



Learning for Life

East Adelaide School



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Term 4 Week 9

Friday 16 December 2016

From the Principal

This is our final newsletter for the 2016 school year. It has been an extremely rewarding year with many highlights including: the Quiz Night, the Choir performance at the Festival Theatre, our involvement in the Moon Lantern Festival, the continuing high achievement of EAS students, our 21st win of the State Orienteering championship, our successful young sportspeople and accomplished musicians are but just a few.

We have continued to work on our craft to be the best we can be and to improve student learning. We have furthered our journey in exploring quality learning through *Powerful Learning and Intellectual Challenge*. The school was externally reviewed and was highly commended for the outstanding outcomes which we deliver.

All these achievements and efforts would not have been possible if it wasn't for the dedication and commitment of the staff and the support and belief of our parent community.

I take this opportunity to thank parents and caregivers, the Governing Council, volunteers, students and staff for a successful 2016; and look forward to what 2017 brings us.

The results of the Materials and Services Fee Poll supported the decision to increase our school fees to \$380 per year, which will

now be legally recoverable if the need arises. Invoices will be sent home in term 1.

Letters advising class placements for Reception students in 2017 will be sent home in January.

\$415 was raised today from casual day. This money will go to our sponsored children overseas.

Exemptions

If you know your child will be absent at the beginning of Term 1 next year, you need to complete an exemption form. This form will ensure we continue to have your child enrolled at East Adelaide School. Please email dl.1036.info@schools.sa.edu.au if you need a form.

2016 Staff Farewells

We farewell and thank the following staff who have contributed to the learning programs across the school and at particular year levels:

Lucia Baldino
Lindy Kelvin
Sam Hutton
Adriana Mezic
Suzanne Conboy

Lucia has been a member of the staff for 16 years, taking on various roles including more recently the Senior Leader for Special Needs. She leaves behind a huge legacy, having developed processes that will continue to support us in creating an environment which supports students with special needs. Her passion for teaching and learning has been a key feature of her work in our school

On behalf of the staff, students and community, I wish Lucia all the very best at Stradbroke PS.

Lindy is taking on the role of Senior Leader at Thorndon Park, Sam and her family are moving to Queensland, Adriana Mezic has won a permanent teaching position at Craighburn Primary School and I am sure we will continue seeing Suzanne at the school.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas.

Vicki Stravinski

Dates to Remember

Term 1 commences

30 January 2017

Pupil Free Days – Australian Curriculum Planning

Thursday 23 February 2017

Friday 24 February 2017

2017 Term Dates

Term 1 30 January – 13 April

Term 2 1 May – 7 July

Term 3 24 July – 29 September

Term 4 16 October – 15 December

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Staff 2017

Principal		Vicki Stravinski
Deputy Principal		Kate Martin
Assistant Principal		Belinda Robertson
The Vines		
Room		
1	R	Nadia Plawecki /Hayley Combe
2	R	Vicki Angel / TBA
3	R	Jasmine Gerace
4 Blue	R	Andrea Vigare
4 White	R	Jo Cardone / Anita Matern
Heysen Building		
Room		
5	1	Julie Day
6	1	Lisa Groote / Pip Souter
7	1	Heather Douglas
8	1	Lee Hayes
9	4	Mark Vigare
10	4	Brad Hoare
Dawson Building (downstairs)		
Room		
11	3	Dagmar Bevan
12	2	Natalie Marino
13	2	Kylie Kelly
14	1/2	Adriana Sougleris
15	2	Georgina Sarantaugas
16	2	Peti Fournakis / Tonia D'Aloia
Dawson Building (upstairs)		
Room		
17	6/7	Androulla Vagnoni
18	6/7	Jonathan Borg
20	6	Adele Giannone
21	6	Ali Kimber / Jo Waugh
22	5	Yiota Seindanis
23	5	Wendy Jeffrey
Bannon Building		
Room		
24	4	Belinda Altschwager
28	4/5	Lindsey Gilmore
Room		
25	3	Tanya Kay
26	3	Tracey Merchant
Room		
27	6/7	Matt Jessett / Jo Waugh
Italian		Tonia D'Aloia / Grace Vottari / Adriana Moretta
Teacher Librarian		Andrea Tuck
P.E.		Catherine Watkins
Performing Arts		Larissa Maher
EALD		Vicki Ford / Deanne Stephanos
Mandarin (FLMD)		Chunghuei Johnson
Punjabi (FLMD)		Terms 3 & 4 Raj Bhatti
Greek (FLMD)		Patrina Andopoulos

Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

The uniform shop will be open prior to school commencing in 2017.

Monday 23 January 8.30am – 10.30am

Tuesday 24 January 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Friday 27 January 8.30am – 10.30am

Opening times in 2017 will be:

Monday to Thursday mornings from 8.30am – 9.15am.

The Try and Buy session will be held on TUESDAY afternoons from 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

We welcome donations of any good quality second hand uniforms.

2017 RAN Training

Anyone wishing to volunteer at the school must have a valid 'Child Related Employment Screening' clearance from DCSI **and** a current RAN (Responding to Abuse and Neglect) training certificate. DCSI clearance application forms are available from the Front Office.

RAN training will be held at East Adelaide School on the following dates in 2017.

Term 1 Wednesday 1 March 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Term 2 Tuesday 9 May 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Term 3 Tuesday 15 August 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Please contact the Front Office to book your attendance.

News from OSHC

Limited spaces are still available for Vacation Care; to book call 8362 6585 or email steph.thomas139@schools.sa.edu.au

Cancellation of Vacation Care Bookings will incur a \$10 non-refundable fee.

Please ensure 2016 accounts are finalised as soon as possible.

Please let OSHC know what bookings you require for 2017 if you haven't already done so.

OSHC wishes the year 7 graduates all the best for the future, and we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

Road Crossing Monitors 2017

Week 1			
8.30 - 8.50am	Duncan	Patrick	Andres
3.10 - 3.30pm	Amelia	Rosie	Laila

2017 School Fees

The Materials and Services Charges for 2017 have been set at \$380. The Excursion Levy for R - 2 is \$100 and Year 3 – Year 7 is \$120.

Fees payments, school card grant applications and/or payment by instalment arrangements must be completed by 28 February 2017.

Remember, it is essential that you apply for the school card grant each year. Application forms will be available on the community notice board located in the Front Office.

Payment Options for 2017

QKr!

Qkr! By MasterCard is a secure payment app for schools and can be downloaded for free from the App Store for iPhone, iPad or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

It is a convenient way to pay school fees, the excursion levy, OSHC fees and Canteen orders.

BPoint

Secure [Online](#) Payments with Credit Card

In Person

At the Uniform Shop, located in the Front Office, open for EFTPOS and cash payments Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 9:15am.

Direct Debit

Direct Debit Forms will be available from the community notice board located in the Front Office and must be returned to the Business Manager by 28 February 2017.

Congratulations Sturt

Congratulations to all students on the excellent efforts that they made throughout the year to earn points for their houses. Light and Flinders have been dominant for most of the year, but in a thrilling last minute surge, Sturt was declared as the winning house at this morning's assembly.

Final scores were:	Sturt	2371
	Light	2356
	Flinders	2331
	Stuart	2303

So, hearty congratulations to all members of Sturt on winning both Sports Day and the House Championship for 2016! Well done!!

News from Parents and Friends

The Parents and Friends Committee has had a busy and successful year and we would like to thank the East Adelaide Community for their continued support.

The mission of the Parents and Friends Committee is to create opportunities to socialise and build community within the school in conjunction with fundraising.

This year, we successfully raised \$30,751.50 through a variety of events. The calendar for 2016 included: New Parents' Coffee Morning, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Movie Events, The Quiz Night, Father's Day Breakfast, Grandparents' Day, Election BBQ, Kytos Easter Buns.

