G’day France

Last week on Thursday, we had the Premier Jay Weatherill, the Education Minister Susan Close, the French Ambassador, Susan Crafter and DCNS ‘s (Direction des Contructions Navales Services) and some other very important people come to our school to announce that South Australia is having its first bilingual French school. That means that a school is going to teach Maths, Science and other subjects in French and English. Schools that want to be part of the program will put in an application. Then schools or a school will be chosen by the end of the year to be part of the program. The school will start the program in 2017 for Reception students only but by 2019 Reception to Year 7 students will be part of the program. We were chosen for the Media Launch because we teach French.

This French bilingual school program is introduced in the hopes that French submarine workers move their families to Adelaide in a year’s time. I hope to make new French friends and learn more French.  

Angel.V
Beware Chickens - Oh NO !!!

We have chickens in the vegetable garden that Mrs Evans and the year 6/7 students take care of each week. They lay one or two eggs each week. When you put your compost in the bin don’t put the chickens in their coop because they are in their coop all night and need some time to run around. PLEASE shut the gate when you are going to put your compost in the bin so the chickens don’t run out onto the oval.

Did you know if you spill your compost on the ground you don’t have to pick it up because the chickens eat fruit?

Also if you want a chicken of your own you can buy one this year at the strawberry fair.

By Makyah

Inside Story of E.P.S Action Teams

There seems to be a confusion because people are putting their compost in the wrong spot and Mrs Evans is getting very frustrated about it. The right spot to put your compost is in the vegetable garden. There is a bin with a big yellow smiley face. There is a sign that says don’t put your compost here. If you do your compost in your class make sure you get it in the bin so the chickens don’t eat it. The chickens can eat the compost but they have their own food. Make sure you close the gate so the chickens don’t get out. Also make sure you put your compost in the right spot.

By Makyah
NAPLAN Takes over!

This week NAPLAN is happening for years 3, 5 and 7. NAPLAN is a group of tests on different subjects that show the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) how well the kids understand the things they learn. The tests we had to do were Maths, Language Conventions, Reading and Literacy. We had to do five tests through three days, the tests go for between one hour and 30 minutes and we get the results in September sometime. When we do the tests we are not allowed to get out of our seats or talk to anyone, if we finish before others we can quietly draw or read a book. For me it was really stressful and glad I have to only do it once more in year nine.

STRAWBERRY FAIR NEWS

STRAWBERRY FAIR BBQ MEETING for ALL volunteers

THURSDAY 19th MAY 2016
5pm-6.30pm
meet near the gym

Please RSVP by email budgie-lung@optusnet.com.au or call Simone 0401 066 339 for catering purposes
Term 2 is sure to get very exciting soon with ... 

As many of you know, we are currently rehearsing our first school musical “Aladdin Trouble”. To state the obvious, this is full of songs and so I have decided to ask the Groovers to learn the songs along with the cast - Several of the cast members are also members of the Groovers and Shakers. 
The main difference for the Groovers is that we will be joined by various cast members from week to week as we focus on different songs that are in the musical. The songs themselves are fabulous and I’m sure that everyone will enjoy learning them.
ANY YEAR 3, 4 OR 5 STUDENT wishing to join the Groovers and Shakers can come along on MONDAYS during lunch playtime.

Mothers Day Shop

I hope all our Mum’s had a lovely Mother’s Day this year and enjoyed their little surprise gifts from our Mother’s Day Shop. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our shop such a success. Thankyou Emma-Louise B. and Nicole B. for their help on the day and to the student helpers for their time selling tickets and their assistance on the day, it wouldn’t happen without all of you. Many, Many thanks. Rosemary M.

(AND A BIG THANKS TO ROSEMARY)
WE NEED YOUR HELP... WE KNOW YOU WANT TO...

I have an URGENT REQUEST today. I need a parent(s) to volunteer to be the SET DESIGN OVERSEEER for our school musical “Aladdin Trouble”.

As I see it, this would entail:

- Communicating with me. (I already have some ideas and am open to more).
- Contacting my list of volunteer parents who have skills and enthusiasm in this area.
- Delegating ‘jobs’ for those parents eg. building; drawing design; painting, etc.
- Overseeing the ‘constructions to finished products’ within the short timeline.

The main set will be 4 tall square prisms on wheels. Each face of the prism will be an aspect of one of 4 scenes, that when combined with the other prisms, will create eg the back drop for the village scene. There will be other pieces too.

We have people who have already volunteered to construct, and others to design / draw, and others to paint. I just need someone to co-ordinate the people and materials.

