This week we introduce our class teachers, many who are new this year to EPS. Our teachers work in professional learning teams (PLTs) with children of a similar age, and planning and programming is a shared learning experience.

**Receptions:** our youngest children are situated together and share a play based programme, with a focus on Jolly Phonics and an introduction to maths strategies. Our teachers are Alex Yin (Hatzi) Jordan Wallis and Megan Colmer.

**Year 1/2:** our team of 1/2 teachers continue to foster a growth mindset where children develop learner powers of communication, collaboration, self-managers, thinkers and researchers. Investigation through play fosters social skills, independence and creativity. Teachers are Elise Davies, Robyn Collins Lois Beale and Sheridan Weber.

**Year 2/3/4/5:** middle primary teachers develop powerful learners with opportunities for deeper learning and encouragement to be brave and do your best. Students are given opportunities to develop persistence and resilience through challenging tasks and self-managed behaviour. Sarah Newton works across both teams with 2/3s, and Helena Lambrinos, Ebony Drake, Bernie O’Connor, Caroline Fitzgerald, Eva Pontikinas and Cil Grace work together.

**Year 5/6/7:** senior students are offered a differentiated programme with a gradual emphasis on self-responsibility and management, as well as increased opportunities to engage with multiple learning technologies. A community service programme reinforces the students’ responsibilities with a global perspective. Martin Richards (5/6) teams with Christie Evans and Morgan Scottney Turbill in the Unit.
Our Student leaders have been selected and will be presented with their badges at Assembly this Friday. Congratulations to **Anushka, Becky, Cole, Damian, Ebony, Eleanor, Jessie and Leenorea.** I am very pleased to report that all of our Year 7 students display leadership qualities and are given a range of opportunities to be excellent role models for our school. Vicky Bashford will work with our leaders and elected SRC representatives to involve students in decision making and planning across the school.

Sports Day planning has begun and each team has 4 Team Leaders (listed below) who will lead the Dolphins, Koalas, Kangaroos and Eagles on the day. We will feature these students in next week’s Ed's Editorial. Sue Boggiano has started run offs with students but we do stress that it is early days and there may be changes closer to the day.

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who are our Team Captains for 2017

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<td>Eagles – Yellow</td>
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Outdoor Education is a major focus at EPS, and we are one of very few public schools who offer overnight camp opportunities to all students from Years 2 -7. This is thanks to the generous support from teachers (and parents) who spend many hours of their own time planning and attending camps with nights away from their own families. We understand that it is a costly expense in Term 1, but we schedule them early in the year for class bonding and social development. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please speak to Glenys or Jen in Finance.

*Daws Road Students at Edwardstown Primary.*

Daws Road Transition Centre students have begun working at Edwardstown Primary this term. There are 9 students and the supervisor/teacher **Jo Kassebaum.** Our group will be working at the school site every fortnight on even school weeks. You will notice us working around the school assisting Jim Goudie (the Grounds person) and keeping the grounds looking beautiful. You can’t help but notice all the students, as they wear their high visibility work wear as part of their course requirements. An important part of the course is to learn Safe Work Practices and to become job ready. The students are all secondary senior students and are completing their Certificate 1 in Agrifoods Operations (Horticulture). The students will be mowing, edging, blowing, tidying, pruning and propagating plants as part of their course. We think your school has spectacular grounds and feel privileged to be allowed to help maintain them. Thanks to Mrs Papps for permitting us to work at your school. **Jo Kassebaum**

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**Please remember…**

**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 20** at 9.15am. Contact the Front Office if interested. There are spots available if parents still want to attend.
Edwardstown Primary School
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 27th February 2017
7.30pm – 8.30pm in Resource Centre

SPORTS DAY T SHIRTS

Our Sports Day will be held on Friday, April 7th. We will be selling t-shirts in team colours again this year because they are cheap, good quality and sometimes plain t-shirts are hard to find. Child sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 are $5.00 and Adult sizes Small, Medium, Large are $7.50. So that we don’t accumulate excess stock, we will be purchasing these shirts on ORDER ONLY. There are samples in the front office if you would like to see what they are like.

