Learning for Life
EAST ADELAIDE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Respect  Responsibility  Resilience  Relationships

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TERM 4  WEEK 5  FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 6
Wed 20th Nov  Volunteers' Afternoon Tea
                   2:15pm in the gym
Fri 22nd Nov  Lab on Legs - Rooms 5, 6 & 8

Week 7
Fri 29th Nov  K-R transition visit
Fri 29th Nov  School Assembly at 9:10am

Upcoming
Tues 3rd Dec  Governing Council at 7:00pm

DATES TO REMEMBER
Carols Night  6th December
Swimming Expo  10th December
Year 7 Graduation  11th December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THE QUALITIES OF AN EAST ADELAIDE GRADUATE STUDENT
Over the past two terms the school ambassadors have worked closely with the year 6/7 students and teachers to review the graduate qualities and have re-worked these to include aspects of the General Capabilities from the Australian Curriculum. These capabilities highlight the important skills and dispositions that are intrinsically woven across all curriculum areas and are critical in supporting our students to be successful citizens for the future. These skills and dispositions are the qualities that will support individuals in future learning at all levels and in the world of work.

Preparing our students to be flexible, resilient, adaptable and effective communicators will hold them in good stead for the future as we all know that we must prepare them for the unknown and the ambiguity of the world of work.

The secondary schools in the Eastern Region have spent all year developing their graduate qualities with students and leaders of local business and entrepreneurial companies. The transition for our students into these schools will be made that much easier knowing that the qualities will be part of any assessment portfolio they are expected to keep and made explicit across each area of the Australian curriculum.

The students have sought feedback from our staff and Governing Council and are now keen to receive feedback from the wider community. Please note that the current format is not the format we envisage using in our final product and the dot points under each quality are descriptors of each. Please find the qualities attached at the end of this newsletter.

Please email your thoughts to us via dl.1036.info@schools.sa.edu.au

OSHC REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE
Due to some delays, it is anticipated that the OSHC building will now be completed in February 2014. The transportable buildings will continue to house OSHC until this time. In accordance with initial planning and removal works, OSHC is scheduled to close from Monday the 23rd of December and will reopen January 13th. Unfortunately we will need to honour the decision to close OSHC during this period and request parents seek alternative care arrangements with Walkerville OSHC.

Walkerville OSHC will take bookings from students enrolled at East Adelaide School by contacting Rebecca Stubbs, the OSHC Director 8344 1261.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any further questions please see Francine.

FAIR FEEDBACK
The Parents and Friends along with the school staff are keen to hear from our community their thoughts on the twilight fair and any suggestions for improvement. The survey form will be emailed to you along with the newsletter; please do try to find 5 minutes to provide us with your feedback. Hard copies are available from the reception area.
BIKES and SCOOTERS
Unfortunately over the past three weeks we have had some vandalism of bikes and scooters go missing from the bike rack enclosure. The bike enclosure will be locked soon after the siren and unlocked prior to the afternoon dismissal siren. If parents need to access their child’s bike during the day please see Linda at reception.

THE ADIDAS CUP FUNDRAISER
A very big thank you to the year 6 and 7 House Captains who demonstrated some key graduate qualities in planning and co-ordinating Thursday’s fun run as part of our school’s commitment to celebrating PE Week. The day went extremely well and fun was had by all.

Vicki

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2014 MATERIALS AND SERVICES FEES
The Governing Council endorsed the increase of the Materials and Services fees for 2014. The increase will be $15.00 bringing the total 2014 Materials and Services fees to $345.00. Our school fees are the lowest across many of our schools in the Eastern Region at least by $80

This represents extremely good value for money, given the outstanding quality education our students receive.

We will be polling parents to gain approval to go ahead with the ability to legally recover the amount endorsed by Governing Council. Notes and information with regard to this proposal will be sent home either today or early next week. I sincerely hope that the majority of respondents are in favour of legally recovering the amount higher than the standard sum of $219.00.

If you have any questions about our school fee structure please do not hesitate to call the school on 8362 1622 and speak with Leanne Cameron our Finance Manager. Whilst we receive Government funding, we rely heavily on school fees to give us some discretionary funding to cover the costs of those essential items and services used or consumed by individuals during the course of their study.

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2013 SCHOOL FEES
Reminder notices for outstanding school fees were sent home to families during the holidays. Those families who are still to finalise their account are asked to either pay the invoice through the school uniform shop during opening hours or contact Leanne, our finance manager, if you would like to make individual payment arrangements.

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WEEK 7 ASSEMBLY
A whole school assembly will be held in week 7 on Friday 29th November at 9.10am. The assembly will be hosted by the students in Rooms 21 and 14. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

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SWIMMING EXPO
Tuesday 10th December
This year we have made some changes to the format of our Swimming Expo.

