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EAST ADELAIDE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 WEEK 1 FRIDAY 2nd MAY 2014

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back after the autumn break. I hope that students and families had a wonderful Easter and a restful holiday. We welcome the new students and their families to our school community from other schools, countries and states. If you are a parent representative you may wish to liaise with the classroom teacher to see if there is a new student in your child’s classroom and make contact with the family.

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 the school front office 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 when teachers are introducing new concepts daily and it affects students learning 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.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN will commence on Tuesday 13 May and concludes Thursday 15 May with Friday 16 May deemed as a catch up day for students who were absent from school on the previous days of testing.

Day 1 test foci include language conventions and writing
Day 2 test focus is Reading
Day 3 test focus is Numeracy

It is expected that all students in years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the NAPLAN tests on each of the three days outlined above.

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Email: dl.1036.info@schools.sa.edu.au East Adelaide School Website: www.eas.sa.edu.au
Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) Website: http://www.decd.sa.gov.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
This year we celebrate the 25 years of National Volunteer Week which is celebrated 18 to 25th May. 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, at excursions, camps, 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!

As part of our obligation to our volunteers we remind you that 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 dates remaining for term 2 are:
Thursday 8th May at 6.00pm
Thursday 26th June at 6.00pm

Please email Linda if you would like to attend linda.fehlandt511@schools.sa.edu.au

These will be the final training sessions offered for the year. All of these expectations are aimed at keeping our children safe.

Volunteers Needed
Connie Giakoumis (artist in residence) is returning next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to tile the table by OSHC. We are seeking help from our parents or grandparents who can give some of their time to complete this task. Connie will start at 10.30 each day but it is not necessary to stay all day.

If you are able to offer some time could you let Linda or me know by popping into the front office next Monday or Tuesday morning or calling us on 83621622.

Canteen Update
We have greatly appreciated the small level of feedback received from our families regarding how we can improve how we operate the Canteen and encourage greater volunteer participation.

Improvements thus far:
- We have a to-do list for volunteers to refer to, to assist the preparation of food orders or preparation for peek sales times during recess and lunch.
- Volunteers are encouraged to come in for 2 hour time slots which may be 9-11am or 11-1pm and if they wish to stay for the entire four hours they are welcome to.
- Canteen staff will delegate responsibilities to volunteers upon arrival.

Please do email me with any further suggestions for improvement as we are truly struggling to get volunteers.

Vicki

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SPORT
Our SSO After School Sports Co-ordinator Bree Harper is employed for 16 hours per week at our site. She is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Her office is located on the ground floor of the Dawson Building and her email is Bree.Harper794@schools.sa.edu.au or if you would like to speak directly with Bree please ring the school on 8362 1622 to make a mutually agreeable time to meet.

Bree aims to respond to enquiries as soon as practicable. During term 1 Bree has focused her energies on setting up processes and procedures to ensure our school is complying with all legal and legislative requirements to keep our students and volunteers safe. It has also given her the time to establish coaches’ kits with all the necessary information and equipment to enable the sport program to be successful.

We invite parents, coaches and volunteers to attend an After School Sports Q & A / Information session on Wednesday 7 May at 5.30 in the Library to strengthen partnerships and to share our skills and expectations. A Volunteer session is available on Thursday 8 May at 6.00pm in the Library for parents who would like to coach or assist with After School Sports.

We request that all summer sports’ coaches return their kits with laundered tops as soon as possible. We require the sports tops for the winter teams who have commenced matches this week.

CONGRATULATIONS to SUB JUNIOR 6 NETBALL TEAM and their coach Andrea Harris for their Grand Final win last term. Well done to these players: Alexarah, Georgie, Madison, Alessia, Caitlin, Lily, Kimberly, Devnie and Alex.

We appreciate the support and feedback from our community which ensures a positive partnership in delivering a valued service.

Bree and Dora
Swimming lessons for students in Years 4/5 will be held in week 4 from Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May. Consent forms and information for students have been sent home this week. Completed forms are to be returned to your child’s teacher by Wednesday 14th May. The cost of these lessons is $35.00 and will be covered by the 2014 excursion levy. Lessons will be held at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre and parent support will be needed, so please see your classroom teacher if you are able to help. **Parent helpers must have a current DCSI Child-related Employment Screening and have attended a volunteers and RAN training session.** Clearance application forms are available from the school front office. Clearances take a minimum of 4 weeks to be processed.

