From Suzanne & Kathy

Be sure to check the school calendar regularly because we are in for a busy few weeks! Please note that Harmony Day will occur this coming Monday and we would like everyone dressed in orange or a National Costume (not soccer gear) if appropriate. Kyton’s deliveries, Sports Day and a Pupil Free Day will all occur in the next couple of weeks.

Class teachers will soon be sending home invitations to student / parent / teacher interviews. These interviews are a planning time where children sit down with their parents and teacher to consider their learning this year and plan for further improvements and growth. Be sure to check your child’s diary or communication bag so you don’t miss this information.

NAPLAN, the national literacy and numeracy tests will be conducted early next term for students in Years 3, 5 & 7. All students are expected to take this test and can only be withdrawn upon a written parent request. Should you have specific reasons for withdrawing your child you need to make enquiries at the Front Office for the correct withdrawal form that needs to be completed before the end of the term.

In this edition we asked Sue Gaardboe to provide you with a summary of the international educational tour she took earlier this term because it relates strongly to our directions and programs at EPS. Those of you who attended the recent AGM would have heard Suzanne quote Sue as saying;

“I am so delighted that what I have seen so far confirms that we are on the same wave-length as schools across the world. Play based learning, digital technologies, problem-based learning and flexible teaching spaces are the topics of conversation in schools across Europe, and we are up there with them. We need to recognise that what we are doing is excellent, and give ourselves time to consolidate and become experts in what we have begun.”

Sue travelled to countries who are the top performers in the OECD Program for International Student Assessments. These assessments rank countries across the world on students’ performance in areas such as Reading, Maths and Science. Please settle back and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a good read......
Why the trip?
I was invited to join a group of senior academics from UniSA on a fact-finding trip to Helsinki, Copenhagen and Barcelona. The University is looking to redevelop its Teacher Education facilities, and was interested in us looking at cutting-edge design of buildings, courses, teaching and schools in Europe. I was invited to accompany them as an educationalist with an interest in the application of digital technologies and problem-based learning. Of course a trip like this only manages to brush the surface of a hugely complex field. Teaching methods and student success are linked to so many things - community expectations about the way children behave and are treated; the standing of teachers and the role of schools in the community; funding models and national or societal expectations of priorities for funding, to name only a few. But even within these limits our examinations can help us to see our own place in the world, and help us see directions that could be of value.

Finland
Finland is reputed to have some of the best international test results from their school students, so many of our discussions there focused on what they thought they did to get the edge on the rest of us. Formal schooling in the Nordic countries starts at around the age of 7, and they emphasize a play based curriculum in their early years (pre-school and the lower years of schooling). In the middle and upper years (from mid-primary into secondary school) it appears they have a strong focus on problem-based (or project) learning, which encourages the students to use all subject areas to find solutions to world problems. The students in Finland do not sit any exams or tests until they finish their schooling - except when they take part in the international PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) tests. Ollie Määttä, a university lecturer and secondary school teacher at Helsinki Normal Lyceum suggested their success was in the way they are taught to solve problems not by looking at them through the lens of a single subject, but by being able to bring all the relevant knowledge they have from a variety of subject areas to solve any problem. Ollie talked wistfully about his desire to refurbish his classroom by getting rid of the desks which stand in rows, and replace them with sofas and standing tables, flexible teaching spaces and break-out learning areas.

Denmark
In Copenhagen I was privileged to meet with Fred Holt, a partner in the prestigious architectural firm 3XN, who gave us a tour of one of their beautifully designed secondary schools. Ørestad College has been designed with very few traditional teaching spaces. As a secondary school they require some science labs, home economics rooms etc., which rely on being enclosed for safety, but the majority of the spaces were completely open, with flexible table and chair arrangements. The cushion filled ‘pods’ are favoured by many of the students as work spaces. Enrolments in the school have risen from the initial 800 to over 1000, with a long waiting list from students outside the catchment area who request to attend this desirable school.

Ørestad College  Students from Himmelev Skole presenting the results of their investigation.

