Welcome
I extend a warm welcome to the new Reception students, other students who have transferred to East Adelaide School, their families and our new staff members.

New staff not introduced in the final newsletter of 2015 include:
Kate Martin who takes on the Deputy role vacated by Dora. Kate is a highly experienced leader who will be with us for at least two terms.
Adriana Moretta joins our team of teachers of Italian.
Elizabeth Andrew joins us for term 1.

We commence the school year with 730 students; 112 of these students are starting school life for their first time.

Please assist your child by reminding them to wear their hat to and from school and during play times.

Once again this year we focus our efforts on taking pride in our school, our learning spaces, inside and out, and in our work. I encourage you to provide us with ongoing feedback, both constructive and affirming, as part of your observations as you walk through our school.

Over the holidays, staff has been planning collaboratively to present engaging learning for students. The next few weeks will see teachers getting to know their students and their families and developing positive working environments in order for rigorous learning to occur.

A key learning focus through integration across curriculum areas is Strengthening Community. We are sharing our learning at a school wide assembly to celebrate and acknowledge Harmony and National Action Against Bullying Weeks on Friday 18 March.

The East Adelaide School motto is ‘Learning for Life’; this underpins our belief in nurturing the whole child by attending to their academic, social and emotional well-being. Our values of Respect, Relationships, Responsibility and Resilience form the framework for our teaching and learning programs, including the negotiated expectations of behaviour from Reception to Year 7.

You will have noticed that we now have an upgraded staff carpark along Westminster Street. Builders are working on an extension to the picket fencing around the oldest buildings of the school. Once complete, aluminium tubular fencing will follow, starting in front of the Dawson building through to the end of the Bannon Building. These improvements are in line with our Master Plan.

Vicki Stravinski
Governing Council AGM
Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm

WHAT DOES THE GOVERNING COUNCIL DO?

The Governing Council is a decision making body and is responsible, with the Principal, for providing leadership for the good governance of the school.

In particular they:

♦ Work collaboratively in the best interests of the site and its community (not personal interests or agendas).

♦ Allocate the resources available to the site to support the improvement of learning and wellbeing outcomes for all students as specified in school learning and improvement and strategic plans.

♦ Provide a forum for parent, staff and student participation and decision making and ensure that the educational needs of the students are addressed particularly those that are priorities of National, State and site plans.

♦ Plan for improvement in learning and wellbeing for all students through setting and monitoring of the vision, purpose, strategic and improvement plans.

♦ Monitor learning and wellbeing outcomes and report annually to the site’s community and the Minister through the Annual Reporting process.

Governing Council Membership

As an active Governing Councillor, or someone thinking about stepping forward onto Governing Council, you can be a part of the efforts to improve the education and care of students in our school.

You can also represent the views of members in the community and encourage their participation. By valuing and respecting others’ views, you can also help the Governing Council create partnerships in school, including our young people, their families, and others in the school and broader community. These partnerships can help students become personally developed, well-educated, and productive citizens.

When the entire school community works together to support learning, students succeed, not just in school, but throughout their lives. Your participation in this process through your governance role is crucial.

East Adelaide School’s Governing Council, AGM is to be held on Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm in the Resource Centre. The meeting will be followed by a short Council meeting to appoint office bearers and nominations for subcommittee membership.

If you are interested in joining the Council, please complete the nomination form included in this newsletter and return to the school front office by Friday 12 February.

Alternatively, you may email your expression of interest to Linda in the front office linda.fehlandt511@schools.sa.edu.au

We are looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Governing Council meetings are held twice a term on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in weeks 4 and 8.

Acquaintance Night

This year, our school Acquaintance Night will be held on Tuesday 16 February at the following times:

♦ 5.00 - 5.45pm  Years 3-5
♦ 5.50 - 6.35pm  Years 6 - 7
♦ 6.40 - 7.25pm  Reception - Year 2

Further information regarding the format of the evening will be sent home with students in week 2. Families will receive term overviews Monday 15 February which outline the intended teaching and learning program for the term.

You are invited to come and hear about plans and expectations for the coming year and how you can best support your child at school. Take this opportunity to meet other parents.

Please note: Students are not expected at school during Acquaintance Meetings or the AGM. Staff is unavailable to supervise students due to preparations, setting up for the evening or meeting with parents.

During Acquaintance Night, teachers will request nominations from parents who are willing to undertake the role of Class Parent Representative for 2016.

