



EAST MADDINGTON PRIMARY

Bringing The Community Together

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Activ8 Youth Sports Grants

Need assistance with registration fees or sports equipment?

The aim of the Activ8 Youth Sports Grants is to allow school aged children and young people to access sport and physical recreation activities. Activ8 Youth Sports Grants are open to young people and children under the age of 18 who either live within Maddington/ Kenwick or go to school in the Maddington/ Kenwick and live within the City of Gosnells and have a Health Care or Pension Card.

The grants consist of funding of up to \$200 that the applicant can use towards paying registration fees or purchase of uniforms and equipment. The current round of funding closes on Friday, 14 August 2009 for the summer 2009/10 sports season. Grant application forms are available in the school office.

For more information contact the City's Club Development and Funding Officer on 9452 9912.



Volunteer of the Year Noreen Gregson

Our canteen volunteer, Noreen was named volunteer of the year by the WA School Canteen Association. Mrs Gregson has been a regular volunteer in our canteen for 30 years ever since her children attended East Maddington Primary School. Four of Mrs Gregson's children attended the school and now two of her grandchildren are still here. Canteen manager Debbie Sgherza nominated Noreen for the award because of her long service to our canteen.

Well done Noreen! What would we do without you.



For Your Diary REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays - Our Breakfast Club is a free event and is open to all EMPS children. Hope to see you on Tuesdays between 7.45am to 8.15am

After School Sports

- Monday - Footy Yrs 4-7
- Monday - Netball Yrs 3-7
- Tuesday - Soccer Yrs 4-7
- Wednesday - Hockey Yrs 4-7
- Thursday - Rugby Yrs 4-7

31st July
National Schools Tree Day

6th August
Areas 11 & 12 Assembly

7th August
Rainbows starts

10th August
P & C Meeting

12th August
School Council Meeting

26th August
Drumbeat Incursion

27th August
World of Maths PP to Yr 3

14th September to 25th September
Swimming Lessons for PP and LDC

25th September
Last Day of Term 3

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING
TIMES TERM 2
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
8.15AM TO 8.30**

**ORDERS CAN BE LEFT AT
THE FRONT OFFICE AND**

P & C NEWS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3

CANTEEN SPECIAL
FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST
HEALTHY BONES WEEK
SANDWICH AND MILK WITH
FLAVOURED STRAW
\$4.50

P & C MEETING
10TH AUGUST
1.30PM



From the Principal

What wonderful weather this week which has made a difference to our shivering swimmers. Well done and thank you to all involved! A special thank you to Mrs White who had to organise the timetable and supervision.

SMS Communication with Parents and Caregivers

Did you receive our test message that was sent out advising you that we are implementing a new system to monitor attendance and communicate with parents? If not, pop in to our office and make sure that your mobile numbers are recorded correctly.

How will this SMS work in regards to attendance?

Prior to 9.00am, teachers complete their attendance rolls online which is linked to our new SMS software. At a designated time later in the morning, a SMS message will be sent out to parents and caregivers of students notifying them that their child has been recorded as being absent. Parents then have the opportunity to reply via SMS to advise us of why their child is not at school. This reply message will then be recorded on our attendance roll.

What happens if you do not have a mobile?

A message will be sent to your landline if you are with Telstra. Unfortunately, other service providers do not have the facility for a recorded message via SMS.

What is the advantage of using this system?

- Parents / caregivers will no longer receive letters asking them to explain absences. Exceptions will be when parents do not have mobiles or Telstra Landlines.
- Workload will be reduced as we no longer need to print, put letters in envelopes and then enter the data when the letters are returned.
- Costs reduced; SMS cost versus cost of paper, envelope, stamp etc.
- Whilst we rarely have any students truanting, we have had an occasional one over the years. This system ensures contact with the parent / caregiver in the morning and any student not arriving at school, can be followed up as soon as possible.
- Parents / caregivers can notify us in advance via SMS if their child is going to be away on this number **0418 936 102**. We can then record this and an SMS will not be sent out.

Can this SMS communication system be used for other parent contact?

Yes, we can use this system to communicate other important information eg. if sport is cancelled, we can SMS parents of the students participating in sport and advise that due to rain, sport is cancelled. We can also send out reminders in regards to school events eg. School Council meetings.

What if I do not want to participate in this communication system?

You can opt out by advising us in the front office.

Bugs, bumps and hurdles in the system

Our aim is to put in a place a system that is user friendly, reduces workload and improves communication and attendance. However, as with all new systems and technology, we do expect some issues as we implement this new system and ask for your understanding and patience.

Congratulations Noreen!

