This week we have published an updated Newsletter from Admin—next fortnight our Ed’s Team will be formed and our Year 6 and 7 students, together with Joy Groves and Simone, will publish our first student edition.

A big thank you to the many families who attended our Acquaintance evening. It was the hottest night of the year (decade??) and the turnout was the largest we have had for many years. Teachers and students proudly showcased their classrooms and explained curriculum, routines and priorities for the year.

Mat Haslett gave an insightful speech about parenting; one fact that impressed me was that families who eat dinner together have a greater impact on their child’s year 12 results than if the parents help them with homework. Many families have requested a copy of Mat’s speech. We have downloaded the video and Judy will copy it on to a USB if you would like to provide her with a named USB. We have 306 families at the school and at least 250 attended one of Mat’s sessions!

In the next week we are ensuring all teachers have a way of communicating with families from their class. Teachers have been asked to send a group email and they will send a class note home as a test run. Two way communication is important, but also understand that teachers do need a switch off time from school, so emails will be replied to during school hours when possible.

For your information, our hot weather policy brings students inside when the temperature is over 35 degrees. We do however encourage students outside for the first part of breaks to stretch their legs, have a drink, toilet stop and Canteen.

Kathy Papps
Annual General Meeting—A.G.M
Monday, February 27th
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.

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 OR

Nominate at the Annual General Meeting on Monday, 27th February, 2017 (Spaces permitting)

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 :
Welcome to 2017. This my 4th year here at Edwardstown Primary community as your Pastoral Care Worker. For the new families who have joined us here is a little background about me, I have lived in Adelaide for 18 years, married with 3 children; 2 of who are twins.

I am a qualified Youth Worker and Pastoral Care worker with specialist focus on primary aged children, I have been a project manager and business owner and I have a passion for Art/ Craft and Creativity.

My role covers a few key areas.

**Pastoral** - I spend time in the yard, classrooms and activities building new and maintaining existing relationships with the kids, I am there as an extra support, someone to talk to for anything big or small or just to chat / share a story.

**Resource** - I work alongside existing school programs and offer additional sessions such as social skill programs and lunchtime activities. I also coordinate and support volunteers that assist in our school Mentor Program.

**Referral** - I am not a counsellor but within my role I work alongside students, teachers and parents and am able to offer a listening ear, offer information and make appropriate in-school or external referrals.

I am at school on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, if you would like to get in touch I can be emailed on simone.morrison196@schools.sa.edu.au, alternatively leave me a message at the front office.

Wishing you all a wonderful year! - Simone

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE AT EDWARDSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

This year we are looking for new parents to join our committee. Our committee work closely together organising different fundraisers. This can be rewarding in lots of ways, meeting new parents and being part of the school environment.

The first activity will be Hot Cross Buns from Kyton’s Bakery. We would ideally love someone who can help our parent organiser with this. It doesn’t take up too much time, so if you are interested can you please let the front office know.

Fun to be involved....
SUMMER SPORT

Thank you to all students who have returned their registration form for Summer Sport. Thanks also to the parents who help and support our different sports. We do need adults to help as without their support, sport just will not happen.

CRICKET—Co-ordinator, David Handsaker

Teams have been organised and we currently have
1 x Year 2 Kanga Team—play Friday night—5.00pm at Glandore Oval
1 x Year 3 Kanga Team—play Friday night—6.00pm at Glandore Oval
2 x ‘C’ Grade cricket teams—play Friday night—still currently needing a coach!!!
1 x ‘B’ Grade cricket team—play Saturday mornings.

There will be a cricket meeting after school for all players and parents on Monday, 13th February.

BASKETBALL—Co-ordinator, Narelle Burns

Teams have been organised, and wow, we have 12 teams. This is great that so many of our students are playing a sport that they enjoy. These games will start next week.

There will be a Basketball meeting for all players and parents on Friday, 10th Feb in the hall after school.

VOLLEYBALL—Co-ordinators Dom and Karola Laventure

Volleyball is all organised thanks to Karola and Dom who volunteer their time so our students get the skills and joy from Volleyball. We have 5 teams this year which is great. Games commence Friday 17th February at Westbourne Park Community Hall. Good luck to our Volleyballers!

Parents have asked for more information so they can direct their child to an activity. We have now established times and have included these details. The library is open every lunchtime (chess on Wednesday) so it is a good starting point for children needing direction.

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What is a WALKING SCHOOL BUS?

A Walking School Bus is a group of primary school children who walk to and from school before school, along a safe and enjoyable set route, accompanied by a parent driver/supervisors per 'bus'. Additional parents may be needed depending on the number of students walking. The walking bus picks up 'passengers' along the way at designated 'bus stops'.

The 'bus stops' can be meeting points along the route or at homes of the Walking School Bus participants. It can be flexible to suit the needs of families using it. The 'bus' can go as seldom or as often as parents want to 'drive' it and children want to use it. This means that it can even operate as little as one morning a week or five mornings in that week. Many schools start the Walking School Bus on a one-day per week basis and increase its schedule over time. The service is free. Every child is welcome to join the bus even if their parents cannot be drivers. Parents are also welcome to join in.

How to join the Edwardstown Primary Walking School Bus:

You can obtain more details about the Walking School Bus (WSB) in your area by contacting Judy in the front office.

WSB ROUTES:

Edwardstown Primary School currently have 3 WSB routes operating – one from the West, East and from the North. We are wanting to re-start the South if we can get adult help. Routes may be varied / added to suit demand. Approximately 37 students walk weekly which is great. New walkers are always welcome.

Route A - West Thursday mornings Kim Freeman, Cristy Bassett
Route B - North Wednesday mornings – Departs 8.10am Dani Anson
   North Friday mornings – Departs 8.00am David Williams
Route C - East Tuesday mornings – Departs 8.00am Annette Wise
Route D - South — LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER PARENT TO WALK WITH

STUDENTS

CANTEEN

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR

WEDNESDAY 12.30 – 1.30 volunteers needed to cut up fruit and serve at the counter.

Is this you?

Please contact Simone via the front office or email:

simone.morrison196@schools.sa.edu.au

No children in the canteen are allowed due to Health & Safety
RAN TRAINING
(Responding to Abuse & Neglect) – RAN is 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.
DCSI Clearances are essential for camps, council and sports coaching. Please see the front office for more details.

First week in Room 16

Australian Girls’ Choir
Reception to Yr 4 girls.
Glenelg or Glen Osmond.
Saturdays in February
headoffice@aspagroup.com.au
or ring 03 98596499 for more information.

School Sores
A case has been detected.
The student needs to be excluded until appropriate treatment has commenced.
Any sores on exposed surfaces should be completely covered with a dressing.
Thank you