

NEWSLETTER # 2



Important Dates

Term 2

Term Dates: Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

Friday 24 April - ANZAC Ceremony

Monday 27 April - ANZAC Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 April - Pupil Free Day

Monday 4 May - P&C Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 5 May - P&C Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 6 May - Parent Interviews (12pm finish for all students)

Tuesday 12 May to Monday 18 May - Book Fair

Wednesday 20 May - AIEO Morning Tea

Friday 22 May - Walk to School Breakfast

Monday 1 June - WA Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 17 June - Kindergarten Parent Interviews

Thursday 25 June - EWPS Cross Country

Friday 26 June - National Sorry Day

Term 3

Term Dates: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Monday 3 August - Pupil Free Day

Friday 28 August - Book Week Dress Up Assembly

Thursday 10 September - RU Ok Day

Tuesday 15 September - Athletics Carnival - Jumps and Throws

Wednesday 16 September - Athletics Carnival Years K and PP

Thursday 17 September - Athletics Carnival Years 1 to 6

Term 4

Term Dates: Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December

Monday 12 October to Friday 23 October - Swimming Lessons

Monday 26 October - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 17 November - Parent Open Night

Friday 11 December - Book Awards Assembly and End of Year Concert

Monday 14 December - Kindergarten Concert

Tuesday 15 December - Back up day for Book Awards

Wednesday 16 December - Year 6 Graduation and Big Day Out



Principal's Message

We have enjoyed a positive start to Term 2, with our students returning with big smiles, lots of energy and ready for another school term. Our term began with a meaningful ANZAC ceremony, led by Mrs Simcoe and our student leaders. It was a respectful and reflective occasion, and we sincerely thank our special guests and families who joined us to pay their respects. A special thank you also to our P&C for providing a delicious Gunfire Breakfast of bacon and egg burgers.

Reflecting on a Great First Term

Our classrooms quickly settled into their routines, setting a calm and productive tone for the year ahead. It has been especially pleasing to see our Early Childhood students embracing their new school life, enjoying time in the playground, learning school routines, and forming new friendships.

Term 1 has been a busy and rewarding start to the year at East Waikiki Primary School. We began with our school's first community afternoon, providing families and students the opportunity to meet teachers, reconnect with friends, and drop off school supplies ahead of the first day. This event created a welcoming and relaxed start for everyone, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come. I would like to sincerely thank our P&C for their outstanding support in making this event such a success.

Our students have already had many opportunities to shine. Under the guidance of Ms Biscoe, our Choir and Drumbeat group delivered a fantastic performance at our first assembly, proudly showcasing their talents on our new stage. Miss Brodie-Hall has also been working closely with our student leaders, supporting them to carry out their roles to a high standard. As part of their development, our leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Perth Convention Centre, where they learned valuable lessons about leadership and teamwork.

We proudly celebrated Harmony Day, with students and staff wearing orange and taking part in classroom activities. It was wonderful to see our students come together to celebrate inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for all.

Our senior students have also been active in interschool sport. Mr Chin accompanied a number of students to the first RASSA carnival of the year, competing in League Tag. All participants demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship, and we congratulate our Division C team on bringing home the first place trophy.

A small group of students had the opportunity to participate in the "Buoys for Life" program, where they developed practical life skills beyond the classroom, learning how to safely use tools and basic woodworking techniques. We look forward to welcoming Mr Tunbridge back in Term 4 to continue this valuable program.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed their NAPLAN assessments in Weeks 6 and 7. They approached the assessments with a positive attitude and demonstrated respect for the testing conditions. We are very proud of their efforts.

In Week 8, we conducted our annual lockdown drill. These practice drills are an important part of ensuring our school is well prepared, allowing staff and students to become familiar with procedures so that everyone can remain calm and confident should an emergency ever arise.

We also welcomed new members to our School Board this term and look forward to working collaboratively with them as we begin to develop our new school Business Plan.

Thank you to our P&C for the work they carried out in term 1, some of their amazing work so far has been managing to secure two drink bottle water refilling stations for our students and the wonderful Easter Raffle prizes.

As we move into the new term, there is much to look forward to. Some upcoming highlights include our fun Crazy Hair & Sock Day, and PJ & Pillow Day fundraiser, as well as two exciting "Big Day Out" events for our Year 6 students. Our interschool sports program continues with the RASSA netball and AFL carnival, followed later in the term by basketball and soccer. We also look forward to community events such as the P&C Disco, Mother's Day Stall, Book Fair, and our Walk to School Breakfast. Students will also take part in our annual Cross Country event.

We will be sending out a school survey this term and strongly encourage all parents and families to provide feedback, as this plays an important role in guiding our future planning and improvement.

With a busy and exciting term ahead, we encourage all families to keep an eye on important dates and regularly refer to the attached term calendar. Please note that students will not attend school on Tuesday, 28th April, as this is a Staff Development Day.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the contributions and dedication of two valued staff members who concluded their time at EWPS at the end of Term 1. We farewelled Mrs Lesley Schryver and Ms Kelly Graefe, both from kindergarten. We sincerely thank them for their commitment and the care they have shown to our students, and we wish them every success and happiness in their new endeavours.

