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Values
Responsibility
Care &
Compassion
Integrity
Respect
Cooperation
Participation

2016 Term Dates
Term 1 1/2 - 15/4/16
Term 2 2/5 - 8/7/16
Term 3: 25/7 - 30/9/16
Term 4: 17/10 -16/12/16

Campus Chatter

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From the Leaders
Learner Wellbeing
As an R-12 Leadership Team we have been reviewing all our behaviour documentation to truly represent Eastern Fleurieu School as “one” school with consistent documentation, expectations and consistency across all of our campuses. It is so important to continually reflect and revise our processes to make sure we are supporting our students in every possible way.

Through this process we have also developed a range of parent flyers that we can include in our enrolment packs and make available for parents if you would like further information regarding Behaviour Management, Restorative Practices and Bullying No Way! The printing presses are creating some copies that will be available from the front office if you are interested. Leaders will also share with our CAC at our next meeting.

Restorative Approaches to dealing with inappropriate behaviour.
Schools around the world use restorative approaches when dealing with inappropriate behaviour. We have been reviewing our behaviour management policy and reaffirming the role of restoration of harm between students in the playground and classrooms.

The restorative approach is based on the belief that the people best placed to resolve a conflict or a problem are people directly involved, and that imposed solutions are less effective, less educative and possibly less likely to be honoured.

A restorative approach recognises the child’s wish to feel safe, to belong, to be respected and to have positive relationships with others. It is designed to get children to take responsibility for their wrong doing and to work on repairing the resulting harm, including the harm to relationships. Restorative approaches involve direct participation by both victims and offenders. Victims have an opportunity to have a say in how the situation affected them and how it will be resolved, and offenders get a full understanding of the consequences of their actions. Restorative Justice is not just another behaviour management tool, but a foundation for a learning community based on relationships.

EASTERN FLEURIEU SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6:30pm, Monday, 21st March 2016
Resource Centre - Strathalbyn 7-12 Campus, 11 Callington Road
All parents and carers welcome
**House Points Slips**

This year we have introduced House Point Slips to encourage and reward students for showing positive behaviours at school. Points can be earned within and outside the classroom and the top of the slip is collected to go towards our Sports Day house totals. This enables all students to be recognized for a range of academic, social and sporting efforts. So if you see the following slip stuck in your child’s diary, congratulate them for their outstanding behaviour.

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**One House Point**

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| Care for Others | ☐ |
| Respectful Behaviour | ☐ |
| School Service | ☐ |
| Assistance without prompting | ☐ |
| Consistent Work Ethic | ☐ |
| Positive Change in Attitude | ☐ |
| Cooperation & Collaboration | ☐ |
| Participation | ☐ |
| Other           | ☐ |

**Staff Member**

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**Carer’s Night and Swimming**

It was wonderful to see so many parents along to support our swimming program and recent Carer’s Night. Carer’s Night gives parents the opportunity to meet teachers and hear about all the exciting happenings planned for the year. Our swimming is just about completed, with our final session for classes involved next Monday. Obviously, all our swimming has paid off with our fantastic news on the back page.

**Focus Slips (White Sit Out Slips)**

You may see, hopefully not to often, that we are now stapling the White Copy of the SIT OUT slip in each child’s diary if they attend Focus. Annette Foster, our School Counsellor collates the green copies of these slips and will follow up with parents any child attending numerous times. If you see a slip in the diary and have any concerns, please contact one of the Leaders, Vikki, Jo or Annette.

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**School Photo Day is:**

**Wednesday 23rd March**

*Family photograph time is 1-1.30pm*

We encourage all students to wear their school uniform on the day. Please ensure that students are also wearing correct footwear i.e. sandshoes or black shoes, NOT bright coloured lace ups or slip on shoes.

The personalised envelopes for each student will be distributed soon. Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on the day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request and need to be ordered before or on photography day. Please make your children aware they are having a family photo.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, credit card and money orders accepted.

