



Learning for Life

East Adelaide School



Term 4 Week 7

Friday 2 December 2016

From the Principal

Class Placement for 2017

I know that parents are keen to hear who their children's teachers will be for 2017.

The formulation of classes is a lengthy and deeply considered process. It commences with the opportunity for parent feedback; proceeding to HR decisions; students nominating who they work well with; teachers taking into account criteria such as the social, physical and learning needs of their students; and then the actual process of placement.

To date, teachers have worked together on several drafts before settling on the placements that will come home with students with the end of year report in the last week of school.

Our aim is to have at least one friend out of a nominated five move to the next class with each student.

Sometimes students find themselves not in the same class as their best friend. Throughout life we all have to face new situations without a best friend standing by our side such as starting a new school, or job, joining a new club or sporting team, or going on holidays.

Learning how to make new friends and face new situations is a skill that we all need to learn. A wide circle of friends also broadens our life opportunities.

If your child is not in a class with lots of their friends, it is an ideal opportunity for them to learn new social skills and build self confidence. Parents have a vital role to play over the coming holidays in preparing for a new school year. Be positive, and use positive language to reassure your child/children and support their building of resilience.

Tips on How to Make Friends

- ☺ **Be around your class mates**
- ☺ **Talk to your class mates**
- ☺ **Make eye contact and smile**
- ☺ **Start a conversation**
- ☺ **Ask them to play**
- ☺ **Be a good friend by being positive and kind.**

Pupil Free Day 28 November

Last Monday was the day chosen to complete our final site internal review, where we take the data analysed over the year, in particular Terms 3 and 4, to inform our work on continuously improving student achievement in the priorities set out in our Site Improvement Plan. These priorities include improving reading comprehension and mathematics/numeracy understandings and skills. We also reviewed our strategic direction priorities of developing creative/critical thinkers through STEM, personalising learning and successfully developing students' social capabilities.

Other aspects of the review process involved staff in unpacking survey feedback data from parents and students.

The review will continue very early in 2017 to provide greater leverage for improvement as new members join our staff team. It is at follow up meetings that we will include staff survey feedback. The information will inform our priorities for 2017 and we will be seeking your feedback.

Vicki Stravinski

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 6 December

Governing Council 7.00pm

Friday 9 December

Family Picnic 5.45pm

Carols in the Park 6.30pm

Wednesday 14 December

Year 7 Graduation 5.30pm

Thursday 15 December

Reports and class placement information distributed / 2017 classroom visits

Friday 16 December

Casual Day - gold coin donation

End of year assembly 9.10am

Early dismissal 2.30pm

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Governing Council Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2016.

The purpose of a school AGM is to:

- *Share with our community learning achievements and school progress of site learning priorities over the year.*
- *Acknowledge the collaborative work of the Governing Council and school personnel.*
- *Showcase student achievement.*
- *Elect a new Governing Council.*

We will have a number of vacancies and, at this stage, we are open to receiving nominations from parents who are interested in representing the parent community in the decision making processes of the school.

If you are interested, please make contact with Vicki through school reception to discuss any questions you may have, and to put forward your nomination over the coming two months.

The Role of Governing Council

Governing Council is a great way to get to know other parents and staff, and also for you to have a positive, productive say in the future direction of our children's schooling.

We are always on the lookout for willing and interested parents to join our meetings which are held twice each term. The meetings are held in a relaxed environment where honest conversations can be had. The only experience needed is being a parent who would like to have an input in school direction; so come and help with strategic planning and policy determination as well as advising on the use of financial resources which support the achievement of school priorities.

Formal nominations will be sought prior to the AGM in Term 1 2016. Positions can be held for a single school year or up to two school years.

We are keen to recruit parents for the following committees

- ◆ OSHC Canteen Asset and Landscaping
- ◆ Finance Education After School Sports
- ◆ Parents and Friends

These committees meet twice a term. Each committee has a role statement and to start the recruitment process going, I invite you to consider the following -

Parents and Friends Committee. Its role is to:

- Establish an annual event calendar
- Plan, organise and coordinate social events for the community e.g. Grandparents' Day
- Plan, organise and coordinate fundraising events including one major fundraiser a year.
- Participate in the recommendation of how fundraising proceeds are allocated
- Develop a close working relationship with and liaise with the Class Parent Representatives
- Report to Governing Council at each meeting and provide an annual report

After School Sports Committee. Its role is to:

- Assist the Governing Council to meet the requirements of the After School Sports Policy and Procedures
- Support and assist the After School Sports Co-ordinator to ensure that the program and procedures are in keeping with the values, principles and policies of the school, council, community and DECD
- Advocate for, represent and ensure that children, families and staff have a voice in the management of the After School Sports Program
- Discuss, research, seek additional advice, analyse and make recommendations in the best interests of the children to the Governing Council for ratification by the Governing Council
- Reports to each Governing Council meeting on matters relating to budgets, fees, monitoring processes and day-to-day operation of the program
- Support the After School Sports Co-ordinator in the day-to-day operation of the program
- Organise coaching information sessions at the commencement of each season
- Support the After School Sports Co-ordinator with Winter and Sports Presentations

Road Crossing Monitors

Week 8			
8.30 - 8.50am	Duncan	Andres	Patrick
3.10 - 3.30pm	Esther	Adelaide	Grace Charli
Week 9			
8.30 - 8.50am	Gemma	Bella	Tiarn Vasileia
3.10 - 3.30pm	Amelia	Joy	Rosie

OSHC Vacation Care Program

The Vacation Care program is now available on our website. Bookings can be emailed to steph.thomas139@schools.sa.edu.au or submitted directly to OSHC.

