



# School Chatter



*Preparing today's child for tomorrow's world*

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### Administration

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Day Starts - 8:45am - 3:10pm    Monday Early Close - 2:40pm

### Dates to Remember

#### Monday March 2

- Labour Day Public Holiday

#### Thursday March 5

- Year 9/10 Assembly

#### Friday March 6

- Faction Swimming Carnival

### School Fees

Account Name: Brookton DHS  
BSB: **633-000**  
Account #: **120402938**  
Please use your Surname and Initials as reference when making your payment.

### Uniform Shop

**Tuesday Mornings**  
9:00am - 9:30am  
**Thursday Afternoons**  
3:00pm - 3:30pm

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

### ***Welcome to the start of 2020 at Brookton DHS.***

Term 1 has got off to a really positive start at Brookton DHS. The transition back into learning from the school holidays has been pretty seamless and I've been impressed with the learning tone of every classroom. **Our whole school focus this year is Reading**, and I hope to provide you with lots of information on events, programs and progress of our students reading progress this year through our Newsletters.

### **Parent Open Afternoon & Sausage Sizzle**

On Tuesday 10th March (Week 6) starting at 4.30pm we will be holding our Parent Open afternoon. Mr. Simpson and Ms Dewson Hall will be discussing some of the whole school focuses for 2020 in the Library and then at 5.00pm Classroom teachers will have their classrooms open to informally discuss classroom routines and expectations. Parents will have opportunities to ask questions, get familiar with your child's year ahead and see their progress so far. A Sausage Sizzle will be provided in the new undercover area from 6.00pm. Looking forward to seeing you then.

### **Homework**

All classes will be providing homework in 2020, which I hope you would have received by the end of Week 2. All classes homework will be a combination of Reading, Spelling and Maths. Teachers will provide you with information on their individual classrooms expectations. Any assistance you provide in helping with your children's homework is greatly appreciated.

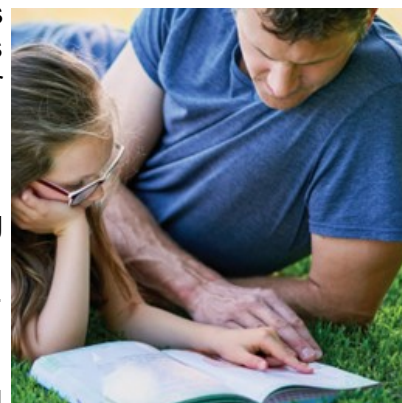
### **Rocket Readers Club**



I hope by now you would have received some information in regards to our new Rocket Readers Club. All students have been provided with a Rocket Reader log book to keep track of any reading they are doing at home. For every 15 minutes signed off by a parent, carer, older sibling or teacher, student's will receive a Rocket Reader Dojo. Students will be recognised every 20 times they have read at home by receiving a Rocket Readers certificate at assemblies. I'm looking forward to keeping you informed of our home reading progress.

## Building a Love of Reading

In support of your child's Reading skills here are some suggestions for parents from the Education Department. Reading is a skill that is learnt, and needs to be practised. As a parent, you can support your child by helping them read at home.



Here are some great ideas for reading at home as a family.

- Have a special place at home to keep books and other reading materials.
- Encourage your child to choose what they would like to read. Be positive about their choices.
- Let your child see you reading – for enjoyment and to learn.
- Share your reading choices with your child and tell them why you have chosen a particular book or article; what you are reading and what it is making you think about.
- Encourage your child to set aside a regular time for reading each day. Model this yourself so your child sees you as a reader.
- Be interested in what your child is reading, and ask them to recommend books for you to read.
- Visit the local library regularly so your child can browse the huge range of reading materials, and ask the librarian for recommendations.
- Encourage your child to find things to read about their favourite topics. Explore together different formats such as audio books and graphic novels.
- Try out books in a series. If your child gets 'hooked' by the first book, they are more likely to continue reading the series.
- Monitor access to a computer or device, either at home or in the local library so that your child can use the internet.
- Buy books as gifts.
- Swap and share books with family and friends.
- Ask others about what they are reading.



## Support what is happening at school

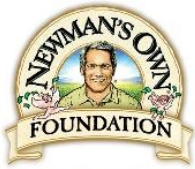
Your children will be reading lots of things at school. Here's how you can tap into what is happening at school.

