Our Library is finally complete, with grey flecked carpet laid on the weekend making our books and colour accessories “pop”. We were inspired 12 months ago from a world expert, Kevin Hennah, who convinced us to rebadge it as a Library rather than a Resource Centre, and put the focus back on students developing a love of books and reading. Well done to Liza Button and Shane Atkins for persisting with our vision, and making the Library a place children seek at lunchtimes as well as regularly with their class teacher. If you are looking to support the school for 20 minutes before and after school Liza is happy to have helpers re-shelve books, or read and borrow with your children.

Unfortunate timing means online NAPLaN has taken priority in the Library this week and next, so the brown paper hiding the new look will come down next week. Our Performing Arts Centre also has a vibrant, blue carpet, so all students are gaining from our new additions.

NAPLaN is always met with diverse opinions every year: Education Minister Simon Birmingham has made it clear testing will stay, and our school is one of the 100 or so schools with the capacity and staffing to trial the on-line system. So far all has gone well, and students have embraced the digital format. At Edwardstown Primary it is not so much about the final results of the students but the ability to analyse our students’ strengths and growth areas, and ensure our curriculum caters for every child’s needs. We spend considerable time unpacking questions with students to develop thinkers and researchers capable of problem solving and posing and answering authentic, life related questions. This rigorous and challenging approach has ensured our most capable students maintain results in the higher bands, and allow us to select appropriate students for intervention and support programmes offered across R-7.

More information on data collection and individualised learning plans will be explained at School Council next Monday evening by Vicky Bashford, our Deputy Principal with a focus on student well-being, attendance, engagement and achievement.

Our Working Bee last weekend was attended by a small but dedicated group of staff and school families. Thanks so much to the Freeman family, Lairds, Rodenburgs, Handsakers, Alison McCarthy, Hensgens, Ansons, Judy, Shane, Jen and Jim, our groundsman. Planter boxes were oiled, flowers planted, the cricket pitch covered ready for soccer, and the new shed was set up ready for winter sport organisation. While it is great to have familiar faces involved, I would love many of our new families to become part of our school community, and this is an ideal way to meet others and volunteer, setting an excellent role model to your children. Thanks once again to the Village church for their yummy morning tea.
MOTHER’S DAY THANK YOUS

I’m sure the many mothers who received a present from their children on Mother’s Day appreciated them, whether they were lovingly made in class or selected from our Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to Rosemary for organising and Jo, Bec, Bern, and Larni for their help.

Mother’s Day Thankyou’s Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou…….. to everyone who supported our Mother’s Day Pop Up Shop. It was a great morning; the children had a fantastic time choosing their surprise gifts! We hope that all the special mothers and nannas enjoyed their gifts and had a fabulous day with family and friends. A big thankyou to all the students who assisted selling vouchers, collecting children on the day and bringing them through the shop. An extra big thankyou to Bec R, Bern M, Larni RB and Jo L for serving in the shop, and helping with packing up.

Rosemary Merlino

The Public Education Awards continue to provide a powerful way of celebrating the diverse work and standards of excellence within our public education system. Recognition sends a powerful message of value and appreciation, so I encourage you to get involved and nominate educators who exemplify what it means to be world class. Together let’s share, celebrate and recognise excellence in our public education system. Nominations are open via www.education.sa.gov.au/awards until Thursday 31 May.

Thank you to our Volunteers

At EPS we have so many volunteers in such diverse roles we won’t even try to name you all. From the one off reading and excursion/camps, regular class and Library support, mentors, sport helpers, Canteen, committees, Council and just for being supportive whenever we ask, thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Today… THURSDAY 17th and tomorrow - FRIDAY 18th MAY

Thursday 17th May – 9.00am – 12.00 for Rm 13, Rm 14, Rm 15, Senior Choir, Student Leaders, Whole School photo on the oval and maybe Families (time permitting)
Friday 18th May – 9.00am – 3.00pm for the rest of the school to have their photos taken.

School photos will be taken of every child

Please read carefully.

- Your child’s personalised order form (please do not misplace it) has been sent home, with explanation of all options available. It has your own child’s identification number written on it.
- Correct payment inside this envelope needs to be returned to school before or on photo day. Please do not ask the school for change.
- You can prepay online at www.leadingimage.com.au Please use the Secure Shoot Key provided on each envelope.
- Family photo envelope is available from the Front Office for families wishing to have a family photo.
NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

TOMORROW ……..

Friday, May 18th is Walk Safely to School Day.

When students arrive at school, please sign in at the registration tables on the netball courts. All walkers will receive a certificate from the school in recognition of their part in this national event, a sticker and a FREE ICE BLOCK voucher donated by the Walking School Bus. Please bring your voucher to the netball court at lunchtime to collect your ice block.

SAPSASA NEWS - CROSS COUNTRY

We had a record number of students (41) compete in the District Cross Country Competition last Friday at Belair National Park in very wet conditions. The weeks of training paid off with everyone managing to complete the course. Thank you to Emma Blanch, Jordan Wallis and Kiarra Bell for running trainings. Well done to all the EPS competitors who were very encouraging of each other and extremely well-behaved on the day.

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped with transport or came to support the students. Special congratulations to:- Abby S (Room 2) who came 2nd, Jackson H (Room 13) who came 3rd, Millie S B (Room 2) who came 4th and Addison G who came 6th. They will now race at Oakbank on June 7th. Congratulations also to :- Amy – 7th and James B - 8th

Sue Boggiano

KNOCKOUT SOCCER

EPS played St Peters Woodlands on Monday and unfortunately lost 2-1 in a very tough game. Well done Louis for scoring!

Well done too to Ryan, Dylan, Dom, Braden, Aidan, Dimitri, Lachlan, Charlotte, Ollie, Max C, Ben and Charlie.