An ‘induction’ meeting of Class Representatives will be held soon after Acquaintance Night. The Class Parent Rep has an important role that is highly valued at our school.

Class Parent Reps have a range of responsibilities including:

♦ Welcoming new families to their child’s class and the school.
♦ Organising class social events e.g. class picnic/parent coffee morning.
♦ Assisting Parents and Friends committee.
♦ Collecting and distributing contact numbers of families in each class as agreed to formally by families.

Supporting the work of Parents and Friends as needed.
Changes to screening requirements

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child’s learning.

To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures.

As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school/preschool/service. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day.

Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.

A letter from Minister Susan Close will be sent with this newsletter. Further information in relation to relevant history screening and keeping children safe is available at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school office staff.

Volunteer Training

Volunteers are still required to attend Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) training. RAN certificates issued from 2012-2014 expired at the end of 2015. Training will be on offer across the Morialta Partnership schools in 2016.

Sessions times for Term 1 are as follows:

- East Adelaide School
  - Tuesday 16 February 9.00am - 11.00am
  - Tuesday 5 April 6.00pm - 8.00pm

- Vale Park Primary School
  - Friday 12 February 9.00am – 10.00am

- Norwood Morialta High School Senior Campus
  - Wednesday 17 February 6.00pm – 8.00pm

- Trinity Gardens Primary School
  - Monday 7 March 11.30am – 1.30pm

- Magill School
  - Monday 21 March 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Please contact the relevant school to book into a session.

News from OSHC

Francine Schiller resigned as OSHC Director at the end of 2015. Stephanie Thomas has been appointed as Director and Leeza Parker as Assistant Director.

We thank Francine for her service and wish her all the best for the future.

Pupil Free Day

Please contact OSHC on 8362 6585 if you would like to make a booking for Pupil Free Day on Monday 29 February 2016.

Canteen

Term 1 Menu will be emailed home with this newsletter and also sent home with students next week.
Respect  Responsibility  Resilience  Relationships

Classes and Teachers in 2016
Principal  Vicki Stravinski
Deputy Principal  Kate Martin
Senior Leader  Lucia Baldino
Curriculum Coordinator  Belinda Robertson
Student Well-being / School Counsellor  Lee Hayes

The Vines
Room  1  R  Natalie Marino (Term 1)
      2  R  Heather Douglas
      3  R  Jasmine Gerace
      4  Blue R  Andrea Vigare
      4  White R  Jo Cardone / Anita Matern

Heysen Building
Room  5  1  Vicki Angel / Lisa Groote
      6  1  Adriana Mezic
      7  1  Julie Day
      8  1  Lee Hayes / Elizabeth Andrew
      9  3  Dagmar Bevan
     10  3  Lucinda Pengilly

Dawson Building (downstairs)
Room  11  4  Belinda Altschwager
     12  4  Brad Hoare
     13  4  Mark Vigare
     14  2  Adriana Sougeris
     15  2  Georgina Sarantaugas
     16  1/2  Peti Foumakis / Tonia D’Aloia

Dawson Building (upstairs)
Room  17  6/7  Androulla Vagnoni
     18  6/7  Lindy Kelvin
     20  5/6  Adele Giannone
     21  5  Belinda Robertson / Nik Skrob
     22  5  Lindsey Gilmore
     23  5  Wendy Jeffrey

Bannon Building
Room  24  2  Kylie Kelly
     28  6/7  Sam Hutton / Ali Kimber
(formerly computer suite)

Transportables
Room  25  3  Tanya Kay
     26  3  Tracey Merchant
Room  27  6/7  Matt Jessett
(formerly language room)

OSHC Building
Italian  Tonia D’Aloia / Grace Vottari / Adriana Moretta

Teacher Librarian  Andrea Tuck
P.E.  Aldo Perilli
Performing Arts  Larissa Maher
EALD  Vicki Ford / Deanne Stephanos
Teacher  Elizabeth Andrew

Road Crossing Monitors

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Student Health
We have been advised of a suspected case of Hand, Foot and Mouth. Symptoms include a slight fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet and a sore mouth for a few days before the ulcers or blisters appear. Incubation period (time between becoming infected and developing symptoms) 3 – 5 days. Infectious period (time during which an infected person can infect others) - as long as there is fluid in the blisters. The faeces can remain infectious for several weeks.