The funds raised this year have been allocated to the Avenue of Trees project, the next stage in the Master Plan to be undertaken. The Avenue will run along the easement in Yard A, providing much needed 'greening' in that part of the school. It is anticipated that this project will be financially viable during the 2017 school year.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in supporting the Parents and Friends Committee this year. It is vital that we have your support to continue our efforts in 2017.

We encourage you to sign up for the email distribution group to become part of the Parents and Friends team. Being a part of this communication channel will keep you informed of events and opportunities to contribute.

To *subscribe* to the Parents and Friends email distribution group, please send an email to

listserv@lists.schools.sa.edu.au

with a message body of

subscribe EAS-GC_ParentsFriends

There is no need to include a subject line or any other information in the email and please ensure your email signature is removed.

Please contact Linda in the school front office on 8362 1622 if you have any queries regarding the email list.

The first planning meeting for 2017 will take place on Saturday 21 January at 11.00am at The Republic Hotel. Hope to see you there!

News from Year 7 Graduation Class of 2016

Valedictory Speech by Madeleine C

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, students and teachers, parents and friends; I welcome you all on behalf of the Year 7s to East Adelaide's 2016 graduation and thank you for attending. I feel both honoured and privileged to be standing here at this podium tonight as this is something that is very important to me. I'd like to begin by telling you all a story to introduce my speech.

Approximately 130 years ago on the Eastern side of Adelaide, a school was built. A primary school, to be precise. Surrounded by suburbs and luscious green trees, it was within these perimeters that thousands of young children experienced their childhood education, and of course, befriended, explored, learned, discovered, had fun. Let's fast forward roughly 122 years to the latter part of 2008 when a young girl by the name of Madeleine Coates first set foot in this school, an environment completely foreign to her; unprecedented; exciting.

Unbeknownst to her, the seventy or so other five-year-olds who sat alongside her during her very first school assembly (exhibiting the 5 Ls, of course) would be the students seated either side of her on the night of graduation. Throughout those eight years, students came and went; though some may not have remained for the full eight year duration, their presence here was preserved and documented in memories, photographs and text. But the ones who remained, and who join this not-so-little but, rather, thirteen-year-old girl tonight, became more than simply students, names in school records, faces in school photos. These students were personalities; they were friends; artists; musicians; writers; speakers; performers; dancers; athletes; inventors; innovators; and, most importantly, creative minds. It's worth noting that this girl was an artist, quite simply. She loved to draw; to create art. What this school gave her was opportunity. And she seized every chance she got to get her art out into the world with a passionate determination; in fact, her very own design posed representation of the Year 7s of 2016, surrounded by the navy blue of the school uniform and the white lettering of the graduates' names. Her creative contributions were not alone, however. All of us are creative, and we have the ability to change the world in some way, shape or form. Without the influences of East Adelaide School, I, Madeleine Coates, and these Year 7 students, would not be the people we are now. It is thanks to the teachers and staff, who guided us during our first years of school, educated us enthusiastically on the works of the world as we know it and instilled within us our curiosity; it is thanks to the parents, who not only bestowed upon us their insurmountable support but acted also as our chauffeurs, transporting us to school, to our friends' houses, to our sports matches and to our other various extra-curricular activities; it is thanks to the students, who became our acquaintances, friends and companions, and gave us a sense of belonging in this small yet special establishment we know as East Adelaide School; and it is thanks to everyone else we met along the way.

Bidding farewell to East Adelaide School will no doubt be difficult; we are all mentally and emotionally preparing ourselves for the oceans of tears that will inevitably cascade from our eyes on that fateful last day that is now just two sleeps away. But we must continue our journeys onto High School, where we'll endure this all over again. If only we attended Hogwarts. Despite the intimidation the concept of High School may possess, we all will fit right in, and get so caught up in the happenings and occurrences of teenage life that little old primary school will be but a memory, floating aimlessly within the outermost corners of our minds, ready to be revisited during elusive moments of nostalgia. This generation of students will remain cemented within the walls of this school amidst our predecessors, our names will remain on the Year 7 jumpers, our signatures will remain within our yearbooks, our faces will remain in our school photos, our achievements will remain on certificates and trophies, and our personalities will be remembered by those whom we knew.

