This is our final newsletter for the 2013 school year. It has been an extremely rewarding year with a number of highlights including: the school twilight fair, the commencement of redeveloping our outdoor learning spaces with new garden beds and our large space with the sandpit, the continuing high achievement of EAS students in NAPLAN at years 3, 5 and 7, and UniNSW testing in writing, maths, science and spelling, the commencement of the OSHC refurbishment, new carpets and painting of the Dawson Building, the naming of our buildings – Dawson, Heysen and Bannon Buildings, all named after past students of the school, the 18th year of success in the state’s orienteering championships.

We have continued to improve our teaching practice and student learning outcomes and furthered our journey in exploring quality learning. All these achievements and efforts would not have been possible if it weren’t for the dedication and commitment of the staff and the support and belief of our parent community.

I take this opportunity to thank you parents and caregivers; governing council, volunteers, parents, students and staff for a successful 2013 and look forward to continued consultative partnerships in 2014.

On behalf of the staff, I wish students and families a safe and Merry Christmas.

Vicki

School Materials and Services Fees (Result of Poll)
Thank you to the 212 respondents to our school poll. The vote was for resounding support to increase school fees to $345 per year, which will be recoverable through debt collection if the need arises.

These funds will go back into supporting the learning needs of students. The $345 fee amounts to less than $1.90/day for the education of our students. We all know the quality of the educational provision for our students at East Adelaide is high and will continue to be improved.

Invoices will be sent home by the end of the third week of term 1.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours 2014
The uniform shop will be open prior to school commencing in 2014 during the following times: Tuesday 21st January 2:15 – 4:15pm, Wednesday 22nd January 8:30 – 10:30am, Thursday 23rd January 2:00 – 4:00pm and Friday 24th January 8:30 – 10:30am.

The regular opening times in 2014 will be: Monday to Thursday mornings from 8:30am – 9:15am. The Try and Buy session will be held on TUESDAY afternoons from 3:15pm – 4:15pm.
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We are exploring the possibility of years 5, 6 and 7 students bringing along their own device (BYOD) namely, Windows Surface RTs for their individual and shared use in classrooms and at home. The benefits of having their own device will include sustainability, increased access for communication and collaboration and improving their ICT capabilities across the Australian Curriculum.

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Dora Iuliano
On behalf of the EAS ICT Committee

VACSWIM

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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 staff, 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 early in term 1.

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 2013

We are looking at feedback from parents and caregivers as to how the event went this year. Improvements were made based on the feedback collected from families last year. Please email your thoughts to linda.fehlandt511@schools.sa.edu.au

In your feedback please consider the following areas:
- What worked well?
- What did not work well on the day?
- What are your suggestions for improvements for 2014?
- Any other comments.

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FIRST LANGUAGE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN 2014

Each year, East Adelaide School applies for funding for the opportunity to run language programs for students of identified cultural backgrounds. For a number of years, we have successfully run a program in Italian and were fortunate to begin one in Greek in 2013.

As part of the review into languages undertaken with our community in 2013, we also received interest from parents in regards to the Chinese language. We were successful and will therefore be also offering a FLMD program in Chinese from next year.

At the beginning of 2014, further information will be sent home to families that are eligible for these programs.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the 6 East Adelaide students who have been selected in the SA state teams for Calisthenics. Hanna Webber, Jaslyn Walter, Annabel Warnes and Mia Tsimouris in the Sub Junior team and Caitlin Webber and Alex Vaughan in the Junior team. All will travel to Melbourne next July to compete in the Nationals.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ADELAIDE STRIKERS MILO T20 BLAST CLINICS

Looking for something to do these holidays? Get along to an Adelaide Strikers MILO T20 Blast Holiday Clinic! You will meet players, practice your T20 skills, and get a great Strikers pack (Strikers shirt, cap, cooler bag, drink bottle, drawstring bag and stickers)!

These clinics are for 7-12 year old boys and girls of all abilities, with a focus on participation while increasing skill levels. They are run over two days, and cost $99 per child. Centres will be held at Adelaide Oval, Golden Grove, Salisbury, Marion, Findon, Port Elliot, Brighton, Nuriootpa, Walkerville, Stirling, Goodwood, Reynella, Kensington and Mt Barker.

You can register online at T20BLAST.com.au by entering your postcode to find your nearest centre. For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact us at programsoffice@saca.com.au, or on 8300 3803.

CSIRO EDUCATION

Out for a Duck! Thurs 9 Jan 2014 & Mon 13 Jan 2014
Use the latest Lego NXT robots to corral the escaped ducks. Suitable: Ages 8–10

A Circuit without Soldier! Thurs 17th Jan 2014
We supply all you need to make a multiple choice quiz board. Suitable: Ages 8–10

Be a Scientist - Senior! Mon 20th Jan 2014
Question, hypothesise, plan, experiment, record, conclude. We’ll help you do all these. Suitable: Ages 8–10

Be a Scientist - Junior! Mon 22nd Jan 2014
Question, hypothesise, plan, experiment, record, conclude. We’ll help you do all these. Suitable: Ages 5–7

Further details: www.csiro.au/HolidayProgramsSA

YEAR 7 GRADUATION

We would like to thank Robina and the Graduation Committee for organising the Year 7 graduation. We appreciate their hard work and commitment. Members of the Graduation Committee are Abi Riggs, Mia Wilson, Maddy Dix, Aidan Griffin, Lia Bouras and Jordan Rendell as well as Mrs Vagnoni, Mr Perilli, Ms Jeffrey and Mr Jessett. Special thanks to Andrea Tuck for being the Master of Ceremonies on the night. We would also like to thanks the parents and caregivers of the Year 7 Graduates for guiding them through their journey at East Adelaide School.