Road Safety Reminder
Parking around the perimeter of the school has changed to ensure the safety of our students. A continuous yellow line marked on the edge of the road has the same meaning as a no stopping zone. There is no parking allowed at any time if there is a yellow line.

It is illegal to ‘double park’ by stopping next to another car already parked near the kerb. Double parking restricts access for other traffic and can block sight lines for children on the side of the road.

We require that parents adhere to the no standing and no parking signs. Inspectors will be patrolling again this year and will focus on the above and people who double park.

Please be aware of the speed restrictions, road rules and parking signs around our school. Ensure your children alight on the footpath side of the car and always use the school crossing when entering the school from Second Ave. Children must not be dropped off or picked up in the staff car park and we ask parents to please refrain from parking across driveways. It is important to follow these rules to keep our students safe.
**After School Sport**

Welcome back everyone!
I hope you all had a happy and relaxing break over the holidays.

**Registration for Term 1 Sports**

Term 1 registration forms for After School Sports are now available from the front office and gym office. Please note that the closing date for all sports is Monday 8 February 2016. The sports on offer are; Cheerleading, Cricket, Netball Skills, and Milo In2Cricket. Please be quick to avoid disappointment.

A reminder that Basketball and Netball teams continue their Summer Season from Term 4 2015.

**Volunteers**

After School Sports can only run when parent volunteers offer to help throughout the season, either by coaching, scoring, assisting, supervising or umpiring. East Adelaide School is very lucky that we have so many dedicated volunteers, who are always willing to help. As our numbers grow, we require more volunteers to be able to keep all these great sports on offer to all students. If you have ever wanted to volunteer at East Adelaide, please register your interest to Catherine at catherine.natale738@schools.as.edu.au or by contacting the front office. Any help, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

**Winter Sports 2016**

Winter Sports begin in Term 2 of the school year and run until the end of Term 3. The sports on offer this winter include; Soccer, Netball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Football, AusKick, Netball Skills and Soccer Skills. If your child is interested in participating in any of these sports, registration forms will be available from Week 2, Term 1. Please note that the deadline for all Netball registrations (excluding netball skills) is Wednesday 24th February in order to nominate teams within EDNA’s closing date. All other sports close on Thursday 10th March.

**Stay Active Program**

The Stay Active Program is a new sports program being offered this term as an alternative to game play. The program provides a variety of non-sport specific games and activities that not only assist in the development of fundamental movement skills, but sharpen loco-motor skills and increase heart rate. The program is open to Primary School aged children (Reception – Year 7) and is run at Barry Messner Park on Monday afternoons at 3:30pm-4:30pm. For more information please visit www.stayactive.com.au

**Wellbeing at East Adelaide School**

Parent Information Evening

**Week 4, Thursday 25 February 2016, 7.00pm-8.30pm**

Bill Hansberry - Raising Beaut Kids: Being the Best Resilience Coach for your Kids so they can navigate life’s ups and downs

“So what is this thing called resilience? It must be important because the experts seem to be talking a lot about it and how important it is to kids’ long term mental health and happiness.”

Please email me with your name(s) by Wednesday 17 February to confirm your attendance.

Lee.Hayes750@schools.sa.edu.au

**School Values: Respect**

As a school, RESPECT will be our focus this term. Below are some events that will give us the opportunity to instill the importance of respect in our children.

- Schools Clean Up Day Friday 4 March
- National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence / Harmony assembly Friday 18 March
- EAS Harmony Week Monday 21 March – Thursday 24 March
- Harmony Day Monday 21 March ‘Our diversity is our strength’.

**Wellbeing Thursday**

This year, the day that I have dedicated to developing student wellbeing is Thursday. For the remainder of the week I will be teaching year 1s in Room 8. Please feel free to contact me via email.

**Wellbeing Articles: Heysen Noticeboard**

This fortnight’s latest articles on fostering your child’s wellbeing are around making ‘drop offs’ hassle free and ideas to make birthdays extra special.

Lee Hayes
Wellbeing Coordinator

**2015 Carols Evening Photos**

We have received digital images of the photos taken at the 2015 carols evening. Proof sheets will be available for viewing at the front office from Monday 15 February. Parents may complete an order form to indicate which images they would like. Please provide a USB with your order form, and the school will copy the images for you. Collection dates will be advised at time of ordering.

Thank you to David Solm for taking the photos on the evening.

