Volunteer Thank You
Thank you to all families and community members for your generous support and commitment to help make EPS the fantastic school it is. We would like to invite all volunteers to the Resource Centre next Thursday, December 8th, from 8:40 to acknowledge your valued work during the year.

I am delighted to announce Vicky Bashford will continue in the role of acting Deputy Principal in Term 1, when the ongoing position will be advertised. We are currently unpacking data and comments from the recent parent survey, and take on board your suggestions. Feel free to email your concerns or ideas at any time.

Farewells
We farewell a large number of staff this year. Margaret Watetchow and Dean Strugnell are retiring after long careers in the Education department, in both country and city schools. Our Coordinator of 5 years, Sue Gaardboe, has won a position as Assistant Principal at Brighton Primary. Sue has lead the school in our introduction of the Australian Curriculum, and more recently with Digital technologies. Her work across the school in a number of extra-curricular activities will be missed. Rae Rowse and Nali Aoukar are taking leave at the start of the year, and Charlotte Candlish is working in the UK. Toni Hall is on maternity leave, and we are starting with 16 classes, so there will be lots of new faces next year. Hopefully by the end of term we can announce replacement teachers.

We also farewell many families who have students moving to high schools, transferring or moving to country towns or interstate. Good luck to the many families moving on from EPS, including our Year 7s.

Many thanks go to Sharon Van Kempen, who has been our school Sports Coordinator for the past 5 years. The van Kempen family have offered support across all aspects of the school over the past 8 years and we will miss their friendly faces and constant efforts to make the school a better place. They are a family who fixed problems and found solutions to issues before we knew they existed!

Strawberry Fair profit this year was an amazing $30000. Due to such large fundraising efforts, and financial support from OSHC, we are able to complete the resurfacing of the third asphalt court, and are in the process of getting quotes for a new Strawberry Fair/ sport/ grounds shed. It is so rewarding watching the beautification of our grounds and hearing positive comments as prospective new families tour the school.
Reports will be sent home next Friday, December 9th, and class placements for 2017 will be notified on Wednesday, 14th December. It is a difficult and lengthy process involving all staff, and last minute changes aren't possible.

**Concert Preparation**

All classes are excited in readiness for the End of Year Concert next Tuesday, and at this stage the weather is looking promising, though pack a jacket! We encourage families to bring a picnic tea and we will be cooking a Sausage and Burger Sizzle ($2) for families who come straight from work. The canteen will serve soft drinks before the concert starts. **A reminder that chairs shouldn't be placed before the end of the school day, and only in designated areas until Joy finalises the setting.**

Judy and the Year book team have once again done an amazing job producing a quality book of memories. We are able to keep the cost at $20 so if you haven't already ordered one I suggest you do. We also have a number of Cookbooks for sale which will make great Christmas presents.

School Council was approached by the Village Church who regularly hire our School Hall for their Sunday service. They requested approval to place a sign on our Edward Street fence to advertise the time and location of their church service. There was rigorous discussion taking into account advertising policies, positioning, community support, and pros and cons of the decision. After a lengthy process a vote was taken and a decision made to allow temporary signage during school holidays at the western end side gate, with a trial period until next Council meeting.

**Kathy Papps**

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**Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea – Thursday, Dec 8th @ 8.40am**

Invitations have been sent to all those who have helped in the school in any way throughout 2016. We value your time and efforts and wish to thank you with a special morning tea. We hope you are able to join us at 8.40am on Thursday, December 8th.

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**A note from Simone - Pastoral Care**

Random Acts of Kindness, not only are they a super sweet thing to do, but being kind to other people makes you feel pretty great too. To help spread the smiles this December, check out this Christmas countdown, RAOK aren’t just for December, they can be done any time of year.

