

# Newsletter



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## EAST NARROGIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Outdoor Learning

Our students and staff have been developing positive relationships with each other in practical and active learning experiences. Our students are enjoying investigating their environment in a safe way, and working together in mixed age groups.



### Coming Events

- ★ **Year 6 Leadership Assembly**  
Thursday 7 March
- ★ **Small Schools Swimming Carnival in Wickopin**  
Friday 8 March
- ★ **P&C AGM**  
Monday 11 March, 5:30pm  
ENPS Staffroom
- ★ **NAPLAN**  
Wednesday 13 March -  
Friday 22 March
- ★ **Teddy Bear Hospital Incursion - K-Year 2**  
Thursday 14 March
- ★ **School Board Meeting**  
Monday 18 March
- ★ **Public School Review**  
Tuesday 26 March
- ★ **Last Day of School**  
Thursday 28 March

### School Times 2024

**Breakfast Club**  
8:15am-8:30am in the Art Room

**Whole School**  
8:45am Start — 3:00pm Finish

**Early Close**  
Please remember that we have  
early close **every Tuesday**  
**School closes at 2:30pm**

**Uniform Shop**  
By appointment

**East Narrogin Primary School**  
Banking details  
**Commonwealth Bank**  
**BSB: 06 6040**  
**Account No: 1990 1631**

## From Admin

To Parents and carers,

A big welcome to Week 6! I trust all our families enjoyed the sunshine during our long weekend. Greeting many smiling faces back for another week of learning and fun was fantastic. As you would have felt the last few weeks, we are well into Bunuru Noongar season, known as the second summer. Bunuru is the hottest time of the year, with little to no rain. With this in mind, students must demonstrate their sun safety by wearing sunscreen and consistently wearing their school hats.

### Student Leadership

At East Narrogin we believe that everyone is capable of being a leader. The Year 6 Leaders will host the assembly on **Thursday 7 March**. The leadership badges will be presented to our Leaders and Faction Captains will also be announced on this day.

This year we have 20 Year 6 student leaders. Each student will be provided with the opportunity to develop life-long leadership skills and be good role models. We have all been impressed by the maturity and level of commitment this particular year group has shown in carrying out their leadership tasks. We acknowledge the gifts and talents which they bring to our school community.

### Student Leadership State Conference

Last week students in Room 8 attended a State Youth Leadership Conference with surrounding primary schools in Williams. The Youth Leadership Academy aims to encourage students to be the leaders of tomorrow by equipping our students with the skills and confidence to prepare for a future in leadership.

Thanks to Mr van Wyk and Mrs Annear for providing a valuable opportunity for our students to connect and form new friendships with other students in our wheatbelt.



### NAPLAN

#### Wednesday 13 March - Friday 22 March Week 7

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

In 2024, our students will be sitting NAPLAN online except for the Year 3 writing component which will be a paper test. Feedback from previous years showed that students engaged very well with the online format as the tests

presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance. We do ask that parents prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring your child that NAPLAN is just one part of their school life and that they should simply try their best.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site on [nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site)

An information brochure on NAPLAN Online was sent home last week with students and is also available on Compass for student. Please contact Joanna Hayes if you require further information.

### On-Entry Assessments: Pre-primary Students

Over the next few weeks, our Pre-primary students will be participating in the On Entry Assessments, which we complete in Term 1 each year. The purpose of this assessment is to provide teachers with an opportunity, early in the year, to collect information on the essential literacy and numeracy skills and understandings of each child in their class. This will assist your child's teacher to develop informed and intentional play-based teaching programs, designed to reflect individual needs and foster each child's learning.

### Pre Service Teacher

East Narrogin warmly welcomes Miss Leah Sieber who is a Pre-Service Teacher studying at Edith Cowan University. Miss Sieber will be completing her third-year teaching practicum in ECC with Mrs Betteley and Miss Partyka in Term 2.

### Students Arriving to School Early

The school does not provide supervision prior to 8.30am in the morning. Students may visit Breakfast Club in the Art Room between 8:15am-8:30am. Students must go directly to their class upon arrival after 8.30am to prepare for the day and then students may play on the quadrangle until the bell. There will be no sports equipment allowed before school.

### SunSmart Tennis Classic

On Wednesday 28 February, ten students met at the Narrogin Tennis Club to compete with local schools. It was a very successful day. The skill improvement, comradery and sportsmanship was impressive. Congratulations to those involved you have made ENPS proud.

Thank you to Mrs Evelyn Wilkie and Mrs Desi Wilkie for coaching and supporting our students.



## From Admin cont..

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival Friday 7 March

Earlier this term we had a very inclusive and successful Faction Swimming Carnival. It was great to see all students try their best, have a go at new events and challenge themselves.

We wish to provide our students with an opportunity to swim against other schools whilst still having success and fun. This year we have been invited to join with Wandering, Wickopin and Yealering school competition in lieu of the Interschool Swimming Carnival with Narrogin Primary, St Matthew's and Williams. Our School Board are supportive of this trial for 2024.

15 of our students will travel to Wickopin on Friday 8 March. We are so excited to bring this opportunity to our school and thank Wandering, Wickopin and Yealering for welcoming us.

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## Working with Children Check

We thank all our parents who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. There are some changes to the Working with Children Check policy, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form'. You cannot volunteer if you have a current Working with Children Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice.

These changes affect parents who are engaged in volunteer work. For example, you are considered a volunteer when you assist with activities such as reading sessions, day excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties.

### You are not a volunteer when:

- picking up and dropping off your child
- observing events like school assemblies
- attending parent and teacher interviews
- visiting the uniform shop.

If your circumstances change, and you are issued with a Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice after completing the 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form', you must advise the principal.

A current Working with Children Check is required by all other family members and friends over 18 years of age who want to volunteer.

It is a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. We appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our school community.



## Bee Hive Buzz

### What is happening in the Hive?

Life is busy in the hive.

- ★ Our Girls Group is meeting again at lunchtime on Tuesdays for activities.
- ★ Soon to start are two groups of Aussie Optimism.
- ★ Parent time in the Hive will start next week. Family members who are coming to pick up the children are welcome to come to the Hive on Tuesdays at 2:00pm before early close at 2.30pm. Tea and talk or Coffee and Chat. Love to see you there.

I am also loving my story time in ECC2 and catching up with the children at Breakfast Club.

Our Learning Support Co-Ordinator Mrs Evelyn Wilkie is in on Wednesdays and I am in all day Tuesday and until 1:00pm on Fridays.



**Desi Wilkie, Chaplain & Breakfast Club Co-ordinator**

## D&C

A decorative flyer for the East Narrogin Primary School P&C AGM. The flyer is on a lined paper background with various colorful icons like an apple, a star, a smiley face, a book, a globe, a ruler, and a basketball. The text on the flyer reads: "EAST NARROGIN PRIMARY SCHOOL", "P&C AGM", "Monday 11 March 2024", "ENPS Staffroom at 5:30pm", and "New members needed."/>

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**P&C AGM**

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**ENPS Staffroom  
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