



# 2020 PARENT HANDBOOK

*East Fremantle Primary School*

**An Independent Public School**





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## Administration

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**School Website:** [www.eastfremantleps.wa.edu.au](http://www.eastfremantleps.wa.edu.au)  
**P & C Website:** [www.efpspc.com](http://www.efpspc.com)

**Pre-Primary 1 – Room 13 Phone:** (08) 9432 1214  
**Pre-Primary 2 – Room 14 Phone:** (08) 9432 1215

**Kindergarten A & B Phone:** (08) 9432 1216  
 Located Cnr of Hubble & George St

## School Executive

Mrs Jenni Chittick	<i>Principal</i>
Mr Geordie Robertson	<i>Deputy Principal</i>
Ms Sonya Gilmore	<i>Deputy Principal</i>

Ms Tracey-Anne Simpson	<i>Manager Corporate Services</i>
Ms Rachel Wieser	<i>School Officer</i>
Ms Joanna Bowden	<i>School Officer</i>

## First Semester 2020

<b>Term 1</b>	<i>Pupil Free Days/Staff Development Day</i>	<i>30 &amp; 31 January</i>
	Children Resume:	<i>Monday 3 February</i>
	End of Term 1:	<i>Friday 10 April</i>

<b>Term 2</b>	Children Resume:	<i>Tuesday 28 April</i>
	<i>Pupil Free Days/Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Friday 29 May</i>
	End of Term 2:	<i>Friday 3 July</i>

## Second Semester 2020

<b>Term 3</b>	<i>Pupil Free Days/Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Monday 20 July</i>
	Children Resume:	<i>Tuesday 21 July</i>
	End of Term 3:	<i>Friday 25 September</i>

<b>Term 4</b>	<i>Pupil Free Days/Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Monday 12 October</i>
	Children Resume:	<i>Tuesday 13 October</i>
	End of Term 4	<i>Thursday 17 December</i>



## Welcome

We welcome you to the school year at East Fremantle Primary School. The school was established in 1898, is located 2kms east of the Fremantle CBD and caters for 435 students aged 4-12 years.

Our school is nestled in the historic suburbs surrounding the City of Fremantle. We sit at a vantage point with views down to the working port, harbour and out to Rottnest from our playgrounds and buildings. Our school is over 120 years old and our buildings are quaint and traditional yet function well as a modern school.

Many of our students walk to and from school. The school is a hive of activity before, during and after school with high levels of parent participation in classrooms and support programs. The teachers encourage parental involvement in their child's education and this is a key feature of our school. We overflow with parents at assemblies and school carnivals.

Academically, East Fremantle performs very well in national testing. Our parents demand a robust academic program for their students and whole school approaches, particularly in literacy and numeracy, provide this. The vast majority of our students gain entry into the gifted and talented, specialist music and arts programs at JCCA, Shenton Park and Perth Modern School.

Our school, values and community are inherently linked. Our vision is that our school provides a stimulating, innovative and safe learning environment that nurtures high standards of achievement, self-awareness, compassion and understanding in every student.

Below is a range of information covering our school's functions which we will hope will be of assistance to you.

## School Hours

8:30am	Classroom doors open
8:50am	First bell
8:55am	Lessons commence
10:50am	Recess
11:20am	Lessons commence
12:20pm	Lunch
12:57pm	First bell
1:00pm	Lessons commence
3:00pm	Close

It is recommended not to send children to school before 8:30am.

## Connect

Connect is a learning, support and communications platform developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. Connect is East Fremantle Primary School's primary parent communication platform. It is used for both distributing class specific and school wide information, notifying the school of student absences as well as providing access to school reports.

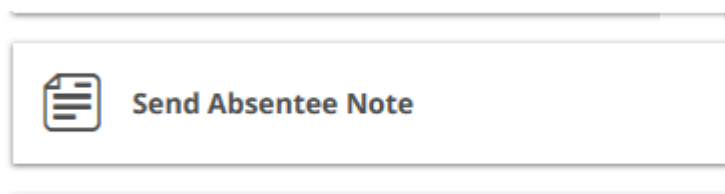
Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>

### How do parents access Connect?

After enrolment, each parent will be given their own secure login to Connect. Connect is totally free and, because it is provided by the Department of Education, very safe. As well as being able to log into Connect on any internet-connected device, you may also receive notices from Connect that will be sent to you as either an email or a notification on your phone. A free app called *Connect Now* can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store and will let you receive Connect notices as push notifications.

