



NEWSLETTER

REMINDER - PUPIL FREE DAY THIS FRIDAY, 16th Feb.

Week 3 – THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY

LEADERS' NEWS



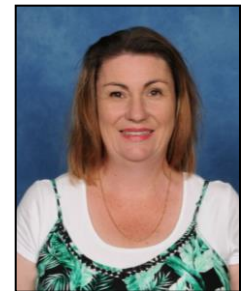
Week 3 and classes are settled, with teachers and students establishing routines and expectations. The theme of kindness

is permeating through the school, and I would like to highlight our first round of **kindness** awards presented at Assembly last week. Well done Harry P, Riley M, Luke, Tom O, Ella S, Jack W, Aaron A, Cody, Hudson, Anqui, Jesse, Nicole K, Noah and Piper.

Once our kindness jar is full every student and staff member will spend an afternoon playing games together. Special awards were given to **Jesse Pannenburg** for his quest to raise money for the Childhood Cancer Foundation by shaving his hair in Week 5 Assembly.

Elise Davies and her **2017 Room 9** class donated a number of backpacks full of Christmas presents to disadvantaged families, and their kind deed has been recognised by **Stillwell Ford** who are donating 12 iPads to our Student support team. Kindness does make a difference, and we encourage students to “be kind even when no one’s watching”. Rooms 10 and 15 carried through the message at our Assembly. Along with kindness, 25 of our staff are now trained in Mindfulness, which encourages living in the present, with a focus on now. Research has shown that students’ learning capacity increases when they are given strategies to remain calm and positive.

I’m pleased to announce **Bernie O’Connor** has won a position at Edwardstown for a year as **Coordinator in Numeracy and Literacy**. Bernie has modelled rigour and stretch in Maths lessons across R-7, and students find her approach challenging and engaging. She will be released 1 day a week from Room 17 to share her expertise across the school.



This week we listened to 18 confident, articulate year 7 students share with their 6/7 peers and teachers on why they would like to represent the school as leaders. Every one of these young adolescents did themselves, their families and the school proud, and it was a very difficult decision to select the group. Congratulations to you all for showing our school values, and being excellent communicators, collaborators and self-managers. Our **school leaders for 2018** are **Lila S, Caitlin L, Poppy S, Katelyn K, Sam B, Jack M, Aidan Y, Luke Mc, and Tom O-D.**

Badges will be presented later in the term.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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APRIL 2

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9 - 10

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PUPIL FREE DAY

Arbury Park Camp – Rms 4, 6 & 17 – Year 3, 3/4

Fundraising meeting – 2.15 in the staff room

Arbury Park Camp – Rms 1 & 5 – Year 4 & 4/5

Principal’s Tour – 9.15am

Whole School Assembly – 2:20pm

Rooms 2 & 11 hosting

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM 7:30pm

ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY

Glenhaven Camp – Rms 13, 14 & 15 - Year 6/7

Commonwealth Bank Information Session

Whole School Assembly – 2:20pm

Rooms 1 & 9 hosting

GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER MONDAY

Sports Day

Year 6/7 Aquatics

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

2.10pm dismissal

Casual clothes day – Gold coin donation

CHECK OUT OUR SKOOLBAG APP INFO

Our school priorities will be presented at our School Council AGM on Monday, March 5th, which includes **Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry Learning, Digital Technologies and Growth Mindsets**. Teachers have spent staff meetings ensuring we are consistent with our priorities and programmes, and this Friday will work with our Partnership schools of **Colonel Light Gardens and Clapham Primary** hearing from a highly regarded education consultant, **Glen Pearsall**. The school will be closed for students and Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) are providing a day at the BeachHouse for students who have booked in.

A reminder to all families to be respectful of others when **parking** around the school. Please ensure you only take one space, read and follow the designated signs, and leave the school car park for staff and those with a disabled sticker. Additional information was included in last week's Newsletter.

Congratulations to our Team Captains

Sports Day planning for Friday April 6th has started, and each team has 4 Team Leaders (listed below) who will lead the Dolphins, Koalas, Kangaroos and Eagles on the day.

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who are our Team Captains for 2018:-

Dolphins – Blue	Bella, Jasmine, Luke and Lachlan
Kangaroos - Red	Shari, Varsha, Tom, Zander
Koalas - Green	Poppy, Ava, Dylan, Dom
Eagles – Yellow	Lila, Caitlin, Braden, Cody

SPORT NEWS

WOW! What a sporting start to the year it has been! This year our summer sports have included the following player numbers and line ups:-

- Volleyball will put forward two teams with a total of 10 children representing EPS.
- T-Ball will field an R-2 team of 11 players. Our 4 students in Yr 3-5 will once again combine with Eden Hills Primary to complete a side.
- Cricket will see 36 students fill a combined Yr 2 & 3 Kanga side, two C-grade teams and one B-grade side.
- Basketball has 110 students across 14 teams from Yr 1 to 7.