I also had the opportunity to spend half a day in a school in Roskilde - a town about an hour’s train ride from Copenhagen. Himmelev Skole is considered to be very progressive in their use of technologies in the school. Once again, I observed problem-based learning in action, with 10 year old children creating remarkably professional looking iMovies to share their understanding of issues such as gang warfare, and 14 year olds presenting Geography investigations through a variety of apps and programs. The 17 year old students were busy setting up a showcase for local industry, demonstrating solutions to local industry issues such as: how to increase the number of female shoppers in a local hardware store, how to raise the sales of ecologically produced food in the local supermarket, and how to increase the number of students riding to school.
Sports Day News

SPORTS DAY- THURSDAY MARCH 24th

Every student in the school will be involved in sports day activities on Thursday, March 24th. They have been assigned to a team Blue-Dolphins, Yellow-Eagles, Red-Kangaroos, and Green-Koalas. Students will need to come to school wearing a sun-safe top in their team colour, shorts and sandshoes, and bring sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle. **Students need to report to their class teacher at 8:35am and stay in the classroom** until their teacher brings the whole class outside at 8:45 am.

Come along and join us for a morning of fresh air, sports and fun! Children love an audience and teachers always need additional hands to help with scoring etc. so we encourage parents, grandparents and friends to come and support the students on this fun day. Cake will be available from the canteen, a coffee van will serve drinks and lunch orders can be ordered from the local deli as normal for Thursdays.

Students are welcome to have a bit of fun with their team colours but we ask that coloured hair spray and face paint is applied at home only but for health reasons, should not be shared at school.

We will start promptly at 8:50 so students arriving after 8:40 am will need to meet their teacher outside. The day starts with warm-ups led by the Team Captains, a short introduction by Suzanne and team cheers, then there will be a rotation of 5 activities in class groups followed by recess at 10:40am. J.P students will also have a fruit break during the morning. Please wait until the recess break to give your child food or drink. After recess there will be 3 more activities after which classes will pack up the gear and students will assemble in their team groups. We will then have the championship sprints for the fastest 2 students in each year, boys and girls for each team.

After that comes the championship relay for the fastest student (boy and girl) from each year level (2-7) in each team. There will be a Year 7’s versus parents race (Year 7 parents have first priority) followed by the whole team Earth Ball races. The Easter Raffle winners will be announced and the winners’ shield presented. Sports Day will finish at approximately 1:15pm at which time students may go home with their parents but please see the class teacher first to get marked off the roll. All Team Captains are needed at school at 8.00am to help set up and after Sports Day has finished, to pack up.

Sports day programmes will be sent home soon.

Thank you, Sue Boggiano
There will be no sausage sizzle this year so please remember to send your child with lunch. Lunch orders will be available from the local deli as is normal for Thursdays (please order at the front office by 8.45am).

Coffee will be available for adults from the Canteen or the coffee van on the oval.

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.

Planet Ark & Recycle Smart app
There are no more excuses when it comes to recycling.
Planet Ark and RecycleSmart have teamed up and released a new app.
The RecycleSmart app answers all those tricky waste questions about what can and can’t be recycled.
The app provides information about how to recycle more than 170 household items in over 500 councils around Australia.

Harmony Day
"Our Diversity Is Our Strength"
We will celebrate Harmony Day and Easter at a special assembly
At 9:10 am Monday, March 21st
There will be organised activities at lunchtime.
Harmony Day gives us a chance to celebrate our Multi-cultural nation.
All students and staff (and visitors to our assembly) are encouraged to wear National Costume or Orange Clothing on the day (NO FEE)

Pastoral Care
A note from Simone
The Easter story
On Friday the 21st March Village Church, who meet in the school hall on Sundays, will present, through puppetry, a fun and interactive retelling of the Easter story. This will be held as a whole school presentation at 9.30am after our Harmony Day Assembly.
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 Olivia and Amber who have walked 10 walks. 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
Timetables have been sent home for cricket and basketball, however sometimes there are changes which we are not always aware of. Just a reminder for parents to always double check on the websites please. This website is correct. Thanks

CRICKET
C Grade Blue cricket team
Another very entertaining game from the blue team on the picturesque Park 23 ground. Improvements again from all the bowlers this week with 3 well deserved wickets. Great to see the stumps being knocked over a couple of times too! Looking forward to a home game this week. – David Handsaker

C Grade Gold cricket team
A great game played in warm conditions against Flagstaff Hill Friday the 11th of March, lots of drinks breaks required. A special mention for Aldin Romuros playing with the more senior team for the 1st time a great all round game, also well done to his team mates for their support and encouragement for Aldin throughout the game, very proud of your team spirit and sportsmanship.
- Thanks Andrew Robinson.

