The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday night. This was an opportunity for parents to hear about the happenings at EPS during 2015 and to elect the new School Council.

Rather than speaking to the Annual Report, I spoke about the changes that have occurred over the past 5 years of the EPS improvement journey. These improvements included:

- **Collegiality and collaboration** between teachers so that they are able to learn together and from each other. Parents have commented on the strong year level teams of teachers and the similarities in what and how they teach. Jolly Phonics is taught consistently from Reception to Year 2, Guided Reading is used to explicitly teach students reading strategies and means of understanding texts in a deeper way, teams all use topic sequences and plan these topics together, a Numeracy Agreement guides the teaching of maths, and there is a common language and understanding about student learning.

- **Pedagogy**, or what teachers believe about learning and do to promote it, has changed dramatically. Teaching is providing more stretch for our children, it’s more ‘hands on’ and engaging and it is based on internationally acclaimed best practice.

- **Numeracy** teaching and learning has improved over recent years and as a result, I have been asked to showcase our change process for DECD Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Jayne Johnson. This improvement represents lots of hard work by our teachers. I would like to especially acknowledge Bernie O’Connor and her role mentoring teachers and modelling maths lessons for them.

- **EPS** was a focus of Jayne Johnson’s review last year. She asked about our high levels of progress in **writing and reading**.

- **Digital Technologies have grown tremendously!** Our mobile devices purchased in 2015 are fully utilised and teachers are more confident using them as a learning and communication tool. We are one of the few schools in the state with a Coding Club (computer programming for Year 3 & 4 students).

- **Highly successful learning intervention programs** in Literacy and Numeracy ensure that students get specific help when they need it. We monitor every child’s progress and intervention programs are delivered by highly skilled School Service Officers.

- **There was extensive development of the grounds and buildings** over the past 5 years. This includes the resurfacing of the courts, development of 2 new playgrounds, extensive paving, rubberising the hill, rebuilding the amphitheatre, development of natural play spaces (the butterfly garden and the new Edwards...
Street log garden), and interactive environmental features such as the vegie patch, chook shed and Reception planter boxes.

- The **internal learning spaces** are all well-equipped and in good order. Areas developed include; the OSHC kitchen, Reception porch extension, refurbishment of the Year 6 & 7 unit so that is now a flexible space for Middle Schooling, and the fabulous audio visual provisions in our Hall.

- Despite these expenses we are **financially very sound**. Thanks to Glenys deWit’s financial skills and the efforts of parents in raising funds we have a well-resourced learning environment for your children. Fundraising in 2015 cleared almost $58,000! Jen Goodman has managed, in collaboration with Dennis Shanahan, to keep the OHSC financially viable, to the point that they now contribute towards many school projects.

- Our **strong community** has become stronger with our connections with the Village Church. Simone, our pastoral support worker has fostered this relationship and included volunteers from the church and Universities to mentor students.

There are several people I would like to acknowledge for their hard work and commitment over the past 5 years:

- You are very lucky to have **Kathy Papps** take on the role of Principal for the rest of 2016. Kathy and I started at EPS as a new team in 2011 and have enjoyed a close working relationship. I thank Kathy for her leadership and support over our years at EPS. It has been a personally rewarding partnership and one that has seen the school grow and develop.

- Likewise, **Glenys deWit**, as one of the Leadership Team, has been a real asset in her leadership of SSOs, financial management and coordination of Council and Committee meetings.

- **Judy Fitzpatrick** is the first and most important interaction that new parents have with EPS. She has a deep knowledge of the school, always wears a smile and is a great organiser.

- **Bernie O’Connor** has very successfully led and guided the development of consistent maths pedagogies. She challenges teachers as much as she challenges children!

- The highly professional **teaching staff** strive for the best from every child and devote large amounts of time and energy to ensure that every child succeeds to the best of their ability.

- The **SSOs** at EPS are a fabulous team. This team includes both Front Office and Student Support staff who are all part of a caring and professional community.

- Lastly I would like to acknowledge the **School Councillors**; Kate Bishop (Chair), Esso Brkic (treasurer), Stephanie Hensgen (secretary) and other Councillors all form a positive, supportive group that ensures that parent views are well represented. Council has robust discussions which help the school understand and cater for parent views.

I leave EPS confident in the fact that the school is in a very healthy state and that the exceptional growth I have described will continue.

The full Annual Report will be available on the EPS website within a month. Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the Summary Annual Report which is very brief and does not contain the specific data that is part of the Annual Report requirements.

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**School Council & Parental Involvement in Decision Making**

One of our major parent based decision making bodies is the School Council. Council represents the general school community by advising the principal about the educational needs of the school and providing information about community perceptions.