## Student Absentees

When a student will not be attending school during term for any reason, the school should be advised directly in writing. This can be done by e-mail directly to the teacher or online via the Connect app 'Send Absentee Note' facility



Where absences are due to a medical condition, we would encourage you to supply a medical certificate for absences greater than 3 days.

## Partial Absence during School Hours

If your child has to attend an appointment during school time, the class teacher should be informed beforehand. Email addresses for all staff can be found on the school website at:

<http://www.eastfremantleps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/teacher-contact-details/>

You must first sign your child out electronically in the office, after which you will be given a Leave Pass to give to your child's teacher when you pick your child up from the classroom. Duty of care requirements do not allow students to be dismissed to wait outside for parents to pick up.

Upon return to school you electronically record your child's return to school at the office before returning them to their teacher.

## Vacating Classes

When dropping students off at classrooms in the morning, we ask that you vacate the room as soon as the siren sounds to commence lessons.

## Visitors during School Time

All visitors to the school must sign in at the Admin Office where they can collect a Visitor's badge. This is for risk management and also site security reasons.

## Curriculum

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 undertake learning programs in the following Learning Areas: Arts, English, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Society & Environment, Technology and Enterprise.

Music, Visual Arts (Years PP-6) and Italian (Years 3-6) are taken by specialist teachers. The remainder of the program is taken by the classroom teacher.

Students from Years 1-6 learn about growing, harvesting and preparation of healthy food through our Kitchen Garden program.

## Pupil Assessment and Testing

Communication regarding evaluation of student performance will be done on a regular basis and will provide parents with feedback regarding their child's progress.

## The Reporting System

Reporting at end of Semester 1 and 2 is via a summative written report. For Years 3 and 5 students, a copy of the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be issued during Term 3. All reports are distributed to parents via the Connect platform.

## Formation of Classes

The principles employed in the formation of classes are:

1. Students are placed into classes which have a range of academic ability and interests.
2. Composite classes (i.e.: 2 or more year levels) are formed only where there are too many students for a single year class.
3. The criteria for student placement in these classes are: special needs of students; social relationships; gender balance; work habits and a range of academic abilities across each class.

## Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Classes

**Two *Pre-Primary* classrooms are located at the western end of the grounds, with entry through the gate off the Forrest Street cul-de-sac. Children attend Pre-Primary five full days a week from 8:50am to 3:00pm.**

Our *Kindergarten*, which is located on the corner of George and Hubble Streets, operates two classes. Children attend for two full days with one class attending on Mondays and Tuesdays, and the other class attending on Thursdays and Fridays (with alternate Wednesdays between the groups). Class times for **Kindy A & B** are **8:45am to 2:45pm**.

All Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes have an ongoing Parent Helper Roster. You are invited to participate at least twice during the year. Information specific to each class will be issued to parents early in Term 1 by the class teacher.

There is a separate Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Handbook available.

## Parent / Teacher Contact

The education of your child is a partnership between you and your child's teacher. You are encouraged to contact your child's teacher on any issue to do with your child's schooling. We do ask that you make an appointment for any such contact. If you are unable to speak with the teacher directly before or after class, you can e-mail them via Connect to arrange a time.

## Chaplain

The school engages the services of a Chaplain two days a week. The Chaplain is a non-denominational support figure to the entire school, whose focus is to see students thrive in all areas of life. Support is provided through classroom visits, participating in school excursions, camps and any formal school activities. Appointments can be through the student's class teachers or by calling the office.

## School Psychologist

A School Psychologist services the school. Their role is to assist parents and teachers in planning strategies to help the children overcome any perceived social, emotional and/or learning difficulties which affect their schooling. Access to this service is via a referral from the class teacher through the Students at Educational Risk Coordinator.