BASKETBALL
www.marion.basketball.com.au
The year 2/3 girls played against Colonel Light Gardens Gold at Pasadena. Everyone put in a great effort, but it was a tough game. Final score was Colonel Light Gardens taking the win, 16 – 2.
- Kelly

Year 5/6 Boys
Edwardstown Blue 5/6 boys defeated Seacliff in a nail biter last Thursday 16 to 12. They had no subs, and Zac played with practically a broken finger. The boys team work was fantastic. A well deserved win! Well done!
Kareena

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)

Wow, look at all our volleyball players this term. How great.
WINTER SPORT NEWS – NETBALL AND SOCCER
If your child wants to play and hasn’t registered to play winter sport please do so now as teams are being sorted and they will miss out.…

CANTEEN ON A SATURDAY mornings – I am looking for a couple of parents to organise the canteen for Saturday sport please – netball or soccer parents – organise rosters etc. so if you can help please come and see Judy. Thanks.

“THREE” NETBALL UMPIRING CLINIC 2016

Westbourne Park Primary School will be hosting a three hour netball umpiring course in two sessions on Monday 21st March and Monday 11th April in our gym on Goodwood Road. Each session will run from 3.30pm until 5.00 pm.
The course is presented by Netball SA and provides comprehensive coverage needed for beginning umpires. The course is aimed at upper primary/ secondary / early school leavers. Past feedback indicates that it is excellent and each participant receives a work book and a whistle.
The cost is $7 payable on the first night. Students at Edwardstown Primary will have their course paid for by the school netball group.

Please make a booking by texting Janice on 0431512667 and leave your name. I would like to know by Friday 18th March 4pm as I need to be sure I have 15 participants. I encourage all of our Year 7 students to do this course.

Hope to see you there.

Janice Scott

FUNDRAISING NEWS…..

Kytons Hot Cross Buns & Lamingtons Pick Up Details

Orders will be available to collect on WED 23rd March from the Library between 2.45pm -3.30pm.

PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY AS ORDERS MUST BE COLLECTED ON THIS DAY. We don’t have the fridge space to keep uncollected orders fresh.

If you wish to pick up earlier, an haven’t already advised the office, please contact them to make alternative arrangements. Early collection will only be possible once sorting is completed.

Thank you for supporting the EPS Kytons Fundraising Drive!

EASTER RAFFLE

We are still asking for donations to contribute to our Easter Raffle prize baskets please. Thank you to those people who have donated…..but we still need more.

Can you also please return your Easter Raffle books. The raffle will be drawn on Sports Day.

Please support our school and thank you.

STRAWBERRY FAIR NEWS…..

Please join us for our first meeting on Thursday, April 7th at 3.30pm in the Staff Room. We realise it is very early, but just to touch base and see where we need to go. Please come and say Hi if you are free.
CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICES
There will be no Thursday after school practices this week (Year 6/7 camp) or next week (sports day / Easter).
There WILL be practices for the last three Thursdays of this term. Thanks, Sue Boggiano

SAPSASA DISTRICT SOFTBALL
Congratulations to Lizzie who has been selected as part of the City South Softball team which will play in a week-long carnival in Week 10. Congratulations Lizzie, Good luck and have fun.

SAPSASA CRICKET
Last Friday our Senior Cricket boys played Nativity School as part of the SAPSASA Knockout Cricket competition.
Unfortunately the other school won buy our boys played well and learnt a lot about teamwork. Well done Noah, Riley, Lachlan, Theodore, Tom M, Kavindu, Hayden, Luka, Jaxson, Jaiden, Minajul and Tom O.
A big thank you to Warren Warde for coaching and transporting and Raechel Wittwer and Robert Milton for helping with transport.

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.

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

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
ON LINE SCHOOL PAYMENTS
As of end of March, bizgate payments is being decommissioned and a new payment facility will be taking its place. The operation of this new payment facility will be very similar to bizgate, more information will be coming soon.

SCHOOL FEES 2016
The Materials & Services fee of $360,(results from polling in 2015 YES:43 – NO:1 which means the whole school fee of $360 can legally be debt collected) and the Event Levy of $60 per student, is NOW DUE.

The Finance Office staff have the ability to organize automatic direct debits to your bank account over a period of time for the payment of School Fees and the Event Levy. This assists you with budgeting and financial organization. Please come in and see either Glenys or Jen any day of the week, and bring with you your bank’s BSB and Account Number. This whole process takes about 3 minutes to set up… set and forget!

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

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 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 82938253 a.s.a.p.

Thanks, Dennis

EDWARDSTOWN PRIMARY VACATION CARE APRIL 2016
PH: 8293 8253 EMAIL: epcare321@schools.sa.edu.au

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