**Simone - Pastoral Care**

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PREMIER’S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 182 students who completed the Premier’s Be Active Challenge for 2016. Special Congratulations to the following students;

- **Be Active For Life Bronze (7 years)**
  - Nikita (R14)
- **Hall of Fame (6 years)**
  - Becky (R13, Abbey (R13), Noah (R15)
  - Eddie (R6), Charlie (R4), Dhruv (R6), Lil (R4), Ella (R5), Maeve (R5), Jonah (R14), John (R15), Amy (R6), Amelie (R4), Oliver (R15), Jackson (R6), Bella (R16), Ethan (R16), Will (R4), Max (R4), Brayden (R6), Luke (R16), Oliver Mc (R4), Aaron (R16), Kezia (R6), Kaitlyn (R6), Lila (R16), Poppy (R16), Georgia (R5), Aiden (R15)
- **Legends (5 Years)**
  - Eddie (R6), Charlie (R4), Dhruv (R6), Lil (R4), Ella (R5), Maeve (R5), Jonah (R14), John (R15), Amy (R6), Amelie (R4), Oliver (R15), Jackson (R6), Bella (R16), Ethan (R16), Will (R4), Max (R4), Brayden (R6), Luke (R16), Oliver Mc (R4), Aaron (R16), Kezia (R6), Kaitlyn (R6), Lila (R16), Poppy (R16), Georgia (R5), Aiden (R15)

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 **Amber W, Claire, Ruby, Olivia W, Declan V and Baedan V**, 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!

STRAWBERRY FAIRRECIPE BOOK 2016

FOR SALE $10.00

Great Christmas present (available now at the Front Office)

LOST PROPERTY

We have lots of good quality lost property on a table near our uniform shop. Please come and check if something belongs to you before the holidays. Thank you.

LIONS CHRISTMAS STOCKING RAFFLE

Please return all raffle books (SOLD OR UNSOLD) to the Front Office.

FRENCH WINNERS

French Winners!
The 3 winners of the Nicolas Baudin comic strip competition received their prizes at a presentation at the French Christmas Market at Unley on Fri 18th November. Bravo Anqi, Oliver et Jayden. C’est Fantastique!
2016 YEAR BOOK

DON'T MISS OUT.....
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).
YEARBOOKS MUST BE PAID FOR BY FRIDAY December 2nd, 2016.

Thank you - 2016 Yearbook committee

YEAR BOOK ORDER FORM

Name:________________________ Rm No:_______

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

Signed:_______________________

MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES FOR 2017

Thank you to families who have finalized their School Fees thus far. We are at the time of year where we send outstanding 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

Looking for a new School Banking Co-ordinator at EPS!!!

We are currently looking for someone to take over the role of School Banking Co-ordinator. School Banking has been at the EPS for 3 years with a well established and enthusiastic group of school bankers. We are looking for someone to collect and process the deposits via your home computer, hang promotional material in the foyer and assist in promoting school banking to new and old students in 2017 with the help and guidance from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist.

It is a fun and easy way to contribute to EPS as the commission from student deposits goes back to the school plus the students get to learn about saving and rewards!!

If you are interested or would like more information, please see Judy or Linda in the office.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Basketball
Fixtures will be on the website www.marion.basketball.net.au
End of Season Presentations
Tuesday, December 13th @ 3.15pm
BYO plate of food to share

Cricket
Fixtures are available online . http://apsc.sa.cricket.com.au
Edwardstown C grade Blue vs Blackforest at Park 23

On November 18 EPS C Grade Blue had a cricket game. The scores were EPS 3 people out for 42 runs & Blackforest 2 people out for 54 runs. They won.
There was some good wicket keeping from Baeden.

By Brayden K
Anne Rodda (Strings teacher) and a group of our students visited the local Cumberland Park Kindergarten and performed with their instruments. The children were very interested.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

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<td>Why not join the YMCA Camping team on a fun filled Summer Holiday Camp these school holidays! With 4 Camps on offer including Surf, Caving, and Kangaroo Island camps there is a huge variety of awesome activities to keep your children busy throughout the summer holidays. YMCA Holiday Camps are very popular and places are limited. Book now to secure your place in the sun, and join us for Fun, Friendship and Adventure! All the details and booking form can be found on the YMCA website – <a href="http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/y-camping/school-holiday-camps/">http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/y-camping/school-holiday-camps/</a> Contact YMCA Camping on 8406 2900 or <a href="mailto:campingsa@ymca.org.au">campingsa@ymca.org.au</a> for more details.</td>
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THE 2016 END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER @ 7pm.