Due to the large numbers of Reception children and the lack of space at the Payneham Swimming Centre, we will be splitting the times that students in the Early Years are at the pool. We plan to have the 6 Reception classes go to the pool at 9.00 am to participate in their water activities from 9.30 to 10.30; they will leave the pool at 11.00 and return to school to have Recess and participate in a mini sports expo until approximately 1.00 pm.

The Year 1 and Year 2 children will participate in the mini sports expo at school from 9.00 to 10.00 am. They will have their Recess and go to the pool at 10.30; their water activities will start at 11.00am, finishing at 12.30, enabling them to return to school with students year 3-7 at 1.00 pm.

The Primary program will remain much the same, but there will be no length-of-the-pool races, and more of all the classes participating in the across-the-pool activities.

Consent forms are being sent home with students next week and need to be returned to classroom teachers by Monday 2nd December.
Carol Sharpe, PE Teacher

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MUSICAL EVENING
This term, East Adelaide School presents its end of year music concert in the Gym on Wednesday the 26th of November at 6:30pm. Performing will be students of DECD IMS teachers as well as the students of the private tutors at the school and also the school Choir. We welcome all friends and families to attend this evening of wonderful talent and entertainment.

Look forward to seeing you there.
Larissa Maher
Performing Arts Teacher

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Volunteer Thank You Afternoon Tea
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
All volunteers are invited to attend a thank you afternoon tea to be held on Wednesday 20th November from 2.15pm in the School Gym as an appreciation for all your support and hard work this year.

Please email linda.fehlandt511@schools.sa.edu.au or advise personnel in the front office if you are able to join us.
CAROLS IN THE PARK
Please remember to keep Friday 6th December free for a relaxed family celebration enjoying a picnic and carol evening in Barry Messner Park.
Families will meet in Barry Messner Park at 5.45pm for a picnic and the carols will commence at 6.45pm. More information will be shared with you in coming newsletters. See you all there!

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SPORT
Congratulations to Jasper Darley for being a part of the East Adelaide District Cricket Division 1 winning team.

I would like to invite all our wonderful Sport coaches to the Volunteer afternoon tea on Wednesday the 20th November at 2.15 at the School Gym.

AFTER SCHOOL PLAY
We have noted of late that a number of students are remaining on the school grounds after school playing and using the equipment. Due to minimum supervision we expect that students head home as quickly as possible after school unless they are at a sports practice or their parents are on site to supervise them. Yard duty officially concludes at 3.30pm and any child not collected by then needs to be reminded by their parents to make their way to the office for a phone call home.
OSHC is operating from 3.10pm and they use the yard and facilities. Having a large number of other students in the yard makes their job of supervising their charges more difficult. Your support with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

CHICKENPOX
We have had a case of chickenpox in the school. Chickenpox (varicella) is a viral infection caused by the varicella-zoster virus. Symptoms include slight fever and cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash. The rash appears as blisters which crust to form scabs. Chickenpox is usually mild in young children but can be severe for pregnant women and young babies. The infectious period is from 2 days before the rash appears until at least 5 days after the rash first appears and all blisters have crusted over. Paracetamol to reduce temperature or discomfort is recommended but aspirin should not be given to children or adolescents who have chickenpox. Please consult your medical professional if you have any concerns.

GOVERNING COUNCIL
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- Asset and Landscape: 8.00am Thursday 28th Nov
- Education: 7.00pm Tuesday 26th Nov
- Canteen: 2.15pm Monday 25th Nov
- Finance: 8.00am Tuesday 26th Nov
- OSHC: 6.30pm Tuesday 19th Nov
- Sports: 8.00am Thursday 21st Nov

COMMUNITY NEWS
Gingerbread House Making
A fun family event held on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December from 7.00 – 8.30pm at Spicer Uniting Church, 44A Fourth Ave, St Peters. Cost of kit is $15.00 (bring some extra lollies). Bookings essential and can be made by contacting 8362 3771.

SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS
These students are the monitors for Week 6 Term 4.

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KIDS’ PANTRY
Managers: Julie Hannah & Lisa Starkey

Roster Reminder:
Week 6
- Mon 18th Nov: M. McKay, T. McNeill
- Tue 19th Nov: T. Humphries
- Wed 20th Nov: A. Latham
- Thu 21st Nov: L. Wilson, HELP NEEDED
- Fri 22nd Nov: R. Lloyd, T. Iannicelli

HELP NEEDED
Week 7
- Mon 25th Nov: R. Sweet
- Tue 26th Nov: HELP NEEDED
- Wed 27th Nov: A. Latham
- Thu 28th Nov: D. McAlindon
- Fri 29th Nov: S. Moore, L. Le

