



**ANNE HAMERSLEY**  
Primary School

# THE LANDING POST

A Newsletter designed to inform our growing school community of  
Anne Hamersley Primary School

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Monday & Tuesday 1—2 May	<b>KINDY—Better Beginnings Presentation</b>
Tuesday—Friday 9—12 May	<b>NAPLAN</b>
Wednesday-Friday 10—12 May	<b>Mothers Day Stall</b>
Monday 15 May	<b>Swimming Lessons money and Forms DUE TODAY</b>

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is always a pleasure to see our children return refreshed and enthusiastic. Thank you for continuing to motivate them to value school life and the importance of giving of their best and high achievement in the social and academic domains. We have had several new enrolments this term and we welcome them into the Anne Hamersley family and wish them well. School numbers now stand at 365.



## LOOKING BACK – ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Many thanks to those who attended our service on Thursday 6 April. The service was conducted by our Captains and Counsellors with all the dignity such an event deserves. We elected to have the commemorative service prior to the actual ANZAC Day on 25 April to ensure that our children knew exactly why we consider this Day as special in the National calendar. Thank you to those parents who sent along flowers for the wreaths and assisted with their preparation.

## TERM PLANNER

Accompanying this Landing Post is the Term Planner Calendar. You are urged to print this out and keep it in a prominent place. As usual there could be additions or deletions to events that need to be made.

## STAFFING

We welcome Vicki White our newly appointed Library Officer. Vicki comes to us with experience in School Libraries in the area and an enthusiasm that will ensure that our resources are well cared for and increased to suit our particular needs. As always she will require the help of parents and friends to cover books and perform light duties around the Library. Please come up and introduce yourself to her and volunteer your services.

Our Year 1 teacher Mrs Wu is on Long Service Leave currently. Her replacement for the first three weeks of this term is Mrs Lawless. Mrs Lawless is familiar with our school and children and has met on several occasions with Mrs Wu to ensure a smooth transition.

Mrs Armstrong our Pre Primary teacher has come to me and asked to reduce her hours with effect from Week 4. She will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with another Early Childhood Teacher [not yet appointed] working with our children on Thursday and Friday.

## NAPLAN – WEEK 3/ 9 - 11 MAY - YEAR 3 & 5

Every year all children in Years 3 and 5 are tested according to the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These tests are conducted over three days with the fourth day being available for children to do catch up tests for any that they may have missed. It is essential as parents and for us as a school not to put too much energy into talking about NAPLAN in front of the children as it can lead to test anxiety. Testing of many different methods is regularly conducted in school and NAPLAN is just one more. For all the children in non NAPLAN years [Year 4 & 6], similar tests will be given to the students so that we can monitor their progress. The tests also help to familiarise them with the NAPLAN style of questioning.

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The NAPLAN results are valuable to use as a school as they are one of many sources to measure how our students' are progressing. They also show us how we as a primary school compare with similar schools around Australia, for us to reflect upon the effectiveness of our teaching programmes and as one of the factors that we consider when we set the direction of priorities for the school in the future. By the end of next term, parents and carers will receive a printed NAPLAN report of their child's results in relation to where they sit in each learning area compared to children of the same year level from all over Australia.

Our first cohort of children who sat these tests last year did well and we hope the current cohort improves on these results this year.



## PLAYING ON SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL

Several parents stay after school to watch their children play on the play equipment. This is a pleasing practice and done in the understanding that the school or Department does not accept Duty of Care. You are asked to ensure that your child plays safely and is not in breach of school rules that bans the riding of bicycles or scooters on school property. I have instructed our cleaning staff to close all school gates by 3.15 PM. Please ensure that you are off the property by this time. Thank you for your cooperation in this.



## LITERACY MATTERS

DID YOU KNOW...Libraries can help you help your child with their reading?  
Have you been to the local library?

