New Receptions for 2017
Our large group of almost 70 new 2017 Reception students have begun their transition to primary school this week. Over two days we spent time with these new students and their families as they experienced what school will be like. These students will return for a half day visit in week 7. Jordan Wallis, Alex Hatzi and Jen Toubia will be our Reception teachers next year.

For all our current students the class placement process has begun and teachers have spent considerable time considering all student needs. This is a complex process with many considerations. Reports will be sent home Friday, Week 8 and 2017 classes will be notified before the end of the school year.

The Advertiser printed the article below on Tuesday, Nov 15th

New starters put best foot forward

LIZ WALSH PARENTING WRITER

PRESCHOOLERS across the state have begun the great migration from playgrounds and kindergartens to seeing the inside of a classroom, some for the first time.

The traditional ‘transition period’, which started this week, is crucial so that next year’s crop of reception students are comfortable starting school. The Education Department encourages parents to be as involved with their children’s transition period as possible to help their budding students settle in.

Department executive director of child development Ann-Marie Haynes said starting school could be daunting for children and parents.

“This also gives families the opportunity to learn about school policies and inform teachers about any special requirements for their child,” she said. “Families play a big role in supporting their children to manage this period of change and there are many things parents can do to prepare their child in the months leading up to the first term.”

Clapham, Colleen Light Gardens, Mitcham, Edwardstown and Woodhouse Park primary schools have formed a collaborative partnership with surrounding kindergartens to discuss transition to school, children’s development and how to foster a passion for learning that continues from kindergarten to primary.

Daw Park mother Tania Milian, whose daughter Aisha, 5, starts at Colonel Light Gardens Primary School next year, said the orientation program provided such a smooth transition that she was entirely relaxed about next year.

“They’ve made Aisha feel so welcome and comfortable,” she said.

A spokesperson for the Department of Education said school transition periods were determined by each individual school.
STRAWBERRY FAIR

Strawberry Fair is over for another year, and once again lived up to the excellent reputation it now has, both locally and state wide. There was an estimated crowd of 2,000 and while the area has been enlarged to incorporate much of the oval, there was still a buzz of excitement and festivities in the air, Suzanne Clark, Glen Spear, (Mitcham Mayor) and Annabel Digance,( local Federal Minister), all commented on the vibrancy and community feel. This year many of our newer families took responsibility for stalls, and past school members and Village church returned to help with finance, stalls and general hands on where required.

This was the last year Chris and Simone Illey will coordinate and manage the whole scenario, and they have suggested we set up a committee to allow a group to take over and work with Judy and school staff. The Illeys have kindly offered to continue the production aspect of the Fair, so anyone volunteering to help out will feel well supported. November 4th is the proposed date for next year’s fair, and this will only give us 2 weeks after the October holidays for last minute organisation.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has been involved in making the Fair the success it was; while takings of $50,000 on the day was very similar to last year, it is important to remember how quickly we have grown, and to continue such a high quality performance and financial gain on an annual basis is a credit to all. Judy Fitzpatrick, Simone and Chris Illey, the Feetoms and Brokates deserve special mention as they worked endlessly from start to finish, and we will be sad to farewell the Feetoms and Brokates from EPS at the end of the year.

CYBER SAFETY SESSION

Janet from Sturt Police ran an informative session for all Year 5 and 6 students this week. Our senior students cover cyber safety in Kidbiz sessions and teachers are vigilant in educating students about digital responsibility. There were several incidents which occurred out of school and Janet very clearly explained to the students that once they are 10 years of age they have to take full responsibility for their actions. This includes being interviewed by Police with parents present if they don't follow strict protocol online. She explained how ticking the "I agree" box when signing into Facebook, Skype, Instagram or similar comes with the responsibility of knowing your profile is public and messing with other's information is certainly not "just a bit of fun" and comes with dire consequences. Your digital footprint stays with you for life, and while it was confronting, if parents allow their children online under the recommended age of 13 they need to know the implications. Janet recommended the www.thinkuknow site for students and parents to find out more. There is a family page very appropriate for primary aged families, set up by the Federal Police. They do run parent workshops which I am happy to book early next year if there is interest. Past experience shows parents don't get involved until a problem presents, so email me if you are interested.

If your child is over 10 years of age I suggest you check out the site together, and have an open discussion about when and where devices are used. I certainly recommend digital devices are used in a family friendly space to allow for supervision and communication. At school all mobile phones are required to be handed to teachers to be safely secured for the school day.

