FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I extend a warm welcome to the new Reception students, other students who have transferred to East Adelaide School and our new staff members.

It has been great to see how enthusiastic students have been with their return to school and how well everyone has settled. It has been lovely catching up with many parents and carers in the yard in the mornings and afternoons and I look forward to chatting with many more of you.

Teachers have spent many hours over the past two weeks setting up their learning space to ensure a smooth start for our students. Each learning space looks warm, inviting and inspiring. I hope that you have had the opportunity to take a walk around the school and spend some time in your child's classroom.

Over the first two weeks of term the teaching staff will be working with their students building the ethos of a learning community in each class and across the school. This period will also include time for the establishment of codes of behavioural expectations based on our school values, time to re-visit and introduce the keys for success from Program Achieve to support successful social skills and more.

Our school values will form the basis for developing a safe learning environment within the classroom and across the school in order for rigorous learning to occur. Social skills taught within the Program Achieve Program and Child Protection Curriculum will support our students to know and understand appropriate social norms and the expectations we have of East Adelaide students.

We have a focused schedule organised for term 1 including Governing Council AGM, Acquaintance Nights, Term Overviews, Interviews, special events including Harmony Day and Sports Day and of course teaching and learning.

Vicki Stravinski
Once again the Minister for Education has approved an additional two days for schools to be closed and teachers to engage with the Australian Curriculum. This opportunity has been well received by teachers and Governing Councils across the state. This focused learning opportunity enables our staff across the State to deliver the highest achievement standards as identified within each learning area.

The following dates have been scheduled for this year:

**Term 1**
- Fri 1st March - with a focus on Behaviour Education
- Mon 4th March - with a focus on teaching practice through the Australian Curriculum

**Term 2**
- Mon 6th May - with a focus on teaching practice through the Australian Curriculum

**Term 3**
- Mon 22nd July - with a focus on teaching practice through the Australian Curriculum

If you need care for any of these days please contact OSHC on 8362 6585.

**Fri 6th Sept** is also our School Closure Day for the Royal Adelaide Show. OSHC will not be available on this day.

### FIRST LANGUAGE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Our school has continued to receive funding from the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) for First Language Maintenance and Development programs in Italian and Greek for 2013.

These programmes will be offered to R-7 students whose background is of Italian and Greek origin. The programmes aim to provide students with opportunities to further develop their linguistic and cultural skills with experienced teachers of these languages – Lucia Baldino & Dora Iuliano (Italian), Irene Kotses (Greek).

A letter of interest was sent home this week for all eligible students. Please return by Tuesday 5th February to the front office. If you have not received it, additional copies are located near the Community Notice board in the front office.

If you require any further information please contact Lucia Baldino at school.

### MUSIC TUITION

The Instrumental Music Service and independent music tutors will commence lessons in Week 2 this term. Students in Years 3-7 have the opportunity to learn string instruments and Years 5-7 may learn brass and woodwind instruments through the DECD Instrumental Music Service. Any interested students please contact Dora through the school front office.

Independent tutors provide lessons for R-7 students to learn a variety of instruments, namely, trumpet, piano, trombone, flute, recorder, clarinet, saxophone and guitar. Further information is provided in the advertisement included in this newsletter and enrolment forms are available from the front office community notice board.

### ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

This year our school Acquaintance Night will be held on **Tuesday 19th February**. Times are as follows:

- 5:30 – 6:00pm  Reception – Year 2
- 6:00 – 6:30pm  Years 3 – 5
- 6:30 – 7:00pm  Reception – Year 2

Staff will be sending further details to families prior to their meetings. Families will also receive term overviews which outline the intended teaching and learning program for the term.

You are invited to come and hear about plans and expectations for the coming year and how you can best support your child at school. Take this opportunity to meet other parents.

**Please note:** Students are not expected at school during Acquaintance Meetings or the AGM. Staff is unavailable to supervise students due to, either
last minute preparations, setting up for the evening or meeting with parents.

During Acquaintance Night teachers will request nominations from parents who are willing to undertake the role of Class Parent Representative for 2013. An ‘induction’ meeting of Class Representatives will be held soon after Acquaintance Night. The Class Parent Rep has an important role that is highly valued at our school. Class Parent Reps have a range of responsibilities including:

- Welcoming new families to their child’s class and the school.
- Organise class social events e.g. class picnic/parent coffee morning.
- Assist Parents and Friends committee.
- Collect and distribute contact numbers of families in each class as agreed to formally by families.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM
TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 7.15PM

WHAT DOES THE GOVERNING COUNCIL DO?
The Governing Council is a decision making body and is responsible, with the Principal, for providing leadership for the good governance of the school.

In particular they:
- Work collaboratively in the best interests of the site and its community.
- Allocate the resources available to the site to support the improvement of learning and wellbeing outcomes for all students as specified in school improvement and strategic plans.
- Provide a forum for parent, staff and student participation and decision making and ensure that the educational needs of the students are addressed particularly those that are priorities of National, State and site plans.
- Plan for improvement in learning and wellbeing for all students through setting and monitoring of the vision, purpose, strategic and improvement plans.
- Monitor learning and wellbeing outcomes and reporting annually to the site’s community and the Minister through the Annual Reporting process.

Governing Council membership
As an active Governing Councillor, or someone thinking about stepping forward on to Governing Council, you can be a part of the efforts to improve the education and care of students in our school.

You can also represent the views of members in the community and encourage their participation. By valuing and respecting others’ views, you can also help the Governing Council create partnerships in school, including our young people, their families, and others in the school and broader community. These partnerships can help students become personally developed, well-educated, and productive citizens.

