As a parent you might well ask, “Why did the teachers get an extra holiday after Easter?” Whilst there were no children to teach, there was a lot of learning occurring and that learning is directed at developing your children into ‘powerful and expert learners’, the main goal for our 2015-2018 school improvement plan.

Powerful and expert learners are typically learners with a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset. Learners with growth mindsets believe that intelligence is not fixed and that with persistence and hard work they can learn. They enjoy challenges and understand that real learning involves challenge. They know that mistakes or failures are important steps in the learning process and have the resilience to try again and again.

The concept of growth mindsets is relatively new and has grown from recent brain research. This research is possible with new technologies that now allow scientists a view of the living, working brain and changed past understandings of brain development and learning. Scientists can see the physiological changes to the brain structure that occurs when new ideas are learnt! They see that massive increase in brain synapses as children make connections between new and past learning.

Observations of what constitutes intelligence have also changed over recent years. People like Steve Jobs, Richard Branson and Albert Einstein to name a few, just don’t fit the historic view of intelligence - they were high school dropouts, and Branson and Einstein were also dyslexic. Despite this different pathway towards brilliance they can only be described as beyond their time, creative and intelligent beings who had a profound effect on the world as we know it. All worked against adversity and none of them were simply ‘talented’ youths.

On Tuesday teachers worked with James Anderson who used the teachings of Carol Dweck, the leading world expert on Growth Mindsets. These ideas will be part of the way teachers operate in classrooms. Persistence will be acknowledged, personal growth discussed, ‘wait time’ applied so that students can really think through problems at a deeper level and teacher praise will be for processes used, not just for the right answer.

The following 5 tips are provided for you to help your child in the acquisition of a growth mindset:

- Reward effort, not attainment.
- Encourage them to take risks with their learning.
- It’s ok to make mistakes. Use it as an opportunity to learn how to improve the outcome next time.
- When praising your child, focus on the strategies and skills they employed to learn about a specific subject, rather than their innate talent or skills.
- Be mindful of the messages conveyed at home. For example, referring to yourself as ‘bad at maths’ or ‘no good at spelling’ can reinforce the idea that intelligence is fixed.

The following video presentations may help you understand growth mindsets and the importance of encouraging this way of thinking and learning: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVUqv0v1EE
This video can be viewed in a few minutes and clearly express the idea of growth mindsets in a way that children can easily understand. We would encourage you to watch the video with your child and discuss it later in terms of their thinking about learning.

The following video is more complex and is spoken by Carol Dweck, herself. It is about 10 minutes long but is worth the time to deepen your understanding of growth mindsets. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yl9TVbAai5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yl9TVbAai5s)

Local research has shown that the biggest failing of South Australian education is that teachers are too caring, in fact too nice. They don’t let children struggle with ideas, they jump in and rescue them by providing too much guidance or worse still, the answers. This means that our state’s children do no persist with learning tasks and are given learning tasks that do not stretch them. Our children must be stretched because if this does not happen we will never get the best from our children, they will have fixed mindsets that say, “I can’t do that. It’s too hard. I need help. I’m just not good at maths / writing etc.”

At EPS teachers are all working hard to change our children’s mindsets. This is a learning process for teachers although they started using this thinking over the last couple of years. Teachers are reminding children that “I can’t do it.” should be “I can’t do it YET.” James Anderson believes this idea needs to be taken further with the mantra, “I can’t do yet so what do I need to Do Next?”

‘I don’t divide the world into the weak and the strong, or the successes and the failures…I divide the world into the learners and nonlearners.’ Benjamin Barber (author and Senior Research Scholar at the Centre on Philanthropy and Civil Society).

Yes, Pupil Free Days are important and add greatly to the richness of your child’s education. 

Suzanne Clark

Leadership Changes for Term 2

In Suzanne’s absence Kathy Papps is the Principal until the end of 2016. This will provide a very seamless leadership change and school plans will remain constant. Kathy is well respected by the community and is an excellent leader. Vicky Bashford is replacing Kathy as Deputy Principal and she is highly regarded in this role so the leadership team for 2016 will be a strong one.

We have worked hard to find the right teacher, Morgan Scottney-Turbill, for Vicky’s Year 6 & 7 class. Morgan comes with excellent references, has had several experiences teaching this age group and over recent weeks has worked across the school in several classes including the Year 6 & 7 unit. Vicky will continue to teach in the Year 6 & 7 unit several mornings each week and plan with Morgan so that there is good continuity for students. Morgan starts her position in the last two weeks of this term because she is replacing Vicky whilst she is on LSL.

LATE NOTICE – WE APOLOGISE…..

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – MONDAY 4th APRIL

School Photo day is on this Monday, 4th APRIL (next Monday)

School photos will be taken of every child, on Monday, April 4th

Please read carefully.