Year 6/7 2017 BYOD – Bring your own device

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 and you would like to come along and hear about how your child could use their own digital device to enhance their own learning there will be an information session on Thursday, December 1st at 3.30pm in the Computer Room.
The Glendi Greek Festival is on Saturday and Sunday the 26th and 27th of November at Bonython Park on Port Rd. It will be a weekend rich in Greek Culture and entertainment for all to enjoy with lots of Greek food, music, dancing and cooking demonstrations. **Tickets before 3pm on Saturday only, will be at a reduced cost of $7 for everyone.**

There will also be a display of our Greek Language students' artwork at the Schools’ Tent.

Hope to see you there.

Yia Sas,

Georgia Gaitanis (EALD/Greek Teacher)

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**A note from Simone - Pastoral Care**

Can you provide a present for Kickstart for kids? We will be collecting presents on behalf of KSFK who will be distributing to disadvantaged children. These need to be at school by **Thursday 1 Dec** which is week 7, the present needs to be **wrapped and labelled identifying the present type: ie: boy or girl and their age**

- 5-6 girl
- 5-6 boy
- 7-8 girl
- 7-8 boy
- 9-10 girl
- 9-10 boy
- 11-12 girl
- 11-12 boy
- 12-13 girl
- 12-13 boy

Wrap, label with the age and gender chosen from the list, and drop into the front office by: **Thursday 1 Dec**

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**Sushi Day**

**Wednesday 23rd NOVEMBER**

Return order and money by Monday 21st November to the FRONT OFFICE

Name: ___________________________ Room Number: ________

___________ Cucumber/Avocado (Vegetarian)

___________ Cooked Tuna

___________ Teriyaki Chicken

Sushi rolls $3.00 EACH

Total: $______________
OSHC – VACATION CARE

Bookings are now available for our Vacation care programme for families. Please book in at OSHC 82932853. We are closed from 24th December and reopen on the 9th of January (2 week closure).

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Congratulations to Connor G, Addison G, Luka and Lily, who have walked to school 10 walks. They will receive a voucher which entitles her to a free ice block from the office any lunch time. Well done!

Congratulations also to Leo B for winning our Term 4 Big W voucher. Leo’s name was pulled out as our winner of $10 from Big W for being a regular walker on our Walking School Bus. Well done Leo.

STRAWBERRY FAIR

RECIPE BOOK 2016

FOR SALE $10.00

Great Christmas present (available now at the Front Office)

SURF QUATICS – Year 3

On Monday the 14th the year 3’s went to SURF AQUATICS at Glenelg beach.

We weren’t allowed to go in the water because it was contaminated from the Patawalonga and it was also very cold! We learnt a lot about beach safety and survival.

Nagma: We learnt when it is safe to call the ambulance

Finn S: I know how to recognise a blue ring octopus

Josh A: Blue ring octopuses only go blue when they attack and are angry

Marley: We learnt what was safe and unsafe

Luca: I learnt how to use a rescue tube

Rabya: I learnt what a rip looks like and what to do if you get caught in one

Deacon: There are different types of jelly fish
LIONS CHRISTMAS STOCKING RAFFLE

This year Lions are supporting EPS once again with their generous Community Raffle. They provide the prizes, print the books, and all we need to do is sell the tickets, AND the school get ALL the profit. We therefore won’t need to organise our own school raffle, the hard work has already been done for us. The money raised from this raffle will go to school to pay for stage and lighting for our concert. This year the school has been allocated 100 books to sell, with all proceeds going directly to the school. Tickets are $1 each and all books are due back to the school NO LATER than 25 November 2016. Your child will bring this raffle book home today.

The Fundraising Committee understands that not everyone wishes to sell raffle tickets and this is perfectly okay. We just ask that you send your book back to the school so that we have the chance to sell it.

This is the final fundraising event for 2016 so we would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone who has been involved this year and contributed to raising funds for our school.

Alicia Palmer and Kate Barnett on behalf of The Fundraising Committee

2016 YEAR BOOK

ORDER YOUR 2016 YEARBOOK NOW!

After many weeks of work our yearbook committee has nearly completed the EPS yearbook for 2016. It will be available later this term. Don’t you love our front cover, we have some clever Year Book students who have created this book again this year.

If you would like to pre-order your copy, please fill out the order form below. We have ordered 150 yearbooks and it will be first in first served. The book will have memories of special events throughout the year as well as each class putting together their own page, school sporting events, etc. It’s a great memorabilia keepsake of what’s happened at E.P.S during 2016. What a great thing to keep.

Books will be handed out in the last week of Term 4. Book cost is $20.00(GST inclusive).