## Behaviour Management

### Managing Student Behaviour

All classes operate within the guidelines of the School Behaviour Management Policy – copies of which are available on our website. The emphasis is on students taking responsibility for their own behaviour. Staff implement preventative programs and processes that contribute to students establishing socially acceptable behaviour.

This involves:

- Maximising academic engagement and success by adapting learning programs to accommodate individual student differences.
- Each class collaboratively establishing classroom rules, rewards and sanctions.
- Teachers consistently rewarding examples of good behaviour.
- Teachers consistently reinforcing class and school rules.

For a minority of students who do not respond to the preventative processes, the policy outlines a hierarchy of actions aimed at students realising the consequences of their actions and affecting positive changes to their behaviour.

### Preventing and Managing Bullying

Bullying is not tolerated. The school policy on Preventing and Managing Bullying is based firstly on preventative strategies and secondly on management of bullying incidents.

1. *Preventative Strategies.* These are carried out through the curriculum, the school organisation and the shared understanding and support of parents.
2. *Management of Bullying Incidents.* The two aims of the management process are:
  - to support and rebuild the person bullied.
  - to have the person doing the bullying understand the unacceptable nature of their actions and the need to change his/her behaviour in the future.



## School Assembly

Parents and friends are invited to full school assemblies. They are conducted approximately every second Friday at 9:00am in the assembly area. Each class from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will host an assembly. Parents are requested to ensure that any younger siblings are closely supervised during the assembly. Some assemblies will fall on a Wednesday throughout the year. Be sure to check for upcoming assembly dates on the Term Calendars at

[www.eastfremantleps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/term-calendar/](http://www.eastfremantleps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/term-calendar/)

## Newsletter

A newsletter is published fortnightly and distributed via Connect on a Wednesday. It provides details of any relevant school activities. Each newsletter is also uploaded on our website

<http://www.eastfremantleps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/newsletters/>

## Mobile Phones

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or on request for teacher driven educational purpose.

Primary students bring mobiles to school at their own risk. Mobile phones must be switched off once the student enters the school ground and kept in their school bag or handed to a teacher for the day. The policy of “Off and away all day” includes before school and at break times.

All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school’s administration.

## School Dance Programme

All students from Pre-primary to Year 6 undertake dance lessons once a week, which are held at school during Term 4. This culminates in an end of term showcase where all students perform for the school.

## Interm Swimming

All students from Pre-primary to Year 6 undertake swimming lessons during the school year. These are held at the Fremantle Leisure Centre. The lessons run each day for a two week period. The students go to and from the pool by bus with their classroom teacher.

## School Factions

Students are allocated to one of three factions:

Forrest	<b>Green</b>
O’Connor	<b>Gold</b>
Stirling	<b>Red</b>

Family groups are allocated to the same faction. Faction competitions run throughout the year to reinforce positive conduct and healthy sporting competition. Students wear their faction t-shirts on the competition days. Faction t-shirts can be purchased in the students faction colour from the P&C uniform shop during school assemblies or online at <https://efpspc.com/shop/>



## Financial Contribution

Please see the table below outlining all Fees and Contributions for East Fremantle Primary School for 2020.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
8 Forrest Street  
East Fremantle WA 6160

