I always enjoy returning to school in Term 2, as everyone is refreshed and settled, having established routines in first term and feeling positive about what’s in store for the rest of the year. If that’s not the case in your family, please let us know; best learning happens when students feel emotionally at ease.

kathy.papps15@schools.sa.edu.au

This term has a major focus on Assessment and Reporting, and staff spent our Pupil Free Day preparing for our moderation of Maths with our partnership schools in June. (Clapham, Colonel Light Gardens, Mitcham and Westbourne Park Primary) This involves setting assessment tasks which challenge students and provide an opportunity to cater for all abilities. No longer is an “A” given for well presented, regurgitated facts - teachers need to provide new learning tasks which allow students to apply their knowledge to new situations. In fact, if a student continually receives full marks for their work, parents should be asking what new learning is taking place.

Next week our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will complete the NAPLaN tests, which gives students, teachers and parents a snapshot of their learning in Literacy and Numeracy. In Year 5 and 7 we are interested in the growth our students have made from the previous test, and a summary of student results are provided in September.

Written reports are sent home at the end of this term, so rest assured every teacher has a sound knowledge of your child's progress and areas for improvement.

Vicky Basford is now in the Deputy role, and we welcome Morgan Scottney-Turibill who will be working with Christie and Vicky teaching our 6/7 students. Together with Sue Gaardboe, our Coordinator, there are exciting plans involving STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with the Science and Maths school, with a problem based learning project; we look forward to hearing more in a future Newsletter.

We also welcome three, 4th Year university Pre-service teachers to Edwardstown this term. Stephanie, Tom and Stephanie will spend most of the term working across the school.

The Life Education van and educators have been at school this week providing information around Health topics to our younger students, and parents are invited to attend a workshop in the van this Friday afternoon at 2.15pm.

Have you heard about Aladdin Trouble? Joy Groves and helpers are well into rehearsals for our school musical, and have set the date. Keep Thursday and Friday, July 28th and 29th free as the production will be held in our school hall.

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 8th. Thank you to Rosemary and her helpers with the Mother's Day Shop who have offered a wide range of gifts.

Kathy Papps - Principal
Books will be sent home to every family. A note has been sent home with an ‘opt out’ option so that you will not receive a book. You can also notify the Front Office on 82932753.

**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

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Pop in to the Front Office and flick through the book on display at the reception desk.
Your family and friends are welcome to purchase through our school.

**MOTHER'S DAY SHOP**

Mother's Day is Sunday, 8th May this year and our Mother's Day Shop will be open for business on Thursday 5th May!
There will be some fantastic items to choose from so don’t miss out.
Thank you, Fundraising Committee.
NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday, 20th May is Walk Safely to School Day, a national, annual event when children across South Australia are urged to walk to school with their parents and carers. Edwardstown Primary School has registered to participate in this event again this year. We have a great response every year and are hoping many of you will walk again this year. Get your friends and parents/carers together and organise to walk to school on Friday 20th May.

When students arrive at school, please sign in at the registration tables on the netball courts. All walkers will receive a certificate from the school in recognition of their part in this national event, a sticker and a FREE ICE BLOCK voucher donated by the Walking School Bus. Please bring your voucher to the netball court at lunchtime to collect your ice block.

Every student can participate. EPS had 220 students participate in 2015 by either walking or riding to school. Let’s see if we can break our own school record in 2016.

If you live a long way from school get your parents to park the car a few blocks away and walk the last distance to school.

SPORT NEWS

Term 2 Triskills and Hockey Sessions – Sporting Schools Grant

Rooms 4, 5, 6 and 7 will have 4 sessions of Triskills gymnastics on 9/6, 17/6, 24/6 and 1/7. There is no cost to parents as the payment is coming out of the Sporting Schools Grant. The students will need to wear shorts, leggings or loose pants and long hair will need to be in a ponytail or plait for these sessions.