Spaces are limited and East Adelaide School OSHC follows the priority of access provided by the Australian Government Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations, which means that places in Vacation Care are filled in keeping with these guidelines. **Working parents will be considered as a priority.**

Carols in the Park

Next **Friday 9 December** is our end of year Carols Night and students have been busy practising for their performances. We hope you can join us for this relaxed family celebration in Barry Messner Park opposite the school on Second Avenue. You are welcome to bring and enjoy a family picnic at 5.45pm until the carols commence at 6.30pm. During the carols, all students are expected to stay with their class groups. Classes will be involved in singing some of their favourite songs and carols, and we appreciate your support and participation by singing along with them.

We expect a large attendance for this event, and so it is crucial that families ensure supervision occurs for younger children to allow everyone to enjoy the evening. If rain is forecast for the night, we will cancel the picnic and continue with the carols in the gym.

Canteen

Over the next couple of weeks, the Canteen will be reducing its stock as the end of the school year approaches. Can you please give an alternative item on your child's lunch order so that if the first choice is not available, then hopefully their second choice will be.

Please remember we are always needing more

Canteen volunteers. So if you are available to help in 2017 please contact either Julie or Lisa in the Canteen on 8362 5221. Any time you have to spare is really appreciated.

Excursions/Incursions

Friday 2, 9, 16 December

Dancify (Dance program) All Reception classes

Tuesday 6 December

Markets and Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens Rooms 22/23

Wednesday 7 December

Latitude Rooms 20 and 21

Gingerbread House Incursion Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8, 25 and 26

Thursday 8 December

Latitude Rooms 11, 12, 13

Tuesday 13 December

Adelaide Zoo Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4B, 4W

Thursday 15 December

Latitude Room 28

Lost Property

Please take the time to check for any items that your child is missing. For valuables such as watches, sunglasses, jewellery, please ask at the Front Office. Clothing and lunchboxes/bottles are kept in the Lost Property baskets located in the Dawson building, Heysen building, Gym, The Vines and OSHC. All items not claimed before the end of term will be disposed of during the holiday break. Also, could parents please check the labels on the inside of uniform items (e.g. jumpers/hats) to make sure that their child hasn't accidentally taken another child's clothing.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open prior to the commencement of school in 2017.

Monday 23 January 8.30am – 10.30am

Tuesday 24 January 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 25 January Closed

Thursday 26 January Public Holiday

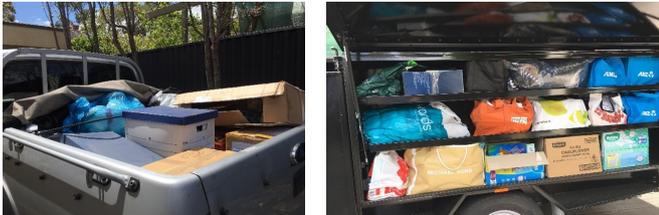
Friday 27 January 8.30am – 10.30am

Opening times in Term 1 2017 will be:
Monday to Thursday mornings from 8.30am – 9.15am.

Try and Buy sessions will be held on **TUESDAY afternoons** from 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

Toy Donations for Christmas

Thank you to everyone who donated books for Indigenous Literacy Day. Here are some of them ready to head up to Coober Pedy.



We will be collecting toys for Christmas. So please start cleaning out those cupboards. Collection tubs will be out from Monday 12 December until Friday 16 December. We helped to make Christmas a very happy one last year for some Aboriginal communities. Let's try and do this again. Thanks in advance for your support.

The Reconciliation Working Group

Independent Music Tutors News

Congratulations to all students who showcased their talents at the EAS Musical Evening on 2 November. It was wonderful to see students progress from the previous concert and to see new students perform in their very first concert. Thanks again to all parents and families for the much-needed help and encouragement at home with practice.

AMEB music exams also took place during November. Congratulations to Hannah, Yuhan and Ashraf on their excellent results!

Students wishing to start learning an instrument in Term 1 2017 are invited to enquire now, as vacancies are limited. The yellow information/enrolment brochures are available at the Front Office, or alternatively please contact:

Michael Beare (piano/keyboard/clarinet/saxophone)
0403 004 733 michaelbeare@adam.com.au

Jasper Cownie (guitar)
0401 245 917 jaspercownie@yahoo.com.au

Sandi McMenamin (piano/keyboard/vocals)
0403 373 260 sandi@sandimcmenamin.com

Wishing every one all the best for the rest of this term and happy Christmas holidays!