Please be aware that photographing children in bathers is not supported in light of Government Child Protection Policies.

Reception to Year 2 students will attend lessons in Term 3, Week 3, from Monday 4th August to Friday 8th August. Students in Year 3 will attend lessons in Term 3, Weeks 4 and 5. Dates are Monday 11th August to Thurs 14th August and Monday 18th August (Friday 15th August is a pupil free day).

**School photos will be taken on Tuesday 3rd June.**
*Photo envelopes have been sent home this week and need to be returned to the classroom teacher by 9:00am Friday 30th May. All ordering, purchasing and price options are enclosed in the envelope provided by MSP Photography.*

**Envelopes for family photos are available from the front office.**
Visit the website [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) or email enquiries to [enquiries.adl@msp.com.au](mailto:enquiries.adl@msp.com.au)

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

**Mother’s Day Stand**
The Parents & Friends Committee will be holding its annual Mother’s Day Stand in Week 2. The stand will be open on Tuesday 6th May and Wednesday 7th May, between 9.00-10.30am. There will be a wonderful range of items available to purchase for this special occasion. All items cost $4.00. Each class will be able to purchase from the stand with the assistance of their teachers. Please check with your child’s teacher for your classroom’s day.

**SAVE THE DATE**
*Wine and Cheese Evening: Friday June 13th 2014*

Don’t forget to put it in your calendar - the EAS Wine and Cheese Evening to be held on Friday 13th June at 7pm in the school gym. Come along and sample some delicious wines and cheeses, as well yummy desserts from the dessert bar. Tickets are $10 per person, which includes a wine glass, wine tastings and cheese nibbles. Look out for ticket order forms soon!

**QUIZ NIGHT**

We can now announce the theme of our upcoming Quiz Night to be held in Term 3 - *The Grammys*’
So start thinking about your music themed outfit and work on organising a table together. Tickets will be $20 per person and will be on sale soon. Look out for details in upcoming newsletters.

**QUIZ NIGHT DONATIONS NEEDED**
We are now seeking donations from the East Adelaide School community and friends for our silent and live auction. This is our major fundraiser for the year and we need your help and support to make it a success.

We welcome any donations including vouchers for the silent auction and goods that we can collate into baskets for the raffle. We are also after some major prizes for the live auction, such as holiday house accommodation.

In return, we will be promoting sponsors on the night to the 300 attendees and in the school newsletter. We will also provide a certificate of thanks for sponsors to display in their businesss premises.

Please email Karina at karinalunn@yahoo.com.au or Cleo at cleo@Colangelo.com.au

Thank you in anticipation of 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, sesame seeds, 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.

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**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.
  (refer asthma self-management 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 must be updated if your child’s medical condition or medication requirements change. Forms to update student medical records will be sent home with students when required or may be obtained from the front office.

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.

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**ASTHMA SELF-MANAGEMENT**
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.

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.

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

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**SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS**
The school front office is open from 8.00am until 4.00pm. Parents wishing to contact the school outside of these hours are encouraged to either phone the school on 8362 1622 and leave a message on the answering machine or send an email via the school email address dl.1036.info@schools.sa.edu.au

An admin staff member will deal with your request at the earliest convenience.

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**SCHOOL BIKE RACKS**
Access to the school bike rack area will correspond with the front office opening hours. If you need to access this area outside of these times please see a member of the OSHC staff. OSHC staff have a key to the bike racks and can assist families during OSHC opening hours.
DECD INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE
Dave Clark, the IMS woodwind and brass teacher, is taking leave during term 2. Sam Gordon will be taking lessons this term on Thursday mornings. Students have been advised individually of these changes and are reminded to bring their instruments to school on Thursdays during term 2. Please contact Dora in the front office if you have any queries.

Music Evening
Students receiving music lessons through DECD IMS and private tutors will have the opportunity to showcase their talents at a Music Evening being held on Wednesday 25th June from 5.30 – 7.00pm in the school gym. Further information will be available later in the term in the newsletter or from your child’s music tutor.

