



**ANNE HAMERSLEY**  
Primary School

# THE LANDING POST

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

**ROD W. SIMEONS - PRINCIPAL**

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Monday 15 May	Swimming Lessons money and Forms <b>DUE TODAY</b>
Tuesday 16 May	Year 6 Transition Presentation ESC Staff
Thursday 18 May	Red Hill Excursion C1 & C2
Friday 19 May	Red Hill Excursion C3 & C4
Monday 22 May	Swimming Lessons Commence

Dear Parents and Friends,

## A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

A big thank you to those who have paid their Voluntary Contributions for 2017. These charges are for the whole year and are used to purchase all the added extras that enable us to provide quality education for your children. Statements will be sent home with your children in the coming weeks as a reminder. The amounts are as follows:

- Kindergarten \$50.00
- Pre Primary – Year 6 \$60.00

This year we will be drawing a raffle with one lucky winner taking home a Samsung Galaxy Tablet and cover, kindly donated by Mrs Andrea Griffin. To be eligible for this great prize, 2017 Voluntary Contributions must be paid by Friday 30 June 2017. The draw will take place in week 1 of Term 3, with the winner announced at assembly in week 2.



## SWIMMING CLASSES FOR PP TO YEAR 6 – MONDAY, 22 MAY TO FRIDAY, 2 JUNE

You should have received a letter detailing the structure and cost of classes this year. These classes are a vital part of your child's education as they are part of the Physical Education and Health Curriculum. In recognition of this you are encouraged to enrol your child. In classes children develop and practise correct swimming techniques. They also learn confidence and knowledge of how to behave safely around water. The series of 10 lessons will be conducted at Ballajura Leisure Centre located on Kingfisher Avenue, Ballajura. Many thanks to those parents who have recognised the value of teaching their children how to swim and sent in the fees. The fees - \$55, consist of two components - bus and entrance fees and FREE swimming classes conducted by an accredited swimming teacher. In order to have accurate numbers to set up classes, you are asked to send in the money by Monday 15 May. All parents and friends are invited to come in and watch the classes. The entrance fee for spectators is \$2.50.

## NAPLAN (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been a part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year in May. Our tests were conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week with Friday being set aside for children who could not attend on these days to be tested.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy and are developed over time through the school curriculum. Teachers and children have been working hard in preparation for these tests and I am confident that all our children will both give of their best and score well on the tests.

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## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A special thank you to the P&C Association and all of the volunteers for organising and running the fantastic Mother's Day stall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our children were delighted with the range of gifts available and the secrecy that surrounds a surprise gift. Many thanks to all the Dads who supported our stall by giving their children spending money.

## PRE-PRIMARY MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Many of our PP Mums attending special activities with their children to celebrate the upcoming Mother's day this Sunday.



## PANCAKE WEDNESDAYS

In an effort to raise money for their end of year camp, Year 6 students will be selling freshly made pancakes every **Wednesday** this term. The pancakes will be available during **recess** from the Orelia wet area for the cost of \$1.



*Year 6 Chefs having a ball making pancakes for the whole school. They raised \$213 for the Year 6 camp later in the year.*



## GOLDEN BIN AND GOLDEN BAG AWARDS

The Golden Bin and Golden Bag Awards are new initiatives from the Student Council to help keep our school clean. The Golden Bin Award will be awarded to the teaching block that maintains the cleanest eating area. The Golden Bag Award will be awarded to the classroom that maintains the tidiest veranda and bag area. These awards will be judged by the student councillors and awarded fortnightly at the school assembly. We will keep a record of the winners throughout the year, with end of year prizes being awarded to the most successful teaching blocks and classrooms.



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## FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY



We are introducing the initiative called Fresh Fruit Friday here at Anne Hamersley Primary School. Students are to bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables in a reusable container to munch on in the classroom. This fruit or veg is in addition to recess and lunch and is designed to encourage students to eat more fresh, healthy food and minimise packaging. Also allowing students to eat fruit and veg in the classroom can help keep them focused and motivated. Each week teachers will check off the students who bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. When students receive four ticks they will be given a stamp in their passports. At the end of the term the class with the most children bringing in fruit and veg will be given an apple slinky, paid for by the sustainability committee. So remember to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables on Fresh Fruit Fridays.