- Listen to your child read, fill out the Rocket Reader Log book and talk to your child about the book they are reading.
- Go to class meetings offered by the teacher so you know what the children are learning in different learning areas.
- Talk with the teacher individually about what you can do to help your child.
- Ask your child about the book they have taken out of the school library, for example "Why did you choose that book?" and "Is it what you thought it was going to be?"
- Show an interest in work your child may do at home on projects or research.

Thank you again for all of your support in the education of the children of Brookton. Our school is a community where we work in partnership with families to provide the best possible educational outcomes for every child. If at any stage you would like to discuss any detail of your child's education, please contact us. We are only too glad to help. I'm looking forward to a highly productive and positive year.

Best Regards

*Darren Simpson*  
Principal



**LEEWIN**  
Ocean Adventure Foundation

## Sponsorship Application Form

Newman's Own Foundation continues Paul Newman's commitment to making the world a better place by donating all profits and royalties earned from the sale of Paul Newman's Own and Newman's Own products to charity. Paul Newman believed that giving back is the greatest opportunity we have to make our world a better place. Through a generous grant from the Foundation, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure is able to offer sponsored places for a week-long ocean going adventure on board *STS Leeuwin II*.

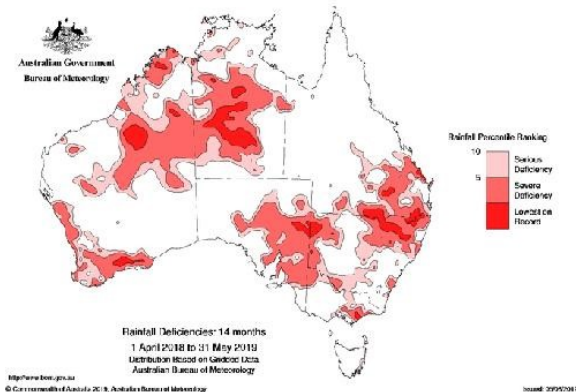
Newman's Own sponsorships are \$2,100 each. The balance of \$250 will be payable by the applicant. A \$150 travel allowance is also provided for successful applicants.

### Prerequisites for applicants:

- Be between 14 - 25 years old
- Live in an area of Western Australia suffering rainfall deficiency per the map below: ([bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au) as of 31 May 2019)

### Eligible Areas

Use the BOM map below to assess whether the region where you live in Western Australia makes you eligible for a Newman's Own sponsored berth.



### About Leeuwin Youth Explorer Voyages

Sail on *STS Leeuwin II*, Western Australia's only sail training tall ship, a unique three-mastered 1850's style barquette. Surround yourself with new friends, develop your leadership, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills.

*STS Leeuwin II* is a working ship, so during the voyage you will be part of hands-on activities. Weather conditions, watch roster and ship positioning effect the schedule so there is never a dull moment.

[www.sailleeuwin.com](http://www.sailleeuwin.com)

### How to apply?

- 1 Complete this form
- 2 Return the completed form to: [community@sailleeuwin.com](mailto:community@sailleeuwin.com)
- 3 Following successful assessment of your Newman's Own Voyage Sponsorship Application, you will be invited to complete a Leeuwin Voyage Application form.



**Applications close on 31 December 2019**




### Applicant Details

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\*For participants under 18 only  
 Parent or  Guardian → [ Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ]

School/Educational institutions/Work Place: \_\_\_\_\_

# Brookton DHS - Term 1 Planner 2020

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	February 3 Students Commence	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	10	11	12	13	14 Newsletter	15	16
3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4	24	25	26	27	28 Newsletter	29	1
5	March 2  Labour Day Public Holiday	3	4	5 Year 9/10 Assembly 	6 Faction Swimming Carnival	7	8
6	9	10 Parent Open Night 	11	12 Junior Fun Swim	13 Newsletter	14	15
7	16	17	18	19	20 Interschool Swimming Carnival at Pingelly	21	22
8	23	24 School Photo Day 	25	26	27 Newsletter	28	29
9	30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
10	6	7	8	9 Year 5/6 Assembly  Term 1 Concludes	10 Good Friday	11	12
	13 School	14 Holidays	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	29