Ellenbrook Community Library  
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You and your child can borrow story books, picture books, audio CDs, magazines and more – and it's free to join. Some libraries provide computers with free internet use and special collections of books for beginning readers. Some libraries run regular book clubs and free school holiday activities. Many libraries also have reading packs for children starting school, backpacks with puppets and picture books and sets of great read-aloud stories for families to borrow.

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Sharing books and reading aloud together is a wonderful way to give your child a good start at school and support your child throughout their schooling. Most children still love for someone to sit on their bed at bedtime and share a story. Even in Year 6! What a wonderful way to end the day.

*"Relationships are the key. For relationships, minds have to engage. Ideas are essential, and books constitute a superlative source of ideas. Books can be bridges between children and parents, and children and the world."*  
**(Dorothy Butler, Babies Need Books. Bodley Head, 1980)**

Next Monday and Tuesday, Sharon Coppin from the Ellenbrook Community Library will be giving all of our Kindergarten students a Better Beginnings Kindy pack. All Kindy students will receive a note with further details.

*"Once you learn to read, you will forever be free."*  
**(Frederick Douglass 1818–1895)**

Have fun reading together

**Mrs Bell**  
Deputy Principal

## Snag a Spoon! A Maths Game.

### What You Need:

- White paper
- Marker
- Spoons



### What You Do:

1. Cut sheets of white paper into 52 playing cards. Divide the cards into 13 sets of 4.
2. For each of the 13 sets, choose a decimal, such as .25, and write it on one of the cards. On the rest of the cards in the set, write equivalent percentages or fractions. For example, one set of cards would be: .25, 25%, 25/100, 25%.
3. As you are making the game, explain decimal and fraction equivalents by applying them to money and referring to place value, an important component in understanding decimals. For example, explain that \$ .25 = 25 cents. 25 cents = 25 individual cents. There are 100 cents in a dollar. Therefore, \$ .25 (25 cents) = 25/100. Next, explain decimal and percentage equivalents. For example, remind your child that .25 = 25/100. 25/100 means "25 per 100". "Cent" means 100 (in Latin) 25/100 = 25 percent or 25%
4. Once the playing cards are complete, shuffle and gather a few more players. In the middle of the table, place one less spoon than the number of players. For example, if there are 5 players, use 4 spoons. Deal 4 cards to each player and explain the rules.
5. The object is to get "4 equivalents of a kind", for example .30, 30/100, 30%, .30. The dealer will begin by taking the top card from the deck. The child will look at it and decide if she/he wants to keep it or pass it. If the child keeps it, she/he must discard one of her cards and pass it face-down to the next player. If she/he doesn't want it, she simply passes the card face-down to the next player.
6. Play continues in a circle until one player gets "4 equivalents of a kind". That player grabs a spoon – trying to do so secretly. As soon as another player notices someone has grabbed a spoon, she/he should grab one, too! Suddenly, everyone will be grabbing for a spoon! The player who does not get a spoon is out. Remove one and continue playing until there are no spoons left – whoever gets the last one is the champion!

Note: Play moves quickly so be sure all players have 4 cards at all times. As the knowledge of equivalents becomes more advanced, make playing cards of equivalent fractions in lowest terms. For example, .25, 25%, 1/4, 25/100 or .50, 50%, 1/2, 50/100

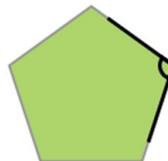
## Maths Mania

Maths family fun for everyone!

Every entry will receive a passport stamp and a chance to win a prize of your choice from the price centre. The winning entry will be drawn at our Monday Muster.

**Mr Guy**  
Deputy Principal

Look at the angle marked on this shape:



Is this angle greater than, equal to, or less than a right angle?

 greater than a right angle

 equal to a right angle

 less than a right angle

**REMINDER: EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM**



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P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

## School Community News

Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 in the school conference room commencing at 9am. The meeting is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote. Financial membership consists of a \$1 annual fee which can be paid on the day. We are actively seeking to increase our membership and volunteer database to help at upcoming events. If you would like to become involved in a small way – or a big way, we would love to see you there!