YEAR 8 ENROLMENT PACKAGES
Year 8 enrolment packages were sent home last term with all Year 7 students. Application forms and supporting documentation are to be returned to the front office before Friday 23rd May.

Please contact Linda in the front office if you have any questions regarding the Year 8 application process.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
A whole school assembly will be held in week 3 of term 2 on Friday 16th May at 9.10am in the school gym. It will be hosted by the students in rooms 4 and 10. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

KIDS’ PANTRY
Managers: Julie Hannah & Lisa Starkey

Roster Reminder:
Week 2
Mon 5th May D. McAlindon
Tue 6th May HELP NEEDED
Wed 7th May H. Tziavrangos
Thur 8th May P. Byrne, L. Hall
Fri 9th May H. Herbert, H. Mortlock, S. Moore

Week 3
Mon 12th May M. McKay, T. McNeill
Tue 13th May H. Herbert
Wed 14th May H. Tziavrangos
Thur 15th May T. Humphries, L. Vale
Fri 16th May L. Le, G. Bakos, S. Moore

Term 2 menu is being emailed home with this newsletter. Printed copies will be sent home with the eldest child in each family next week.
PARENT CALENDAR

The parent calendar for term 2 will be emailed home with this newsletter. A printed copy may be collected from the front office.

Updated information on excursions and events will be regularly added to the calendar on our new school website www.eas.sa.edu.au

Reminders and events will be shared with the community via our school Konnective app. Information on how to register with Konnective is displayed below.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Red Cross Walk for Humanity
Sunday 4th May 10.00 – 11.00am in Elder Park.
WEAR RED and walk from the Elder Park Rotunda, along the Torrens to the Zoo and back. Come to this free event and show the world your humanity.

For more information call 8100 4500. Donate at www.redcrossfundraising.org.au/humanity_hour

ROOM 12 AND 13 STUDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations are play based activities that are active, hands-on experiences for the children to engage in. Reception students enjoy hands-on activities, making things and exploring ideas and their world through Investigations four mornings a week. This week’s investigations were:

😊 Collage
😊 Maths
😊 Tinkering
😊 Writing
😊 Sensory
😊 Dramatic Play
😊 Science/Nature
😊 Construction
😊 Reading Corner

For assistance or further information, please contact support@konnective.com.au or visit www.konnective.com.au

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Grievance Procedure for students at EAS

Step 1
Talk to the person and tell them to stop.

Step 2
Talk to the teacher.

Step 3
Talk to a member of leadership.

Step 4
Talk to your parents so they can talk to your teacher.

Step 5
Parents talk to the leadership team.
BIZGATE Receipting

Procedures for paying school fees online via our school website

This facility is currently available for Visa/Mastercard Debit or Credit Cards.

Each student’s invoice is required to be entered separately e.g. if you are paying materials and services fees for two students you will need to complete two separate transactions.

Please ensure that you have the following available:

- Credit or Debit Card (Visa/Mastercard)
- School Invoice
  (if you don’t have the invoice contact the school for your student’s ED ID)

Instructions for payment:

Log onto the school’s website www.eas.sa.edu.au

1. On the front page, click on the ‘pay here’ icon
2. Enter ED ID – shown on the top right corner of the Student Invoice
3. Enter Student’s full name
4. Enter Invoice Number(s) and Amount(s)
   If you are not paying on invoice, enter the following details under Other Payment – item name, item description and the amount.
5. The ‘Other Comment’ box is optional, and can be used to add any further comments regarding the payment that will assist the school.
6. Click ‘Next’ – bottom right hand corner
7. Enter Parent/Caregiver name
8. Enter Address of Parent/Caregiver
9. Enter Email Address (optional)
10. Enter Telephone Number (optional)
11. Click ‘Next’ – bottom right hand corner
12. Check details you have entered and then click ‘Confirm’ – bottom right hand corner
13. Complete Credit Card details – you must include the expiry date and verification code (i.e. the 3 digit code on the back of the credit card).
14. Ensure all details are correct and click ‘Pay Now’ – bottom right hand corner
15. A delay of 5 to 10 seconds will occur whilst the credit card details are confirmed
16. A receipt will be shown – it is recommended that the receipt be printed for your records
17. Click ‘Close’ to complete the transaction

**OSHC payments on BIZGATE coming soon**