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped in the canteen this year. We extend a special invitation to you for the upcoming Volunteers’ Thank You Afternoon Tea being held in the school gym at 2.15pm on Wednesday 20th November. Please email your attendance to linda.fehlandt511@schools.sa.edu.au

VACSWIM
The annual VACSWIM program will be held from 6th – 14th January 2014. This swimming and water safety program is funded by the government of South Australia and is suitable for students aged 5 - 17 years. Enrolment information is available online at www.vacswimsa.com.au
A few enrolment forms are also available from the community notice board in the school front office.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the baskets located near the toilets in the Dawson building before the end of term as we clean out any unwanted items and donate them to charity. Please also remember to name all items of uniform so that they may be returned to your child if found at school.
THE QUALITIES OF AN EAST ADELAIDE GRADUATE

The following qualities support students to aspire in becoming successful learners, confident individuals and active informed citizens.

The graduate qualities of a literate and numerate learner
- Can understand how mathematics and literacy apply in the real world
- Uses skills to ask questions and to solve problems
- Uses language confidently to communicate with others
- Being able to use mental mathematics quickly
- Applies literacy and numeracy creatively
- Uses literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills with a purpose
- Applies technical language in different contexts

The graduate qualities of a critical and creative thinker
- Seeks new possibilities and considers alternatives
- Applies learning in real life situations
- Thinks beyond the expectations and achieves their potential
- Tries new and exciting ideas
- Uses imagination to solve problems (think outside the box)
- Has the ability to think logically
- Evaluates, reflects and reviews learning

The graduate qualities of a learner who demonstrates personal and social capability
- Knows how to respond when helping others and shows empathy
- Is very resilient and is able to manage their emotions
- Is able to work independently and successfully with others
- Is responsible with what they say
- Is a positive role model and shows leadership
- Gives up their time for others in need
- Is able to establish positive relationships and treats others the way they want to be treated
- Assists peers in making good choices
- Believes in themselves therefore stands up for themselves

The graduate qualities of a learner who demonstrates a positive self-concept and attitude
- Has a go and takes risks
- Uses time wisely
- Knows how to act in different situations
- Is original and doesn’t try to be like everyone else
- Accepts and learns from their mistakes
- Speaks positively of themselves and others
- Always motivated to improve
- Is optimistic (positive, confident)

The graduate qualities of a confident user of technology
- Learns to critically reflect on the information accessed on the internet
- Knows how to use a diverse range of technology
- Uses ICT responsibly
- Uses ICT as a tool to communicate and collaborate with others, locally and globally
- Assists others with the use of ICT tools
- Uses the web safely
The graduate qualities of a disciplined and organized learner
- Is organized and responsible for their own learning
- Is persistent, resilient and mentally prepared
- Uses their initiative
- Develops plans to assist themselves (timetables, timelines for when work is due)
- Puts consistent effort into their work

The graduate qualities of a learner who respects and cares for themselves, others and the environment
- Stays calm in emergencies
- Knows how to listen well and speak wisely
- Speaks up when something is not right
- Respects others' opinions
- Puts pride into their work
- Shows pride for their learning environment

The graduate qualities of a learner who demonstrates intercultural understanding
- Being respectful of and values others' cultures
- Treats everybody equally no matter of their race, gender, sexuality or physical ability
- Is open to learn from other cultures
- Connects with a (diverse) wide range of cultural groups and develops mutual respect through the understanding of group similarities and differences.

Room 11 Eat Well and be Active 2013
Throughout 2013 children in room 11 have been focusing on what it means to be healthy. We have exercised, eaten our healthy snack, composted the leftovers, drunk plenty of water - even on cold days and made healthy lunchbox characters. But that's not all we have done to be healthy. Many wonderful parents of children in our class have given up their valuable time, brought in food and prepared this with the class for cooking. This has taught the children in room 11 both valuable cooking skills and crucial knowledge about what it means to be healthy.

This term we have devised a Master Chef competition in which students have invented recipes that will be prepared, cooked and judged by their classmates. On the menu smoothies, bruschetta, fruit salad, chicken pasta and potatoes with vegetables - delicious!
The Early Years Adidas School Fun Run Thursday 14th November 2013

The Early Years participated in a really great morning of fun and physical activity. A very big thank you to the House Captains, Spiro, Mrs Sharpe and all of the parent volunteers who helped out during the morning.

Events included:
- Warm up games
- Various relays
- Chasey games
- Mini Volleyball
- Three pitch Soccer

It was perfect weather for exercising and demonstrating good team skills. It was impressive to see students showing the East Adelaide School values of Respect, Relationships, Responsibility and Resilience.

Well done to those students who raised money for East Adelaide School, which will go towards supporting our school sport program. Please remember if your child hasn’t brought back their fundraising money it is not too late as it will be accepted up until Friday 22nd November (week 6).