Given the past struggles of parent volunteers to coach sides, the Sports Committee brainstormed many ways to evoke support. **The decision to offer the incentive of waiving school sport fees for those that step up to coach has been supported by the school.** Please note that for parents of multiple children in the same team, this only applies to one student.

The sports committee will also be putting forward a recommendation to the School Council to cease providing medals at the end of each season to all participants. The general consensus (from committee members, parent feedback, and even some children) is the medal is not necessary and that the funds would be better spent on upgrading equipment and covering the costs incurred by the purchasing of new uniforms due to increasing numbers. Children will still receive a personalised certificate at the end of each season, with all certificates featuring a team photo where possible.

Thank you to all the parents that have kindly volunteered their time this summer season across all EPS sports, we greatly appreciate your help and support. As we know, without YOU, teams would not be able to play.

Thank you to the individual sport coordinators, once again you have proved you are worth your weight in gold with all the many hours (let's be honest...days) you give to ensuring children are placed in teams, coaches are secured, and the season runs (despite the glitches in the background 😊).

Narelle Burns
EPS Sport Coordinator
0410 583 710

EPS 2018 Cricket

Please note several changes to team lists in the C & B grades since the meeting last week. New lists have been issued to all players to confirm final arrangements.

Also note that the first round of matches is starting this Friday night 16th February for Kanga & C grade – the EPS pupil free day does not change this.

B-grade to play on Saturday morning, 17th February.

Programs are still being finalised, your coach or coordinator will advise of game location during the week.

Please contact David Handsaker with any questions on 0409 289 043.

Thank you.

Communication Channels – Skoolbag App

DON'T MISS OUT ON SOMETHING.....SIMPLE AND A GREAT WAY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EVERYTHING!

Did you know that you can now do your student absence via Skoolbag? How easy.....

The Skoolbag App is able to give you instant notifications and is an easy means of accessing our regular newsletters.

The App can be downloaded from the App Store (iPhones), Google Store (android) and Windows Store (Win8.1 phones) on your phone, tablet or laptop. When installing, please make sure you **allow push notifications** because this enables us to get messages to you in the fastest way possible. **You can now notify the school of your child's absence through this app and also notify change of address/phone number.**

Should you have difficulties accessing the App, please talk with our Front Office staff.

School Facebook page for parents is also available if parents would like to join, please follow the prompts: Edwardstown Primary School Parent Group.

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.

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.

CASHIER PAYMENTS

The Cash Register is open from 8:30am to 9:00am each day. There is also a locked, blue Payment Box on the right hand side of the Cashier window. An easy drop and run option is to leave your payments, WITH the associated paperwork, in a sealed envelope in the blue Payment Box.

Thank you

SCHOOL FEES 2018

By now, you will have received your School Fee (Material & Services) & Event Levy invoices via your child's school bag. These are due to be fully paid by the end of this term, UNLESS you have arranged a formal Payment Plan.

PAYMENT PLANS are a great way to

stay on top of all the beginning of the school year fees, including camp payments. Please speak with me **in the Finance Office**, to organize a Payment Plan. It takes less than 5 minutes to set up... and then you can forget it. The Payment Plan can extend over a long period of time to alleviate any financial worry.

PAYMENT OF ALL SCHOOL INVOICES 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>

School Card (Materials & Services Fee Subsidy)

Have you heard the good news that the eligibility criteria has expanded to the Gross Annual Income Limit of \$57,870? - up by approx. \$20,000 from last year. Do you think you may now qualify? Do you hold a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card?

Please pop in to the front office and pick up an application form OR you can now apply ONLINE at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Follow the link, click on the red PLUS SYMBOL at the right hand side of "Applications", scroll down to find

Form A: income audit – apply online

If you were eligible last year for School Card, please remember that you need to complete an application EACH YEAR.
Thank you. Jen Goodman (Business Manager)

Please remember....

- Parking safely around the school - **please consider others** when parking, by parking as close as you can to the front so someone can fit behind you.
- Parents please use the **pedestrian crossing** on Edward St. Stay safe and **encourage our students to do the right thing.**
- **Kiss and drop zone** is at the front of the school. Please don't sit for too long and take up other peoples' opportunities to collect their child. If your child's not ready, then please organise to meet later or drive around the block!
- Let's keep our kids safe!

