FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Information was sent home this week by all classroom teachers. I strongly encourage all parents and caregivers to make an appointment if they have not yet done so.

HARMONY WEEK CELEBRATIONS
Monday marks the beginning of 2013 Harmony Week. Harmony Week is Australia’s largest national multicultural event. It is an opportunity to foster the values of participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

It is a time where we all stop and reflect on the multicultural society that makes Australia the special place it is. Harmony week is a time for us to think about connecting with each other across our communities and celebrating the richness we each bring along to this wonderful country and local community.

Our theme at school is Unity in our Community. Each class is actively participating in a range of tasks to celebrate along with some whole school tasks such as the making of hands symbolising unity amongst us all at East Adelaide School.

Please remember to encourage your child/children to wear orange on Harmony Day Thursday 21st March. Please see your child’s teacher to find out details of the tasks being undertaken in the classroom.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING
Today was the day to remind students that bullying and harassment is not tolerated at East Adelaide School.
Bullying is a pattern of repeated physical, verbal, psychological or social aggression that is directed towards a specific student by someone or a group, with more power and is intended to cause harm, distress and/or create fear. Bullying may be carried out overtly (e.g. face-to-face) or covertly (e.g. through repeated social exclusion or via technology). It is a sub-category of aggression and is different to, but also related to, harassment and violence. It is not the same as conflict or social dislike even though, in some cases, the outcome of both can be bullying.

The different types of bullying
Face-to-face bullying (sometimes referred to as direct bullying) involves physical actions such as punching or kicking or overt verbal actions such as name-calling and insulting.

Covert bullying (sometimes referred to as indirect bullying) is a subtle type of non-physical bullying which isn’t easily seen by others and is conducted out of sight, and often unacknowledged by adults.

Cyberbullying occurs through the use of information or communication technologies such as Instant Messaging, text messages, email and social networking sites. It has many similarities with offline bullying but it differs in that the student(s) who is/are bullying can be anonymous, it can reach a wide audience and the sent or uploaded material can be difficult to remove.
Most students who cyberbully also bully off-line. It is now recognised that many forms of covert bullying appear to have significant potential for serious harm.

For further information – please refer to our Anti-Bullying Policy or ask your children’s teacher/s. Please remind your children they have the right to be safe and that it is not alright to be harassed or bullied. Please also remind that they have a set of grievance procedures that they must use to address any issues that they are experiencing.

As a community we can create and continue to maintain safe, healthy and happy environments in which all our children can experience success.

Vicki Stravinski

WORKING BEE POSTPONED

Given the hot weather and lack of irrigation at this stage, the Asset and Landscape committee proposed that the Working Bee be postponed to Sunday 7 April instead of Sunday 24 March. This will allow for more appropriate planting weather and time to obtain quotes for irrigation and opportunities for community members to assist with the installation. We welcome any parents or friends who are skilled at irrigation installation or who can donate mulch or seating. Margot Truman has prepared the proposed planting schedule and plant list for garden beds in front of the Administration Building in Yard B. A BBQ is planned for volunteers and families to celebrate the initial work of our Landscape projects.

We appreciate the efforts of members of the Asset and Landscape Committee and encourage more people to join the team to drive exciting projects like the refurbishment of buildings and the Landscape Master plan. We meet in Weeks 3 and 7 of each term on Thursdays at 8.00am. Please contact Dora to register your interest.

SCHOOL LANDSCAPING COMMUNITY FORUM

East Adelaide School parents and friends are invited to attend a Community Forum on Tuesday 2 April 6.30-7.30pm in the Library to discuss the Landscape Masterplan and Stage 1 Sandpit with WAX Design consultant Amanda Balmer. A copy of the Landscape Concept Map is available on our school’s website and is displayed on the foyer pinup board in the Administration office along with images of the water play, naturals sand pit, balancing beam, timber deck, native plantings and stepping stones to assist with greater understanding of the intended project outcomes.

For new parents, staff and students please read the feedback from the 2012 school community consultation process:

“The overall top ten preferences from all votes collated clearly highlighted amphitheatre, outdoor classrooms, a climbing net and kitchen garden as the most favoured to be incorporated into the Masterplan. New equipment and equipment upgrade also featured highly. The voting indicates a need for shade (natural or constructed) with incorporated seating and further areas of lawn for play and sport. Natural and explorative play was also indicated as a high preference amongst voters with a butterfly garden and nature trail gaining a significant number of votes.”

It is from this feedback that WAX Design produced an informed Master plan. Interestingly, the sand pit for the early years’ students was in the top 5 votes and the water play within the teachers’ top 5. Natural play elements featured strongly throughout and it is the opportunity for the children to experience natural play that is one of the underlying principles of the Master plan. WAX believes that the potential play opportunities incorporated in the proposed sandpit, water play and native garden beneath the existing shade tree offer a far greater play and learning experiences than the current standard climbing equipment that exists.

An alternate location for the sand pit and water play would be where the butterfly garden is proposed, and this garden could eventually go where the sand pit is shown currently, when the existing equipment is decommissioned.

As with all things new and different, we appreciate that there will be challenges and it will take time, but we believe positive outcomes can be achieved.

