The school seems calm again this week after a busy few weeks with the impromptu visit from the media to launch interest in a bilingual French school, and NAPLAN last week being an anxious time for some.

Staff and students are to be commended for the sensible approach that reflects a cohesive and collaborative school ethos. Susan Close, Minister for Education commented after her visit: "You are outstanding ambassadors for our public education system, demonstrating enthusiasm, energy and creativity of students. I was very impressed with student's excellent performances and their knowledge and appreciation of French language and culture."

Whilst the idea of welcoming a bilingual aspect to our very diverse cultures is attractive, we are almost at maximum with student numbers, and don't have the capacity to expand with our current facilities. With this in mind, I ask any families with siblings starting school next year (2017) to contact the front office for an enrolment form. We give priority to local area families, and there are many families waiting to hear whether we will have extra spaces. There is a Principal tour on Wednesday, June 1st at 9:15 for interested families.

Last year we included excerpts highlighting our various year levels of schooling, giving families an overview of curriculum and focus areas of learning at different year levels. Staff work together in PLTs (professional learning teams) based on similar year levels, allowing collegiate planning and sharing of knowledge and skills. During term 2 we will focus on a different PLT each fortnight, with a photo of classroom teachers involved. This week we put the spotlight on our Reception and R/1 classes, Rooms18, 19 and 20.

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**CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL APP INFO**

**STRAWBERRY FAIR – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6**

**WORKING BEE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22nd**

10am-12 midday - ALL WELCOME

Weeding, Gardening and general yard tidy up.
Reception/ Year 1 focus
The Reception/1 team share a child-centred philosophy where the children have ownership of their learning through joint construction with teachers (asking questions, making observations, brainstorming). It is important to acknowledge the developmental stage of children at this age level including their sensory, physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs.

The Walker Learning Approach provides students with the opportunity to explore through investigative play. One of the main ways in which the children are learning is through opportunities for them to engage in investigations of interest to them. The investigations are planned and have directed aspects; their work is purposeful and linked to literacy and numeracy. The children share their learning with their peers through having roles such as the Focus Child, Reporter and Photographer and this enhances their confidence and oral language development. The children participate in Investigations for one hour, four days per week and the rest of their learning is provided through structured, curriculum-based learning programs linked to the Australian Curriculum.

Teachers’ Service Recognition event at the Adelaide Cricket Ground.
Rae Rowse and Margaret Wattchow were invited to attend the Service Recognition Event in the holidays. There were 490 teachers recognized at the event for their 40 plus years of service. It was a very impressive event and venue. There were a number of 50 years recognised as well as those who were retiring. Tony Harrison and Susan Close were in attendance and gave excellent speeches. We recognise all our teachers for their dedication to their profession.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
This Friday, 20th May is Walk Safely to School Day.
Why don’t you walk to school and make sure you register at the table on the netball court. 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.
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.
PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH
BOOKINGS AT OSHC 82938253

Year 8 Enrolments Deadline – Friday, May 20th
Please make sure your completed Year 8 Application for Enrolment is returned to the Front Office by Friday, May 20th. These forms must be completed and returned even if you are applying to a private school.

Thank you, Linda Hillman

LOCAL BUSINESS Sustainability Donation $500 - for irrigation of garden beds
RAPID METAL DEVELOPMENT gave us $500 for a watering system for our JP garden beds and are a local engineering company. Thank you!

Kathy Papps - Principal

Professor Brian Cox: A Journey into Deep Space
Join Professor Brian Cox as he shares what we know and explores some of the great unanswered questions about our Universe.
Are we alone in the Universe? Will we ever know what happened before the Big Bang? What is the nature of the 95% of the Universe we know to be missing? What was the origin of Life on Earth? Professor Brian Cox will talk about this and more in A Journey into Deep Space this August!
Adelaide Entertainment Centre Theatre
Tuesday, August 16th at 7.30pm
Go to www.showbiz.com to purchase tickets.

Pasta Day.
Special lunch day this term is Wednesday 1st June,

Order forms were sent home this week, please make sure that you get your orders into the bookroom by Thursday 26th May.
FUNDRAISING NEWS

Books have been sent home to every family. Please return your book as soon as possible if you do not wish to purchase it.

Edwardstown Primary School
Contact: Judy Fitzpatrick    Phone: 0882932753
Email: judy.fitzpatrick239@schools.sa.edu.au

To order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit: www.entbook.com.au/161e373

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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.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Congratulations to those who have walked to school 10 walks. They will all receive a voucher which enables them to a free ice block from the office any lunch time. Well done to Poppy S, Olivia W, Ruby A and Lily E.

STRAWBERRY FAIR NEWS…..

Our Strawberry Fair Meeting/BBQ is on Thursday, 19th May from 5-6.30pm. Please try to join us.
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 Kathy.Papps15@schools.sa.edu.au to ensure that we understand your views.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT NEWS

SCHOOL SOCCER
Games start this Saturday, May 21st. Fixtures are almost complete and will be sent out asap.

Games this Saturday are:

- U8s – 8.30am at Craigburn PS, Murrays Hill Road vs Craigburn
- U10s – 9.20am at home (EPS) vs Colonel Light Gardens
- U11s – 10.10am at home EPS vs Seacliff
- Seniors – 11.10am at home (EPS) vs Belair

NETBALL
Netball started last week with lots of our girls enjoying their games, some of the students their very first one. If anyone has scores or photos we are very happy to include in our newsletter. Please email into school or pop in and see me.

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

WINTER SPORTS – SOCCER AND NETBALL
Reminder if fees haven’t been paid that they are now overdue. Please pay at the bookroom asap to ensure your child is able to pay.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS –
Volleyball is off and running again this term and how good do they look on the court now in their new shirts!!!! Contact Karola.laventure@gmail.com.au to join in the fun. Training Wednesday night and games played Friday nights after school. Also, congratulations to Eleni and Emma for making the leap to Club Volleyball with Austral Phoenix.

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

CANTEEN

Please contact Simone via the front office or email: simone.morrison196@schools.sa.edu.au
Sorry no children under 11 due to Health & Safety

WEDNESDAYS
12.30 – 1.30

THURSDAYS OR FRIDAYS
to collect & sort lunch orders from 12.15
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.

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

STUDENT BANKING

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

- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmite 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is looking for volunteer families to host the large numbers of European exchange students arriving in July. Please open your hearts and your homes for a culturally enriching experience and gain your very own special window to the world!

For more information please call or email Jenny PH
(08) 8323 0973 or email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au

KIDS TAEKWONDO
Beginners Classes Starting Now in this area.
Resilience, Confidence, Discipline, Respect and Leadership Skills.
Children 5 and up
Sports Voucher Welcome
Olympic Sport Martial Art
Qualified Instructors all DCSI cleared
Enrol your child Now
Contact: 0412 965 905
Website: www.worldtaekwondo.com.au
Cake stall

_**Wednesday 25th May - Week 4 - Recess**_

Buy a delicious cupcake from the canteen to support our School!!!

Cost: 50c to $2.00

Egg free and Gluten free cakes will be available

_**Funds raised go towards purchasing materials needed for the Strawberry Fair Craft Stall.**_

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**Can you help on this day by…**

- Donating cupcakes
- Selling cakes at recess

If you are able to help, please email Alice at [alicepannenburg@icloud.com](mailto:alicepannenburg@icloud.com) or let the office know ASAP.

Thanking you in advance