The Council advises the principal about parent views in relation to the school’s direction and vision e.g. last year the move to our Bring Your Own Device strategy for Year 6 & 7 students was discussed and ratified with the Council. The Council is presented with School Improvement Plans and monitors the progress of these plans through regular reports from the principal. Much of the meeting is devoted to providing parents with updates on our improvement priorities with examples of what this looks like in classrooms.
Councillors are your representatives so please speak with them about any issues you would like Council to discuss.

Our School Council members for 2016 are:

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Staff Representatives                School Leadership Members
Alex Hatzi                             Suzanne Clark
Toni Hall                              Kathy Papps

Co-opted Members
Glenys deWit / Jen Goodman (Finance Officers)

School Council oversees several committees and we would like as many parents as possible to be part of this committee structure. These committees include:

- **Finance Committee** – oversees the financial position of the school and sets the yearly budget and Materials and Services fees. There are two meetings a term.
- **Fundraising Committee** – involves a small group of ‘doers’ who coordinate a range of fundraising events. Committee members co-opt friends to help them manage these fundraisers. After an initial meeting there are infrequent meetings through the year.
- **Strawberry Fair Committee** – this committee is managed by Simone and Chris Iley and there are several subcommittees to coordinate aspects of the fair. Meetings occur from term 1 onwards and are more frequent just prior to the fair.
- **OSHC Committee** – as the employer of OSHC, Council needs to monitor finances, staffing and programs.
- **Canteen Committee** – this committee ensure that healthy, cheap meals are available and to focus over recent years has been provision of a tuck shop for snack foods whilst lunches are outsourced twice a week.
- **Sports Committee** – manages all the after school sports
- **School Pride Committee** – is the amalgamation of three committees; School Improvement, Student Services and Grounds, who work to improve the physical environment of the school.

As you can see, the committees have a huge role in the running of the school and Council would like to see good representation in these groups. It is a low key way of being involved and meetings are usually twice a term for about one hour.

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**WOW! WHAT A RESPONSE FOR GUITAR AND KEYBOARD LESSONS**

We have such a huge response to Ruth's guitar and keyboard tutoring that we have filled not only Friday, but Monday as well.

Unfortunately, that means that there are no more spaces for students to begin these instruments this term. If you call Ruth she will inform you that you are on a waiting list for term 2.

**STRING INSTRUMENT LESSONS**

Violin lessons have begun but there are about 5 spaces left for Yr 3 or 4 students to begin to learn this orchestral instrument for free (the only cost being the hire of an instrument and your music book). Please contact Joy Groves immediately if you would like to take up this offer.

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*Suzanne*
HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

If your child is in year 5, 6 or 7 it is time to look at options for their secondary schooling. Local schools are starting to open their doors for you to have a look. Please check the Community Noticeboard in this newsletter for dates and times.

Cashier’s Office

The Cashier’s Office is open at 8.35am each morning. If you are unable to be at school during opening hours, you are welcome to pop your payments in the Blue Payment Box next to the payment window. Payment will be processed and receipts will be sent home via the classroom. This will save you from a long line up.

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.

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.
Should you have difficulties accessing the App please talk with our Front Office staff.
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

SCHOOL FEES 2016

The Material & Services fee, agreed and approved for 2016, is $360 per student for the year. The invoice for school fees will be sent home via students during the next 2 weeks. We ask that payment be made at your earliest convenience but certainly before the end of this term (April 16th). If you wish to negotiate an alternative payment plan please make a time to meet with the Finance Officer, Glenys de Wit or Jen Goodman
The results of the parent poll, late last year, was a conclusive YES. There were 43 votes for and 12 votes against. This now means that the full amount of $360 is legally recoverable.
The excursion levy for 2016 remains at $60 and will also be invoiced along with school fees.

School Card
Do you think you may qualify? Please pop into the front office and pick up an application form.

PAYMENT OF ALL SCHOOL INVOICES CAN BE PAID VIA OUR WEBSITE. BIZGATE is available to pay school monies as well as OSHC/VAC CARE. Our web site is… http://www.edwardps.sa.edu.au
See Glenys if you have problems using this system.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

If anyone would like to join any of our Walking School Bus routes please pop in to the Front Office and we can let you know what you need to do. Congratulations to Ruby A who has walked 10 walks. Ruby will now receive a free ice block. Thank you, have fun walking to school!
STUDENT BANKING
EVERY THURSDAY - Commonwealth Bank

Teach your Child the Value of Saving!
Open a new Little Savers Incentive Saver Account for your child before 29th April 2016 and they'll receive:
- A $10 credit to help them kick start their savings* + $10 will also be donated to the school!
- A Little Savers Welcome Pack, including a moneybox, calculator, banking wallet and library bag.