Students who have raised enough money will be eligible for a prize. The highest fundraising student will receive a Medallion and Certificate of High Achievement.

All students who participated on the day will receive a Certificate of Participation.
Remembrance Day

The tradition of commemorating the end of World War I began in 1919 on the anniversary of the Armistice. Last Monday, November 11th, both Year 5 classes hosted the Remembrance Day whole school assembly. Today, many schools around the world hold similar ceremonies where we reflect on past conflicts and peace keeping operations and think about those who served and died for their countries.

As part of our school tradition, Year 5 East Adelaide students were involved in poetry composition with a focus on war and remembrance. The poems were viewed by a variety of teachers and selections were made to be presented at the assembly in conjunction with the Possingham Poetry Competition. Students of the selected poems presented their poems at the assembly and will receive a token of acknowledgement for their efforts compliments of Kevin Angove from the RSL and Isaac Pasilidis of the St Peters Council. All student poems were of a high standard and it was very difficult choosing the twelve finalists. The poetry competition winners were; Ella H, Lily K, Danielle Z, Harry B, Rory K, Gabe H, Elen W, Chiara B, Dante S, Minh L, Alice F and Sophia M.

After the assembly, the Year 5 students were joined by several parents, teachers and special guests for a beautiful morning tea. We then walked to the St Peters memorial and placed a wreath at the flag poles where Mr. Angove and Mr. Pasilidis shared more thoughts on the meaning of Remembrance.

Thank you to everyone who attended the assembly and made this a special day for one and all.

Melinda Westbrook & Lindy Kelvin
Year 5 teachers
UNFORGOTTEN
WHERE BOMBS AND MINES EXPLODE LIKE MT. VESUVIUS,
SCARY, LOUD, DANGEROUS,
AND WHERE THE BATTLEFIELDS LOOK LIKE POMPEII,
DARK, RUBBLE, RUINS,
WHERE YOU ALWAYS KNOW THAT SOMEONE IS PURSUING YOU,
WARY, VULNERABLE, RETREAT
AND WHERE MANY LIVES, WITH SOME BEING FRIENDS, ARE LOST,
STILL, SILENT, DEAD,
WHERE THE SCREAMS OF SOLDIERS SOUND LIKE A CAT SCRATCHING A BLACKBOARD,
CRIES, YELLS, SCREECHES,
AND WHERE THE AXIS AND THE ALLIES FIRE THEIR GUNS AS THEY HIDE IN TRENCHES,
RISKY, ENEMY, BULLETS,
NOW WE TAKE A MINUTE TO REMEMBER ALL THIS,
SILENCE, CROSSES, POPPIES.

Ella
Remembrance Day Poem

This poem is the story of a young Australian soldier who was awarded a Victoria Cross for his outstanding bravery in sacrificing his life for a mate.

My name is Jack O’Connor and I am seventeen years old,
As I lie here on my stretcher, my mind is racing and I close my eyes.
I can see my Mum and Dad waving me goodbye, trying to be brave as I board the train for Adelaide.
I was feeling excited but I didn’t know what I was in for.
Now I can see the city and the army training camp that was to be my home until we set sail for France.

Slowly my excitement turns to fear as I start to hear stories about where we are heading and the dangers that lie ahead.
No one knows I’m scared – except for Tom, my new best mate. He’s 17 as well and the only one I tell. He’s scared too. “Don’t worry mate, your secret’s safe with me”
Now we are in France after 6 long weeks at sea. I’d never been so sick in my life. I’m glad I didn’t join the navy – but then again, if I had, maybe I wouldn’t be lying here now.
I can hear the medics talking, it doesn’t sound good. The pain in my back is like a knife being driven into my spine but I can’t feel my legs.

I close my eyes again and try to remember what happened to me.
It was midnight, and lights were out. Tom and I were on watch in the trench eating bully beef. A stray dog had been hanging around our camp scavenging for food. Tom loved that dog and always saved a scrap from his rations for him. I wish he hadn’t tonight.
As soon as Tom left the trench to find that dog, I knew something was wrong. I peer over the trench wall and I can see Tom’s shadowy figure in the darkness. What’s he doing? He knows this isn’t safe!

Next, I hear a single gunshot and a cry as I see Tom fall. I don’t know what my legs are doing but soon I am out of the trench, dragging Tom back to safety. “You’ll be right mate; they only got your leg”.

More gunshots, and as I drop Tom in the trench I feel the bullets hit me – first in my back and then my shoulder. I black out as I fall into the trench, blood pouring out of my wounds into the dirt.

I’m the man who won’t be going home. The medics crowd around me, frantically pushing on my chest. Suddenly the world goes black. No more pain, no more noise, no more fear.

Gabe