Why not give ONLINE ORDERING a go!! It’s quick and easy.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP Photography

e msp@nuimage.com.au
p 08 83913951 f 08 3982598
www.msp.com.au

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Every Tuesday Morning**
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHTS

It was pleasing to see so many parents and carers at last week’s Acquaintance Nights which were held at all five campuses. It remains important that we provide such opportunities for our teachers and leaders to interact and share information with those who have the primary care for our students. Beyond such formal events, I encourage parents and carers to keep in touch with our teachers throughout the year. Building and reinforcing the partnership between school and home is a great way for us the adults to demonstrate to the children who attend EFS, that we share common hopes and aspirations for their success at school. Across our school, there will be quite a few opportunities for parents to participate in a number of special events, assemblies and regular programs throughout 2016. We hope that you will be able to attend at least some of these activities, as your participation enriches the experience for all involved.

WRITING / VOCABULARY

A key priority for all year levels at EFS in 2016 is our focus on improving writing, with a particular emphasis on our children expanding their understanding and use of richer vocabulary. On my regular visits to classrooms at each campus, I have been and will be spending much of my time in discussing this topic with the students. Our ongoing work with John Fleming has given us some effective strategies that can assist both teachers and students in this important aspect of their writing. You may notice that your children are spending more time on a set of new “challenge” words each week. For example in our primary classes they may concentrate on six to ten words each week. The teachers work with the students to better understand how to spell the word, be clear about its meaning and how to use the words as they construct more interesting and descriptive sentences. One Year 6 class that I visited today are currently working on the following words: disastrous, meticulous, frantic, vast, peculiar, picturesque, anonymous, obnoxious, smug and timid. Parents may wish to take the opportunity to ask their students about the words they are working on in a given week and encourage them to practise using these words appropriately in sentences.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONCERNS

As our numbers have continued to significantly grow over the last few years, we have been experiencing some major concerns with traffic safety and parking at the two Strathalbyn campuses in particular. This situation has been exacerbated by the new housing development in Callington Road, where the associated road works have diminished the number of parking spaces available for staff, students and visitors. We are currently exploring solutions with both the Education Department and Alexandrina Council, with a view to creating more car parking spaces on our sites. We greatly appreciate the care, attention and patience shown by the great majority of our parents when dropping off and picking up their children, or when they visit the school to visit the uniform shop or for any other reason.

Trevor Fletcher - Principal

Parent Club

Fundraising for Term 1

This term we have a Bulb Fundraiser. Order forms were sent home earlier this week. Please return orders to the Finance Office by March 1st.

Later this term we will be sending home order forms for a delicious Kyton’s Bakery fundraiser for hot cross buns.

Next Meeting

Date: Monday, 7th March 2016
Time: 7pm
Venue: Café Ruffino

All welcome!

Parent Club Members Wanted!

If you’re interested in joining the Parent Club please fill in the form below and return to the Front Office. One of our members will contact you to find out when suits you to help out and how you would like to be a part of the Parent Club. It doesn’t take up much time and it’s a great way to make new friends.

Any support would be greatly appreciated.

I’d like to join Parent Club

Name ____________________________

Phone Number_____________________

Parent Club Members Wanted!
**Finance $$$$$$$**

- Thank you to families who have paid their school fees or applied for a school card.
- School Card applications need to be completed each year. Please bring your Health Care Card when submitting applications.
- School hats available at Finance office $12.
- Choir contracts can be returned to the Finance Office along with $25 asap.
- Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or by credit card online.
- Finance Office open 8.30am - 4.00pm daily.

**HELEN WAKEFIELD**
Finance Officer

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**HATS ARE NOW $12.00 AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE**

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**Cuppatime**

All parents and Carers welcome to

Every Monday from 8.45 - 10am in the Activity Room.

Come and join other parents and carers for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat! A safe place for pre-schoolers to play while you relax.

Free Parenting SA information brochures available.
A Kidsmatter initiative!