A big thank you to John McQueen for coaching and Nicole Young and Cristy Bassett for transporting.

YEAR 7 / 8 INFORMATION FOR ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS

All Yr 7 students received their Secondary School Package last term. Please make sure the form included in the package is completed and returned to either the Front Office or the Class teacher by Friday 25th May

SPEED RESTRICTIONS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Please be aware of a larger number of birds and children in Maria Street and adjust your speed accordingly. There is currently a lot of rosellas that need time to move.
WALKING SCHOOL BUS

So our buses are back on the footpaths after a rest over the holidays. Thanks again to all our adult volunteers and well done to all our students who walk on the bus. If any new walkers are interested to join, please pop into the front office for details on the route closest to you.

Congratulations to Audrey, Paton, Colbie, Olivia, Mischa, Millie, Ruby, Ash, Camille, Liam, Claire, Ethan, Georgia, Steff, who have walked to school 10 walks. They will receive a voucher at assembly which entitles them to a free ice block from the office any lunch time.

Our Record breaking bus – 23 children and helpers well done Southern bus Yeah, well done!!

STRAWBERRY FAIR NEWS

The date has been set, SUNDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER. Please put this on your calendar now. We have had our first meeting and it was great to see lots of faces, old and new! So, what we need now……

RAFFLE – We are looking for someone who may be interested in co-ordinating this. Is this a way YOU could help your student's school raise funds? This needs to be coordinated this term, so that we have time to print the books etc.

DONATIONS – all donations gratefully received for the Raffle or Silent Auction. Do YOU have any ideas? Please contact the front office now if you can help. Do you have a business? Either the Raffle or the Silent Auction could be great advertising for you and your business.

WE ALSO NEED – A Book Stall convenor this year… could this be YOU?! We have mentoring available for the wonderful volunteer willing to take this task on. Is there anyone interested in bringing Hot Dogs back? There will be lots of support offered to get you up and running. This can be taken on by a couple of friends wanting to make a fun day of it! Plant Stall and Strawberry Café – new convenors for next year, so this year would be great to work in tandem with the very experienced, long-term convenors of these 2 amazingly productive stalls. Anyone interested?

All of these positions will be guided and supported by the Committee and the school staff.

Come and be involved and join in on the fun! It’s an AWESOME community project and the kids really enjoy knowing their parents and family are involved.

PRESERVES – Please start making them now! All donations gratefully accepted.

SHED IS OPEN FOR DONATIONS – our new Strawberry Fair shed looks great and Jim has it all ready for donations. Please box your donations neatly and bring them to school on Mondays or Thursdays. Jim can assist on these days. Please do not leave things inside the main building.

Meeting dates have been set; ALL WELCOME!

Term 2 Wednesday 6th June 2:30pm, Thursday 28th June 7pm;
Term 3 Tuesday, 31st July 2:30pm, Wednesday 15th August 2:30pm, Thursday 30th August, 7pm, Tuesday 11th September 2:30pm, Wednesday 26th September 2:30pm;
Term 4 Thursday 18th October 7pm, Tuesday 23rd October 2:30pm, Wednesday 31st October 2:30pm.
SPORT NEWS

SOCCER
Training continues this week after school with the first game of soccer starting this Saturday, 19th May.

- Senior Green (Year 7s) are playing AWAY v Blackwood 10.00am
- Senior Orange (Year 6s) are playing AWAY v St Johns Grammar at 9.30am
- Under 11s are playing HOME v Clapham at 9.30am
- Under 10s are playing AWAY v Paringa Park at 8.30am
- Under 9s are playing AWAY v Blackwood at 9am
- Under 8s are playing AWAY v Aberfoyle Campus at 8.30am

NETBALL
Year 5 Team were all keen to play, and when no opposition turned up we all joined in and had a fun scratch match. Thanks to all our families for filling in.

The EPS Year 4 team played a great game, low scoring but just couldn’t get over the line in the end. Immanuel p/s 6 Edwardstown 4 Well done to all the girls Thanks Jo 😊

Year 3 Gold Team
Congratulations to the girls on a fantastic win !! Super proud of the way they worked together as a team, especially since only 3 of them have ever played before.
Edwardstown 8 Glen Osmond 2 Well done girls Thanks Jo.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thanks to everyone who joined in on the fun for our Showdown donut day. Thanks to Rheinland Bakery for yummy donuts, Jodie for organising and Rosemary, Larni, Bern, Jo and Lee for sorting. Awesome job ladies!
FUNDRAISING NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment books have been sent home on Thursday, 3rd May.....TODAY.... Dining, accommodation, shopping, chemist, movie tickets, holiday ideas, dry-cleaning and many more. We have a copy on display in the Front Office. What a great idea as a present for Mother’s Day.

Entertainment books are $70 and available in book or digital form. If you would like to purchase digital please visit: www.entbook.com.au/161e373

ASSEMBLY NEWS FROM WEEK 3

Mr Wallis read a story to the whole school.

Sam spoke passionately about saving our school from litter. He promoted our school’s Eco-Warriors and encouraged everyone to get involved in keeping rubbish in our bins and not on the ground.

Walking School Bus achievers: Stephi, Ruby, Georgia, Sasha, Audrey and Peyton.

Our LEARNER POWERS… on a mission!!
Principal’s Tours at Pasadena High School
Friday 15 June, 9.30am–10.30am
Care is available on our Student Free Day. Please contact Dennis or Malanie for costs and booking details.

Pupil Free Day
Friday 8th June

What we will be doing
-Make your own crazy Wonka bar creation to take home and share.
-Wonka bingo and other games.
-Come wearing fancy dress.
-Photo booth.

Golden Ticket
Please book in my child/ren ____________________________ for the Pupil Free Day on Friday June 8th.

Parent signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________