Welcome to 2017 at Edwardstown Primary, and a special welcome if you are a new family joining our school community. We have 70 Reception children and 15 students transferring from other schools and countries, and I hope you soon feel part of this warm and friendly community. Our teaching staff has a fresh look, with 7 teachers new across our 16 classes. In the next week all teachers will be sending home introductory letters, and next newsletter I will introduce the teams we have working together.

Rooms and teachers, (Bold =new teachers)

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We also welcome back Laura Miles, our SSO who is returning from parenting leave, and are pleased to announce Toni Hall had a baby girl, Liv, born just before Christmas.

Thank you to Dennis, Melanie, Jen and all the OSHC staff who ran an engaging and busy vacation care programme for around 70 children most days of the holidays. I hear it was a fun place to be.

Hopefully everyone got to spend some time relaxing, and our 433 students and staff are excited about a new year of learning.

Our Acquaintance Night will be held early in the term to allow families to meet your children’s teachers, and we are fortunate to have Mat Haslett, our Behaviour Coach, offer to run a parent session on the night. Mat spoke to all teachers last week about the importance of establishing positive relationships and routines early, and we found him interesting and inspiring to listen to.
Acquaintance Night Schedule.
Please make sure you put an hour aside next Wednesday, February 8th to spend time with your child at school. We will offer supervision in the yard for our students and pre-schoolers.

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More specific details will be sent home by your class teacher.

It is my first official year as Principal of EPS, and I spent much of last year gathering skills, knowledge and ideas to further develop our school into a dynamic and innovative learning community where staff and students feel safe, happy, supported and challenged to do their best. As a staff we introduced Learner Powers, and the 5 dispositions we are unpacking with students will continue to be the foundation of learning programmes. Student self-reflections in end of year reports reflected these learner powers, and you will continue to hear talk and actions around being an effective Communicator, Collaborator, Self-Manager, Thinker and Researcher. Parents of our Reception children will be surprised how quickly this language will be unpacked and interpreted by 5 year olds! As a leadership team Vicky Bashford (acting Deputy Principal) and I have spent time discussing survey results and feedback from school families, and we have started the year with 3 main focus areas. I have called them the **A, B, C of EPS**.

**A: Attendance and Achievement**
Research shows that success in learning is directly proportional to regular attendance and participation in educational programmes. Students need to maximise attendance at school, and teachers are responsible for maintaining accurate records of late students, regular absences and reasons for absences. Please let the school know via phone call, skoolbag app or diary/communication book if your child is absent. We are currently analysing student achievement data and provide intervention and support time across R-7 students.

**B: Behaviour and Bullying free**
Student behaviour education is based on students’ self-management rather than their dependence on authority. Our Behaviour Education policy emphasises positive choices and was developed in consultation with students, staff and parents. Mutual respect and responsible behaviour are vital in any successful learning community. We encourage the development of resilience in our students and the understanding that rights are intimately linked to responsibilities.
Student Voice through student leadership/ SRC and class activities allow all students to feel included. We are a “No tolerance to bullying” school and will be making this very clear as we start the year.

**C: Communication, Collaboration and Care**
There are a number of ways we communicate information to families; weekly newsletter (emailed), skoolbag app, webpage, unofficial facebook page, and emails. Class newsletters are sent regularly by teachers, and it is important they have current email addresses to ensure every one receives important information.

If we uphold the values of our school, which are Respect, Care and Compassion and Doing your best, we will continue to be the best school we can be! We certainly want to hear from you if you have views or ideas to share.
Our extra-curricular programme is diverse and largely run on a voluntary basis by our staff. If you have, or know of someone who has an interest or skill they would be happy to share, please let us know. At this stage we offer:

| *Choir | *Groovers and Shakers (middle primary singing) |
| *Edi-fit | *Code club |
| *Super-Coders | *Dance & Dance teams |
| *Recycling | *6/7 Action teams |
| *Chess | *Library |
| *Craft | *Walking School Bus |

**School Banking Information Session**

Edwardstown Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. 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).

School Banking day is Thursday starting Week 2. Each week you need to hand in your book to your classroom teacher.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:
- **Time**: 2.30 – 3.30pm
- **Date**: Friday 17th Feb
- **Location**: outside the Junior classes

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver’s licence and your child’s birth certificate, but if you don’t have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Although Criminal History Screening has been modified, some volunteers in public schools STILL must have a current relevant history screening clearance. It depends on your role and your interactions with children. Camps, coaches and Council members require a clearance. Please enquire at the Front Office. All applications are now done online through our Deputy Principal, Vicky Bashford. Parent volunteers in classrooms or on day excursions currently do not require a screening check.