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**Buz BUZ BUZ**

**Buz Awards**

Some more great BUZ (Building Up Zone) activity! Thank you and well done to Jessamie West, Ebby Myer, Adam Ketchell, Eliza Duval and Ella Johnson for their thoughtfulness.

**Breakfast Club**

I’m still looking for a couple of helpers for Breakfast Club. If anyone could spare some time Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings, weekly or fortnightly 8.00am - 9.00am to cook toast, serve drinks etc please give me a call or fill in the slip below.

**Pancake Day**

Officially Pancake Day has been and gone (Shrove Tuesday, February 9th) but not at our campus!

When all the swimming lessons for classes are finished we will have our own Pancake Day.

Pancakes will be on sale for all students for $1.00 during recess time. Mrs Gunn and Ms Craven’s class will be organising this fundraising event together with volunteer cooks from one of our local churches. Stay tuned for more information.

**Thought of the week:**

"Worry is like rocking in a rocking chair it gives you something to do but it doesn’t get you anywhere!"

Have a great week.

**Kaye Gale** (Pastoral Care Worker - 0408362512)

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**Finance Office**

- Breakfast Club
- I am able to help with Breakfast Club
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Counsellor’s Corner
Hello everyone,

Our R-6 campuses will be completing Component 3 of KidsMatter training this term, focusing on working with parents and carers.

Next term we start the fourth and final component—helping children with mental health difficulties. Look out for future news of ways parents can be involved in our KidsMatter activities.

Is your child taking up the Challenge in 2016?

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, gets them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or the school contact person before: Friday 9th September.

The Challenge is to read 12 books in total.

Reception to Year 7: 8 of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website and 4 of their own choice and these can include class novels and research texts.

Student reading records are available from your child’s teacher.

CANCEEN NEWS

Litter Free Lunches
Our Litter Free Lunch Day will be held on Wednesday 9th March (Week 6) and order forms will be sent home in week 5. We, not only in the canteen, but as a campus encourage your child/children to use less or no packaging. Our lunches will not have any packaging but instead will be placed on a plate/bowl which is then returned to the canteen once your child has eaten their lunch.

As this will be the only Litter Free Lunch Day for this term, there will be four yummy options to choose from. No other lunch options will be available on this day.

Please return order forms with money to the canteen prior to Wednesday 9th March if possible.

If you would like to help out on the day, please come and see me at the canteen.

Suggestion Box
If you have any ideas on what you would like to see sold at the canteen (please be aware that it will have to fall into the Rite Bite Healthy Guidelines), I will have a suggestion box at the canteen for you to leave your ideas in.

Thank you for your continued support of the canteen.

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WANTED
Second hand uniforms
If you have any items you would like to sell or donate to the school, they would be greatly appreciated.
Shirts, shorts, skirts, dresses, jumpers etc. Please drop any uniform items off to the Front Office.

Thank You.

Uniform Shop
Located on our 7-12 Campus at 11 Callington Road, Strathalbyn

Tuesdays 8.30—10.40am
Thursdays 3.45 - 5.45pm

Outside these hours, uniform enquiries can be directed to Ms Julie Martin at Bubbells Embroidery
Ph 85362648/0417771944
Email: bubbells@adam.com.au

Save Our Slide Walkathon Coming Soon!
Calling all Dads & Kids!

Join us for Dads and Kids Dinners – a free fun-filled evening of activities and a delicious homemade dinner. Get out of the house, have some fun with the kids and meet other families! Activities suitable for children aged 0-9 years.

WHEN: Monday 14th March, 6-8pm (Week 7)
WHERE: Strathalbyn Kindergarten
9 Coronation Rd, Strathalbyn

For enquiries and to RSVP call David Hammond on 8555 2509. **Bookings appreciated.**

Dads and Kids Dinners is a collaboration between Children’s Centres of South Australia, Strathalbyn Kindergarten and OPAL Alexandrina.
Staff in the spotlight

Ally Mead
I am a new Reception teacher in Room 20 with Jess Davis. I studied at Uni SA, undertaking a Bachelor of Teaching in Junior Primary. Later in 2010 I decided to upgrade my qualification and went back to Uni SA to complete a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education.

