



Learning for Life

East Adelaide School



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Term 2 Week 1

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From our Principal

News from OSHC

Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful break albeit a very different one. We have had a strong start to term 2 with attendance fluctuating daily between 578 to 595. We are hoping that the majority of students return next week if not by the beginning of week 3.

It has been wonderful to have the school abuzz with the chatter and laughter of children. This is something we greatly missed at the end of term 1 along with seeing our wonderful volunteers in classrooms, Resource Centre and Canteen.

I know how much the students have missed after school sports, training and games. We have all missed our team managers and coaches too. We are so looking forward to the restrictions being lifted to see you all again.

We welcome the new students and their families to our school community.



It was so uplifting to spend some time with the school choir on Wednesday. I was moved by the joy the students were emanating and brought to tears hearing those angelic voices, and felt so proud of their motivation to learn the words of

songs whilst in isolation at home. I also loved the way Natalie had included the students who were still learning from home through Teams/WebEx.

Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

The National theme for Reconciliation Week this year is ***In This Together***. We are needing to rethink how we will value and recognise this important event in our calendar.



National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

I am sure you are aware of the cancellation of NAPLAN for 2020. After the disruptions to learning late term 1 this provides us with the time to concentrate on going deeper with the learning at each year level ensuring that students acquire mastery of skills, concepts and knowledge across the curriculum.

Physical Distancing Between Adults

Please support us to practice the Government's physical distancing restrictions for adults by leaving the school grounds promptly after the 3.10pm siren. This means children not playing on the equipment and parents catching up via other means until restrictions are lifted by the Government.

Vicki Stravinski

During Vacation Care, our service was lucky enough to have a new interactive TV installed in the building. Across the holidays and moving into the new school term we have been making the most of this new equipment with our OSHC children as they return to the service for term.



One of our popular activities has been 'Just Dance' on screen, which allows children to follow along to dance moves to various songs – a great way to warm up during this cold weather!

Other activities we are planning to introduce include running live streams of animal exhibits for children to view whilst Zoos are closed and running a 360 degree tour of the Hubble telescope over the next few weeks as the wintery weather approaches.

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Library News

If you are learning at home and would like to arrange to pick up or have a delivery (within our zone) of library books from school, please phone Wendy or Sharolyn on 83621622. Students can search the online EAS library catalogue to select books by visiting the following link -

<http://bookmark.central.sa.edu.au/EAS.htm>



We have new magazine subscriptions in the library: "Historicool" for History, "Double Helix" for Science and "National Geographic for Kids" for Geography. Read while you are in the library or borrow for 3 days.



Book Week has been postponed to October 17 - 23, week 2 of term 4.



After School Sports

With the onset of the COVID-19 virus disrupting our lives and sporting activities, I have been busy in the background preparing for the day we get the go ahead to resume our sporting programs.

I have been formulating teams, getting kit bags ready, stocktaking and cleaning the equipment so we can start as soon as able. At this stage the Federal Government has suggested they will make an announcement regarding sports on May 11.

The AFL has chosen May 31 as their date to resume, however this will rely on advice from the Chief Medical Officer. All other peak sporting bodies have followed this lead and are waiting on the same advice. I have spoken to the associations we participate in and most are suggesting a start date later this term or the beginning of term 3 with a shortened season and most likely without finals.

Thank you to all who have already registered your children for the winter season, either in the teams competition or the skills programs. We will be registering teams in Netball, Basketball, Soccer, AFL and Volleyball. Our skills programs for Reception to Year 2 students will include Soccer and Netball and revolve around learning the fundamental skills associated with the games. Once I have more information regarding starting times for competitions, I will be in touch.

I hope everybody is staying fit and healthy. I look forward to seeing children on courts and ovals in the not too distant future.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in sport,

Craig Ward
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Parents and Friends Mother's Day Stall

The Parents & Friends Committee will be holding its annual Mother's Day Stall next week.

The stall will be open on Wednesday 6 May from 9am - 10.15am and on Thursday 7 May from 9am - 10.15am.

There will be a wonderful range of items available to purchase for this special occasion. All items cost \$5.00 each.

Each class will be allocated a time to purchase from the stall, with the assistance of their teachers. Please check with your child's teacher for their classroom's day and time.

We thank you for your support.

Parents and Friends Committee
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Uniform Shop Update

The uniform shop at East Adelaide School will remain closed temporarily. The safety of our staff and the school community remains our top priority in these unprecedented times.

Our online shop is available 24/7 for all your uniform requirements, orders can be made by visiting <https://umspl.com.au/pages/east-adelaide-school>

Our Clearview store can be visited **by appointment only**; please call 0431 771 156 to make an appointment.

We thank you for your understanding and patience in these uncertain times.

Stay safe.

Uniform Management Services (UMS)

Pastoral Care News

Welcome back! Never have I seen such happy faces on the first day of term. It felt like a huge party where everyone was invited. It was such a lovely surprise to see the coloured balloons hanging from the school fences.

Many students said that they had missed playing with their friends and were glad to be "released" from isolation. Some students and staff were very grateful for the enforced time at home and were even rethinking future school breaks; it was such a contrast to past holidays of running around getting exhausted and starting school tired - in need of a holiday to recover. One student said that their father couldn't go to cricket on Saturdays so they had played board games and gone on family outings while another was walking regularly with her mum and loving it. Some parents were very excited by the possibility of getting some work done now that school was back.



Whatever your experience of the challenges and blessings of these past holidays, most of the students have returned enthusiastically to the routines and social connections. Congratulations for getting through and for being proactive in making SA such a safe state. I wonder how this year will impact the future. What will our children tell the next generation? Will teaching look the same? And the question on everyone's mind "When will sport start again?" Have a wonderful week.

Kate Argue, Pastoral Care Worker