Transition from Primary School to High School is the commencing of a new era in our lives. We, as students, are often told that Primary School is 'preparation for High School,' which, essentially, it is. But is High School just preparation for University, which is preparation for the 'real world'? Again, their essential purposes do pertain to those examples, but why consider it that way? This *is* the real world; we have inhabited it since the moments we were born. The transition between schools is such a pivotal moment in childhood which I consider to be more akin to the endings and beginnings of chapters, perhaps in a book or a novel. We students are on the cusp of a new chapter, offering an abundance of experiences, friendships, and opportunities, and I encourage you all to embrace these during High School and the paths you will later take. But for now, it is time to say goodbye to the sports days, to the carols nights, to the discos, to the camps and excursions and to East Adelaide School. So I offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the Year 7 students, and I wish you all a most enjoyable evening. Thank you.



News from Year 7 Graduation Class of 2016

Valedictory Speech by Grace K

Parents, friends, family, teachers, distinguished guests, my name is Grace Kirsch. I can't tell you how honoured I am to speak on behalf of the East Adelaide 2016 graduates. It's hard to imagine on January 27th 2009, when the fairies were still real and Ben 10 was something some of us only dreamed of watching, that most of us walked, or most likely scooted, shyly across the yard, and took our seats for the very first time, feeling all at once all grownup, but then again oh-so tiny. There was lots of hand clutching, and tears (most probably from the grown-ups, *especially* my mum). On this day, we began our primary education.....and on Friday, we'll leave these familiar spaces that have been our second home for the past eight years.



Our five year-old minds could not possibly comprehend the enormity of what lay ahead. From learning to write, to read, to add, to subtract, to build arguments (and I'm sure we all have had a few of those!), to grasping respect and recognition towards indigenous people, to understanding the solemnity of war, and so, so much more. And what absolute privileges we've had! Camps that have stretched and pushed us, we've had fundraisers to aid communities worldwide, some of us have sung our hearts out centre stage at the Festival Theatre, we have all been involved and excited about our annual book weeks and sports day, and some of us have won, and some have lost our grand finals (better luck next time girls!) We've all had opportunities' to extend our learning into excursions to amazing places like Monarto Zoo....and getting lost, then found at orienteering.

Tonight, I look out to the audience, and I see people who have become something. I can see teachers, doctors, electricians, builders, journalists, and most importantly, I see people who are extremely lucky to be related to such clever children. Although there may be too many people to thank, I especially want to thank our families for guiding us on the right path, even if sometimes we had no idea where we were going. Thank you for helping us with seemingly never-ending homework, listening to our readers and getting as confused as we are with maths sheets but keeping cool about it...or at least pretending to be.

A group of people here tonight deserve special thankseven a round of applause. Our teachers and school leaders (Clap and pause for applause) Teaching must be the most challenging and rewarding job on earth....every breakthrough we've had ...every "aha" moment, every A and even the occasional B is due to the skills, dedication and creativity of the teachers at East Adelaide School. We talk a lot about the Keys to success here at East Adelaide and great teachers have unlocked so many worlds for us, for this we will be forever grateful. You have shaped and made us into the people we are...and perhaps most importantly given us a love of learning that will carry us into the great unknown ahead. In years to come we will reflect on our lessons, our group discussions, our assemblies our hard work and the cackles of laughter we've shared in these classrooms and pause to reflect how lucky we, the class of 2016, were.

Over our time at East Adelaide we all have developed friendships that we will always cherish. Our friends are what get us through the terms which seem so long and the holidays which seem so short....the good and the bad. They are there when you lost your first tooth. They are there when you need partners for that investigative project. They're there when you are in need of something from the canteen and you're 20 cents short. They're there when you need a shoulder to lift you up or even to cry on. I want to thank my friends who have walked with me on this fantastic journey. You may not even know it, but you've all shaped someone into who they are, and on their behalf, thank you, friends.