Want to join?? Tania and Veronica are at BankSA Edwardstown 5 days per week and are happy for you to make a time with them by calling 8374 2286.
For more information and full terms and conditions please go to www.littlesavers.com.au

SPORT NEWS

BASKETBALL

Year 1/2 Mixed Blue
Friday 19/2 saw the Year 1/2 EPS Blue team play their first game for the season, the first game ever for the Year 1s. Everyone on the team played a great game, with each player getting involved. All players, did a wonderful job, listened to their coaches and implemented a spectacular Box Split manoeuvre for their throw-ins, leaving their opposition baffled ever time. This fantastic team effort resulted in the team’s first WIN EPS Blue 14, Stella Maris(1) 7.

Friday 26/2 saw EPS Blue’s winning streak continue defeating St Marys (1) 7 points to 4. All players worked together as one, often backing each other up. The players again executed the Box Split manoeuvre with little instruction from the sidelines. It was fantastic to see the players implying skills learnt, providing many options for their teammates. Well done to all the players, keep up the great work and best of luck for this week’s game.

Year 1/2 Mixed Gold

CRICKET NEWS

C Grade - Edwardstown C Grade Blue vs Goodwood Gold at Edwardstown
A great match for our (mainly) year 4 team up against a very strong team of year 5’s, which gave everyone solid opportunities to perform with bat and ball. Fantastic to already see many improvements, particularly from our bowlers who were well rewarded with 3 wickets. Also loving the enthusiasm of all our players as they take on the full pitch & harder balls! Another big Friday this week with our lightning carnival at Hamilton Secondary School.

David Handsaker
MORE SPORT NEWS....

VOLLEYBALL NEWS –
All players will be required to become a “Spikezone” member of Volleyball SA.
See you at training! Remember: 4/5’s finish at 3.50, 6/7’s at 4.20.
Kind Regards, Karola & Dominic Laventure Mob: 0409 114 043 (Karola)

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS – Tuesdays and Fridays
In 2016 our Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesdays (not Wednesdays) 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.

Please Check LOST PROPERTY for unclaimed clothing and hats

FRANCO-FILE

À Fleur de Peau – The opening of our Festival of Arts program this year was an amazing Pyrotechnic show by a French troupe called Groupe F at Adelaide Oval last Saturday night. Groupe F have presented at 2 Olympic games as well as on the Eiffel Tower and regularly in the gardens at the Palace of Versailles in Paris. The combination of fire, lights, colour and fireworks was magnifique!

Alliance Française French film festival - 31st March – 24th April
There will be a wide range of French films showing at the Palace Nova cinemas. The films are in French with English subtitles.

There are 2 PG films for children called ‘Belle and Sebastian, the adventure continues’ and ‘April and the extraordinary world’.
The closing night movie features the famous (or infamous) actress, Brigitte Bardot, in a reworked version of the1963 film ‘Contempts’.
The full program with descriptions and trailers can be viewed online at affrenchfilmfestival.org. You can also enter a competition to win tickets to Paris just by visiting this website and answering a simple question.
Bonne Chance!

A BIG THANK YOU TO HOLLARDS
Joe Leck from Hollards at Mitcham generously donated soil to the Junior Primary garden. Thanks!
SPORTS DAY T SHIRTS

Our Sports Day will be held on **Thursday, March 24th**. We will be selling t-shirts in team colours again this year because they are cheap, good quality and sometimes plain t-shirts are hard to find. Child sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 are $5.00 and Adult sizes Small, Medium, Large are $7.50. So that we don't accumulate excess stock, we will be purchasing these shirts on ORDER ONLY. There are samples in the front office if you would like to see what they are like.

Check with class teachers if you are unsure of your child’s team.

Please fill in the form below if you would like to buy a shirt for your child and return the slip to the Front Office by **Friday, March 11th**. There will be NO SPARES so please order so you don’t miss out. **Please pay when order.**

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**Team Colour T-Shirt Order Form**

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**FUNDRAISING NEWS…**

**Kytons Hot Cross Buns and Lamingtons Fundraiser**

Order forms for our annual Kytons Fundraiser Event have been sent home. Please hand them around to friends, family and work colleagues and help us to raise funds for continuing improvements to **Edwardstown Primary School**. If you would like additional forms, please talk to Judy in the front office.

**Order forms and money, are due to be returned to the bookroom no later than **

**TUESDAY 15TH MARCH.**

*Thank you for your support, the fundraising team!*

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Everyone loves a Easter Raffle, and this year we are going to do it again.

We are asking for donations from each family to contribute to our Easter Raffle prize baskets. Please place your donation of small chocolate eggs, bunnies, bilbies, soft toys etc in the box provided in the front foyer or in the box outside of your child’s classroom.