## LAST WEEKS ASSEMBLY AND AWARD WINNERS

Thank you to the parents and friends who attended our Assembly last Thursday. Please remember that Assemblies are held on Thursdays of Even Weeks commencing at 8.55. Following some whole school singing, the following children were awarded Honour Certificates:



### WEEK 8 HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Isla Surin	Lachlan Salisbury	Hadi Ibrahim	Austin Safet
Hudson De Passey	Asha Chandra	Cyrine Mangyan	Anastasia Husk
Fadalmula Mahamad	Jacob Fitzgerald	Ryder McKay	Amelie Camille
Ella Mostratos	Brandon Lopez	Kloe Bauershuit	Latraigh Eades
Rudhra Vengur Prabhakar	Shyla Tawhai	Claire Bond	Sean Palma
Nevaeh Eades	Mayson Bassett-Olliver	Ryan Lithgow	

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



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## CHAPLAINS CHAT

Hello!

I hope you all have had a great start to term two. It has been so great to see everyone back after the holidays. I thought today I would share with you a little bit about something that has just started within our school. The beginning of week two saw the beginning of a year 6 sister program with the year ones. With the help of our lovely year 6 teacher Narelle Salomon and myself the year 6 girls spent last term planning activities to help build up social skills and relationships with the younger girls. Last week the year 6's met their new little year one friend for the first time. Their aim was to simply get to know each other by spending time creating a "favourite things hand." The girls will be meeting with their little sisters on a Monday lunch time every second week. We have lots planned for the coming terms so stay tuned for more updates as this program continues.

Have a wonderful week!

Jennifer Hawker  
YouthCARE Chaplain



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P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Our small group of committed volunteers have been hard at work planning fundraising events in efforts to purchase some much needed resources for our school. We are proud of the efforts and support from our school community which has allowed us to fund chairs for the covered assembly area, monkey bars for the senior students, all stages of the Jump and Jiggle Jam programs, covers for our current I-Pad stock, netball nets for our Minnows netball team, new play equipment for the Early Childhood building and an additional five I-Pads with covers. A big thank you for your continued support and a reminder that if you would like to become involved in the P&C, please come along to our meetings, stay updated on events via our Facebook page or drop us an email at [AHPS\\_pandc@hotmail.com](mailto:AHPS_pandc@hotmail.com). Any time you could spare to become involved is greatly appreciated.

#### 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

Karen Beswick from the Commonwealth Bank will be addressing the assembly on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May to explain how our School Banking program works, and how your child can become involved. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please come along to the next assembly. Our School Banking Co-coordinators will be in the library from 8.20-8.40am every Tuesday morning to take the children's deposits.



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## A RAPID ROUNDING GAME

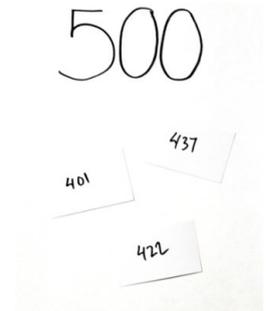
### What You Need:

- 9 pieces of poster board in various colours
- masking tape
- large black marker
- index cards
- stop watch

### What You Do:

- Label the poster boards by hundreds from 100 to 900 (100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900). Each poster board should have one number on it. Tape these all in a row to the ground outside, or in an open space in your home where it's okay to stomp on them.
- On the index cards, write a variety of numbers from 100 to 900, such as 136, 879, 510, etc... There should be about 40 cards.
- Tell your child that you are going to hand him a card, and he has to round the number to the nearest hundreds place and then jump on the correct answer as quickly as he can. After three tries to get the slickest time, switch places. Now it's your turn to claim the title as the fastest rounder!
- After a few rounds like this, shuffle the poster boards around so that they are no longer in order, but all mixed up. How does this affect your time?

This game is especially helpful to kids who struggle with pen and pencil sitting tasks. In this activity, there's nothing like "voting with your feet" when it comes to understanding how this math concept works.



## 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.

Is the dotted line a line of symmetry?



yes

no

**Mr Guy**  
Deputy Principal



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## LITERACY MATTERS

Thank you to all of the Kindergarten parents and grandparents who attended our Better Beginnings talks last week. It was well received with all Kindy students receiving a special book pack. Thank you also to Sharon Coppin for her entertaining discussion and puppet show.

