



Newsletter 8 : 18th May, 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is the end of Week 3 already. Our students will have completed their NAPLAN tests and have hopefully tried their hardest and achieved to the best of their ability.

P&C Bunnings BBQ

On Saturday 26th May our hard working P&C members will run a BBQ at Bunnings Cannington. Please support this hard working group by dropping through and buying a sausage sizzle. Funds raised go back to improve facilities for our students.

Eddystone PS Staff Visit

On Friday 25th May the staff from Eddystone Primary School will visit our school to gain a greater understanding of how STEM projects can be tackled. They will also visit classes briefly to see our students and teachers in action.

This is another opportunity for us to showcase our school and the great work staff and students do here.

Touch Rugby

Congratulations go to our teams who participated in last week's carnival with special congratulations to the finalists.

I would like to thank the staff that attended and supported the teams. Mrs Quan again organised the carnival and did an outstanding job.

Science Room Upgrade

In the coming months our Science Room will receive new floor coverings, a water trough, wall modifications as well as a fridge and microwave oven. These are part of the Labor Government's election commitment to improving Science facilities in primary schools. Our school was fortunate enough to be included in the initial intake of schools. These improvements will make a significant difference to our Science lessons and the type of lessons that can be carried out.

COMING EVENTS

Breakfast Club
Uniform Shop

Daily 8.00 a.m. - 8.15 a.m.
Daily :

8.00 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.
2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Student Banking
B5 Assembly
P & C Meeting
Reward Day
EALD Parent Meeting

Wednesdays 8.00 a.m.
Friday 25th May
Monday 28th May 7.00 pm
Tuesday 29th May
Friday 1st June

Assembly

A1 presented their assembly beautifully last week. At the assembly the choir also performed the song they sang for our ANZAC ceremony. It was beautifully presented and was very well received by the audience.

Our next assembly will be presented by B5 on Friday 25th of May.

It has been fantastic to catch up with families since my return and I look forward to a brilliant term.

Kind Regards

Hans Geers, Principal

Cania Rennie & Tina Lawrence, Deputy Principals

Congratulations

to our Honour Certificate recipients.



English as an Additional Language

Using Your First Language

It is important for parents to speak using the family's first language at home. Children's first languages are closely tied to their identity. Encouraging ongoing development of first language eases the social and emotional transition that occurs when children move into new learning environments. Continued use of the first language allows children to develop age-appropriate world knowledge and vocabulary without having to wait until they have learned enough of their second language to engage with such topics. There is a strong body of research that indicates that students who have a strong foundation in their first language are likely to learn English more quickly and achieve greater success at school. It is difficult to build a second language if the first language foundation is not established and supported while the second language is being learned.

Peter Boshoff,
English as an Additional Language Teacher

STEM

Have your kids shown you SCRATCH?

This year it has become mandatory for Australian Schools to report on Digital Technologies. Thankfully we have been working hard in this area for the past few years and our students have developed some great skills.

Some of the tools we've been using are the coding app "Scratch Jnr" and "Scratch" on-line. These programs provide an easy, exciting and creative way for students to develop coding skills and they are lots of fun too.

Scratch Jnr is free to download to an iPad and once it is downloaded doesn't need an internet connection. Scratch is online and most senior students already have an account.

Using coding programs is a great way to make screen time more productive. Most students have created some really great projects. Ask your kids to show you what they can do.



Taneal Thompson, Science Teacher

Parking - Child and Parent Centre Brookman

Please **DO NOT** park in the driveway in front of the gates that go into the Child and Parent Centre at any time as staff and families need to be able to access at all times.

Child and Parent Centre Brookman - Park Play

The Child and Parent Centre will be hosting two Park Play events at their Centre, 34 Brookman Avenue, Langford on the 22nd May and 19th June from 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm.

For further information please contact the Child and Parent Centre on 9258 4646.

Community Nurse

What should children eat?

Try and follow these basic guidelines when deciding what to feed your children:

- Include 2 fruit and 5 vegetable serves into the daily routine.
- Serve lean meats, fish, chicken and dairy. Remember eggs and nuts!
- Choose wholegrain bread and cereal.
- Limit saturated fat intake and reduce total fat intake.
- Limit fast food like chips and pastries.
- Limit sugary drinks and offer water or low fat milk instead.
- Limit lollies, chocolate, biscuits, cakes and other foods with a high sugar content.

Following these guidelines will help our children to be healthy children. For further information go to www.eatforhealth.gov.au

Shop smart and eat healthy - tips for parents

Go shopping with your children and allow them to choose the healthy foods that they enjoy eating. For example, ask children to choose some of the fruit and vegetables.

Shop twice a week - fresher fruits, vegetables, breads and meats are more likely to appeal to the whole family.

Buy in season - seasonal fruits and vegetables taste great, are better quality and are better value for money.

Select small pieces of fruit - younger children prefer smaller pieces of fruit as they are easier to handle.

Choose quality - try to avoid bruised fruit or vegetables.

Encourage variety - so that your child does not get bored with their food.