Edwardstown Primary School

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 5th March 2018

7.30pm – 8.00pm in the School Library



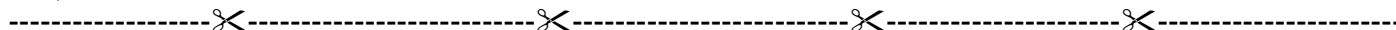
Agenda:

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 2018 School Council to elect office bearers and to set 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 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 23rd February 2018, or email Kathy



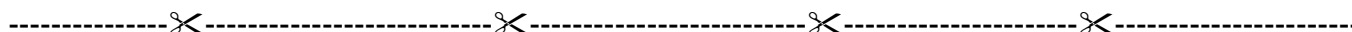
SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM 2018

I wish to nominate for the Edwardstown Primary School Council and/or Committee (please specify)

NAME: _____ SIGNED: _____

Child/ren name(s) _____

Room number(s) _____



Jesse Pannenburg

If you would like to donate to Jesse's Cancer cause please find the link below. More details in next newsletter-

Help Shave Away for CCA make a difference

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/shave-away-for-cca>

Can you help?

CAN YOU HELP IN THE UNIFORM SHOP?

Our uniform shop is open on **Tuesday and Friday mornings** and is staffed by volunteer parents. We are looking for a parent who is able to help on Tuesday mornings. If you have a spare hour in the morning could you please come and see us in the Front Office. It's fun to be involved and not difficult! Thank you.

Coles Sports For Schools - help us get free sports equipment

We are registered as part of the Coles Sports For Schools Program. For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive a voucher. You can then deposit the vouchers directly into our EPS collection bin at the Castle Plaza Coles or **bring them to school to deposit into the collection bins in the Front Office area.**



The **promotion lasts for 8 weeks** and we hope you can help us get free sporting equipment.

The more vouchers we collect, the more equipment we receive, so ask friends and relatives to collect for us too. Thanks!



FUNDRAISING AT EPS

We rely on Fundraising at EPS to be able to buy those extra special items for our students that just don't quite fit into the budget.

Fundraising can also be a good chance for parents to buy an item that they will find very useful, gifts, food, etc. and have a bit of fun organising events.

For this to be successful we are inviting parents to a meeting to see how we can all be involved and work together. Everyone is welcome, why don't you just pop in and see what it's all about.

This meeting will be on Thursday, 22nd February – 2.15pm in the Staff room. Hope to see you there!

ATHLETICS MEDALS FOR EPS

Finn and Millie Shepherd Boyd competed in the South Australian Little Athletics relay championships on February 11, representing their club, Adelaide Harriers. Finn's team won the gold medal for under 11 boys in field events while Millie's won silver for under 9 girls in field events. Both children competed in shot put and Millie also did discus. Their team mates competed in long jump and high jump.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the EPS Year 3/4 mixed basketball team on their first game together this week. A great game by all, with an awesome win 9 – 4 against St Bernadette's. Well done, all!

Kynan, Connor, Sasha, Stephen (coach), Abbey, Adison, Jessica.

SPORTS DAY T SHIRTS

Our Sports Day will be held on **Friday, April 6th**. We are selling t-shirts in team colours again this year because they are good quality, cheap in price, and sometimes plain t-shirts are hard to find. Child sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 are \$5.50 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 and payments to the Cash Register **by Friday, March 9th**. There will be NO SPARES so please order so you don't miss out. **Please pay when you order.**

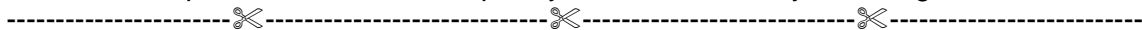
Team Colour T-Shirt Order Form				
Name:			Room :	
Team Colour	Quantity	Size Child – 4-16Y (\$5.50)	Size Adult S-3XL (\$7.50)	Total
Total amount paid -				

HATS ORDER

These are reversible hats, so on school days you can wear navy side out with our school logo showing, then turn it inside out and wear it on Sports Day with your team colour on the outside. How great!

These hats are available **by order only** and sell for **\$10-50**. Our **next order will be sent on Friday March 9th** so they will arrive (hopefully) before Sports Day.

We have samples in the uniform shop for you to come and try for sizing.



PLEASE RETURN TO THE CASHIER'S OFFICE BEFORE Friday, March 9th

Name: _____ Room No: _____



SIZE	COLOUR	QUANTITY
M – 57cm L – 59cm XL – 61cm	Red - Green - Blue - Yellow	

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD 2018

Morphettville Park Football Club (MPFC) – the Roos - is recruiting and we need you! We want YOU at the ROOS. We provide a GENUINE PATHWAY for boys, girls and women and men. AUSKICK > Junior Football > Senior Football > State Football > Women's League Football OR SANFL > AFLW & AFL. We are a family friendly and inclusive club with genuine pathways for both our junior female and male AFL players. Our oval and training ground is on Kellett Reserve, Denham Avenue, Morphettville Park and we train Wednesday afternoon / evening for the girls' teams and Friday evening for our boys' teams. Auskick commences in Term 2 from 5.15 each Friday. Please contact Sarah Taylor on 0407 277 183 for any details on the boys and girls junior teams, Megan Carter on 0411 230034 for information on playing at the club or mfsCroos@hotmail.com with any additional queries.

We hope to see you at the Roos!