ASSETS UPDATE

The Committee has developed a Maintenance Replacement Register for 2013 and 2014 and has prioritised the refurbishment of the Double Storey Building to include new carpet, painting, wall tiling, roof and ceiling repairs.

OSHC Building

Information and plans of proposed building will be advertised to the community following meetings with Architect, Builder and DECD Capital Works Manager. During this planning and transition period OSHC has utilised the learning spaces in the transportable buildings as well as other areas in the school.

Thank you for your patience and we welcome your support to make all of our projects successful.

Dora Iuliano
on behalf of the Assets and Landscape Committee

UNIFORM

Our students are encouraged to show respect for themselves and for each other and one aspect of this can be pride in their appearance. It is important that students wear their uniform correctly. The girls shorts are a tailored uniform short designed to be comfortable as well as smart. These can be purchased from the uniform shop.

School shoes are an issue of safety and must be protective, covering the whole foot. Sneakers or school sandals are appropriate. Flimsy shoes without firm soles can be a hazard.

Jewellery and make up are not part of the uniform. I have been pleased with the way in which most students have adhered to the uniform policy for the start of this year with only a few exceptions. The support of parents for a school uniform is very strong.
ROAD SAFETY
Student safety is very important, and staff are on duty before and after school to manage student movement safely. With so many cars on the roads near the school it can become very congested. Please do not drive through the staff car parks or block access to these for dropping off or picking up students.

Adhering to the speed limit around the school ensures that we are looking after all our students. Please ensure you slow down, particularly along Third Avenue, Westminster and Winchester Streets.

2013 ICAS TESTS
In 2013, the ICAS tests are available for students in years 3 – 7 in the following subjects:
• Science
• English
• Mathematics

These tests are not funded by the school. Parents wishing for their child to participate in any of these tests will need to complete an application form. Forms will be available from the Community Noticeboard in the school front office from Week 6. Entries with payment need to be submitted to the uniform shop during normal opening hours. **The last date for entries is Thursday 4th April.**

2013 SCHOOL FEES
Invoices for the 2013 school fees were sent home earlier this term. Families are reminded that payment of the excursion levy is due by the end of term 1.

Payments may be made in person at the Uniform Shop Monday - Thursday 8:30 – 9:15am. Credit card and cheque payments may also be made in the payment box in the front office. Credit card payments may also be made over the phone.

2013 SCHOOL CARD
School Card forms for the 2013 school year are available from the community notice board in the front office. A new form must be filled out each year. Please return them to the school as soon as possible.

2013 TENNIS HOT SHOTS
East Adelaide School is one of only 35 in SA that is involved in the Tennis Hot Shots programme delivered at schools. The Reception to Year 4 teachers will be having two coaching sessions with a coach from a local club during weeks 8, 9 and 10 at a small cost of $3 from their excursion fund. The PE teacher and class teachers will then be doing follow-up or training sessions with all year levels. As part of this deal, all children at EAS have the opportunity to register online to claim a free T-shirt. The school has also been given six new nets, 30 short handled tennis rackets and balls.

Carol Sharpe
P.E. teacher

OUT OF HOURS AND WEEKEND SPORT
Friday the 5th April is our Summer Sports Presentation night in the school gym. There will be a barbecue sizzle at 5.30pm, at a cost of $2.00 per sausage. There will also be free drinks. The presentation will commence at 6.00pm and finish at approximately 7.00pm. There will also be prizes on the night and raffle tickets on sale for $1.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for $2.00. The night will be a celebration of all students' and parents’ achievements in the summer season of Term 1.

Good luck to the Netball Sub-Junior 6 team tonight who are playing in the grand final against East Marden. The game is at Lothian Avenue at 7.00pm. Good luck girls!!!

SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS
These students are the monitors for Week 8.

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KIDS’ PANTRY
Managers: Julie Hannah & Lisa Starkey

Roster Reminder:
Mon 18th Mar M. McKay, T. McNeill
Tues 19th Mar D. McAlindon
Wed 20th Mar M. Moutos
Thu 21st Mar L. Wilson, HELP NEEDED
Fri 22nd Mar L. Thornley, L. Le
                L. Parslow, H. Herbert
Mon 25th Mar J. Brown

COMMUNITY NEWS
St Peters Fair
Come and join us at the St Peters Fair on Saturday 23 March from 10.30am – 4.00pm at Dunstone Grove – Linde Reserve, Stepney. There will be market stalls, kids’ entertainment, face painting, rides, food and more. Also featuring the Amazing Drumming Monkeys and The Bees Bees!
Contact the City of Norwood Paynehm and St Peters Council on 8366 4555 for further information.

Glenunga International High School will be conducting an information evening for families on Wednesday 20 March 2013 from 6 to 8pm. We invite all families to join us at this event which will include:
* Principal’s Address
* IB Presentation
* IGNITE Presentation

Our first school tour for the year will be held on Thursday 9th May from 8.55am – 10.15am and commences at the Performing Arts Centre. Priority will be given to families with current Year 7 students.

Further information including curriculum offerings, zoning map, uniform policy, school fees, newsletters and dates of all school tours are accessible from our website www.gihs.sa.edu.au

To register please contact the Enrolment Manager Eleni Dalkos by phone 8379 5629 or email eleni.dalkos@gihs.sa.edu.au

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