

# EMBLETON ECHO

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## From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to Jeremiah and Neremiah for their fantastic reading. I was so happy hearing you read to me boys, you have learnt so much.



## **Primary Extension And Challenge (PEAC) and Early Years Extension Program (EYES)**

Congratulations to Anton and Noah who have successfully completed Round 1 of the English PEAC course 'Fantasy Quest' and to Arthur whose nomination into PEAC was successful.

Congratulations also to the Year 2 students Haely, Sheinzyrel, Cedric and Noah who have been invited to participate in the EYES Program this year.



## **Walk to School Day**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, students, parents and staff joined in the National Walk to School Day. We met at the entrance of Bayswater Waves and students chose to either run or walk back to school where we all joined in together for a healthy breakfast. Many thanks to our P&C for getting donations of fruit and bread from Bakers Delight, Woolworths and the Spud Shed.

## **National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)**

This event is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 18th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

We participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime by watching and listening to Jay Laga'aia tell the story of 'Hickory Dickory Dash' on the big screen in the undercover area.



## **Public Holiday**

This weekend is a long weekend, enjoy your break and we will see you all back at school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

## **School Development Day**

On the last day of this Term, all schools in the Morley Schools Network will be attending a combined School Development Program hosted by John Forrest Secondary College. This is a pupil free day.

## **School Council Meeting**

A school Council meeting will be held after school this Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May. If you are interested in becoming a School Council Member, please come and see me.

## **National Cross Country Team**

Mr Walker has been appointed as Tour Leader to the School Sport WA Cross Country Team for 2018. The team will be competing in the National Championships in Queensland in August this year. State representation at all levels is an honour and in this case recognises a significant contribution to the further development of students in our schools. Congratulations Chris!

## **Winter Sports**

Embleton hosted the Interschool Football and Netball A&B teams last Friday. Despite the miserable weather, we won all three games! This week will be an away game at Morley Primary School.

## **Pyjama Day**

To raise money for the purchase of World Globes for the Classrooms, the P&C is inviting all staff and students to have some fun tomorrow and wear their PJ's to school for a gold coin donation!

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## NAPLAN Online

National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing went very smoothly over the last few weeks. The students are to be commended on their hard work, observing all the protocols and doing their very best.

NAPLAN is a measure of how Australian students are performing in Literacy (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. It enables comparisons of student performance against nationally agreed achievement bands and a National Minimum Standard is set for all Australian schools.

Our school continues to produce excellent results in NAPLAN. Each year targets of achievement are set after analysis of the data. We have operational plans to address areas in which we can improve even further. The plans detail the strategies, resourcing and budgets needed as well as assessing the achievement of the targeted area. The whole school approach to teaching and learning we have at Embleton is testament to our ongoing improvement.

More information can be found on Schools Online. [www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline) Here you will find a directory of all public schools in WA and a range of information including student achievement and school annual reports. The 2017 school annual report is also available from the front office.

If you are concerned about your child's individual achievement, please see his/her teacher remembering that NAPLAN is only one test on one day. Your child's teacher has an in depth knowledge of your child and their abilities.

## START SMART Workshops

On Wednesday, students in Years 1-6 will participate in a workshop which teaches children about the value of money. Research indicates that it is crucial to develop financial literacy skills from an early age. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun through a series of free workshops and online resources, the Start Smart Primary Program equips students with the confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money in a way that students can understand and enjoy.

## Playgroup

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about an information session regarding re-establishing a Playgroup starting in Term 3. This will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 9am in the Kindy. If you have children from birth to 4 years of age, please come along.

**Sheryl Pilkington**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## BOOKFAIR "PAWS FOR BOOKS"

On Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 June students will have the opportunity to view books in the Library for **Paws for Books Book Fair** with their teachers to fill out their wish lists which they will bring home on that day.

**Please return wish list form and correct money to school on:  
Wednesday 13 or Thursday 14 June during Book Fair.**

### BOOK FAIR SALE DAYS

- **WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE** 8:15am – 6:00pm Sales, Dress Up & Sausage Sizzle
- Please join us for a **Sausage Sizzle from 3:00pm** with a special guest appearance by **CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG**. As some parents work, we are extending our Book Fair to 6.00pm, giving parents, grandparents, siblings and friends an opportunity to view the Book Fair.
- Dress up to the Book Fair Theme "Paws for Books". Children are encouraged to dress up as a character with Paws (cats, dogs, bears etc).
- **THURSDAY 14 JUNE** 8:15am – 3:30pm Sales



### BOOKFAIR PHOTO COMPETITION

Send a photo of your child/children reading a book with their dog/cat/paw friend and they will go into our raffle to win a prize. All you need to do is email photo to [Lee.Letizia@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Lee.Letizia@education.wa.edu.au) or bring the photo to school. All photos will be displayed in the Library during Book Fair for the School community to view.



## CHAPLAINCY CHAT

Diligence is the Virtue for the next fortnight.

DILIGENCE is working hard and doing the best job. When you are diligent, you take special care to do things step by step. Diligence helps you to get things done with excellence and enthusiasm.

Please demonstrate DILIGENCE at home so your children have a better understanding of what it looks like in different settings.