE</b>          | Ms Carla Casilli<br>(Tues, Wed)    | Hall          |
| <b>AIEO</b>                    | Ms Charmaine Thomas<br>(Wed, Fri)  | Resource Room |
| <b>School Psych</b>            | Ms Joanna Kwan<br>(Mon even weeks) | Library       |
| <b>Chaplain</b>                | Mrs Karen Blaq<br>(Mon, Thurs)     | Resource Room |

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| <b>Principal</b>                  | Mr Chris Walker   |
| <b>Deputy Principal</b>           | Mrs Tanya Taylor  |
| <b>Manager Corporate Services</b> | Mrs Janet Gordon  |
| <b>School Officers</b>            | Miss Natasha Benson (Mon, Tues)<br>Ms Jennifer Bache (Thurs, Fri) |
| <b>Library Officer</b>            | Ms Lee Letizia (Wed, Thurs)                                       |
| <b>Gardner</b>                    | Mr Stephen Catellani  |
| <b>Cleaner in Charge</b>          | Mr Rolly Shield   |
| <b>Cleaners</b>                   | Lenie, Justine, Naomi   |

## ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE AT SCHOOL

In the mornings, our school is a very busy site for teachers, who are preparing for your child's day. If your child is not involved in an organised before-school program, please do not allow them to be on the school grounds before 8.15am. Teachers open classrooms by 8:30am. Students from years PP - 6 may play a variety of games in the main quadrangle or undercover area between **8:15 and 8:30am**. Both areas are supervised by the Principal and Deputy. At **8:30am** ALL children are directed to move to their classrooms to get ready for the day.

School commences at **8:50am sharp!** Late arrivals need to go to the front office with their parents to sign in and get a late note. If a late student is not accompanied by a parent the parent will be contacted. Lateness disturbs learning for ALL children.

At the conclusion of the school day students are required to go straight home unless they are with their parents/guardians. We welcome after school play but do require students be under the direct supervision (within eyesight) of their parent/guardian. We do not have duty teachers available after school. If parents/ guardians are running late we ask students to wait at the stage where their safety is assured and parents know where to pick them up from. Please don't instruct children to wait at the playground on the oval or other areas of the school.

Our playground rules apply both in school and out of school hours for all children.

Every day at school is important for every child from Kindergarten to year 6. Our attendance mantra is EVERY STUDENT, EVERY CLASSROOM, EVERY DAY. This includes being on time and ready to start the school day.

We remind you that parents/caregivers are responsible and legally obliged to ensure their children attend school every day possible. Poor attendance not only severely impacts on your child's learning but also on other children in your child's class.

If you are having any difficulty getting your child to school let us know and we will try and help. Sometimes it seems easier to give into a child and keep them home for trivial reasons. This is fraught with short term and long term danger. We have had a lot of success in this area when parents and the school work together. Make no excuses for not attending school.

## COMMUNICATION

Our relationships and partnerships that we develop with our students and families is of paramount importance to all of us here at Embleton Primary School. The key to this relationship is effective and respectful communication between all parties, to ensure that outcomes for our students are positive and of the highest standards. At EPS, there is a clear process for effective and efficient communication, through the use of School Stream our School App, in addition to Class Dojo, MGM Outreach+ and emails for a more personal matter.

We encourage you to be proactive with your communication with the school, as raising awareness to a situation, even if it appears to be unimportant, can certainly alleviate any concerns which can arise at a later stage. Please email or telephone your classroom teacher first and foremost, understanding that they do spend the majority of their day meeting their teaching responsibilities. Of course if the matter is urgent, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly on; School Office: 9338 9700, Pre-primary: 9338 9718 or Kindy: 9338 9713.

### SCHOOL STREAM DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to the App Store and download 'School Stream' to your phone.
2. Open the App and type 'Embleton Primary School' into the search bar to load the schools profile.
3. Make sure you agree to 'Push Notifications' when prompted.



**THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER THAT WILL BE SENT HOME IN PAPER FORM.**

WE WILL BE PUTTING SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AND OTHER IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION ON OUR SCHOOL STREAM APP. SEE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF PAPER COPIES WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE EACH WEEK FOR THOSE WITHOUT ACCESS TO OUR APP.

| WEEK     | Monday                           | Tuesday               | Wednesday               | Thursday                          | Friday                                   | Sat | Sun |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----|-----|
| 1<br>FEB | 3                                | 4<br>Newsletter No.1  | 5<br>Welcome Assembly   | 6                                 | 7  | 8   | 9   |
| 2        | 10                               | 11                    | 12                      | 13                                | 14<br>Assembly<br>Student<br>Councillors | 15  | 16  |
| 3        | 17                               | 18<br>Newsletter No.2 | 19                      | 20                                | 21                                       | 22  | 23  |
| 4<br>MAR | 24                               | 25                    | 26                      | 27                                | 28<br>Assembly<br>Year 4                 | 29  | 1   |
| 5        | 2<br>LABOUR DAY                  | 3<br>Newsletter No.3  | 4                       | 5                                 | 6  | 7   | 8   |
| 6        | 9                                | 10                    | 11                      | 12                                | 13<br>Assembly<br>Year 2                 | 14  | 15  |
| 7        | 16<br>Swimming<br>Lessons Starts | 17<br>Newsletter No.4 | 18                      | 19<br>Open Night<br>5:30 – 7:30pm | 20                                       | 21  | 22  |
| 8        | 23                               | 24                    | 25                      | 26                                | 27<br>Swimming<br>Lessons Finish         | 28  | 29  |
| 9<br>APR | 30                               | 31<br>Newsletter No.5 | 1                       | 2                                 | 3<br>Modcrosse &<br>Cricket Carnival     | 4   | 5   |
| 10       | 6                                | 7                     | 8<br>Assembly<br>Year 6 | 9                                 | 10<br>GOOD FRIDAY                        | 11  | 12  |