



East Adelaide School

Learning for Life



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Term 4 Week 7

Friday 29 November 2019

From the Principal

A Special Visitor to EAS Wednesday 27 November

We were honoured to have been chosen as the only school in South Australia to host His Excellency, The Governor General, David Hurley and Her Excellency, Mrs Linda Hurley on Wednesday morning. The visit commenced with spectacular performances by our Strings Ensemble and Choir. We then made our way to hear from students at Years 7, 3 and 2 about their focused work on Sustainability, through the implementation of STEM. Our students did us proud.



Written Reports Term 4 2019

Parental concern about the way we will report progress for term 4 2019 has been brought to my attention, therefore I hope to provide some clarification.

The EAS AEU Branch have determined to undertake a change in the reporting procedures for term 4 2019, so that reports will include an A-E grade, but no written comments. After consulting with staff, I have determined that to provide consistency in reporting across the school, all staff will undertake the change in reporting procedures for term 4 2019.

However, I wish to reassure parents that staff, as always, are continuing to engage with families in support of information regarding student progress via the avenues outlined below:

- face to face meetings regarding progress
- One Plan meetings regarding the progress of students with disabilities
- Individual Learning Plan meetings regarding progress of students with specific learning needs
- meeting with families through a parent request regarding progress

- teacher generated meetings due to concerns regarding progress
- teachers are using SeeSaw and other electronic platforms to post learning progress
- emails to provide additional information
- phone calls to families
- providing specific progress feedback to service providers as per parent requests.

Staff will also be sharing a general comment via various mediums to students and parents by the end of week 9.

Class Placement for 2020

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, in week 9.

Our aim is to have at least one friend move to the next class with each student. Sometimes students find themselves not in the same class as their best friend.

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 several 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.

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His Excellency The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia's visit to EAS



Library News

Borrowing from the library has ceased for 2019. All students are asked to return their library books. There will be no borrowing over the school holidays. After stocktake we will be ready again for a busy 2020 in the library.

The following link is to a competition for students who love to review new books before they hit the shelves in the shops or libraries.

<https://www.kidsreadingguide.com.au/competition>

Happy Christmas from the library staff 🎄🎄

A Disney Christmas - End of Year Concert

Next Thursday 5 December is our end of year celebration being held in the gym. Students have been busy practising for their performances.

Safety and Supervision Procedures End of Year A Disney Christmas Concert

First session - R-2 performances

4.30pm - 4.50pm - Parent/caregivers sign in R-2 students with their classroom teacher in their classroom. R-2 students remain with their teacher until end of R-2 concert.

Upon completion of the R-2 concert, about 5.50pm - 6.10pm – parents of R-2 students sign out their child from the classroom. If students are staying for the second session of the concert to see the performances, students need to sit with their family in the audience.

Children booked into OSHC

OSHC Educators will escort children to classrooms and collect them to return to OSHC on the night.

Second session - Year 3-7 performances

5.50pm - 6.10pm - Parent/caregivers sign in year 3-7 students with their classroom teacher in their classroom. Year 3-7 students remain with their teacher until end of 3-7 concert.

Upon completion of year 3-7 concert, about 7pm - 7.15pm - parents of Year 3-7 students collect and sign out their child from the classroom. If students are present for the first session to see the performances, students need to sit with their family in the audience and not be in the yard or classroom.

No children are to be taken from classrooms during their sessions and teachers will supervise students accordingly. This is to ensure duty of care and make sure all performers are ready for their item. All students will have the opportunity to see a full rehearsal of every class during the day.

Parents are responsible for their own child out of the

above teacher supervised hours.

We thank everyone for their support for the evening and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Kind regards,
Concert Committee

Music News

This term has been a busy one for music students, with many working hard to complete the 40 Piece Challenge and some doing AMEB exams as well. Congratulations to all students for their achievements!

New enrolments for 2020: students wishing to start piano, keyboard, clarinet or saxophone/sax lessons with Michael Beare in Term 1 next year are invited to enquire / enrol now to secure a place. The yellow IMT information / enrolment brochures are available at the front office, or alternatively please contact Michael Beare Phone: 0403 004 733 Email: michaelbeare@adam.com.au for more information.

Canteen News (Kids' Pantry)

The Borg Burger will be available from Tuesday 3 December until Thursday 5 December. The Borg Burger contains a chicken burger with lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise. Costing \$5.00 each, available while stocks last.

As the end of the school year approaches, the Kids' Pantry will be reducing its stock. Please provide an alternative item on your child's lunch bag so if the first choice is not available, then Canteen staff will provide an alternative. Orders made via Qkr!, that cannot be supplied, Canteen staff will speak to the student if time permits, otherwise a close alternative will be provided.

We always welcome new Canteen volunteers. If you are available to help in 2020, please contact Lisa or Diane in the Kids' Pantry on 8362 5221.

