Welcome back after the autumn break. I hope that students and families had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. We welcome the 25 new receptions in rooms 12, 14 and 15, along with the new students and families joining our school community from other schools, states and countries.

Attendance
Regular attendance at school is a life forming habit and one that school and parents can work on in partnership. Good habits begin right from the time children start school. It is important to ensure every individual is on time and seated in the classroom ready for learning at 8.50am. We have noticed that some children are arriving at school after the 8.50am siren which means they have already lost learning time. If your child is late for school whether they are in reception or in year 7 the parent is required to sign the child in at reception with the child collecting a late card to hand to the teacher.

Regular attendance assists your child not only with connecting any new learning to prior knowledge but also supports the development of the whole child, emotionally and socially. Children who are away often find it difficult to catch up on the learning, teachers are introducing new concepts daily and a child is disadvantaged upon their return to school. Friendship groups often move on when a child is away regularly making it difficult for the child to re-connect and at times maintain their friendship group, this can add to any emotional issues that the child may be experiencing.

If your child is away due to illness it is of vital importance that you inform the school and it is easy to do. Please call the school absentee number anytime of the day or night and leave a message on the answering machine. This system makes it easy for parents and the school. We are working towards eliminating all the unexplained absences that some of our students accrue due to parents not informing Linda in the front office or the classroom teacher.

I thank you in anticipation for your partnership in improving the regular and prompt attendance of all our students at East Adelaide School.
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, it has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.
NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.
NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to assist students achieve their potential. This assessment tool is just one of many already used by schools to assess and monitor student progress.
All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html
NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.
An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information along with the range of other information from the school to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

Sports Day Feedback
Families are reminded to provide any feedback on how we can further improve our Sports Day held last term. Please email your thoughts and suggestions to me at vicki.stravinski406@schools.sa.edu.au

National Volunteer Week
National Volunteer Week is celebrated 13 to 19 May and with this in mind I take the opportunity on behalf of staff and students to thank our volunteers. I would like to recognise all our volunteers and the valuable contribution each individual provides our school community by offering their time, skills, passion and expertise by coming into our school and working with us in classrooms, resource centre, coaching sporting teams, canteen, numerous Governing Council committees and Governing Council.

Our school programs and services would not function as well as they do without the many volunteers we have. THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!

Volunteer Information Session
An information session will be held next Thursday 9th May from 9 – 10.30am in the library. Topics covered include: volunteering in schools and what it means, child abuse and neglect reporting process, confidentiality and DECD privacy principles. All existing and new volunteers, whether they help in the classroom, listen to reading, support excursions or coach a sport team, will be expected to have received this training by 2014. Please email your attendance to linda.fehlandt511@schools.sa.edu.au
Vicki

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Mother’s Day Stand
In week 2, the Parents and Friends Committee will be holding a Mother’s Day Stand on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May, between 9 -10.30am. There will be various items available for children to purchase, priced at $4.00 each. The children will be able to visit the stand, during class time with the support of their teachers to find a special gift for their mother or grandmother. Your child’s teacher will advise which day the class is visiting the stand.

East Adelaide School Movie Screening – Monsters University
Save the date! Invite family and friends to the East Adelaide School movie screening of Monsters University which is the prequel to Monsters Inc and is guaranteed to be a great laugh. It is being held on Sunday 23rd June at 11am at the Regal Theatre. More details and ticket information will be provided in coming newsletters.

East Adelaide School Fair - Friday 25th October
This is our major fundraiser for 2013. We are seeking community support from parents who have great ideas and energy plus a little time to assist with the planning of our major fundraiser for the year.

Our first planning meeting is in Week 2 on Tuesday 7th May at 6.30pm in the front office conference room. We look forward to your ideas and support.
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

East Adelaide School Grievance Procedures provides guidelines for parents/carers, students and staff and is supported by The Behaviour Education Policy and Anti Bullying Policy.

At East Adelaide School we are all members of a community who inspire learners to be compassionate, creative and engaged citizens for the future. We expect all students to learn and play in a safe environment that is free from harassment or bullying.