The donations will be made into beautiful Easter baskets, resulting in several prizes.

Please support our school and thank you.

**Fundraising Committee**
OSHC NEWS
Please find the April school holiday programme below. Bookings are now being taken so please get in early so you don’t miss out. Please contact us in the OSHC house a.s.a.p.

Thanks, Dennis

EDWARDSTOWN PRIMARY VACATION CARE APRIL 2016
PH: 8298 8253 EMAIL: eps.care321@schools.sa.edu.au

Monday 18th April
- WALLIS CINEMAS PICCADILLY
  DEPART: 6:30pm  RETURN: 2:00pm

Tuesday 19th April
- Indigenous Workshop
  Kids learn the didgeridoo
- Visiting in the afternoon
  ANIMALS ANONYMOUS

Wednesday 20th April
- HAUNTED HOUSE LASER
  SPECIAL LUNCH
  Make your own hamburger
  And juice

Thursday 21st April
- A ride on the Obahn from the City to TDP
  Here all day
- Then a visit to the Giant rocking horse @ Gumersbach
  Depisetse Retamap

Friday 22nd April
- Wear your EJs or Guznie
  Make my Bear

Monday 25th April
- Beach Home
  2hr Water Package
  Or Dry Package

Tuesday 26th April
- BUBBLE SOCCER
- BOUNCY CASTLE

Wednesday 27th April
- FIFA TOURNAMENT IN AFTERNOON
  XBOX

Thursday 28th April
- DINO DAY
  Professional dinosaur workshop
  Make your own dino egg
  Dino special lunch
  Herbivore and carnivore rolls (salad & cold meat)

Friday 29th April
- GYM JAMMING

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

100 Years of ANZAC
The Spirit lives 2014-2018
You are invited to a screening of a film made by Colonel Light Gardens Primary School
“Our World War 1: Remembering Mitcham Army Camp”
Wednesday April 6th
Multiple screenings from 3.30pm-7.40pm
Go to http://clgps-film.eventbrite.com.au
To select your session and collect your FREE ticket
For more info call the school on 82761523 or email Louise.Guest741@schools.sa.edu.au

ZUMBA WITH CHRISTINE
No dance experience necessary. All fitness levels welcome!
When: Commencing weekly from Tuesday 5th April 2016
Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm (registrations for new students from 6:45pm)
Cost: $10 per person/per casual visit
What To Bring: a bottle of water, towel and a big smile.
What To Wear: Loose comfortable clothing and ideally sneakers
No registrations or bookings required.
W: www.zumbawitchristine.net
Christine: M: 0422 399 943
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| Open Evening  
Wed March 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm  
Principal’s Tour  
Wed March 16<sup>th</sup> 9am-10.30am | Open Day  
Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9.30-11am, 1-3pm, 6-8pm |

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| Wed, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
9am, 2pm, 5.30pm  
7pm Principal’s Address | Adelaide Bedwetting Solution  
Ring Hannah Murphy 82726916 for more info  
or visit learningkeys.com.au |

Have your kids ever read books by Andy Griffiths or Phil Cummings? These two delightful authors (and others) will be talking to kids at Writers Week this weekend - for free! Check out the program for Writers Week at adelaidefestival.com.au.

ADRA Café (opposite Edwardstown Primary School) I would like to invite you and your family to join us at the first opening night of:  
PNO (Parents Night Off) Buffet Night  
Monday March 7th @ 6.30pm.  
123 Edwards Street  
Melrose Park SA  
(Opp Edwardstown Primary School)

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MITCHELL PARK FOOTBALL CLUB  
MORELAND AVENUE MITCHELL PARK  
Register NOW at www.mitchellparkfc.com  
Positions available for 2016 in Auskick, and Under 8’s through to Under 14’s  
Lowest fees and a supportive learning environment  
Top facilities  
Training starts March 15th, Wednesdays Nights 5:00pm

For more information:  ring the club on 8374 0996 or  
Junior Coordinator Mark Sansone on 0413 599 976  
or visit us at www.mitchellparkfc.com

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GLENELG FOOTBALL CLUB  
TWILIGHT FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND SEASON OPENER  
FRIDAY MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>  
FREE entry from 4.30pm  
There will be: face painting,  
door prize, bouncy castle,  
meet the players,  
side stall with cake and drinks  
Pizza and drinks available at a cost  
BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES  
EACH FAMILY WELCOME

WE ARE MITCHELL PARK
School Banking Account Opening Day

Our school is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

We will be holding an Account Opening Session at our school:

Time: 2.30 – 3.30pm  
Date: Friday 18th March  
Location: on school grounds

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, information packs will be sent home soon or you can collect one from your local Branch.