

NEWSLETTER # 3



Important Dates

Term 3

Term Dates: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Monday 3 August - Pupil Free Day
Friday 7 August - P&C Crazy Hair and Sock 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
Friday 25 September - Last day of Term 3

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
Thursday 17 December - Last day of Term

2027

Students return Monday 1 February 2027



Principal's Message

Kaya and welcome back to Term 3!

I hope all of our students, families and staff enjoyed a relaxing and well deserved break and are feeling refreshed for another exciting term ahead. Term 3 is always a busy time at East Waikiki Primary School. We are looking forward to our Faction Athletics Carnivals, Father's Day Stall, classroom assembly performances, our Book Week Dress-Up Parade, and plenty of fun with our Crazy Hair and Crazy Sock Day. There is certainly much to look forward to over the coming weeks.

We welcome Cherie Savage who will be joining Room 5 as their new teacher, and our new Special Needs Education Assistants, Caitlin Young and Leah McDonnell. We would like to wish Ms De Sousa, Mrs Schryver and Ms Richardson all the very best as they move on to new adventures. Thank you for the care, commitment and support you have given our students at EWPS.

Behind the scenes, we are also working closely with our staff and School Board to develop our next four year Strategic Plan. This important work will help shape the future direction of our school, ensuring we continue to provide the very best learning opportunities and outcomes for our students and school community.

As we begin a new term, it is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that was achieved during a very busy and successful Term 2.

Our classrooms were filled with meaningful learning experiences, many of which were proudly showcased during our ANZAC Ceremony and our Gunfire Bacon and Egg Community Breakfast. It was wonderful to see our community come together to honour such an important occasion.

Our P&C once again brought many smiles to our students and families through the Mother's Day Stall, where our mums and special people were spoilt with thoughtful gifts. We also appreciated the opportunity to meet with families during our Parent-Teacher Interview afternoon, strengthening the important partnership between home and school.

Safety remained a priority throughout the term, with our annual Fire Drill running smoothly thanks to favourable weather, allowing everyone to safely muster on the oval. Students also participated in the Constable Care Wheely Safe Adventure Roadshow, learning valuable road safety messages and reinforcing the importance of always wearing a helmet whenever riding anything with wheels.

Our community events continued to be a highlight of the term. Thanks to beautiful weather, we enjoyed successful Walk to School Day celebrations, complete with a community breakfast, as well as an enjoyable Faction Cross Country Carnival. Our annual Book Fair was another tremendous success, raising valuable funds to further support our school library.

Our students were involved in many opportunities beyond the classroom. Our senior students proudly represented East Waikiki Primary School at the Interschool Soccer, Basketball, Netball and AFL Carnivals, displaying determination and teamwork. Our Year 6 students enjoyed their first two Big Day Out excursions, while students across the school also had plenty of fun during our P&C Disco and our fun filled PJ and Pillow Disco and Movie Day.

The performing arts also featured strongly throughout the term. We were delighted to welcome Freeze Frame Opera, whose entertaining performance introduced students to the wonderful world of opera. Our new stage hosted its very first assembly performances, providing every family with a fantastic view as our students showcased their talents. Our school choir also represented us proudly at the local schools Choir Festival.

As always, none of these wonderful opportunities happen by chance. They are only possible because of the amazing people who make up our school community. Thank you to our dedicated staff, our fantastic P&C, our generous volunteers and all of our families who give their time, energy and support throughout the year. Whether you're helping at an event, cheering from the sidelines, volunteering your time or simply supporting your child each day, every contribution makes a difference.

We look forward to another busy, productive and rewarding Term 3, filled with exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences.

Kind regards,
Kara Larsen
Principal

2026 Survey Highlights

Throughout Term 2, we invited our parents, students and staff to share their thoughts through our annual school surveys. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide valuable feedback. It is pleasing to see so many positive responses, highlighting the strength of our school community.

Parent Survey Highlights

Our parent survey showed overwhelmingly positive feedback, with families reporting they feel welcomed, valued and well supported at East Waikiki Primary School. Parents praised our approachable staff, recognised our commitment to providing a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment, and appreciated the many opportunities to be involved in school life. Parents also recognised the school's strong communication and its commitment to seeking feedback to support continuous improvement.

Student Survey Highlights

Our student survey showed that students feel safe, supported and connected at school. Students value the strong relationships they have with their teachers and peers, enjoy coming to school, and appreciate the many opportunities to learn, play and participate in a wide range of experiences. Our youngest students also demonstrated confidence and resilience, recognising the importance of perseverance and believing in their own abilities.