Pupil Free Day 25 November

Monday we worked through our site internal review processes, finalising our analysis of the achievement data analysed in terms 3 and 4, to inform the actions of the Site Improvement Plan and bringing the goals, challenges of practice and actions to life in each classroom through team action planning. The NaPlaN, PAT Maths, PAT Reading and other data sets are triangulated to inform improvement goals. Our improvement goals continue to be in Writing and Numeracy, over the next 2 years. Deep Thinking for Deep Learning through STEM will continue as a school strategic priority and Reading Comprehension will be linked to the Writing and highlighted as a priority. The Draft Site Improvement Plan will be shared with Governing Council in week 8 and made public via our website soon after final systemic feedback.

Exemptions

If your child will be absent for longer than three days at the beginning of term 1 next year, you will need to complete an exemption form. Submitting this form ensures we continue to have your child enrolled at East Adelaide School. Please see Front Office staff to obtain the form.

Lost Property

Please take the time to check for any items that your child is missing. For valuables such as watches, sunglasses or jewellery, please ask at the front office. Clothing, food containers and water bottles are kept in the lost property tubs 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. Parents are asked to check the labels on the inside of uniform items (eg jumpers/hats) to make sure that their child hasn't accidentally taken another child's clothing.

After School Chess

The last chess class for 2019 at East Adelaide Primary School will be 4 December 2019 (Week 8).



OSHC News

Vacation Care

The December and January Vacation Care program has been sent to families. Bookings commence on Monday 2 December from 7.15am. The program and booking form can be found on the school website.

Sign In/Sign Out

Please note that children are not to be encouraged to sign themselves out of Outside School Hours Care using a parents login details. Please do not share your login details with your children. The Sign In/Sign Out process is a legal requirement through Centrelink and must be done by an approved adult assigned to collect a child or an OSHC educator only.

2020 Booking Form

With this year fast coming to an end, the service is in the process of looking at our numbers and bookings for 2020. To assist with this planning, a 2020 booking form is now available. Similar to previous years, please note that OSHC bookings will not carry over to the new school year and a new booking form will need to be completed. If you require casual bookings, please record this on the form so we are aware. Forms are required before the end of this term – if you are unsure about work for next year this is fine, just let us know. We also require notification of any new siblings who will be beginning at East Adelaide in 2020. If your child will not be requiring OSHC in 2020 please advise.

Fee Increase 2020

Last term, the East Adelaide Governing Council approved a fee increase. Fees are reviewed regularly at the service and are increased from time to time to fund the OSHC program. Commencing January 2020, After School Care fees will increase from the current \$16 to \$18 per session. Commencing December Vacation Care, the Incursion and Excursion fees will be increased by \$5 – ie an Incursion will be \$60 and an Excursion will now be \$65.

End of Year Party

We invite all our OSHC families to join us for an end of year celebration on December 3 in Yard B from 3.30pm. Activities will include a sausage sizzle, face painting, slushie machine, BBQ and a visit by Santa!

Benjamin Goudie

Director

East Adelaide Out of Hours School Care

Front Office Hours – School Holidays

The Front Office will be closed from Monday 16 December 2019 and will reopen on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 8.15am.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the students who completed their Premiers Reading Challenge for 2019, especially the new receptions and also the year ones who took home a bronze medal. A special mention to Clayton Ho, the Hall of Fame Reader for Life recipient. Well done all!



Farewell Robyn Molyneux in her Retirement

(Hackney Kindergarten Director since 2007)

The Hackney Kindergarten Staff would like to invite past children and families to come and wish Robyn all the best in her retirement at the end of 2019.

When: **13 December 2.30pm to 4.30pm**
For a casual drop in.

Where: **Hackney Kindergarten**

We know Robyn would love to catch up with you!

Year 5 Excursion to Kick N Box

On Monday the 18 November we went to an excursion at Kick N Box in Stepney. Our coach, Simon ran us through many things, some of which include: tug of war, circuit work (ball slams, box jumps and push ups) and punching bags. We also went to Linde Reserve where we saw a rabbit and enjoyed the sunshine eating our lunch.



Year 5 Frank's Labs on Legs Incursion

On Friday the 22 November we were visited by Frank who shared his amazing science experiments with us.



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A year in the life of the Pastoral Care Worker at EAS

This year I have been building community by being in the yard during recess and lunch, having coffees with mums, going on excursions and school events and connecting with the local churches. Building friendship skills through craft groups at lunch, small group work, Halloween makeup, visits to classrooms and basketball. Building confidence through girls camp out, being available to listen, targeted intervention, netball coaching and supporting students to share their passion. Building support through gratitude gifts, more coffees and conversations, home visits, hampers, liaising with Well-being team and leading grief groups. I love my work, it's challenging, exciting, exhausting at times but so rewarding. No two days are the same, no two conversations are the same however the care and concern remains constant. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the EAS community.