Joining our Kindergarten team for the remainder of 2026 is Miss Alyssa Lloyd and Mrs Ashlee Hogermeer. Please join us in warmly welcoming them into our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing another productive and rewarding term with you and your children.

Kind regards,
Kara Larsen
Principal

Parent Survey

We invite all parents and carers to take a few minutes to complete our school survey. Your feedback is highly valued and plays an important role in helping us understand what is working well and where we can continue to grow. We appreciate you taking the time to share your perspectives, as your input will guide our future planning and help us ensure the best possible experiences for our students at EWPS.



K Club (EWPS Running Club)

Students are invited to join Mr Chin on the oval every Monday and Thursday for K Club. Mr Chin has set a goal for students to run a total of 16,000km (the equivalent of running around Western Australia). Consent forms must be signed for students to attend.

Uniforms - Can you help us?

Can You Help!
We would greatly appreciate any donations of old uniforms that are still in wearable condition.

Meet our Student Leaders

Head Councillors - Tupou Niupalau
Ella McShane
Student Leaders - Nathan Weston
Natahlia Pink
Leyton Tartano
Teagan Iddon
Alexandra Oldroyd
Monica Greenaway
Faction Captains - Ariana Perry
Isaiah Debellaire
Ruby Shaw
Kaiden Surman



Meet our New Staff



Miss Alyssa Lloyd- Kindergarten Room 3

I am very excited to be at East Waikiki Primary School teaching Kindergarten!

I am passionate about creating an inclusive and engaging learning environment where every child feels safe, valued and confident to explore and learn.

I strive to build positive relationships with children and families, and I value open communication and collaboration to support each child.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the children and the community and working together to ensure a positive and meaningful year in Kindergarten.

A bit about me - I love the outdoors, so in my free time you will catch me at the beach or camping.

Student Wellness Officer



Many of you will know our Student Wellness Officer, Sarah Puok.

Sarah supports the social and emotional wellbeing of our students and helps to create a positive, inclusive, and caring school environment.

Sarah is passionate about helping children feel confident, connected, and supported—both in and out of the classroom. She works together with families, staff, and students to ensure every child feels valued and has the tools they need to thrive.

Meet our School Board

Chair – Samantha Kinsella

Parent members – Vaughn Glabus, Nicola Fisher, Crystal Webb

Staff members – Connor Chin, Natalie Richardson

Community Member – Tina Dean



Important General Reminders

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Routines

To help ensure a safe and smooth start and end to each day, we ask families to please wait outside the classroom at drop-off and pick-up times.

If you are using the Kiss and Drive, please be courteous to cars behind you. If your child is not waiting at the pick-up point when you arrive, kindly continue through the drive through and rejoin the line rather than waiting, as this helps keep traffic flowing safely for everyone.

Please note that Kindergarten and Pre-primary students must be collected by a parent or a designated adult.

If You Are Running Late

If you are running late to collect your child, please phone the front office as soon as possible to notify the school.

Administration staff will endeavour to pass messages on to students however, if messages are received close to home time, this cannot be guaranteed. Your support in keeping us informed is greatly appreciated.

We encourage you to discuss with your child, in the event they can't find you to come straight to the front office.

School Uniform

Wearing the school uniform is an expectation at East Waikiki Primary School and is an important part of our school culture. Our school uniforms allows for easy identification of EWPS students and creates a strong sense of belonging and pride within our community. Please ensure your child is wearing the full school uniform, including appropriate footwear that allows them to safely participate in play and Physical Education activities.

For safety reasons, jewellery should be limited to stud or sleeper earrings and a watch. Medical alert jewellery is permitted. If your child wears jewellery of cultural significance, please email your child's teacher and the school office to inform staff of its importance. Necklaces, rings and bracelets can pose safety risks or be easily lost or damaged, so we ask that these are kept for out of school times.

If your child has outgrown their uniform, we would gratefully accept any donations at the front office.

Communication with the School

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage families to speak with your child's teacher first, as they are best placed to support classroom matters.

School-wide and class information is often shared via SMS. If your child is absent, you will receive an SMS notification—please follow the link with the reason for your child's absence, contact the front office, or email your child's classroom teacher.

SunSmart: Hats and Water Bottles

It is essential that students come to school each day with a hat and water bottle. Staying well hydrated and protected from the sun supports students' health, wellbeing and ability to learn. Thank you for helping us keep all students SunSmart. Each class has sunscreen that your child may use at their convenience.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is essential for student learning and wellbeing. Consistent attendance helps children build strong routines, maintain friendships and feel a sense of belonging at school. Even small amounts of absence can have a significant impact over time — for example, missing one day of school each fortnight equates to approximately 10% of a child's education.

If your child is absent, parents are required to notify the school as soon as possible by following the link in the SMS sent by the school, contacting the front office, or emailing the classroom teacher. If a child is not in attendance and the school has not been notified by 9:00am, parents will receive an SMS requesting the reason for the absence to support student safety and accurate attendance records.

Medication at School

If your child requires medication during the school day, parents must contact the front office and complete the required Medication Authorisation forms before any medication can be administered. All medication must be provided in its original packaging, with the child's name, dosage instructions and expiry date clearly labelled.

Parents are responsible for ensuring medication is prepared correctly, including cutting tablets where half doses are required. These procedures help us ensure the wellbeing and safety of all students.