



EAST MADDINGTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Agonis

12th May 2021

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5**  
11th May- 14th May

**Best Performance Testing  
Years 4 & 6**  
11th May- 13th May

**Assembly Area 2**  
Friday 14th May

**Walk Safely To School Day**  
Friday 14th May

**Assembly Area 5**  
Friday 21st May

**YAK**  
Tuesday and Thursday

**Smith Family Learning Club**  
Tuesdays after school

**School Banking**  
Thursday 8am

**Breakfast Club**  
Everyday in the Kitchen

**Canteen Open**  
Monday - Friday

**Dental Open**  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
8:00 - 4:00pm Ph: 9459 6653

Keep up dated with school notices via

Connect



School payments can be made through

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## MOTHER'S DAY Breakfast



It was wonderful to see all the families that came to our Mother's Day Breakfast. A big thank you to our P&C committee.





## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Congratulations to the P&C for organising such a wonderful breakfast for our mothers! Thanks also to all those who assisted including our staff. I would also like to thank the P&C ladies who organised the craft stall, some beautiful gifts were produced by our amazing fundraising committee.

### NAPLAN

Thanks to Mrs Griffiths and Mr Gillespie for organising the NAPLAN testing this week. The Year 4 and 6 are also completing NAPLAN tests to measure their achievement of the previous year's curriculum. This will provide information for our teachers to plan ahead.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Please join the 'walking bus' on Friday 14th May. See Connect for further information.

### BE YOU SURVEY

All families are invited to complete the 'Be You' survey linked on Connect. Parent survey questions are questions asked to parents to understand the opinions, attitudes, perceptions, and point of views about topics that concern their children. Such questions are used by schools, to collect information that can be beneficial for the issues that affect young minds. Survey questions help the learning environment in many ways. Various studies have proven that parents involved in their child's life or educational life have a significant impact on their grades, social skills, and improved behaviour. Please complete this survey as soon as possible.

[Click Here to start the survey](#)



Beyond Blue Support Service  
[beyondblue.org.au/get-support](https://beyondblue.org.au/get-support)  
1300 22 4636

### HEALTH AT EMPS

Thank you for your support during the last few weeks as routines return to 'normal'. With the onset of the usual cold and flu season, students should be kept at home if unwell; if they have a cough, a temperature or are suffering from gastroenteritis. This will help us all to stay well!

### ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

This week's assembly will be hosted by Mrs Davin and Area 2. All welcome.

### EARLY CLOSE

#### PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

The school will close at 11:00 am on the last Wednesday of term (June 30th) to allow time for Parent Interviews. Timetables will follow soon so that you can choose a suitable time to come and discuss your children's reports with their teacher.

Have a great week.

Kind regards  
Patricia White  
Principal  
12.05.2021

## Inspiring Minds Mentoring

We are pleased to announce the launch of the 2021 Inspiring Minds Mentoring (IMM) programme. IMM was started by Dr. Parisa Ebtekar in 2020 at EMPS in collaboration with UWA Guild Volunteering. As part of this programme, some of our students and their families are partnered with an enthusiastic university student from UWA who meets them on a weekly basis, providing mentoring support based on the student and family's individualised needs. This year, 18 mentors and 5 IT support staff have volunteered to provide support to 18 students from our school. The program is delivered either online via the Zoom application or face to face. Parents are encouraged to participate in the mentoring sessions alongside their child as the programme encourages a close partnership between parents, mentors, students, and classroom teachers. We would like to say a big thank you to all the students and families involved, all our volunteer mentors and IT support students, Antonia Taylor UWA Guild Volunteering coordinator, classroom teachers involved and to Renew IT for their generous donation of 11 laptops and 5 webcams.



# Notice Board

## Office Artwork Area 5



### Healthy Screen Time

Healthy screen time habits for kids are really important but are not always easy to develop and manage. Below are some ideas that you can use to help your child choose healthy screen time habits. I have included a link to a website that you can visit which has some strategies for managing screen time. You can try rules, routines, transitions and choices.

Key points to remember are;

- Rules can help you set limits and manage your child's expectations about screen time.
- Routines can make screen time work for your family and help you minimise conflict.
- Planned transitions make it easier for your child to finish screen time.
- Giving your child choices can make it more likely that they will cooperate with your family's screen time rules.

Managing screen time: children 3-11 years | Raising Children Network

[Click Here](#)

## P & C News

### Mother's Day Breakfast

A big thank you to everyone who came down to our Mother's Day Breakfast. It was great to see so many people. Also a huge thank you to all P&C members who helped this morning as well as staff from EMPS; including Mrs White, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Brown, Mr Gaffney (who helped set up and pack away), Tresna Gale (CPC) and Rebecca Clayton (canteen).

### Mother's Day Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated to or purchased tickets for our mother's day raffle.

### Mother's Day Stall

A very big thank you to Sharon John, Georgia Trembath and Kelsey Alvisse for all their hard work creating amazing gifts and selling gifts for our mother's day stall. Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts, we hope your mother's enjoyed them.

### Sausage Sizzle

Order forms will be going out this week for our sausage sizzle for students lunches to be held Monday May 24th. Order forms will be due back on Friday May 21st. All order forms and money to be placed in brown box in the front office for this.

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday June 14th at 11am. Venue to be advised. We hope to see some new faces there as everyone is welcome.

## What's Happening in Early Childhood?

On Tuesday 4 May, our two Pre-primary teachers, Mrs Drummond and Miss Grieve presented a Reading Workshop for parents and caregivers. The workshop was well attended, and feedback from parents very positive. The topics covered were:

- how to help your child sound out words!
- what if English is yours or your child's second language
- how to support what we teach at school
- is your child ready for books
- what is the target for reading and writing in Pre-primary

For Staff

Mrs Drummond, Pre-primary teacher organised and facilitated a Professional Learning Workshop for staff to analyse and use On Entry data for planning, after school on Thursday 6 May. This interactive workshop demonstrated step by step instructions on how to download, analyse and use various reports from the On Entry portal, to track student progress.



### Winners

- Caleb Area 1
- Jilian Area 6
- Levi Area 8
- Ella Area 8
- Kevin Area 9
- Opal Area 9
- Bells Area 11
- Joy Area 12
- Deeglan Area 19
- Skylah Area 21
- Jackson Area 21



**CITY OF GOSNELLS**

# Safer School Parking

Where you park matters

Parking on verges or footpaths puts children at risk

Blocking paths gives pedestrians little choice but to walk on or near the road.  
The City of Gosnells Rangers are working to keep your children safe by monitoring parking at local schools.

**RoadWise**

[www.gosnells.wa.gov.au](http://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au) | 9397 3000

### Road Safety Around The School

For the safety of our students please park on the school side of Pitchford Avenue. Rangers have been out and about checking parking. Parents are asked not to walk through the staff car park, as staff reversing cannot always see smaller children. Please walk on the grassed areas.

## Walk Safely To School Day

### Friday 14th May

More information about Walk Safely To School Day can be found on Connect Notice date 07/05/2021

**ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS**



## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Tuesday 1st June  
& Thursday 3rd June  
( Emus Class )

Connect notice 07/05/2021