Lastly, I want to thank the year 7 cohort. Thank you for the memories, the learning breakthroughs, the laughs and for being a community in the best possible way. Before we all walk into those doors to whatever new school we've chosen, I ask, no, in fact, I challenge you all to use every opportunity you're offered in high school. Use those values that have been encouraged so much throughout our time here at East Adelaide. Use them to reach new heights, make that leap, challenge yourself. I know you all have the potential to be something special. I see among you future technicians, doctors, plumbers, dentists, journalists, mathematicians, scientists....maybe even a teacher. See what you have to offer the world and what the world has to offer you. So, 2016 graduates, I will leave you with a few inspiring words. I could talk about some of the great authors and philosophers we have studied, but instead, I'll leave you all with some quotes of some modern day geniuses. "Never Say Never" says Justin Bieber. "I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying" says Michael Jordan. "We don't want to tell our dreams, we want to show them" says Cristiano Ronaldo. And finally, "Live while we're young" says One direction. Follow your dreams year sevens. Thankyou.

After School Sport News

Cricket

Last Saturday all our East Adelaide Cricket teams finished up their Term 4 season. Congratulations to our 2 Kanga teams and 3 Junior teams who played some fantastic cricket over a short season. It was lovely to present all the teams with their trophies on behalf of the East Adelaide School, beside their picturesque ovals on a lovely day. A huge thank you to all our fantastic coaches, **Theo Papagiannis, Stuart Clark, John Riggall, Quenten Schwarz, Adam Sheridan and Amir Salim**. Thank you also to all the parents who managed the teams, scored for the teams and come out every week to support all the players. Registrations for Term 1 Cricket will be available when school returns in Week 1 next year.

Netball Skills

Last Saturday was also the last Netball Skills Session for Term 4. It was great to see the kids enjoying playing the game and learning some great skills. Thank you **Amber Sprague** for coaching, along with **Richard Foster, Belinda Coombs and Judith Hocking** for your support of the Netball Skills programme. Next year Netball Skills will be offered in Terms 2 and 3 only; registrations will be open in Term 1.

Kelly Sports

This week all Reception to year 2 students should have received a flyer regarding the Kelly Sports Program. This is an 8 week multi-sports skills programme being run for the first time at East Adelaide School in Term 1 next year. The programme is specifically for children in Reception to Year 2 and includes sports such as athletics, tee ball, cricket and hockey over the 8 weeks, giving the children a taste of each sport and its specific skills. It will be held on Fridays from 3:20-4:20pm commencing Friday 10 February, in the Gym or Barry Messner Park. Cost is \$90, registrations are online at: www.kellysports.com.au

Claire Merrett, After School Sports Coordinator
claire.merrett595@schools.sa.edu.au
 Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday

Independent Music Private Tutors

Students wishing to start learning an instrument in Term 1 2017 are invited to enquire now, as vacancies are limited.

The yellow IMT information/enrolment brochures are available from the Front Office, or alternatively please contact:

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

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



Happy Christmas holidays to everyone!



GIRLS FOOTY U8 & U10's

SEASON 2017

As you know, Girls Footy is growing rapidly with the creation of an AFL competition and the Adelaide Crows creating a side.

We are now creating the pathway so you can play footy next year in 2017. Please contact your local club for more details.

Start your AFL pathway today.

About Walkerville Junior FC

Walkerville Junior Football Club was established in 1961 and is affiliated with SANFL Juniors from season 2017. Our successful and well-run Club has more than 400 junior members, and will enter teams in the U8 & U10 Girls Footy competition in 2017. **REGISTER NOW!**

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WALKERVILLE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Rediscover the
Christmas story...



The Jones Commentary
 30 voice gospel choir
Children's Nativity

Sunday 18th December 7:30pm
 Dunstone Grove, Stepney
 (opposite The Avenues Shopping Centre)

Free sausage sizzle

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