Our values of Respect, Responsibility, Relationships and Resilience reflect the school’s high expectations of students supporting them to become responsible community members.

We believe that the parent/teacher relationship is the most important relationship in supporting the ongoing success of a child at school, hence when a problem arises the teacher must be made aware of it by the parent before the matter comes to a member of senior staff.

Lucia Baldino line manages the Early Years’ team, Dora Iuliano the Primary Years’ Team and Vicki Stravinski the Middle Years’ Team and Specialist teachers.

Each senior leader is responsible for assisting in the process of resolving issues (after teachers have been made aware), of their corresponding areas of line management. We are expecting that matters will be addressed at the time issues arise and not at the end of the school year.

It is important that grievances are kept confidential and positive working relationships are restored.

Guidelines for Parents/Carers

1. Arrange a time to speak to the relevant teacher(s) about the issue at a mutually convenient time to ensure that adequate time is set aside to address the problem.
2. Let the teacher know what you consider to be the issue.
3. Allow a reasonable time frame for the problem to be addressed. Five days is the recommended time frame.
4. If the grievance is not addressed make an appointment with the Principal, Deputy or Senior Leader (depending on who is the line manager). Let them know details about the problem as they may need to gather information to assist with resolving the matter and include the teacher in the resolution process.
5. If after these steps, you are still dissatisfied, you may contact the Assistant Regional Director, Viv Rusk. (Phone Felixstow Office on 8366 8864)
6. If you have contacted Viv Rusk and are still dissatisfied you can contact the Parent Complaint Unit on 1800 677 435


WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. Through this program we will be able to acquire new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

Last year we were able to add to our Mathematics resources ensuring that each of the 24 classes had access to a range of tangible tools to support the learning and consolidation of number skills. Teachers are keen to add to these and other classroom resources to support equitable access for each student.

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it’s complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box in the front office at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Thanks for your support.
ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS
We have students at East Adelaide who have been diagnosed with severe nut and food allergies. This condition results in anaphylaxis and can be life threatening. Everyone needs to be aware that nuts and some foods can be highly dangerous for some people.

Our Canteen does not sell nut products and we seek your cooperation in avoiding nuts and nut products such as peanuts, almonds, pistachios, walnuts, nut muesli bars, peanut paste and similar products when packing recess, lunch and party food.

If you have any further questions, please talk with your child’s class teacher or a staff member in the Front Office.

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT
As a school, we are currently reviewing our health support planning practices, including the management of asthma such as self management and storage of medicated puffers. In line with recommendations from health professionals regarding children’s independence and self management, we are encouraging children of appropriate age and developmental ability (Years 3 - 7), to self manage their asthma including using their reliever medication as soon as symptoms develop.

What does self-management mean?
Students self-managing their asthma:
• Remember to bring their puffer to school clearly labelled with the original pharmacist label on the puffer. This is to ensure that if the puffer is misplaced we can identify who it belongs to and the correct dosage required.
• Keep their puffer handy at all times (this includes taking it on excursions)
• Learn to take responsibility for using their medication as directed by their doctor, e.g. before exercise
• Tell staff if they are having an asthma attack, even if they can manage it themselves. Staff need to know about the asthma attack in case it gets worse.

Staff will continue to provide asthma emergency first aid as per their training.

When students self manage their asthma, families are responsible for monitoring the expiry dates on the medicated puffers.

What do I need to do if I want my child to independently self-manage his/her asthma at school?

Contact the school for an asthma care plan and medication authority and take it to your child's doctor. Discuss with the doctor your child's ability to self manage and have the forms completed accordingly.

Provide the school with the signed form. Discuss with your child his/her responsibilities regarding managing his/her asthma and provide them with a puffer. Puffers currently held by the school can be collected and provided to your child when returning the signed Asthma Care Plan and Medication Authority.

Note: It is departmental policy that all students who self manage their asthma require an Asthma Care Plan that indicates their ability to do so.

PLAN AND MEDICATION REMINDERS
It is a DECD requirement that we have a current Health Care Plan for all students at our school who need individual health care and support.