Rooms 13, 14, 15 and 16 will have 4 sessions of Hockey on 20/5, 27/5, 3/6 and 17/6. There is also no cost to parents as the payment is coming out of the Sporting Schools Grant.

Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19 and 20 will have their Sporting Schools activity in Term 3.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Luka has won the Term 1 prize which is a $10 voucher from Big W. Well Done Luka.

Do you walk from the Southern Area? as we are hoping to find an adult who may be able to walk with our Walking School bus from this area – usually they meet at the Jose St playground but at the moment this bus isn’t moving. Please come and see me if you can help. Thank you

Congratulations to Grace H and Ethan H who have walked to school 10 walks. They will all receive a voucher which enables them a free ice block from the office any lunch time. Well done!

STRAWBERRY FAIR NEWS.....

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 19th May. More information later.

CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICES

There WILL be practice on Thursday this week. Thanks, Sue Boggiano

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS FORM

Name: __________________________ email address: __________________________

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
OUR SCHOOL WEB ADDRESS IS: www.edwardps.sa.edu.au Our school newsletters are always available on this website

PARENT FEEDBACK

I WANT TO KNOW....

Your views are important to us! Please send an email to Suzanne.Clark516@schools.sa.edu.au to ensure that we understand your views.
**AFTER SCHOOL SPORT NEWS**

**NEW SPORT SHIRTS** for volleyball and netball have arrived and are now available from the uniform shop for $20.00 each. Wow, how smart are they!

**SCHOOL SOCCER**

PARENTS AND COACHES - **SOCCER MEETING** TO BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY AT 5.30PM THURSDAY 5TH MAY.

If your child has nominated to play then please attend this meeting.

**NETBALL**

School netball will start on Saturday 14th May.

We have 5 teams this year, a Year 2, Year 3, Year 4/5, Year 6/7 and a Year 7 team. Thank you to those parents who have put their hand up to coach and organise our teams. They will be in touch with you soon re teams and organisation.

Training will start Week 1, Year 2’s will train on Wednesday nights after school, Year 3’s, Year 6/7 and the Year 7 team will all train on Thursday night after school. The Year 4/5 team will train Monday night after school but they will start in Week 2.

Please help your coach by helping or offering to help in any way parents can as we are all together on this to allow our students to enjoy and be a part of school netball.

We also have **sports shirts** which we are hoping our netballers will wear on Saturday mornings – they will look great as a team. These shirts are available NOW from the uniform shop for $20.00 per shirt. If your netballer bought one last year, then they are already organised.

Please contact one of us, or your coach if you have any questions about school netball.

*Thanks Judy Fitzpatrick and Larni Riley-Bell (school netball co-ordinators)*

**WINTER SPORTS – SOCCER AND NETBALL**

Players have received their payment forms for Winter sport. Can parents please pay the fee at the front office so teams can be sorted. Late payment may mean that your child misses out. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**VOLLEYBALL NEWS –**

Do you have a keen volleyballer? We always welcome new players. Contact Karola.laventure@gmail.com.au to join in the fun. Volleyball is starting again in Term 2 with training Wednesday night and games played Friday nights after school.

Kind Regards, Karola & Dominic Laventure Mob: 0409 114 043 (Karola)

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS – Tuesdays and Fridays**

Our Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesday** and **Friday** mornings.

If you aren’t free those mornings, please feel free to pop in and grab an order form. It will be processed and left at the Front Office for collection anytime during school office hours.

**EASTER FOIL COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the students in **Room 7** who managed to collect an impressive 207gm of foil from their Easter eggs this year. It’s great to see the students so enthusiastic about recycling - remember, all foil can be recycled. Smaller pieces of foil can be scrunched up to form a ball the size of a golf ball or larger, to enable them to be sorted at the recycling facility, and melted up for recycling. In all we collected nearly 350gm of foil - not quite enough to make a car, but it all helps!