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ABN:97 582 857 695



### 2020 Charges & Voluntary Contributions Years K-6

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS		CHARGES - Extra Cost Options										
PP - Year 6 Curriculum Area Total		ITEM	K	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	OPTIONAL COST SERVICE	
The Arts - Music/Air	\$10.00	Excursions/Inursions	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00		
English Library	\$10.00	In Term Swimming		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Mathematics	\$10.00	Interscholar Sports						\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00		
Society & Environment	\$5.00	Winter Sports								\$50.00		
Science	\$10.00	Year 6 Camp								\$450.00	*Maximum Cost	
Technology	\$5.00	Graduation Dinner Dance								\$30.00		
Physical Education/Health	\$10.00	Year 6 Graduation Shirts								\$25.00	*Order via Uniform Shop	
<b>Total per student PP - Year 6</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	Year 6 Adventure World								\$35.00	*End of year function	
<b>Kindy Voluntary Contribution (for consumables/resources)</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	Young Writer's Program								\$135.00	*Year 6 extra curricula	
<b>Voluntary Approved Requests</b>		Instrumental Music								\$120.00	*Year 5/6 extra curricula	
		Militar Program			\$25.00							
		Multit Program				\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00			
		Dance Program		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		
		PEAC		\$50.00	\$155.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$210.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	*Year 5/6 extra curricula
Total		\$50.00	\$155.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$210.00	\$315.00	\$785.00		
<b>Additional Voluntary Approved Funding Requests</b>		Charges and voluntary contributions have been approved by the School Board.										
<b>P&amp;C Contribution K - PP</b>	\$10.00	Totals represent the <b>maximum</b> amount any parent will have to pay.										
<b>TOTAL PAYABLE YEAR Yr 1-6</b>		<b>Total payable by April 2020</b>										
<b>TOTAL PAYABLE YEAR K - PP</b>		<b>Families will receive invoices in Term 1, 2020</b>										
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                     Personal Items - see Ziegler's Educational Supplies Personal Items List. Pickup at school hall on:                 </div>										

## School Uniform

- School uniforms are part of our Dress Code Policy and are supported by the school community. Kindergarten student uniforms are optional.
- Two volunteer parents run our uniform shop through the P&C.
- Students should not wear jewellery (especially earrings), make-up or nail polish to school. Jewellery can be dangerous, particularly during play, sport and physical education activities.
- On all visits and excursions and for photo day, students are expected to wear school uniforms with a *white* shirt.
- Sale of uniforms is at the uniform shop is on assembly days during the term, whilst online purchasing is available all year round at <https://efpspc.com/shop/>
- The shop also carries a selection of second hand uniforms for sale.
- All clothing must be labelled with your child's given name and family name.
- Hats – The wearing of broad brimmed hats, for all outdoor activities, is compulsory for all years.
- To prevent foot injuries, the wearing of sandals (in summer) and closed in shoes (in winter) is required.

## Student Stationery Requirements

- Stationery requirements are supplied in Term 4 for the following year.
- Our stationery is supplied through Ziggies however parents may purchase from any other outlet.
- Orders can be placed online through Ziggies and stationery lists are available on the school website at <http://www.eastfremantleps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/booklists/>
- Please have your child's name marked on all stationery items (excluding Kindy and Pre Primary) and cover where appropriate to ensure cleanliness is maintained.
- It is the responsibility of students to ensure that each day they have the necessary materials.
- We encourage parents to recycle items from previous years if they are still in a reasonable condition.

## Lunch Arrangements

- Our school recommends healthy eating. Students can bring their lunch to school, or order it online (see 'Lunch Orders') from the John Curtin canteen.
- Students eat lunch between 12:20pm and 12:35pm. Once the lunch duty teacher is satisfied that all lunches have been eaten and the area is clean and tidy, students will be allowed to play.
- Students must bring their recess from home.
- Parents and grandparents volunteer to collect the lunches from John Curtin for the children and deliver them to our school. If you are interested in volunteering and contributing to our school community, please contact the P and C.

## Lunch Orders

The school has an arrangement with John Curtin College of the Arts canteen to supply school lunches. The canteen observes the healthy food and drink standards. Due to logistics, this facility is **not available** to Kindergarten children.

Lunches are ordered online at <https://quickcliq.com.au/default.aspx>

Ordering of lunches can be done up to one week beforehand and must be lodged **prior to 9am** on the day. Please ensure you receive an email to confirm your order has been placed successfully.

## Student Illness

Parents are informed immediately of a student's illness. If parents are unavailable the emergency contact is used. Students who fall ill during the school day will be sent home as we have very limited facilities and proper care cannot be provided. It is therefore essential that all home and work contact numbers are up to date.

Please note the following points:

- A sick child should **not** be sent to school in the hope that they may improve.
- Minor injuries or slight illness developed while at school will be attended to by designated staff.
- For any serious injury or illness the parents or the emergency contact will be notified so that the child can be collected for treatment.
- In extreme emergencies, the child will be taken directly to Hospital by ambulance.
- Please provide the office with 3 current emergency contacts

## Dental Services

If you wish to access the State Dental Service for your child, you may do so by calling the Palmyra Dental Therapy Centre, located at Palmyra Primary School – 9339 4868

## Medication

If your child suffers from an ongoing medical condition, all necessary paperwork must be updated each year. Condition specific plans can be collected from the office to be completed, authorised by your GP and returned to us to allow school staff to administer medication.