Catherine Natale
After School Sports Coordinator
Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday
Invoices for the 2016 Materials and Services fees, Excursion Levy, and the tax deductible Library and School Building Fund donations will be sent home to families in the coming weeks. To avoid queuing and lengthy waiting periods, families may use one of the following options:

Payment at East Adelaide School
Payments can be made in person at the Uniform Shop, Monday – Thursday from 8.30am – 9:15am. Credit card and cheque payments can also be lodged in the payment box, located at the Uniform Shop.

Direct Debit Payments
Payments by direct debit can be made, by completing the direct debit form available from the front office.

Direct Debit Payments By Instalments
Payments by instalments via direct debit is available, allowing you to set how much you wish to pay each week/fortnight/month, until the school fees are paid in full.

Payment by Post
You may wish to send a cheque or credit card details with the attached invoice. Cheques are to be made payable to East Adelaide School. All fees are to be paid in full by the end of term 1, Friday 15 April 2016. Further information regarding school fees is available from Cleo Colangelo, Business Manager, via email at cleo.colangelo85@schools.sa.edu.au

School Card forms for the 2016 school year are available from the community noticeboard in the front office. A new form must be lodged each year and is due by the end of Term 1. Completed forms are to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

First Language Maintenance and Development Programmes
This year, East Adelaide School will run First Language Maintenance and Development Programmes in Chinese—Mandarin and Punjabi. The aim of the 2016 (renewed) FLMD programme is to support R-7 students from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds who speak a language other than English at home as a normal means of communication on a daily basis to:

- respect, develop and maintain home languages
- develop high level language and literacy skills;
- provide opportunity for strong conceptual learning that will extend students’ capability for language use
- foster a positive sense of self-identity.

As a result of a review undertaken by DECD, eligibility is extended to R-7 CaLD background students who have arrived in Australia in the last five years. Further information will be sent home to families of students who are eligible to participate in the Mandarin and Punjabi programmes.

New information has also been received in regards to previous FLMD programmes. We are currently exploring options including funding and eligibility and will inform families as soon as possible.

‘Tell us about your child’ Questionnaire
This questionnaire has been sent home with students and is designed to provide teachers with information about your child. It will give us a better understanding of your child and will assist teachers to develop caring, supportive and productive relationships. Please complete the form and return it to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 12 February.

Independent Music Tutors
Welcome to Term 1 everyone! 2016 enrolment forms are now available for new students wishing to start learning an instrument this year. Lessons are offered for piano, keyboard, clarinet, recorder and guitar. The yellow enrolment forms are available at the front office, or alternatively please contact Michael Beare 0403 004 733 michaelbeare@adam.com.au or Jasper Cownie (guitar) 0401 245 917 jaspercownie@yahoo.com.au for more information. Prices start from $19/lesson. Wishing everyone a very happy and musical term!

Art Ed
After School Classes, commence week 2 of first term at East Adelaide School on Mondays from 3.30 – 5.00pm. Cost : $170 for a 10 week term For more information or to enrol, please contact Maxine Cavaggion on 0414 981 096 or email maxine@art-ed.net.au

Ovation Centre of Performing Arts
Ovation classes resume the week of Feb 15 and will be running a series of popular FREE COME & TRY After School Acting Classes for 2016. Also, we are running a unique opportunity for students of East Adelaide: if you bring a friend and you wish to enrol in the program, you receive 50% off. Check out our programs www.ovationcpa.com.au or call 0416 011 643 to book your place and discover why Ovation is the only choice in performing arts training!
Keen to play in a school chess club?

Eager to learn and improve your chess skills?

Coming to East Adelaide School in Term 1

Chesslife

Learn using the Step-by-Step Method

Chess is as easy as 1-2-3

Senior Chess Coach
David Koelsier

Every Wednesday
3.30pm - 4.30pm
Resource Centre

$5 per session
Commencement date to be advised

EAS Chess Club 2016 – Registration of Interest

Child's Name __________________________ Room No __________

I am interested in participating in the after school chess club.

Signed __________________________ Date __________________________
Grievance Procedure for students at EAS

Step 1
Talk to the person and tell them to stop.
I’m OK
All is cool I’m happy

Step 2
Talk to the teacher.
I’m OK
All is cool I’m happy

Step 3
Talk to a member of leadership.
I’m OK
All is cool I’m happy

Step 4
Talk to your parents so they can talk to your teacher.
I’m OK
All is cool I’m happy

Step 5
Parents talk to the leadership team.
I’m OK
All is cool I’m happy