As we have welcomed our new Library Officer Mrs White, we have noticed some new initiatives in the library. Every month there will be an author focus and there will also be displays to promote special days. The ANZAC display has now been replaced by Mother's Day. Mem Fox books are on display.

Mem Fox is one of Australia's most highly regarded children's authors. She has written more than 40 books. Currently we have eleven classic Mem Fox books in our library. We will be purchasing more of her well-loved picture books during the year. Look out for these in our new books display.

Pop into the library and check out these displays

Have fun!

**Mrs Bell**  
Deputy Principal

*Wise words for the fortnight.....*

*The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."*

*— Phil Jackson*

*With best wishes*

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Ellenbrook Playgroup

meet, play, connect!

### SESSIONS

Monday 9:30-11:30am  
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am  
Friday 9:30-11:30am

### FEES

\$30 per term\*

\*discounts apply for anyone attending more than one session, if you have more than 1 child, if your child is under 1yo, or if you join our committee.

\*a mandatory fee of \$35 per year applies per family for Playgroup WA membership. Discounts apply for concession card holders.

See website for full explanation of fees.

### EVENTS

Term 2 2017

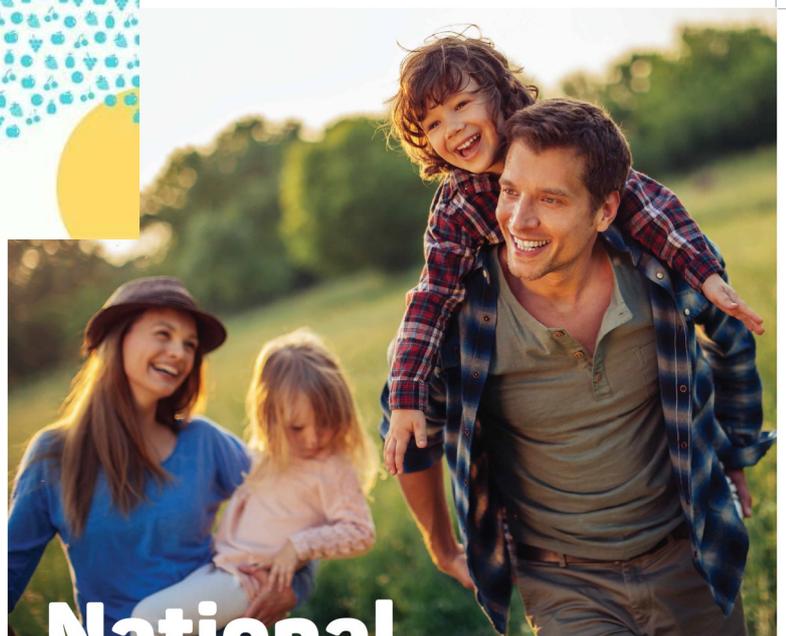
This term we are planning special craft activities for WA Day and the start of winter. We also have a playground catch up coming up, as well as a special outing to Landsdale Farm School (free entry for members!) and a Parents Only dinner date! See our facebook page for more info.

### CONTACT

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Facebook: Ellenbrook Playgroup Inc

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT PLAYGROUP SOON!

## JOIN THE COMMUNITY!



# National Families Week

Join us for a week of celebrating and strengthening family life! Community organisations will be here to explain what their local programs offer, provide advice and activities, all promoting the Ellenbrook Children and Families Connect Network.

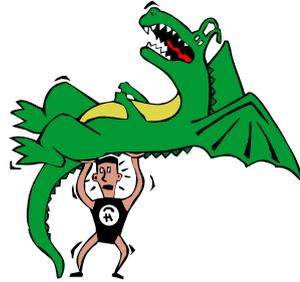
📅 15TH - 19TH MAY | 🕒 9AM - 5PM DAILY | 📍 OUTSIDE BIG W



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## VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT



# DETERMINATION

### WHAT IS IT?

- Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and sticking with it until it is finished.
- Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn't easy.
- Determination is doing your best to meet your goals or goals set by others e.g., teachers or parents.
- Determination is to keep going when you are being tested. In the classroom or out of it.
- Determination is not giving up too easily and asking for help to complete tasks.

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

We know this when:

- We always believe that what we are doing is important.
- We set goals for ourselves .
- We focus all our attention on what we are doing.
- We stay on task without being distracted.
- We keep going even if it gets difficult.
- We ask for help whenever we need it.
- We always finish what we start in the time we are given to do it.