Well, the END OF YEAR CELEBRATION is nearly here.. AND WE’RE EXCITED!!

Every child who has experienced this event in the past, is REALLY looking forward to TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

There may be some of you who would like a little more information about it...

Each year, in term 4, the students prepare a performance during their Performing Arts lessons. The aim is to showcase their developing skills and natural talent. All items are put together in a collaborative way, where the students and I work together to create the final product. Some of the items are in the form of a song and dance, while others tell a story to music. The choir finishes the program off with an uplifting song.

This is an outdoor event, held on the asphalt nearest the main building. While students sit right in front of the stage, supervised by their class teacher, the adult audience sits on BYO chairs in the allocated seating areas.

THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 7PM. Students will need to meet their class teacher in their classrooms by 6.40pm (unless otherwise indicated by the class teacher).

We expect to be completed by 8.45pm.

Students remain with their class and teacher for the entire concert.

At its conclusion, Rooms 18, 19 and 20 students will return to their classroom for safe dismissal. Rooms 8, 9, 10 and 11 students will be dismissed under the COLA (covered outdoor learning area in front of the Hall). Students in years 3 to 7 can be collected from the asphalt audience area. To maintain a safe environment, parents are asked to move slowly to the above meeting points to take their excited and / or tired children home.

Your child will be in need of a specific COSTUME for their class item. Your child has now brought a note home outlining all things particular to their part in the concert. Please begin NOW to find these items so that all of us are relaxed in the final lead up to TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

Any questions relating to the COSTUME can be directed to your child’s class teacher. Questions related to the End of Year Celebration can be asked of the office staff, or Joy Groves before or after school hours.

Thank you for your support. I know you will enjoy the night!

Kathy Papps and Joy Groves

What else do you need to know?

Sausage sizzle will be available from 5.00pm. Canteen will be open from 6.00 – 6.45pm.

ITEMS FOR SALE: Glo sticks – 3 for $1.00

Programmes will be available but we do ask for a gold coin donation to cover costs of the hire of the stage, lighting, etc.

Lions Christmas Raffle tickets will also be available for $1.00, which we get all profits from.

All of monies collected on the night help pay for concert costs.

Let’s have a fun night....
It’s on again!...

**GINGERBREAD NIGHT**

Village Church Melrose Pk

3.30pm Monday 5th Dec (students)

or

7.30pm Wednesday 7th Dec (adults)

$25

Includes everything you need to create a beautiful gingerbread house for Christmas

Plus a light supper and a coffee

Tickets from the school

or from Janine 0417861123

Booking is Essential

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**Carols on the Oval**

Saturday 10th December

on Edwardstown Primary School Oval

**Family Activities** from 6:30pm

**Night Programme** from 8:00pm

PLUS Christmas Day Family Service

9:30am @ Edwardstown Primary School

We’d love to see you there!
Colonel Light Gardens
Uniting Church Day Camp 2017

Day Camp at Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church.
Is from Monday 9th January to Friday 13th January 2017, from 9am to 3pm. Numbers are limited.

Each day will commence in the Sanctuary with community time which includes songs, stories and games. The children will then break off into age related groups to enjoy group times, games, outdoor activities and crafts. There are no additional costs for any activities or outings. At the conclusion of each day the children will meet again in the Sanctuary to review their day. They will also be briefed as to what they may need to bring the following day, before they are collected by their parents and caregivers. All children will need to be signed in and out at the registration desk.

At the end of the week, a family BBQ and concert will be held on Friday evening 13th January from 6 to 8pm. This will enable families to see the week the children have experienced here at Day Camp.

Fees for Day Camp 2017 are
$100.00 per child

Kindy aged kids 9-1 each day $70 per child

For further information, please contact
Karen Moore on 0403 159 240 or
Email at guesswho@chariot.net.au