This is our last newsletter for the year and we wish you all a relaxing holiday break. Enjoy the outdoors, fun times together with the extended family and leisurely sleep-ins!

School starts on Monday, 30th January and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Should you need to contact the school in the holiday period email us or leave a phone message and school staff will be available the week before school starts.

The Year 7 Graduation was held last night and it was a real acknowledgement of students’ growth over the past 8 years and a celebration of their primary schooling. The students enjoyed tea at the Maid of Auckland then returned to school for presentations. Michael Boere gave an inspiring speech to our graduates, and the Edwardstown Lions presented our Community Award. Farewell to the 20 Year 7 families who will be leaving EPS for the last time. Congratulations and good luck to our graduating students.
Congratulations go to the following award winners for 2016.

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Students met their new teacher (or class) Wednesday morning and left with smiling faces in anticipation of new friends, camps and classes. Below is a list of all classes, teachers and structures in place.

**CLASSES 2017**

Room 1 - Caroline Fitzgerald Year 4/5  
Room 4 - Bernie O'Connor Year 3/4  
Room 5 - Ebony Drake Year 4  
Room 6 - Helena Lambrinos Year 3  
Room 7 - Sarah Newton Year 2/3  
Room 8 - Robyn Collins Year 1/2  
Room 9 - Elise Davies Year 1/2  
Room 10 - Lois Beale Year 1/2  
Room 11 - Sheridan Weber 1/2  
Room 13 - Christie Evans Year 6/7  
Room 14 - Morgan Scottney-Turbill Year 6/7  
Room 15 - Martin Richards Year 5/6  
Room 16 - Eva Pontikinas Year 4/5  
Room 18 - Jen Toubia Rec.  
Room 19 - Jordan Wallis Rec.  
Room 20 - Alex Hatzi-Yin Rec.  

**Kathy Papps**

**CAMPS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2017**

The following camps have been booked for 2017:-  
Year 6/7, Rooms 13 & 14 – Surf and Sun at Victor Harbor, Mon. 20/3 till Wed.22/3  
Year 4/5/6, Rooms 1,15 & 16 – El Shaddai at Wellington, Mon. 20/3 till Wed. 22/3  
Year 3/4, Rooms 4 & 5 – I Ilawonga at Swan Reach, Mon.27/3 till Wed. 29/3  
Year 2/3, Rooms 6 & 7 – Narnu Farm at Hindmarsh Island, Mon. 27/3 till Wed. 29/3  
Year 2, Rooms 8 & 9 – Zoo Snooze at the Adelaide Zoo, Fri.24/2 till Sat. 25/2  
Year 2, Rooms 10 &11 – Zoo Snooze at the Adelaide Zoo, Fri. 3/3 till Sat. 4/3  
Receptions and Year 1’s – Twilight Evening at school – date to be advised.
SCHOOL SPORT 2017

School offers a variety of sports which we encourage as many of our students as possible to be involved in. A nomination form will be sent home early next year and will also need to be returned early next year so sport can be organised and started by Week 3.

So, have a chat to your children and have a think about school sport so that when you receive this note it can quickly be filled in and returned.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Thank you to all the volunteers and students who have walked on the “bus” this year. Our students enjoy it and without volunteer helpers, this wouldn’t happen.

A Merry Christmas to you all and a safe and happy holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all back on board in 2017!

UNIFORM SHOP HELPERS - THANK YOU

Thank you to our volunteer parents who help in our uniform shop. We do really appreciate the time and effort you give us so that we can offer this service to our school. Uniform shop will be open before school starts from 9.00 – 12.00 on Monday, 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January.

Next year uniform shop will be open every Tuesday and Friday morning from 8.30-9.30.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Another fantastic night of dance and music highlighting the talents of our students. Well done to Joy Groves for all her input, hard work and expertise. A great night was had by all.

A big THANKS – to Simone in the canteen and Jim, Annette and girls for serving and cooking the BBQ. Good job!

SPORT

What a year it has been in Volleyball and what a way to finish with a GOLD Medal!

Winning by only 1 point on a count back. Congratulations to Turquoise our year 4/5 Team on winning their 3rd Grand Final for the year. Caitlin L, Katelyn, Keira, Lila, Bella and Xavier.

It has been a pleasure coaching this year seeing significant improvement across all ages. We will miss the year 7’s that have been with us for 2-3 years. They have provided a new bench mark in skill level for their age group. Very proud!

If your child is interested in playing in 2017 email karola.laventure@gmail.com for all the details. Get in early to save your spot on this fast developing sport!

Interested in taking it to the next level: Click here.
Our final farewell from Strawberry Fair 2016 we need to again just thank each and every one of you who helped make this such a success.

Figures were a profit of $30,000, which is amazing.

Thanks to our humble leaders, Simone and Chris who will play a much smaller role next year, excited as our new parents step in to experience the fun.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners, especially as pictured, Abbey who was our lucky winner of First Prize, (it's nearly bigger than she is)

A big Thanks to our Raffle sponsor Andrew Sweet and Electrolux.

**Raffle Winners** were:

1st Prize - Mark Benson
2nd Prize - Louise Mitchell
3rd Prize - Cooper Greer
4th Prize - Kyla Barry
5th Prize - Sophie Teague
6th Prize - Shriya Malla
7th Prize - AnnMarie VanLeerdam
8th Prize - Jackie Stewart
9th Prize - Anna Itsines
10th Prize - Jason Annand
11th Prize - Debbie Hoffman
12th Prize - Morgan Scottney Turbill
13th Prize - Jim Goudie
14th Prize – Punsisi Rathnayake

Congratulations to all winners and thank you everyone for your support of our annual raffle.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW6B5SQ

Feedback is always essential in improving or making future changes. Please feel free to give us your feedback, it shouldn’t take too long and we will appreciate your input. Thank you

**Yiros**

Thank you to everyone that helped in anyway with the Yiros stall. I had a great group of volunteers that made the day run smoothly. Also a big thank you to Alex Hatzi and her mum Linci, for helping me cut up all the produce on Saturday ready for Sunday’s Fair.

I’d like to thank the following for their donations:

- Hong and Chuu (Alex Hatzi’s in-laws), Foodland Pasadena, General Kitchens (Blias Family) and the Edinburgh Hotel (John McQueen)

The Yiros meat was purchased from Cimarosti Bros Butcher, Goodwood Rd

Thank you Effie Blias (Yiros Stall coordinator)

**ART CLASS KIDS**

Great to have Hanli back and doing art with our students again. The standard of the work that these students produce is amazing.

Thanks for adding another dimension to our school.

Well done Hanli and art kids. This term Lila Sweet won the art award for her outstanding effort. Well done Lila.
**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

Does your child have any medication stored in the Front Office at school? This will be returned to your child prior to the end of day on Friday, Dec 16th in a sealed envelope. NO medication will be stored during the vacation period. If your child will need medication during the 2017 school year please fill in the form that is enclosed in the envelope and return it on January 30, 2017. Please ensure all medication is in date.

**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).

**STRAWBERRY FAIR RECIPE BOOK 2016**

Great value, 3 for $20.00 or $10 each. 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.

**2016 YEAR BOOK**

The year books have arrived and they look great. Well done to the Year Book students again for producing a great memory for us to have. These books have been sent home now with students who had ordered them and we do still have some still available for students still wanting to purchase one. $20.00

**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 outstandingly 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

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To Book or Enquire, please contact Damien on 0407184781 or damienpage10@hotmail.com
Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all our families.