KIDS’ PANTRY

Managers: Julie Hannah & Lisa Starkey

Roster Reminder:

Week 1/2014
Mon 27th Jan PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 28th Jan HELP NEEDED
Wed 29th Jan HELP NEEDED
Thu 30th Jan S. Lewis
Fri 31st Jan S. Moore, L. Le

State Tennis will be running tennis lessons, ‘MLC Tennis Hot Shots’, at East Adelaide School next term. Group sessions will begin immediately after school on Tuesday nights and last for 1 hour, starting in week 3 of term 1, 2014. Private lessons will also be available, subject to availability. Temporary tennis court space will be set up in Yard A to conduct the sessions. The cost of a 9 week term is $149 and students receive a FREE TENNIS RACKET in their 1st term of participation. Features of the program include; using a ball machine and a speed gun. Numbers will be limited and filled on a first come, first served basis.

Enrolments exceeded capacity at a very nearby school in term 4, 2013 – so if you wish to be involved be sure to enrol early. If you have any questions or wish to enrol please contact State Tennis on 8355 4466.
**FIRST LANGUAGE MAINTENANCE ITALIAN EXCURSION**

As a celebration of a successful year’s learning, as well as providing an opportunity for students to practise Italian language in an authentic context R-7 First Language Maintenance students attended a lunch at Allegria Ristorante on Tuesday, 3rd December.

Lunch consisted of various types of pizza and a gelato. Italian language was encouraged during the children’s lunch as well as when placing their gelato order.

We wish to thank Allegria Ristorante, Payneham and for their hospitality and to the parent volunteers for their support.

**Tonia, Dora and Lucia**

*Teachers of Italian*

-Martedì we had some pizza and some gelati at the Ristorante. I liked the gelati the best.’

*Ava M., Reception*

-Martedì we went to Allegria Ristorante. First I had pizza then I had some gelato. We had to speak in Italian. I felt happy because I have never been to Allegria.’

*Samuel, Reception*

-Martedì siamo andati al Ristorante Allegria. Abbiamo mangiato il gelato e la pizza. ‘Abbiamo parlato in italiano.’

*I like it because we had pizza and gelato and they were yummy!’

**Jasmine, Year 2**

-Martedì siamo andati al Ristorante Allegria. We had to talk in Italian. We sang an Italian song about eating pizza. I enjoyed it because it was fun.’

**Reeco, Year 2**

-A me piace la pizza con il pomodoro e il formaggio, pizza Margherita, deliziosa!’

**Dante, Year 5**

-Mi piace mangiare il gelato alla fragola e vaniglia, che buono!’

**Felicity, Year 5**

-Sono andata al ristorante e ho mangiato la pizza e il gelato. Mi piace la pizza margherita e preferisco il gelato alla fragola e al limone.’

**Olivia, Year 6**

-Anch’io preferisco la pizza Margherita e il gelato alla fragola!’

**Gabriella, Year 7**

-Ho mangiato la pizza con il pomodoro, il formaggio e la salsiccia per pranzo, era buonissima!’

**Deanna, Year 7**

**NEWS FROM THE STUDENTS IN ROOM 2 - YEAR 6/7**

On Thursday the 28th of November rooms 1 and 2 went to team trampoline on Norwood Parade. We boarded the bus and travelled to the hall. We were all very excited but little did we know of the fate that awaited two of our classmates.

We alighted from the bus and went inside the massive hall that was filled with nothing but trampolines. We took our shoes off and waited for the safety instructions that didn’t really help in the end. After he was finished we all had a turn on the trampolines; there was a long one that you could run down and play games on, an obstacle course with a mini tramp at the end and there were four Olympic sized trampolines that you could flip on and bounce really high.

After we had finished the orientation, we all had free time. Lots of people went on the long tramp and raced in pairs and the others tried to jump over two pool noodles that the instructor held at an impossible height. Others went on the big tramps and the obstacle course which resulted in a lot of falling over.

Later on we split into two groups, group one went onto the big tramps for relay races that involved doing different kinds of jumps and other things. The other group went on the long tramp for a few games of dodge ball where we jumped up and down dodging the balls thrown by our other classmates. Then both teams swapped over.

After that we played musical bobs which went well seeing that it was impossible to stay down on a trampoline with lots of other bouncing people. Then we had free time with a disco and loud music. There was only the slight complication of two people being taken off in ambulances, but don’t worry they are all better now.

We all enjoyed team trampoline and it was a great end to the year; we hope to do it again soon!

**Ruby H and Ella H**
During semester 2, year 6/7 students of room 2 completed an ‘in depth study’ of the class novel ‘Holes’. We had to do summaries and a project which included making trailers, drawing pictures and using our imaginations to finish this project. One of the characters in the book is The Warden. She organises Camp Green Lake which is where the book is based. Camp Green Lake is a camp for naughty boys where they have to dig holes all day. This is a drawing of The Warden.

Illustrated by Ellie Turner

This year, we studied techniques that poets use to bring their poems ‘to life’ for the reader.

PERSONIFICATION
BY MIA WILSON

Earth Rights
DO YOU THINK THE GROUND LIKES IT WHEN YOU SHAVE ITS HEAD?
DO YOU THINK THE TREES LIKE IT WHEN WE FILL THEIR WORLD WITH SMOKE?
THE SEA CREATURES DO NOT LIKE IT WHEN WE THROW RUBBISH IN THEIR HOME.
WHY DESTROY THE LAND WE LIVE ON, BECAUSE IT’S EASIER?............... NO

Spring time
by Amelia Marchese
and Madelaine Thorne-Sellers

When the spring sun starts to rise
The baby birds begin to sing a lovely chime
The fragrant flower opens its eyes
Oh, how I love the spring time

RHYME is the technique that has been used in this poem.