Please give this consideration and let me know as soon as possible. Joy.Groves89@schools.sa.edu.au

Set construction needs to begin right now so that we can rehearse and become familiar with any of the on-stage pieces. We are performing in week 1 or term 3.

It’d be fantastic if I had more than one volunteer because then you could share the role. Joy Groves

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**Premiers Be Active Challenge**

The Premiers Be Active Challenge is a challenge that is done every year by schools all over Australia. It is done for four weeks. You have to do it five days a week an hour a day. Many kids complete it each year with a range of different medals to collect. The first year you complete the challenge you get a bronze medal. When you complete it for the last time you get the Be Active for Life gold medal. The Premiers Be Active Challenge starts the first day of term 1 and ends last day of term 3. So it gives you a while to complete the challenge. Some people are really sporty so they can complete the challenge quicker than others. PE also counts as an hour on your chart. Recess and lunch count only if you run around. By Nikita

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**Walk Safely to School Day**

**Friday, 20th May** is Walk Safely to School Day. 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. 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.
A note from Simone - Pastoral Care

The Brave Program

BRAVE Self-Help is an online program for the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of youth anxiety. It was developed at The University of Queensland by experts in youth anxiety and has now been running for over 14 years throughout Australia. The program is fun, interactive, based on cognitive-behavioural principles and has been found to be effective in reducing anxiety in children and adolescents. It has helped hundreds of children experiencing social anxiety, shyness, separation anxiety, phobias and general worries. BRAVE Self-Help is now available to use at home for free due to the support of beyondblue. Any Australian young people who would like help with anxiety can access the self-help program via https://brave4you psy uq edu au/ The program can be accessed through any computer or tablet device, at any time and includes up to 10 sessions for youth. Parents can also take part in a separate parent program to learn ways of helping their child or teenagers manage anxiety. Teachers, young people and parents can also find out more about the program or take a trial or any of the programs through the BRAVE website.

There is a child program for ages 8 – 12 & a Teenagers program for ages 12 – 17

#lambRAVE

Spread the word!
There are a lot of SAPSASA events coming soon including:

- Cross Country 20th week 3 term 2
- State cross country 4th week 6 term 2
- Football/Netball carnival 15th – 19th week 5 term 3
- District athletics day 24th week 5 term 3
- State athletics day 27th week 10 term 3

What is SAPSASA?

SAPSASA Athletics (South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association) is an Association which kids participate in if you are good at 100m, 200m, 800m, shotput, discus, long jump or high jump. There are also events like SAPSASA soccer, netball, football or cross country. In cross country the year 5’s and older must be able to run 3km (kilometres), but if you are year 4 and under you must be able to run 2km. Participating in State cross country happens if you come in the top 6 in your district, or the top 4 if you are in year 7.

Levels of SAPSASA?

The first level of SAPSASA is representing your school in the district competition but if you come 1st or 2nd in your competition you will get an invitation to state athletics day where you will be representing your district (City south).

EPS participation in SAPSASA

To enter SAPSASA you must be a year 5 or up but in school events like SAPSASA soccer or netball you must be year 6 or 7. Mrs. Boggiano puts you through a trial and if you are good enough you will be selected.

Run

A short story

The man ran and ran, his brown beard blowing in the wind his long legs reduced to bone, still he kept running. The city was empty with rubble of old buildings and cars smashed and set alight. There was not a person insight although he knew if he stopped they would surely find him. He ran past an old kindergarten scattered with toys, it reminded him of the old times, the old times when children could play without the constant worry of something happening to them. He decided to take cover in the abandoned kindergarten, sheltering from them in the store room full of toys and chemicals, hoping and praying that they would not find him. Suddenly the all too familiar sound of machine’s rattled in his brain but yet he stayed as still as a rock not daring to move a muscle.

To be continued.

By Noah W.
Birdwood Primary School proudly presents the 42nd annual

Birdwood

Farm Day

SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2016
10am – 4pm

Chalks campground, Mount Crawford Forest
(on the Birdwood to Williamstown road)

Join us for a day of country fun in the forest!

* Whip cracking demonstrations
* Sheep dog demonstrations
* Don’s Demo Dogs
* Magic Shows
* Pony & Camel rides
* Tractor rides
* Sheep shearing
* Animal nursery
* Live music
* Art displays
* Working Dogs
* Native wildlife
* Log chopping
* Vintage cars
* School band & choir
* Spinners & weavers
* Restored machinery
* CFS demonstrations
* Medieval re-enactments
* Games for the whole family

(program subject to change)

For more info phone Birdwood Primary School 85685329 or visit www.birdwoodfarmday.com

NEW

* 2nd entry gate on Warren Rd
* overflow parking with FREE SHUTTLE BUS

- Scarecrow competition – children’s rides