When the entire school community works together to support learning, students succeed, not just in school but throughout their lives. Your participation in this process through your governance role is crucial.

East Adelaide School’s Governing Council AGM is to be held on Tuesday 19th February at 7.15pm to 8pm in the Resource Centre. The meeting will be followed by a short Council meeting to appoint office bearers and nominations for subcommittee membership.

If you are interested in joining the Council please complete the nomination form included in this newsletter and return to the school front office ASAP. Thank you for the two nominations we have already received.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.
Vicki Stravinski

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Family Barefoot Bowls Night - Friday 22nd February
The Parents and Friends group invite you to a fun night of Family Bowls.

This family friendly event is being held on Friday 22nd of February from 6.30-9.30pm at the Payneham Bowling Club.

Adult tickets are $25 and Children $15, this includes a meal, welcome drink and bowling. Tickets are limited to 200, so get in quick to secure your spot. Further information and booking forms will be sent home next week. Hope you can join us.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SPORT
Happy New Year to all families.

Registration forms for Term 1 Summer Sports are available from the front office or our school website. The sports on offer are Cricket, Cheerleading, Netball Skills and Cricket Skills. Registrations are due by 9.00am Monday 11th February.

Basketball and Netball matches continuing from Term 4 commence this week. Good luck to all the teams.

LIBRARY NEWS
Library Bags
This year I have the privileged position of working with the students in the Early Years R-2. My work with the 11 classes will include borrowing library books each week, learning about information texts, spending some time on learning about literature and encouraging students to love the world of books and research skills.

I seek parent support in providing your child with a named library bag to help students to keep books they have borrowed in one place and to assist them to remember to use their library bags when visiting the library to return and borrow new texts. Student borrowing begins next week.

Library Volunteers
I am looking for volunteers for a special project, if you have some spare time over the next couple of weeks I would love to see you. Our collection of literacy games is going to be put into kits and circulated regularly through classrooms. We have many games that need to be checked before they can go into kits and we require help with this. We will begin this process from Wednesday next week and aim to complete the task by Friday 15th February.

John Crowther or I will be in the Library Resource Centre from Monday to Friday so please pop in and see one of us. Remember to sign in with Linda at the Front Office prior to coming up the stairs to the library, we look forward to seeing as many people as possible there. Grandparents are also welcome.
Free Homework Support
In 2013 your tutor is available free to all Norwood, Payneham and St Peters public library members between 4pm and 8pm Monday to Friday, providing live, on demand, real time tutoring. Free for all year three to twelve students. Call any of the libraries or visit http://yourtutor.com.au for more information. Thank you.

Andrea Tuck, Teacher Librarian

**SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS**
These students are the monitors on the school crossing for Week 2.

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**PARENT CALENDAR**
The calendar for term 1 will be sent home to families next week. It will also be available for viewing on the school website as of next Friday.

**KIDS’ PANTRY**
*Managers: Julie Hannah & Lisa Starkey*
Welcome back to Term 1. Our new menu is enclosed with this newsletter.

**Roster Reminder:**
- Mon 4th Feb: S. Moore
- Tues 4th Feb: D. McAlindon
- Wed 6th Feb: A. Latham
- Thur 7th Feb: R. Lloyd, S. Lewis
- Fri 8th Feb: L. Saunders, L. Parslow, H. Herbert
- Mon 11th Feb: M. McKay, T. McNeill

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen, please contact either Lisa or Julie on 8362 5221. We would love to hear from you!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
Ovation Centre of Performing Arts is returning to East Adelaide School in 2013 and offering after school performing arts courses for adults and young people. Classes cater for all levels of experience and are taught by the nation’s best industry professionals.

Classes include Acting, Musical Theatre, Stand up Comedy, Dance & Loads More!! All programs culminate in a show directed by a theatre professional.

Now accepting open enrolments at East Adelaide for 2013.

To reserve a spot or to receive a free information pack, contact Ovation on 0407 716 573 or email ovationcpa@gmail.com

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**Independent Music Tutors**
and Sandi McMenamin

Welcome back everyone!
We hope you’ve all had a relaxing holiday break and are ready to enjoy a wonderful, music-filled 2013.

We look forward to seeing those of you continuing on with lessons this year and to meeting some new students beginning tuition. Lessons can be provided during the school day as of 12.30pm but places are limited so book in early. After school time slots are also available.

Brochures/enrolment forms for lessons are available from the Front Office and the tutors can be contacted directly to answer any queries:

- **Independent Music Tutors:**
  - Fees: 30 minute individual lesson $30.00
  - 30 minute group (2 max) $17.00/child
  - 20 minute individual lesson $20.00

- **Melissa Burrows**
  - Trumpet/Piano/Keyboard/Flute/Recorder
  - Phone 8263 5002 or 0422 667 261
  - Email: mburrows@adam.com.au

- **Michael Beare, M.Mus**
  - Clarinet/Piano
  - Phone 8363 2056 or 0403 004 733
  - Email: michaelbeare@adam.com.au

- **Sandi McMenamin B Mus/Registered Teacher**
  - Piano/Piano-Vocal
  - Fees: $30.00 30 min Individual lesson $20.00 20 min Individual lesson
  - Phone 0403-373 260
  - Email: sandi@sandimcmenamin.com

- **Jasper Cowrie**
  - Guitar
  - For lesson prices and information please phone Jasper on 0401 245 917.

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**EAST ADELAIDE SCHOOL 2013/2014 GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM**

I ____________________________________________

wish to nominate for East Adelaide School Governing Council.

Signed ______________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________Room No: ________

Please return nomination form to the school front office