

## From the Principal's Desk

### **Students Late to School**

Up until week 8 of Term 1, there were students who were late to school 300 times, in Term 2 it rose to 427 times, clearly this just isn't acceptable. The amount of time lost at such an important part of the day is detrimental to learning and to the students' sense of wellbeing. Please make sure your children arrive to school on time and ready for the day.

To streamline processes at school, a late card will be introduced. This will be given to the child to give to their teacher and the time they arrived and the reason for being late to school will be recorded by the office staff. This will replace the length of time it takes for 'pink slips' to be filled in at the front office.

### **Unexplained Absences**

We are also having a number of students who are away having unexplained reasons for their absence. In Term 1 there were 170 unexplained absences and in Term 2 366 unexplained absences. Teachers now have a Student Absence Notification Form in their classrooms which are easy to fill in.

### **Staff and Parent Car Park**

I'm really concerned about this as well. Children are running through the carpark and parents are parking in the garden beds and on the verges. Please observe the parking signs in the school grounds and on the road, they are there for the children's safety. The end of the school day is really hectic with parents and carers picking up their children but the safety of our students is of paramount concern. We are also looking into making the front carpark into a 'Kiss and Drop' area.

We really need to work together to reduce the number of students who are late to school, the unexplained absences and danger in the carpark. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please contact me or a member of the School Council.

Members: Steve Nguyen, Maddalena Torre, Jessica Lingwood, Karen Cunningham, Lesley Affleck, Melissa Ross, Bernard Teo, Tanya Taylor, Janet Gordon and Sheryl Pilkington.

### **Playgroup**

The Embleton Playgroup started on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Maria Heenan from Playgroup WA will be there for one more week helping to set up the group. We do need a committee of three people to run the Playgroup when Maria is gone. Please contact me if you can help. Flyers are available in the front office if you would like to join in. The playgroup is held in the Kindy on Mondays from 9.00am until 10.30am.



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### **Lost iPhone**

One of our students lost her iPhone on Tuesday last week. She always leaves it in the front office at the beginning of the day but forgot on Tuesday. It has either gone missing out of her bag or has been dropped on the way to school. It is an iPhone 6 and has a light blue unicorn cover. If anyone has found the phone, please return it to the front office.

### **School Council Meeting**

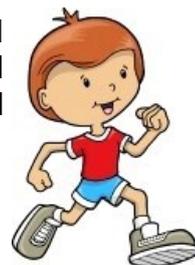
At the last School Council Meeting, we discussed NAPLAN and what is available to parents online. We also discussed providing more information sessions for parents and carers. Suggested topics were using Seesaw, Bullying, Claire Eaton and the Triple P program.

### **Student Congratulations**

Congratulations to Andrew and to Alexis who are completing Masterclass Programs at John Forrest Secondary College this term.

### **Interschool Cross Country**

Congratulations to all the students who competed last Friday. You all showed exceptional School spirit and represented Embleton Primary proudly at the Interschool Cross Country. A special mention to Sonny who came 2nd in the Year 3 boys race. Well done!



**Sheryl Pilkington**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## **CAKE STALL**

On Wednesday the 15th of August, Room 2 and Satellite 4 will be holding a Cake Stall straight after school at 3pm, in the quadrangle area near the flags. We will be selling a variety of delicious cakes, slices and cookies with prices ranging from 50c to \$2. All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Graduation. Any left over items will be sold the following day in the canteen at recess. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Mrs Swalski  
Room 2

## **P&C NEWS**

### **Chocolates**

Thank you to everyone that sold boxes of chocolates and returned their money by the due date. Congratulations to Rennae Wirth who was the winner of the Coles/Myer voucher.

To those who have not returned your money and leftover chocolates please do so as soon as possible.

### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

Bunnings sausage sizzle will be held at the Collier road Bunnings on Sunday 9th September. We will need as many volunteers as we can get. The roster is now up on the P&C notice board. If you can help out come and put your name down for a time slot or see Melissa Ross.



## **CHAPLAINCY CHAT**

***This fortnights Virtue is CONSIDERATION.***

Consideration is being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel.

When people behave selfishly and don't practice consideration other people feel hurt. Please demonstrate what this looks like at home so our children can practice this at school.

Karen Blaq  
Chaplain