To ensure the safety of all students we look forward to your support with the following matters:
• If your child is required to take antibiotics, we have been advised that before school, after school and at night are suitable times for this to occur.
• School staff cannot administer eye or ear drops.

In cases where medication must be taken during the day, such as for asthma or allergies, the following departmental procedures apply:
• All medications, including those purchased over the counter, must be sent with a Medication Authority and a Health Care Plan. They must be in the original container with a chemist label detailing the child’s name and dose. Please ask the chemist to label the bottle or inhaler as well as the box. Your chemist will also be able to provide you with an empty labelled container in which you can place the dose to send to school.
• Asthma and allergy medication is stored in the First Aid Office with the exception Year 3 – 7 asthma medication. See separate article.
• NO medication past the expiry date can be administered.
• The Health Care Plan and Medication Authority must be completed by the prescribing health professional, clearly indicating the medication, dosage and times the medication is to be taken, signed by the doctor and parent and is then stored in the First Aid Office.

Health Care Plans are only valid for a period of 12 months after the date signed by the doctor. Forms to update student medical records will be sent home with those students when required.

If your child has a medical issue that the school is not aware of, or no longer has a medical condition, please contact the front office for further information.

Address: Second Avenue, St Peters SA 5069 Phone: 8362 1622 Fax: 8362 0078 Absentee Line: 8362 4164
SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS
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YEAR 8 APPLICATION FORMS
A reminder for students to return Year 8 application forms to the front office by Friday 24th May 2013. All students need to return a form even if they have been accepted at a non-government school.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION
Charles Campbell College Open Night
Wednesday 8th May from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Contact the college on 8165 4700 for further information.

Norwood Morialta High School Open Night
Tuesday 14th May from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Contact the school on 8365 0455 for further information.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The 2013 Entertainment Book is now available for purchase through the school uniform shop. Books cost $65 with $13 from each book going towards school fundraising.

The book contains great 2-for-1 offers and you can save up to 50% with some vouchers.

KIDS’ PANTRY
Managers: Julie Hannah & Lisa Starkey
Roster Reminder:

**Week 2**

- Mon 6th May: PUPIL FREE DAY
- Tues 7th May: A. Smedley
- Wed 8th May: HELP NEEDED
- Thur 9th May: R. Lloyd, S. Lewis
- Fri 10th May: L. Saunders, L. Parslow, S. Moore

**Week 3**

- Mon 13th May: M. McKay, T. McNeill
- Tues 14th May: D. McAlindon
- Wed 15th May: A. Latham
- Thur 16th May: L. Wilson, V. May
- Fri 17th May: L. Le, T. Iannicelli, D. Riggs

Welcome back to Term 2. The winter menu has been sent home with families today and is also available on the school website. We have kept prices the same from last term but have a new special of Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap with Banana Bread for only $5.00.

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

INTERSCHOOL CHESS 2013
Interschool chess organised by the SA Junior Chess League commences in terms 2 and 3 where students participate in games against other schools on a fortnightly basis.

Years 3-7 EAS students who were interested in participating received a letter this week to be returned to the front office. If your child did not receive one, extra copies are available from the community notice board in the front office.

The first game of the season is Friday 9th May. Further information will be given to the students who are involved next week.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Welcome back. I hope everyone had a great holiday. Netball matches commence this Saturday. Netball Skills and Auskick also start tomorrow at school. Football matches and Soccer matches commence next Saturday the 11th of May. Good luck.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Families SA Foster Care Information Session
Play your part, enrich a life………
Tuesday 21st May from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Prospect Town Hall, 126 Prospect Road, Prospect. Further information available from Foster Care Services, Families SA on 1300 236 7837 or visit www.fostercare.sa.gov.au

Take home a big brother or big sister
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Birdwood Primary School Farm Day
Sunday 19th May 10.00am – 4.00pm at Mt Crawford (follow the signs from Gumeracha or Williamstown) Admission is $7.00 adults; Children free; Maximum cost $12.00 per car.

Enjoy log chopping, animal nursery, face painting, rock climbing, CFS demonstration, live music, performing dogs, tractor rides, pony and camel rides, food and refreshments and more………
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