**RAN TRAINING** (Responding to Abuse & Neglect) – RAN is also a requirement for all volunteers. We will be holding a training for parents on Monday, February 20th at 9.15am. Contact the Front Office if interested.
PAYMENT OF ALL SCHOOL INVOICE CAN BE PAID VIA OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE. Please ensure you click the relevant button for either SCHOOL (M&S Fees, Event Levy, excursions, etc) or OSHC (for OSHC fees).

Our web site is…
http://www.edwardps.sa.edu.au

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.

 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

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.

SCHOOL FEES 2017
The Material & Services fee approved for 2017, is $370.00 per student for the year. The invoice for school fees will be sent home via students within the next 2 weeks. We ask that payment be made at your earliest convenience but certainly before the end of this term (April 13th).

PAYMENT PLANS are a great way to stay on top of all the beginning of the school year fees. Please speak with either Finance Officer, Glenys de Wit or Jen Goodman, to organize a Payment Plan. It takes 5 minutes to set up.

The excursion levy for 2017 remains at $60 and will also be invoiced along with the Materials & Services fees.

School Card
Do you think you may qualify?
Please pop into the front office and pick up an application form. If you were eligible last year for School Card, please remember that you need to complete an application EACH YEAR. Thank you.

SCHOOL CAMPS – Term 1
It's a financially busy time of year for families with M&S Fees, Event Levy and Camps. A PAYMENT PLAN can help you to remain in control of all of the above fees. You can see either Glenys or Jen in the Finance Office; we can set and forget a Payment Plan, with peace of mind that all your fees will be taken care of by a certain date.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS
Welcome back everybody! Hope you all had a lovely break. Walking school bus routes will resume next week hopefully, you may want to make contact with your driver if you need to check details. 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. Thank you, have fun walking to school!

2017 MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL TUITION
GUITAR AND KEYBOARD
Guitar and keyboard tutor, Ruth England will be providing a high standard of tuition at a very economical rate. Check your child’s bag for information.

STRING INSTRUMENTS (VIOLIN, VIOLA AND CELLO)
Year 3-7 - tuition will continue in 2017. Information will be sent home soon.
Edwardstown Primary School
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 27th February 2017
7.30pm – 8.30pm in Resource Centre

This meeting provides parents with an overview of the ‘school’s Outcomes for 2016’ to show our progress with improvements and our priorities and directions for us in 2017. Come and hear about our achievements, our challenges and parent and student opinions about your school.

Agenda:
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Presentation of the Annual Report
3. Election of Councillors

At the conclusion of the AGM there will be a brief meeting of 2017 School Council to elect office bearers and make a date for the next meeting.

Parents/Carers who are new to this school community, or who haven't been Council members in the past, are encouraged to nominate – you are needed and will be most welcome. If you have any questions about School Council please contact Kathy Papps at the school.

Please RSVP to the office using the slip below by Friday 24th Feb. 2017

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO BECOME A MEMBER?
Do you have an interest in, and commitment to the school?
Can you spare a couple of hours twice a term to be part of a committee that guides school policy and expenditure?
Some families like an involvement without a regular council commitment, and we welcome you to join one of our many committees.
Committees we appreciate involvement are... CANTEEN, FUNDRAISING, SCHOOL PRIDE, AFTER HOURS SPORT, OSHC/VAC and STRAWBERRY FAIR
If you would like to nominate for Council OR (join a committee) you need to either:

- Return this nomination form (nominating yourself ) to the Front Office
- Nominate at the Annual General Meeting on Monday, 27th February , 2017 (Spaces permitting)

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM 2017
I wish to nominate for the Edwardstown Primary School Council and/or Committee (please specify)

NAME: ____________________  SIGNED: ____________________
COMMITTEE: __________________

GENERAL BUSINESS / QUESTIONS

Items of General Business or Questions must be put in writing and returned to the school by Friday, 24th February. ** Please note, questions without notice will not be answered on the night.

QUESTION :
2016 YEAR BOOK
There are still copies of our Year Book from last year available from the Front Office for $20 if you would like to purchase one. Don’t miss out on a great keepsake.

STRAWBERRY FAIR 2017
A date for your diary. This year our Strawberry Fair will be held on Sunday, 5th November. Just to let families know that we aren’t accepting any donations yet until later in the year. We need to tidy up the shed and will let people know when we can start to collect. Thanks.