My first teaching appointment was in 1995 at Meningie Area School, I was 19. DECD told me I was the youngest in the state to be a teacher! I spent my first four years as a Junior Primary Teacher at Meningie Area School. In my fifth year I travelled to British Columbia in Canada. I had a wonderful experience as a Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher at Silver Creek Elementary School. Upon my return I completed several years at Meningie Area School teaching Reception to Year 4. In the last few years I was also in the position of Junior School Coordinator. In 2007 I won the Director’s position at Coomandook & Districts Kindergarten. I was there for four and a half years until I won a position as Director of Meningie Kindergarten for the past four years. Of course now I am very pleased to be teaching at Eastern Fleurieu R-6 School in a Reception Class.

I am passionate about the education and success of children and young people. I love to see children grow and develop especially when they are able to experience those ‘a-ha’ moments in their learning. I enjoy helping children to broaden and develop their vocabulary! I am passionate about making a difference to the lives of all children.

I am interested in connecting with my family and friends. This includes getting together for picnic, beach holidays and camping at the Coorong. I love to cook, listen to music and I am involved in a Book Club and travel.

I like to go out for coffee dates with my friends!

We currently have 3 main pets. We have a Black Kelpie called Homer, a rabbit called Peter Rabbit and about half a dozen chickens. We also have a few fish.

My family consists of 5. My husband Brian and I have been married for 13 years. Together we have three girls. Annabelle is 11, Primrose is 8 and Clementine is 3. The two older girls go to EFS and Clementine is at Kindy. I have an older sister called Heidi.

I was born in Perth and spent much of my childhood in Melbourne before moving to Adelaide when I was 11. I then went to school and university in Adelaide before moving to Meningie.

I am now living in Strathalbyn after a decision to be closer to my family in Adelaide.

Megan Russo
"My name is Megan Russo and I am teaching year four students in Room 10 with Belinda Parry this year. I am originally from Strathalbyn and even did my schooling here (funnily enough, I am teaching in my old classroom!). I currently live in Adelaide with my partner and our Fighting Fish but I still spend a lot of time here with my two sisters, one brother, parents, pug and Siamese cat. I have a Bachelors degree in Visual Arts from the University of South Australia and a Masters of Teaching (R-7) from Flinders University. I love combining my passion for art with my passion for teaching which makes for a creative and imaginative classroom!"

Cathy Hunt
Cathy Hunt has joined the Strathalbyn Campus this year as a Year 4 teacher in Room 9.

Cathy has been the Head of Campus and Year 3-6 teacher at Ashbourne for the past 5 years. She has also taught at Milang Campus, Long Street Primary and Willunga Primary.

Cathy has lived in Darwin, Whyalla and Blewitt Springs and she has enjoyed returning to the Strathalbyn Campus where she attended as a student many years ago!

Cathy enjoys spending time with family and friends, walking her Staffy and teaching her 4 year old grandson the wonderful world of numeracy!

Natalie Baker
I currently teach across all EFS campuses and at Tailem Bend Primary school. I love teaching choir, recorder, classroom music and ukulele. I am currently into playing piano, ukulele and am a trained singer. One of my favourite moments is when a class of students play a piece of music and really love it. I teach using puppets, games, percussion, body percussion, singing, chanting and classroom instruments.

I’ve been living in the Adelaide Hills for 15 years and love it. Before that I lived in London for 6 years. I have two teenage boys and am a very proud mum.

I really look forward to teaching your child/ren this year and hope they enjoy it as much as I do.
Eastern Fleurieu School wins SAPSASA Swimming Carnival for the third time in a row! What a team! Congratulations to all participants.