Check with class teachers if you are unsure of your child’s team.

Please fill in the form below if you would like to buy a shirt for your child and return the slip to the Front Office by Friday, March 17th. There will be NO SPARES so please order so you don’t miss out. Please pay when order.

Team Colour T-Shirt Order Form

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Total amount paid -

HATS ORDER

These are reversible hats so on school days you can wear navy side out - which will have our school logo on it, then turn it inside out and wear it on Sports Day, with your team colour then on the outside. How great! These hats will be order only and sell for $10.50. Our next order will be sent on Friday, March 10th so they will then arrive (hopefully) before Sports Day.

We have samples and sizes in the uniform shop for you to come and see in the uniform shop.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE CASHIER’S OFFICE BEFORE Friday, March 10th

Name: ____________________________________ Room No:__________

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WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Congratulations to Lily E and Ash T, 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!

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. We are still looking for a ‘new adult driver’ for the Southern route, if you are interested in helping, we would love to hear from you. Thank you, have fun walking to school!
Fundraising is a collaborative way for the school community to raise extra funds which go directly towards continued improvements to school facilities and grounds. Some major improvement in the last few years, that have been made possible because of fundraising efforts include, the New Playground on the Oval, the New Reception Playground, Resurfacing of the Asphalt areas, new Height Adjustable Basketball Boards in the hall and Two Big TV Screens in the hall.

There are a variety of events that are held throughout the year, as well as our biggest annual event the Strawberry Fair. The Strawberry Fair has its own dedicated meetings that take place later in the year. At the moment we would love to hear from people who can help out with events that have already been scheduled for the year and/or bring new ideas to the table for discussion. **If you are interested to know more please see Judy in the office to register your interest.**

Right now we are in need of **ONE** person to assist with co-ordinating the up coming **Easter Kytons Fundraising Hot Cross Bun and Lamington drive**.

If you are available on either **Tues 11th or Wed 12th of April**, we need someone to take charge of sorting and packing up orders on one of these days in the library. This usually takes approx 1-2 hours, with the help of additional volunteers on the day. It’s a relaxed fun & social few hours that get the taste buds melting. **Please let Judy in the office know ASAP if you can help for this event.**

Our friendly fundraising volunteers would love to meet some new faces!

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**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.

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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

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**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.

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**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.
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.

**Completing your deposit slip for School Banking day.**

Please ensure your child’s deposit slip is filled out before banking with School Banking. All 7 fields below need to be completed:

1. Child’s name
2. Child’s School Banking student number
3. Child’s Youthsaver account number
4. Date
5. Amount in coins, notes and/or cheques
6. Total amount of deposit
7. Total amount of deposit (input into the “Add this deposit” field)

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.
**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 Vit 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.

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**SUMMER SPORT NEWS**

**Sports Equipment/Uniform**

_Could all players and coaches return any sporting equipment and/or uniforms to the front office immediately?_

This week saw the commencement of the Basketball Summer Season. I trust that everyone has enjoyed stepping out on the court and shooting some baskets.

We have 12 teams registered to play this season. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our volunteer parent coaches, without you, our teams would not exist.

Players, Coaches and Parents are reminded to read the code of conduct, sign and return their forms to the office, with their summer season fee payment by Week 6 (Friday, 10 March).

Some players have nominated to play all year, information about winter teams will be provided at a later date.

I wish all players and coaches the very best for the season ahead. I hope you all enjoy being part of a team, participating, doing your best and most of all, having FUN!

_Narelle Burns – Sport Co-ordinator_

**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

**Basketball**
Fixtures will be on the website www.marion.basketball.net.au

**Cricket**
Fixtures are available online. http://apsc.sa.cricket.com.au

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**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. Thank you to our Volunteer Helpers in our uniform shop.