Chess News

Wednesday 7 December, week 8 is the last session of Chess for 2016.

Chinese FLMD News

The students and I have had a very enjoyable and successful year.

It has been great to see all students working hard to achieve their best and the highest standard for Chinese language skills.

We have celebrated various important activities and celebrations, such as Chinese New Year, the Dragon Boat and Moon Festivals, as well as other cultural days such as Mother's Day, Father's Day and Harmony Day.

For Term 4, we have been learning about "Healthy Body and Healthy Mind". It has been very pleasing to witness how knowledgeable our students are with Healthy eating habits and positive thinking/mind set.

I am looking forward to working with the children again in 2017!

Happy holidays.

FLMD Teacher
Chunghuei Johnson

Primary Maths Association (PMA) Mathematics Challenge

Apologies to John from the Room 20 group, who was missed from last fortnight's newsletter article on the Highly Commended PMA entry *Stronger, Faster and More Skilled*. Congratulations, John, on your contribution to your team's success.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC



DEC 19-21 @ ETKG TENNIS CLUB
AGES 4-12

<p style="margin: 0;">HALF DAY 9AM-12PM \$50 - 1 DAY \$95 - 2 DAYS \$125 - 3 DAYS</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">FULL DAY 9AM-3PM \$69 PER DAY</p>
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Register today at www.hptennis.com.au

For more information please contact
Domenic on 0412 752 116 or info@hptennis.com.au



After School Sport News

After School Sports in 2017

Next year we are looking to extend the After School Sports we offer, both for Skills Programmes (Reception to Year 2) and for Team Sports. We are also looking at running Skills Programmes across two terms instead of each individual term.

Pending sufficient registrations and available coaches, the Skills Programmes (Reception to Year 2) may include:

- Basketball Skills - Terms 2 and 3 **(NEW!!)**
- Cricket Skills - Terms 1 and 4 (Milo In2Cricket)
- Football Skills - Terms 2 and 3 (Auskick)
- Hockey Skills - Term 2 and 3 **(NEW!!)**
- Netball Skills - Terms 2 and 3
- Soccer Skills - Terms 2 and 3
- Multi-Sport Skills - Term 1 **(Kelly Sports- NEW!!)**

Pending sufficient registrations and available coaches, the Team Sports that may be included are:

- Basketball (Terms 2 and 3, 4 and 1)
- Cricket (Terms 1 and 4)
- Football (Terms 2 and 3)
- Hockey (Terms 2 and 3) **(NEW!)**
- Netball (Terms 2 and 3, 4 and 1)
- Soccer (Terms 2 and 3)
- Volleyball (Terms 1 and 2, 3 and 4) **(NEW!)**

We are looking for parents who are interested in coaching these teams in 2017. So please contact me over the next two weeks or at the start of the new school year.

Kelly Sports

We have engaged Kelly Sports to come into school in Term 1, 2017 and run multi-sport skills sessions for Receptions to Year 2's, on Friday afternoons after school. Sports offered in Term 1 will be Cricket, T-Ball, Athletics and Hockey. More information regarding this will be sent home with Reception to Year 2 students in the last week of this term.

After School Sports Committee

Thank you to the following parents who have been active members of the After School Sports Committee this year. **Paramjit Budwal, Alister Mibus, Nam Nguyen, Lynda Saunders and Scott Zarcinas**. Thank you also to staff members **Deputy Principal Kate Martin** and **PE Teacher Catherine Watkins** for your contribution to After School Sports and your continued support. We would love for more parents to join the After School Sports Committee in 2017. We meet twice a term for no more than an hour, so if you have a keen interest in After School Sports at East Adelaide School, please contact me.

After School Sports Winter Survey - Closing Monday 5 December

Thank you to all the parents who have participated in the After School Sports Winter Survey. The survey will close on **Monday 5 December**, so please head to the websites below and complete the 5 minute survey to help us improve After School Sports.

Team Sports (Basketball, Cheerleading, Football, Netball and Soccer in Terms 2 and 3)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BW2RLQ7>

Skills Programmes (Netball Skills Term 2 and 3, Soccer Skills Terms 2 and 3)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWLG9K>

Claire Merrett, After School Sports Coordinator

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Wednesday / Friday

MORIALTA PARTNERSHIP STEM Club

Parents and Caregivers Package

IMAGINE DESIGN BUILD PROGRAM EXPERIMENT INNOVATE CREATE

FOR

Year 5 -10's

WHEN

Term 1, Mondays 3:30 - 5.00pm

Even Weeks (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8) – Boys

Odd Weeks (Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9) – Girls

Maximum 4 girls and 4 boys per school – enrol through your school

WHERE

Norwood Morialta High School

Middle Campus, Moralta Road West (off St Bernards Rd), Rostrevor, SA, 5072

Please park on Morialta Road West

WHAT

Tinkercad, 3D Printing, Edison Robots & lots more fun!

COST

\$30.00 – to be paid to your school

TEACHER

Tegan van den Berg

Please note: There will be no male supervising teacher

Registration of interest forms will be sent home soon with all year 4, 5 and 6 students