### Ice-block Fridays

Just a reminder that we will still be holding our regular Ice-block Fridays in the canteen - (\$1.00 full and 50c half and juice boxes for \$1.00).

### School Banking

School Banking will return on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 8.20-8.40am in the school library.

### Mother's Day Stall

The P&C will be hosting a Mother's Day Stall from the 10-12<sup>th</sup> May for the students to purchase gifts for their mums or caregivers. Students will attend the stall with their classes at a designated time in order to purchase their gifts. Purchase prices are from \$1.00 - \$6.00, and a wish list is being prepared to be sent home with the children in the coming week.



**School Banking is back for Term 2!!**  
Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure in the future to earn rewards every 10 weeks!!

There are 8 new reward items for 2017 from the Future Savers range:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!



3D Chalk Set

Tablet Case



W 18cm  
H 25cm

**ALSO - Win a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland!**

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Tuesday at 8.15am.



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## PEN LICENCE

**Congratulations to the following students that received their Pen Licence:**

Kloe Bauerhuit	Leoni Robbins	Clifford Mangyan	Te Koha Moke-Brown
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*Wise words for the fortnight.....*

*All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.*

*[German Philosopher]*

*With best wishes*

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## Ellenbrook Police Station Community Open Day



Sunday, 30 April 2017  
10:00am to 2:00pm  
2 Civic Terrace, Ellenbrook



### Take a closer look at how a police station works

Meet the Ellenbrook Crew, plus:

- Constable Care
- Police jet boat
- Police dog demonstration
- Police motorbike
- Have your photo taken in a police car and on a motorbike
- Police Pipe Band
- Face painting

Available for purchase on the day:

- Sausage sizzle from the Lions Club
- Coffee



## VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT



# CARING

### WHAT IS IT?

- Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you.
- Caring is saying and doing things that help other people.
- Caring is doing a careful job and giving our best effort.
- Caring comes from within and is a sign of love.
- Caring is noticing how someone we care for is feeling and working out what they need.
- Caring is a special way of paying attention to things that matter.

### HOW DO WE KNOW WE AND THOSE AROUND US ARE CARING?

We know this when:

- We let people know that what they say is important.
- We give people help when they need it.
- We look at people and listen closely when they are speaking.
- We show caring when a friend needs us.
- We treat our bodies with respect.
- We work with enthusiasm and excellence.
- We handle things carefully and are gentle and loving with anything placed in our care.



1	24 April School Development Day – Student Free Day	25 April Anzac Day	26 April	27 April Landing Post Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	28 April Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	29 April	30 April
2	1 May Better Beginnings Presentation Kindy	2 May Better Beginnings Presentation Kindy	3 May	4 May Assembly P4 Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	5 May Jump Jam 8.45am-8.55am Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	6 May	7 May
3	8 May	9 May	10 May Mother's day Stall	11 May Mother's Day Stall P&C Meeting @ 9.00am Kindy Red – Mother's day	12 May Mother's day Stall Kindy Green – Mother's day Kindy Yellow – Mother's day	13 May	14 May
NAPLAN							
4	15 May	16 May Year 6 Transition Presentation by ESC staff	17 May	18 May C1 & C2 Redhill Excursion Assembly- School Captains Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	19 May C3 & C4 Redhill Excursion Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	20 May	21 May
5	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May	27 May	28 May
SWIMMING							
6	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 June Assembly P1 Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	2 June Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	3 June	4 June
SWIMMING							
7	5 June WA Day	6 June	7 June	8 June Landing Post Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	9 June Dress up Day Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	10 June	11 June
8	12 June	13 June	14 June	15 June Assembly A4 Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	16 June Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	17 June	18 June
9	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June Landing Post Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	23 June EISA Winter Sports Carnival @ EDOS & Woodlake Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	24 June	25 June
10	26 June	27 June	28 June	29 June ESC Music Incursion Assembly O1 Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	30 June Sausage Sizzle Lunch Jiggle Jam 2.50pm-3.00pm	1 July	2 July