



ELIZABETH EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Term 1 Week 8 Newsletter

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COVID-19

There is a lot of information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) which can seem overwhelming for families, students and staff. We are working hard to keep as much of our regular day-to-day practices as possible. This is in an attempt to keep anxiety at a minimum while we work through this unprecedented time. We have postponed the harmony day disco and other excursions in line with the Education Ministers advisement.

Current advice from the Government is that *"pre-emptive closures (of schools) are not effective as a public health intervention to prevent community transmission of COVID-19"*.

The Federal Government announced further measures in regard to social distancing, as such we have restricted visitors and volunteers on site. This means there will be no Instrumental music or musica viva at EEPS for the foreseeable future. External providers such as speech and occupational therapists will also be asked to stay off the school site until a review of this process takes place in term 2. Inside the newsletter you will find an article from the Australian Psychological Society about coping with coronavirus anxiety that you may find helpful when talking with your children. We appreciate your support in these uncertain times.

Parent teacher interviews

Face-to-face Parent Teacher Interviews **will not** take place in term 1. An option for a telephone meeting will be offered next week. Please wait to receive a letter from your child's teacher regarding your interview options.

Home learning

Although schools are staying open, teachers across the state are working on ways for students to have access to learning at home. They are working very hard to maintain the learning they are doing in class and have packs ready in case school closures happen. In the event of a school closure, you will be contacted via phone. If you have changed your number, please ensure the school has been notified.

Additional Cleaning

Our cleaners have additional hours of cleaning each night. This will mean all light switches, door handles, desk tops and high use fittings will be cleaned every night.

School banking

Commonwealth bank have informed us that they are stopping school banking. This will be looked at again in term 2.

NAPLAN

Education ministers met today and decided that NAPLAN will be cancelled for 2020.

This newsletter is a short one, to focus on the current important information related to your child's education. The next newsletters will have some of our usual items such as students work and school based positives.

Matthew Delany

Principal

Room 6 had a visitor

On Friday the 13th of March, Alisha Wood from SA Police visited Room 6. She talked to us about the role that Police play within our community and how they are our friends and help us to stay safe. Alisha showed us lots of photos of different police vehicles, animals and officers. She also let us wear the police uniform, let us sit in the police car, watch the lights and listen to the siren. We really enjoyed her visit.