*Sue Gaardboe*
EXCITING WAY TO CONNECT – SKOOLBAG APP

DON'T MISS OUT ON SOMETHING......SIMPLE AND GREAT WAY TO BE IN TOUCH......please read on.

The Skoolbag App is able to give you instant notifications and is an easy means of accessing our regular newsletters. The Smartphones App, for both Android, iPhones and now Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 see below. The app is able to push out urgent messages and reminders and connect with our website and newsletter.

The App can be downloaded from the App store (iphones) Google store (android) and Windows store (Win8.1 phones) App store and Google store are listed under the school name. See note below about Windows phones. This App is free to parents, the school pays to set up and maintain the App.

When installing, please make sure you allow push notifications because this enables us to get messages to you in the fastest way possible. NEW Skoolbag is now available for Windows 8.1 phones or Windows 10 tablets/laptop. Look up Skoolbag in the Windows store and install it. Once installed you can find the school Edwardstown Primary, then pin it to your home screen.

FINANCE NEWS

IMPORTANT ONLINE PAYMENT CHANGES

As you would be aware from previous newsletters, we have a new online payment system which is now up and running. This new system replaces Bizgate payments made to either the school or OSHC/Vac.

Head to the EPS website and click on the "Pay Your Fees Online" tab. When in here, please take a moment to print and keep the instructions (which are very simple). You can see that the school and OSHC/Vac have 2 SEPARATE BUTTONS on which to click to make payments.

Two important instructions are:-

- Instruction No 3 - Enter your Family name. On the payment screen FAMILY NAME = your name (the person making payment).
- Instruction No 4 - Enter the Description/Invoice No/Student Name. On the payment screen = the description or invoice no. of the payment PLUS your STUDENT'S LAST NAME.

The information above will ensure your payment is allocated to the correct child/invoice to be paid.

It is a very simple system which accepts both Visa and MasterCard. Please see our Finance staff if you have any questions.

Thank you

Glenys de Wit and Jen Goodman

SCHOOL FEES 2016

Materials & Services Fee / Event Levy

These are now PAST due. If you haven't paid them, please do so as soon as practicable. If you wish to set up making regular payments via direct debit, please see either Glenys or Jen in the Finance Office ASAP.

School Card

Are you the holder of a Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card? Are you having financial difficulty at present, or has your financial situation changed? Call in to the Front Office or Finance Office for further info on applying for School Card Subsidy. It’s here to assist you!

OSHC/VAC CARE - UPDATED FEES AS OF 2/5/16

After School Care increased from $19 - $20 permanent and from $22 - $23 casual.

Vacation Care / Pupil Free days increased from $46 to $48 per full day and from $29 to $30 for half days.

Thanks, Dennis
Room 6 children participated in a full week of study and activities of commemoration, with each child being given a take home goodies bag of the “Symbols of the ANZACS.” Room 6 and Room 7 made Anzac biscuits.

Lest We Forget.

Room 6 Mrs Wattchow

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the Lost Property cupboard for any of your missing items. Clothing, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles

WORKING BEE
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd
10am-12 midday - ALL WELCOME

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos have arrived and have been sent home with your child. Please check with your child to ensure you receive the correct photos.
New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day!

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

A note from Simone - Pastoral Care

For some time now we have been provided with free fruit and emergency sandwiches from Kickstart for Kids, this is a great organisation that works hard to support schools across SA. Throughout the first few weeks of Term 2, I will be collecting Vegemite & tinned fruit to send to them to assist in their ongoing programs, please drop any donations to the front office. Thank you for your support.

KickStart for Kids is a not for profit charity which delivers food to over 230 South Australian schools and provides 35,000 breakfasts per week. We have volunteers who assist in schools helping at breakfast clubs, or assisting children through our mentoring program by helping with their school work and building their self-esteem through play.

KickStart for Kids spends thousands $$$ on Vegemite and tinned fruit each year. Any size jar/can that you donate is greatly appreciated.
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STRAWBERRY FAIR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH