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## ELIZABETH EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Parents and Caregivers. Welcome to the week one newsletter.**

I hope all the families had a chance to re-charge the batteries ready for the new term. The extra week in term one certainly adds to the tiredness of students and teachers alike.

This term we have a number of exciting events happening. Some students from the upper primary will be attending the zoo snooze, the drumming team will continue to keep the beat, the choir will be working on their harmony's, there will be an opportunity for students to meet some crows players later in the term. We are also looking at being involved with the tennis centre later in the year and using that amazing facility which just happens to sit right on our door step.

Please find our calendar attached to this newsletter which will highlight some of the events taking place and give you dates for our pupil free day.

### **Attendance.**

Attendance is the single most important components of a child education. Regular attendance beats all other aspects of education when we look at the factors that make up a successful primary education.

Many people think that poor attendance means missing weeks at a time over a long period, but that is not always the case.

Let's look at the maths.

A students will be in a school setting 13 years (Primary and Secondary combined). Each year runs for 40 weeks. The total time a students is at school is 520 weeks

If a child has an average of 1 day away from their school per week that equals 520 days missed. That equates to 1.3 years of school missed. That is enough to miss the score they require for UNI, TAFE or the trade they wish to focus on.

We understand that students get ill, and that sometimes life gets hectic and time away from school is unavoidable. As parents and teachers, we need to ensure that school attendance is the normal expectation, and that time away is always the exception..... not the other way around.

If you are trouble getting your child to school, if you would like some support to achieve a 100% attendance rate, please contact Lara Hildebrand (Mrs H) and she can help with strategies and support as required.

That is about all from me.

I hope you all have a great term 2.

Matthew Delany—Principal Elizabeth East Primary School.

### **2018 SCHOOL FEES**

The School Fees for 2018 are overdue. Please come to the Front Office to see Jane Simons to pay, make arrangements to pay or to apply for School Card.

School Card must be applied for every year. Forms are available from the Front Office or on the DECD website.

A second invoice will be issued to parents if contact is not made by Wednesday 16th May 2018. After this date, the school will consider sending all outstanding invoices to Debt Collection.

# Elizabeth East Primary School

## 2018 Term 2 Planner



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	7 May	8 May 2.30pm Fundraising Committee	9 May	10 May	11 May PIC Performance
3 Newsletter	14 May	15 May NAPLAN	16 May NAPLAN	17 May NAPLAN	18 May Assembly
4	21 May 3.20pm Governing Council	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May Year 7 Myth busters – Craigmore visit
5 Newsletter	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 June Year 7 PIC visit  Assembly
6	4 June	5 June	6 June	7 June School Disco	8 June Pupil Free Day - PAT Data
7 Newsletter	11 June Queen's Birthday	12 June	13 June	14 June	15 June Assembly
8	18 June 3.20pm Governing Council	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June
9 Newsletter	25 June DECD External Review	26 June DECD External Review	27 June	28 June	29 June Assembly
10	2 July Primary Swimming Years 3-5 →	3 July Primary Swimming Years 3-5 →	4 July Primary Swimming Years 3-5 →	5 July Primary Swimming Years 3-5 →	6 July Primary Swimming Years 3-5



## Room 18

### Discovery Learning

Students in Room 18 have been busy designing, making and doing as part of Discovery Learning. Discovery learning is a play-based teaching approach that personalizes learning by allowing students to design projects based on their own interests and experiences.

Students source their own learning through planning, investigating and creating projects and engaging in hands on learning experiences.



### Year 7 Senior Tops

Thanks to funding from the Fundraising Committee, the cost for the Year 7 top is only \$10.00 each.

Orders will be placed next Friday 11 May 2018, so if you haven't ordered yet there is still time to put in an order.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Frank (the Canteen Manager) suffered an injury a few weeks ago and we have had Kerry replacing him. Unfortunately, Kerry is unable to continue at the present time, so for this week at least the Canteen will be closed. We will keep parents updated with any changes.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Dylan Trueman will be working with us on Wednesday and Friday for the rest of the term. Dillon is a new graduate and will be taking PE on the Wednesday and taking the teaching role within room 4 on Fridays.

Joshua Champion has taken the upper primary class to work with Matt and Julieanne. Joshua will be in that room till the end of the year.

Amiee Tullio has taken on room 21. Amiee is an experienced teacher from the catholic sector. Amiee will be with us till the end of the year.

Dawn Dyer is working across our school for now with many and varied roles. She will step into room 17 at the start of week 3. She is a very experienced teacher that will be with us until the end of 2018.

Kirsty Richards has taken the Special ED role in room 19 while Felica is away. We have employed Stacey Braganza (one of our regular TRT's) to take on some of Kirsty's work while Kirsty takes on the Special ED duties. This change will be in place till the end of week 5.

Welcome to all the new staff and a big thank you to all those who have supported the school by changing roles.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Information for students who take medication at school, needs to be revised every year and a Medical Authority form filled in and signed by the student's doctor.

If your child's medical condition has changed, (eg. no longer suffer from asthma etc or a recent diagnosis has been made) please contact the school to update your child's information.

The medication authority forms and copies of DECD's Medication Management policy are available from the Front Office.

## NDIS support for families

Support is now available for families undergoing the NDIS planning process, or those who have received their plan and need further support.

For specific questions or information please contact Scarlett Illman by either calling the front office or sending an email to [Scarlett.Illman633@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Scarlett.Illman633@schools.sa.edu.au).

A range of services can be accessed for students with disabilities through NDIS including therapy, support and respite.

Families who are interested in applying for NDIS funding are also encouraged to speak with Scarlett.