If your child is required to take medication during the school day on a short-term basis an administration of medicine form must be completed in the school office.

Please do not allow students to store medication in their bag, **all medication must be stored in the school office.**

## Toys, Games, Sports Equipment

- Students are not to bring their own toys, games or sports equipment to school, as they can be damaged, misplaced or stolen.
- An exception is where Pre Primary/Kindy students are asked to bring toys or equipment for special reasons, e.g. class themes, student presentation.

## School Board

With the inception of our status as Independent Public School in 2015 the School Board was created. The School Board comprises of the Principal, School Board Chair, staff members, and a community representative and up to 5 parent representatives. The School Board plays a strategic role in determining the direction of the school but plays no part in the day to day operation of the school or in the employment of teaching and support staff. Should a Principal position arise then a Board representative sits on the selection panel.

The Board meets regularly and there is a possibility that meetings with sub-committees will need to be facilitated as issues arise. There is also a requirement that board members play a role in the three year review of our school with the external assessors. Training for board members is provided.

## Parents and Citizens Association

The East Fremantle Primary School Parents and Citizens Association typically meets twice per term on Thursday nights in the School Library. Meetings run from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and are usually held in weeks 3 and 7 of each term. The P & C provides valuable financial and advisory assistance to the school and is a social focus for parents. This is the sole fundraising body for the school.

For all matters P&C related go to the website <https://efpspc.com/>

## Class Parent Representative

At the start of the school year a parent is asked to be a representative for each class to act as a liaison between the school and the class parent body. The parent representative will liaise with the P&C Class Representative Co-ordinator regarding social events and fundraising initiatives. The Parent Representative is responsible for creation of a class parent contact list which will be used to make your details available to your fellow class parents should you wish.

## Lost Property

- This is retained at the school until the end of each term.
- The lost property area is located in the alcove in the Junior school hall, near the disabled toilet.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing and all articles brought to school such as lunch boxes, drink containers, pencil cases, etc. are marked clearly with your child's name.

## Bicycles and Skateboards

- If your child rides a bicycle to school, please ensure they have a lock and a helmet. In the interests of safety, bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden and must be wheeled within the school grounds.
- The bike rack is located under the tree at the edge of the Pre-primary playground. The scooter parking facility is located in the Senior Block hall
- Due to the danger they present, skateboards, roller blades and roller-skates are not permitted on school grounds.
- All children riding scooters and bicycles to school must walk them when crossing the road with the crossing attendant.

## Parking

As there is limited parking around the school, we encourage families to walk, cycle or car pool if possible. We ask that parents do not park in the disabled bay unless you are in possession of a valid ACROD sticker. We also ask that you keep the school driveway clear at all times.

## Before and After School Care - Weybridge

Situated on the school grounds, the "Weybridge" Outside School Hours facility is operated and administered (independently of EFPS) by Wanslea Early Learning and Development. If you require more information on Weybridge, please phone 6143 5382, or call Wanslea ELD on 1300 588 618. Alternatively, information can be found on the Wanslea website [www.wanslea.asn.au](http://www.wanslea.asn.au)



## Dogs on Schoolgrounds

In the interests of student safety and school cleanliness, we ask that you leave your dog secured **OUTSIDE** the school grounds at all times.

## Quick Reference Guide

**Main School** (08) 9432 1200

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**P&C Website:** [www.efpspc.com](http://www.efpspc.com)

**School Lunch Orders:** <https://quickcliq.com.au/default.aspx>

**Before & After school Care** [www.wanslea.asn.au](http://www.wanslea.asn.au)

## Department of Education

Future Term Dates: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/future-term-dates>

John Curtin <https://www.jc.wa.edu.au/>

Fremantle College <https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/>

Melville Senior High School <https://www.melville.wa.edu.au/>