Staff Survey Highlights

Our staff survey highlighted the positive relationships between students and staff as one of the school's greatest strengths, along with our commitment to student wellbeing and high-quality learning, and the collaborative culture that supports continuous improvement. Staff also recognised the school's focus on providing a safe, inclusive learning environment and our shared responsibility for student success.

The positive results reflect the collective efforts of our students, families, staff, School Board, P&C and wider community. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support as we continue working together to provide opportunities for students at East Waikiki Primary School.

100 Club

Being at school every day helps students build strong routines, maintain friendships and keep up with classroom learning. We encourage all families to continue supporting positive attendance habits and ensuring students arrive at school on time and ready to learn each day.

In Term 2 we recognised students who achieved 100% attendance during Term 1 by inviting them to our first 100 Club Afternoon Tea. We were thrilled to recognise over 70 students for their outstanding attendance efforts and look forward to hosting this event again next term to celebrate students who achieve 100% attendance in Term 2. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support in helping students attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Wheely Safe Adventure

In Term 2 our Pre-Primary to Year 4 students attended the Wheely Safe Adventure performance presented by the Constable Care Foundation. Through an engaging and interactive performance, students learned important lessons about pedestrian, bike and road safety. Topics included how to safely ride a bike, scooter or anything with wheels, looking out for hazards along the way, and understanding the importance of always wearing a helmet.

The Wheely Safe Adventure performance delivered valuable safety messages in a fun and memorable way, helping students develop the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to make safe choices and stay safe.

Remember, students: always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or anything with wheels!

Swimming Lessons

EWPS has scheduled an 8-day swimming lesson program in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4. The estimated cost is \$50.00 per student. Lesson information, final cost and permission forms will be sent home in the coming weeks. To help spread the cost, payment plans can begin this term. Please speak with our friendly front office staff if you would like to arrange a plan.

Meet our New Staff



Cherie Savage - Pre-Primary Room 1

Hello, my name is Cherie Savage and I am very excited to be teaching Pre-Primary this year and becoming a part of the East Waikiki School Community. I have taught in the early years of education for around 20 years, across a number of schools throughout Perth and more recently in the South West. I have a wonderful partner and two excitable kids that keep me busy outside of school and on the weekends, you might find us camping, out on the water fishing or simply enjoying great food with family and friends.

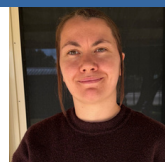
I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.
Tegan Hopkins - Pre-Primary Room 5 from Week 7 this term



Hello, I'm Tegan Hopkins, and I'm excited to be joining the East Waikiki Primary School community in Term Three. I have recently completed my teaching degree, and I'm thrilled to be stepping into my first teaching position and becoming part of your school community. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the students, their families, and the staff. Outside of school, I'm a busy mum who enjoys watching my children's sports on the weekends, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Meet our New Education Assistants

Caitlin Young



Leah McDonnell



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

Positive Behaviour Reward Program

Since 2013, East Waikiki has proudly followed a behaviour reward program seeing students earn Sammy Slips for positive and acceptable behaviour. All teaching and support staff use and follow the reward system with children from Pre-Primary to Year 6.

Sammy Slips are given whenever expected behaviours are displayed by children at any area within the school. Using an excel program developed at our school, children earn and record their own Slips, on the IWB until groups of 5 are earned. These are noted electronically, and at each 25 Slips, students achieve certificates for their next level.

Rewards for each of the 8 checkpoints include extra play with a friend, icypole from the canteen, or for Pre-primary shoes off for a day. Students and teachers came up with these rewards and after working through 8 levels, and achieving all the rewards they earn a Bronze Medal. The process is repeated and after another 200 "Sammies" they receive a Silver then repeat for a Gold medal.

In 2017 the success of the program saw us develop another level, and we had our first student earn a Bronze trophy. We are pleased to now have trophies of Bronze, Silver and Gold for students to earn. As certificates are earned, the progress is entered on Compass, and celebrations can continue at home as parents are made aware of each new level achieved. The most exciting part for students is that the reward matrix continues across into the new school year, and they continue to achieve medals and trophies through their primary schooling at East Waikiki.

Each year we have seen an increase in the number of students showing appropriate behaviour and earning Sammy slips, medals and trophies.

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.