YEARBKOOKS MUST BE PAID FOR BY FRIDAY December 2nd, 2016.

YEAR BOOK ORDER FORM

Name: __________________________ Rm No: ______

Please find enclosed $ ______ for ______ book(s) @ $20 each.

Signed: _________________________

Thank you - 2016 Yearbook committee

MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES FOR 2017

Attached to this newsletter is the ‘Watermarked Notice’ from the Chief Executive of the Department for Education & Child Development, outlining the School Council’s proposed Materials & Service fee for students attending Edwardstown Primary School in 2017.

Thank you to families who have finalized their School Fees thus far. We are at the time of year where we send outstandings off to our Debt Collectors for collection. ***NOW is the time to have a conversation with the Finance Office, if you haven’t already done so, to ensure that you’re not included on our Debt Collection list.***

Thank you Glenys and Jen - Finance Office
On Thursday the 10th of November Rooms 18, 19, 20, 11, 10 & 9 joined forces to have “the best night ever!” All Receptions and year 1 students participated in fun games and activities provided by their teachers including face painting, biscuit icing, animal masks, animal capers, a playground treasure hunt and outdoor activities. It was a fast paced afternoon and night filled with excitement and surprises followed by a yummy barbeque and live music! All students were very enthusiastic during the event and were well behaved! A special thank you to Mr Hatzi for cooking the barbeque and Scott Francis for providing the entertainment. What a great night had by all 😊

COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANK NEWS
SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS UPDATE
The new reward items have been so popular we are now running very low on the bush fan and Glow worm. Some Items that are no longer available are the Intergalactic Rocket, Galaxy Glider and the Backtrack eraser pen.
Other Items still available are:
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Outer Space Money Box
- Et DVD
Don’t forget, school banking is on THURSDAY.......Keep up the good work School Bankers!!
We welcome Schools Ministry Group ‘Life matters’ team on **Friday 25th November**

Through an interactive fun presentation the team will share with us what the story behind Christmas is. What is the material that forms our choices to give gifts, show kindness and offer a helping hand to those in need? It’s love. The Beatles sang about it, Hollywood never stops talking about it, Justin Bieber said to just ‘love yourself’, people never stop searching for it, and Christmas can give us a glimpse of what it looks like. During the presentation the team share the Christmas story, in a non-coercive and sensitive way. The presentation includes: Christmas games and interactive activities, creative media, traditional and Digital storytelling, young and vibrant presenters.

*Permission for attending seminars with Christian content was obtained at the start of the year. If you wish to change or check your preference please contact the front office.*

*Sophie* - Pastoral Care

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**GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY - FOODBANK - THANK YOU!**

This year as part of Strawberry Fair, we ran the Food Drive for Foodbank. This was a great initiative and presented a great opportunity to give back to our Community.

In addition to the great support from our school community, Foodland Castle Plaza also partnered with us for this cause by donating 100 food items including breakfast cereal, long life milk, pasta, tinned food and pasta sauce. Thank you for your generosity Foodland Castle Plaza.

On the day of the Fair there was also opportunity for fairgoers to make a gold coin donation for Foodbank. A total of $45 was collected which will be spent on donating additional food items.

Thank you to everyone in our school community that embraced and contributed to this cause. Foodbank have been very grateful for our support and for the 240kgs of food donated! A great team effort!
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD -

**Village Church Gingerbread House events**
Village church will be hosting two Gingerbread house making events.
Monday 5th December at 3.30pm for children (and parents)
Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm for adults
Both events will be held at Edwardstown Primary School hall.
Tickets are $25 and can be purchased by calling Janine on 0417861123 or through the school office.
Come and have a fun time constructing houses and decorating them with lollies!

**Legion of Frontiersmen Legion Cadets**
WANTED 9-18 year old
Fridays 7-9.30pm
www.legioncadets.com.au
starts at EPS on Friday 18th Nov

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

With the warmer weather apparently on its way 😊
Slushies will be back!
Available NOW! All natural juice no added sugar, in Pinelime or Berry flavour. $2

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**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.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE…..HAVE A LOOK, makes interesting reading!

SKOOLBAG APP – This is a great way of communication. Please contact the front office for more details re this.
After school Sports News

**Basketball**
Fixtures will be on the website [www.marion.basketball.net.au](http://www.marion.basketball.net.au)

**Cricket**

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The child & adolescent sleep clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University provides treatment for children & adolescents of all ages.

We will be open throughout the summer school holidays – help your child sleep better before the start of the new school year!

For more information please call 8201 7587 or email [casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au](mailto:casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au)