How lucky are we at EMPS to have such a committed and caring volunteer at our school! A well deserved award.



Registration Day

Sunday 26 July • 10am-12noon

Wednesday 29 July • 5pm-7pm

Thornlie Football Club
Berehaven Avenue, Thornlie

For further information contact:

Tanielle Stivey
0431 267 521
9493 1271

Jarrad Cross
0448 844 225
9452 8687

**East Maddington
Playgroup**
Held every Wednesday
8.30am to 11.00am

Come along for a coffee and chat with other Mums while your children play. Every week the children will enjoy a different activity

Painting, Arts and Craft, Drawing, Whiteboard Marker activities, Puzzles, Baby Massage, Play dough, Ball games and Excursions

Cost \$2.00 per family

Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea.

New families welcome

**Next week
Sharing games**

**WANTED
PLAYPEN FOR THE SMALL BABIES
PLEASE CONTACT
CELIA 0423 439 952
HEATHER 0400 543 898**

Thornlie & Districts
Tee Ball Association Inc.

ABN: 96 386 263 450

PO Box 79, Thornlie Western Australia 6108



THORNLIE AND DISTRICTS TEEBALL ASSOCIATIONS

2009/2010

OFFICIAL CLUB REGISTRATION LISTING

If your interested in registering your child to play Tee ball this season please feel free to contact the registrar of the club you wish to register with. Registrations can be taken right up to and beyond the beginning of the playing season. (However getting in early avoids disappointment)

Club Name & Registration Date
Contact Details

Forest Lakes Magpies
Belinda Cusworth
Ph: 9256 2126
Mob: 0402 270 320
Rego Day 1st August 2pm – 4pm
Forest Lakes Family Centre
Email: cussies@bigpond.com.

Gosnells Bears Tee Ball
Natalie O'Brien
Ph: 6396 4704
Mob: 0430 525 899
Rego Day 16th August 3pm – 5pm
Rego Day 23rd August 3pm – 5pm
Sutherland Park, Gaye Street.
Email: natnpatu@hotmail.com

Huntingdale Tee Ball Club
Rachel Grasl
Rego Day 1 25th July 10am – 1pm
Mob: 0409 378 003
Outside IGA Shopping Cntr, Pippit Clse, Huntingdale
Email: registrar@huntingdaleteeball.asn.au
Rego Day 2 29th July 2pm – 3pm
Undercover Area – Huntingdale Primary School
Rego Day 3 5th August 2pm – 3pm
Undercover Area – Huntingdale Primary School

Kenwick Tee Ball Club
Maryanne Kemp
Rego 9th August 11am – 2pm
Ph: 9493 3140
Subway Maddington, Albany Highway
Mob: 0417 970 753
Email: marykemp@bigpond.com

South Thornlie Redsox
Heidi Wayne
Ph: 9459 7478
Mob: 0419 184 166
Rego 25th July 11am – 1pm Hume Road Pavillion
Email: hmwayne78@optusnet.com.au

Yale Tigers Tee Ball Club
Tanielle Stivey
Ph: 0431 267 521
Rego Day 26th July 10am – 2pm
29th July 5pm – 7pm
Email: tanielle11@hotmail.com
Thornlie Football Club Rooms

OUR VISION

'TO BUILD A HIGH REGARD IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR EDUCATION AT EAST MADDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL'

WEEK 1 IN OUR GARDEN WITH AREA 5



It was only a short break away from the garden over the holidays but there were lots of surprises in the garden when we returned. There were some beautiful creamy white cauliflowers, big green heads of broccoli and ripe cherry tomatoes. The eggplants were flowering, the beetroot was emerging from the soil and the celery has grown so much it looks like a mini rainforest. There was an abundance of colour too, with the grape vines turning rich shades of red and orange, and some of the broccoli plants shooting up big sprays of yellow flowers as well as the bright and cheerful calendula showing off their orange flowers.



The cold weather has slowed the growth of many other plants, with our spinach and lettuce still small but looking healthy. The rocket was not true to its name and was plodding along with only minimal growth. Amongst other activities this term, we will be learning how to plant out using the phases of the moon and its magical properties.



Area 9 enjoyed their first cooking lesson on the first day back and first session of the day. With lots of helpings of our famous Sweet Potato Soup, salad and Vanilla Apples with Sweetheart Croutes, Mr. Gaffney and Mrs. Nairn were worried about how the students would cope with their full tummy's weighing them down at swimming lessons. Apparently it didn't cause any problems and Area 9 students were probably grateful to have a some great energy in their bodies from all the good vegetables and fruit that they had eaten.

