FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Fees Poll
Voting is now closed, Tony Butler and Ann-Marie Miller are our scrutineers from Finance Advisory Committee who will be counting the voting slips on Tuesday 3rd December at 8.00am and an announcement will be made in the last newsletter of the term, Friday 13th December.

For families who may encounter difficulties in making payments, we are always happy to negotiate alternative arrangements. Fees are able to be paid in instalments and we do have credit and debit card facilities. We are also able to support families who are experiencing extreme financial difficulties to apply for school card support by coming in and meeting with our Finance Officer.

Carols in the Park – Friday 6th December
Next Friday, 6th December is our end of year Carols Night and students have been busy practising for their performance. We hope you can join us for this relaxed family celebration in Barry Messner Park opposite the school on Second Avenue. You are welcome to bring and enjoy a family picnic at 5.45pm until the carols commence at 6.45pm. During the carols all students are expected to stay with their class groups. Classes will be involved in singing some of their favourite songs and carols and we appreciate your support and participation in singing along with them.

We expect a large attendance for this event, so it is crucial that families ensure supervision occurs for younger children to allow all families to enjoy the evening. If rain is forecast for the night we will cancel the picnic and continue with the carols in the gym.

Parent Volunteers
We value parents, grandparents and community members who are prepared to volunteer as classroom helpers, on committees or as coaches in the After School Sport Programme. The DECD Volunteering policy requires volunteers to have a Child-related Employment Screening through the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI). Only the DCSI screening is acceptable and forms are available from Linda in the front office.

Volunteers are also required to attend a RAN (Reporting, Abuse and Neglect) and volunteers training. Sessions will be conducted in Term 1 and 2 next year and dates will be advertised in the newsletters.

All of these expectations are aimed at keeping our children safe.

Vicki
GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

The AGM will be held in February 2014. The purpose of an AGM is to:
- Share with our community learning achievements and school progress of site learning priorities over the year.
- Acknowledge the collaborative work of the Governing Council and school personnel.
- Showcase student achievement.
- Elect a new Governing Council.

We will have a number of vacancies and at this stage we will be open to receiving nominations from parents who are interested in representing the parent community in the decision making processes of the school. If you are interested, please make contact with Vicki through school reception to discuss any questions you may have and to put forward your nomination over the coming few months.

The Role of Governing Council

Governing Council is a great way to get to know other parents and staff, and also for you to have a positive, productive say in the future direction of our children’s schooling. We are always on the lookout for willing and interested parents to join our meetings which are held twice each term. The meetings are held in a relaxed environment where honest conversations can be had. The only experience needed is being a parent who would like to have an input in school direction; so come and help with strategic planning and policy determination as well as advising on the use of financial resources which support the achievement of school priorities. Formal nominations will be sought prior to the AGM in Term 1 2014. Positions can be held for a single school year or up to 2 school years. If you are still unsure, please ask one of the leadership chairs, or a current Governing Councillor including; Scott Zarcinas and Troy Thomson, current Co-Chairs, or Petria Byrne, current Secretary or Ann-Marie Miller, Governing Council treasurer.

MUSICAL EVENING

Congratulations to all of our musicians who performed so confidently to a large proud audience of parents, grandparents and friends. It was collaboratively organised by Larissa and the private and DECD IMS music tutors to showcase their students’ individual and ensemble talents in piano, guitar, strings, brass and woodwind. The musical pieces ranged from allegrettos to rocking blues and featured students who were beginners to the more accomplished. Thank you to Lia and Maryanne, our hosts, who did a great job to respond to players and to pace the evening’s acts. Our school’s dusty drums were also used! We are still aiming for a school band! Thanks to the teachers who came to support their students; it’s lovely to see our students shine in this arena. The encouragement and support at home to practise and persist with learning an instrument is a credit to parents and their children.

It was an enjoyable evening where we witnessed some great achievements and a lovely way to end the year. Enrolment forms for private tuition are available at the front office.

DRUM AND PERCUSSION TUTOR - 2014

Professional percussionist Andrew Penrose will be offering private drum and percussion lessons at East Adelaide School in 2014. Lessons will be available at school on Friday afternoons. Learning the drums is fun, and a great way to enhance co-ordination, concentration and reading skills! Half-hour lesson rates are $25 per individual lesson, or $15 per group lesson. If your child is interested in learning to play the drums, please call Andrew on 0435 297 442; or email andrew.penrose@adam.com.au

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 in 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 have been sent home with students and need to be returned to classroom teachers by Monday 2nd December.

Carol Sharpe, PE Teacher

OSHC NEWS

The Vacation Care program is now available and bookings will open from Monday the 2nd of December at 7.30am. Any bookings submitted before 7.30am will not be accepted.

Spaces are limited and East Adelaide follows the priority of access provided by the Australian Government Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations; which means that places in Vacation Care are filled in keeping with these guidelines. Working Parents will be considered as a priority.

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.

WEEK 9 ASSEMBLY

A whole school assembly will be held in week 9 on Friday 13th December at 9.10am. The assembly will be hosted by the school ambassadors. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.
**STUDENT HEALTH CONCERNS**

**Chickenpox**
There have been several cases 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.

**Viral Gastroenteritis**
There have also been several cases of viral gastroenteritis in the school. Symptoms include mild fever, nausea and vomiting, stomach cramps and diarrhoea. Spread is through contamination of hands, objects or food, coughing and sneezing. The infectious period is during the illness and for at least 24 hours after symptoms have disappeared. If your child is unwell with gastro, please help us to minimize the spread of infection by keeping your child home from school until there has been no diarrhoea or vomiting for 24 hours.

Please consult your medical professional if you have any concerns regarding the health of your child.

**SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS**
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**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](http://www.vacswimsa.com.au)

A few enrolment forms are also available from the community notice board in the school front office.

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**KIDS’ PANTRY**

Managers: Julie Hannah & Lisa Starkey

**Roster Reminder:**

**Week 8**
- Mon 2nd Dec S. Moore, HELP NEEDED
- Tue 3rd Dec D. Davis
- Wed 4th Dec A. Latham
- Thur 5th Dec L. Wilson, S. Gray
- Fri 6th Dec D. Roach, G. Bakos
  - T. Iannicelli

**Week 9**
- Mon 9th Dec M. McKay, T. McNeill
- Tue 10th Dec SWIMMING CARNIVAL
- Wed 11th Dec A. Latham
- Thur Dec 12th R. Lloyd, L. Le
- Fri Dec 13th C. Starr, R. Johnson
  - S. Webb, A. Jachmann

The canteen is reducing stock levels of some food items in preparation for the end of year. Please provide an alternative selection for your child when ordering lunches in case the items cannot be provided.

**IGNITE PROGRAM FOR GIFTED STUDENTS**

**GLEUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Parents of students who will be in Year 7 in 2014 are welcome to attend an information evening on the IGNITE Program for Gifted Students. It will be held at Glenunga International High School Performing Arts Centre on Monday 9th December 2013 at 6.30pm. Bookings to attend may be made by contacting Helen Redmond on 8379 5629 or email helen.redmond@glhs.sa.edu.au

The IGNITE assessment is scheduled for Saturday 22nd February 2014.

**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.

**Sparce Church Carols Evening**
A Carols Evening will be held in the Amphitheatre, Dunstone Grove, Nelson St Stepney (the park opposite the Avenues Shopping Centre) on Sunday 22nd December. Carols start at 7.30pm with a free sausage sizzle beforehand. There will be a small gift for the children. Children are invited to participate in the nativity and come dressed as a shepherd, wise one/king or an angel.

**Holiday Tennis Clinics**
In the December / January School Holidays, James Partington Tennis Clinics are having tennis programs for children.
Lessons are at East Tce, Kensington Gardens.
For more information, check out tennisclinics.com.au or phone James on 0414 186 033.

**Payneham Oval Playground Concept Plan**
The City of Norwood Payneham St Peters Council is seeking comments from the community on the Draft Payneham Oval Playground Concept Plan.

The Draft Concept Plan will be on Public Consultation from Wednesday 13th November and feedback is sought in writing by no later than 5.00pm Friday 20th December 2013. Submissions may be provided via email to townhall@nPsp.sa.gov.au
Steven Marshall, State Liberal Leader and Member for Norwood, joined us in the library last Thursday for a story. He brought a book, Night Watch by Phil Cummins, a local South Australian author, which he later donated to the library. Students from Room 11 enjoyed hearing Steven read with great expression.

Mr Marshall asked students if they had participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge and encouraged them to continue next year. He also commented on their enthusiastic listening and general good behaviour.

Premiers Reading Challenge Awards
Congratulations to all award recipients, especially our first time participants who received a certificate and our long time participants who received Hall of Fame for Life awards.

End of Year returns
All students have been asked to return their books to the library by Friday the 29th of November. There is no holidaying borrowing over the Christmas holidays.

Andrea Tuck
Teacher Librarian

P.E. Week Award
As part of Physical Education Week, ACHPER (SA) - the peak body for Health & Physical Education teachers in South Australia granted an award of Excellence to Annabel Latham. Annabel is a committed and passionate parent who has provided outstanding service to our school community through her involvement with the After School Sport Programme. She is a dedicated coach, Sports Committee member and SAPSASA volunteer. Congratulations Annabel.

THOUGHT ABOUT FOSTERING?
Free Foster Care Information Session
Wednesday 15th January 2014
6.30 – 8.30pm
St Peters Lutheran Church
14 Frew Street, Fullarton

RSVP on 8337 8787 or email fostercare@lccare.org.au

CHANGES TO ADELAIDE METRO PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACROSS METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE

On 26 January 2014, the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, Public Transport Services (PTS) and service providers will be making changes to Adelaide Metro public transport services in the metropolitan area.

School bus services in the North South, Outer North East and East West areas will also be renumbered to be more consistent with bus route numbers in these areas.

While there are no significant changes to these school bus services, it is important that affected students obtain information regarding the old and new route numbers from the Adelaide Metro website at www.adelaidemetro.com.au from mid-January. Once implemented, all school and industrial bus services across the Adelaide Metro Network will be assigned a dedicated route number.

Information is also available via the Adelaide Metro InfoLine 1300 311 108 and the Adelaide Metro InfoCentres.
We have enjoyed creating patterns, identifying both 2 and 3 dimensional shapes and sorting objects. We have also used problem solving strategies to find many different combinations which make up the number 10.

'I like Maths because I like sorting counters and unifix cubes.'
Sadie

'I like patterns because a pattern repeats itself.'
Zahra

'I like Maths because I like counting because I can count up to one hundred and after that I can count one hundred and one!'
Tim

'I like Maths because I like numbers and if they’re mixed up I can sort them back in order.'
Austin

'I like sorting shapes to use in patterns.'
Milly

'I like numbers because my favourite number is twenty one thousand!'
Felix
We love sorting groups of objects into even smaller groups. We sorted our toys that roll into groups that were spheres, had wheels, were circles and then finally cylinders! We worked collaboratively in groups to sort collections and record our findings.

'I like Maths because you can learn about sorting.'
Thomas

'I like Maths because I like patterns.'
Mariam

'I like Maths because it's fun!'
Charlotte P

'I like patterns because you can go red, yellow, red, yellow.'
Azalie

'I like Maths because I like counting.'
Krystian