- Your child’s personalised order form (please do not misplace it) has been sent home with explanation of all options available.
- Correct payment inside this envelope needs to be returned to school before or on photo day. (please contact school as due to late notice to parents, payment will be accepted up until Friday, 7th April.
- You can [prepay online](https://leadingiimage.com.au) at www.leadingiimage.com.au Please use the Secure Shoot Key provided on each envelope.
- Please do not ask the bookroom for change.
- Family photo envelope is available from the Front Office for families wishing to have a family photo.
- Please contact the front office with any questions and again, sorry for the late notice.
What a great day we all had at Sports Day last Friday. Perfect weather and thanks to everyone involved for making it such a success. The scores were close all morning, with Eagles winning at the end of the day with 413 points. Next was Dolphins on 407, Kangaroos 401 and Koalas 399. How close!  
Well done EPS!!

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**CAINEEN NEWS…..**The canteen was busy all day, thanks to Simone and her helpers. $592.00 was taken on the day. Thanks also to parents who baked yummy goodies to sell.

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Great to enjoy and share photos but please respect other families privacy when using social media as our School Policy.
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.

Fundraising

MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

Mother's Day is Sunday, 8th May this year and our Mother's Day Shop will be open for business!
Vouchers are great value at $6 to buy a nice little present for Mum, Nanna or someone special.
There will be some fantastic items to choose from so don't miss out.

Vouchers will be available to purchase from Thurs April 7th until Fri April 15th (last day of term 1)
Every morning between 8.30-8.50am from the stand in the foyer (by the bookroom)
The shop will be open on Thursday 5th May
Thank you, Fundraising Committee.

EASTER RAFFLE

A BIG THANK YOU TO Kate B, Tanja R and Terezia A who organised and made our Easter Raffle such a success. Thank you also to families for donations which created lots of wrapping and prizes.
Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you to families for also buying tickets. Total profit - $1522.00

Kytons Hot Cross Buns and Lamingtons Fundraiser

A BIG THANKYOU……to everyone who supported this fundraiser by purchasing Kytons products for Easter through the school. We had an amazing response and sold over 300 packets, our biggest order!

Special thank you to Lyndal C, Simone I, Kristy J & Tash R (for packing and sorting) and Anthony (for co-ordinating delivery). Your help was much appreciated, packing day was smooth and hassle free thanks to all of you.

Cheers Rosemary M

AND…..a big Thank you to Rosemary from the school for organising and running the whole thing. Much appreciated. Rosemary’s no fuss super organised approach was brilliant. Total profit - $853.00

STUDENT BANKING

Commonwealth Bank - Get involved in the School Banking program.
THANK YOU to the parents who attended the School Banking Account Opening Session at school recently. If you were unable to make it to the Account Opening Session and would like your child to participate in the School Banking program, you can get involved by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.
Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.
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

The boys team turn up to play…..but not everyone! Whoops! Thank goodness for brothers who can play! Even had a win!

Lucky Zac was early for his game, helped out the team too.

Then the next game, the Polly boys help out again, Thanks everyone for being great sports and helping out!!

BASKETBALL
www.marion.basketball.com.au

Basketball Update from EPS 1/2 Blue Team
March 4, saw the EPS 1/2 Blue team hold on for another victory, defeating Emmaus 7-6.
Unfortunately, 11 March ended the winning streak, as EPS 1/2 Blue experienced their first loss of the season against a stronger St Peter's Lutheran side. Our team rallied and fought hard until the end, sadly going down by 2 pts (6-8).
On 18 March, we were back to a winning form defeating Forbes Maroon 14-0.
All players are continuing to improve and work well together as a team. They should be congratulated on their conduct, behaving in a wonderful sportsmanship manner in both victory and defeat towards each other and their opponents. Well done kids, you are definitely up holding the school values in respect, care and consideration, and doing your best.

VOLEYBALL 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)

WINTER SPORTS – SOCCER AND NETBALL
Players have received their payment forms at our Winter sport meeting last week. 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.

“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. Each session will run from 3.30pm until 5.00 pm.

Janice Scott

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 practices for the last three Thursdays of this term. Thanks, Sue Boggiano

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. 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
Bizgate facility for payments will eventually be decommissioned and a new payment facility called "BPOINT" will be taking its place. The operation of this new payment facility will be very similar to bizgate, more information will be coming soon. It will appear on our home web page shortly.

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

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
When: Commencing weekly from Tuesday 5th April
Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm (registrations 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 clothes and sneakers
No registrations or bookings required.
W: www.zumbawithchristine.net
Christine: M: 0422 399 943

Aberfoyle Park High School will be holding its third annual Primary School Tennis Challenge for young tennis players in years 5-7 on Friday April 1st, 2016.
Contact Terry Ellis at the Aberfoyle Park HS.
Ph: 8270 4455 email: terry.ellis@aphs.sa.edu.au

We invite you to join us
AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL
Ben (EFC Junior Football Director)
Mobile: 0452 171 729 Email: edwardstownfcjuniors@gmail.com
Web: www.edwardstownfc.com.au
Address: East Tce South Plympton

MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
Open Day – 9th May 9-11am and 5-8pm

BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL Wed, May 11th
9am, 2pm, 5.30pm
7pm Principal’s Address

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
Wednesday May 6th