SUMMER SPORT NEWS
PLEASE NOMINATE
Please ensure that you fill in your nomination form and return to the office. By doing this it gives you the best chance of being in a team and it gives us the best chance of filling as many teams as we can so that everyone wishing to play can do so.

Sports Equipment/Uniform
Could all players and coaches return any sporting equipment and/or uniforms to the front office immediately? Narelle Burns – Sport Co-ordinator

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
In 2017 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.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER
Jordan Wallis Teacher in Room 20 is taking part in the MS Mighty Swim to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. You can help support his fundraising by following the link.


Help Jordan make a difference

I’ve signed up to help raise funds for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS) in South Australia and the Northern Territory, by taking part in the 2017 MS Mighty Swim. MS is the most common degenerative neurological condition diagnosed in young people aged 25-40 years. And, it affects three times as many women as men. Please help support people living with MS, by donating today using the ‘Give Now’ button!

MS. What is MS? It is a degenerative neurological disease. It affects more women than men and is diagnosed usually around 25-40 years of age. There is no cure and can cause muscle weakness, vision problems, and the loss of ability to feel sensation. My Aunty has all of these symptoms and is why I am doing the swim.

By doing the MS 24 hr Mighty Swim, I will be swimming a lot and at the end we give all the money we raise to MS to find a cure and help those living with MS. Please bring a gold coin donation if you would like to sponsor me. I will have a collection money tin at the front office for donations. Look up MS Mighty Swim 2017, I am under DayDay Molly. All welcome at Unley Pool on the 11th at 12pm – 12 pm on the 12th Feb to cheer me on. Thank you.

Molly Woodward
**Interested in playing hockey?** Forestville Hockey Club, located at the Goodwood Oval complex, Fairfax St, Millswood, is running ‘Hookin2Hockey’ (for 5-10 year olds) and ‘Come and Try’ skill development (7-12 year olds).

**Hookin2Hockey** is Hockey Australia’s national junior program designed to give boys and girls the opportunity to learn the basic skills of hockey, develop fundamental motor skills and make friends all while beginning their lifelong love of hockey! It is an 8 Week program on Sundays 9-10am, commencing 19th February 2017. Cost $85 includes Participant Pack containing singlet, ball, shin guards, hockey stick and backpack! Go to [www.hookin2hockey.com.au](http://www.hookin2hockey.com.au) enter your postcode and select the Forestville program to register or express interest.

**Come and Try Skill Development** are free sessions for boys and girls who want to give playing hockey a try, maybe to follow up on some school sessions or to come with a friend. Sessions will be running on Sundays 10-11am commencing 19th February 2017 for 4 weeks. Bring your own mouthguard (or buy one on the day $7) and shin pads (some for sale $15). Sticks can be borrowed from the Club.

For further information email juniors@fhc.com.au or contact Julie Mills on 0402 250 511.

**DENTAL CARE**

**MILO GETIN 2 CRICKET FUN**
Adelaide Cricket Club
Fridays at Glandore from Feb 17
For ages 5-8 years

**Taekwondo for Kids**
Oriental Martial Arts Academy
0417892411
Children from 5 years old

Girls Football
Edwardstown Football Club
U12, U14 and U16
To register contact edwardstownfcjuniors@gmail.com

**Westbourne Park Uniting Church Netball Club**
are currently looking for
8 and Under players (born in 2009 or 2010) and 9 and Under players (born in 2008)

No match play experience is necessary

2017 Winter Season commences 1 April

Matches are played on Saturday afternoons (generally 12:30pm for the 8&U and 9&U age groups)

Should your daughter be interested in playing, register online at [www.wpunc.org](http://www.wpunc.org)

When nominating, players can request to be placed in the same team

**Come and Try Scouting**
Hands on games and activities for boys and girls
Monday nights 6:45pm – 8pm
Starts Feb 6th
Colonel Light Gardens Scout Hall – Mortlock Park
Contact Andrew 0418844465 or Grant 0428858046 for ages 11-14

**EPS Mini Volleyball Term One 2017**
9 week competition starting 10th February with finals being played on 7th April 2017.
Location: Westbourne Park Community Centre – Goodwood Rd, Westbourne Park
FAQ’s? Call or email Karola.laventure@gmail.com
Mobile: 0409 114 043
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**Term 1**

**Note:**
- **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
- **SPORTS DAY**
- **GOOD FRIDAY**
- **Last day of Term 1**
- **PUPIL FREE DAY**
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School: free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

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**Android Users**

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

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