GREAT THINGS HAPPENING ACROSS EFS CAMPUSES

During the last few weeks I have been very pleased to observe a range of programs operating which have involved students from all EFS campuses participating in various practical activities. The small campus Science Fair saw all students from Langhorne Creek, Milang and Ashbourne learning and enjoying experiences which also involved staff and students from our two Strathalbyn campuses. This was followed by another Science Fair at Strathalbyn R-6 which was supported by a number of judges, including five from the Science faculty at the 7-12 campus. On Saturday 20th August our school hosted our fourth EFS Gymkhana which featured over 100 riders from 37 public and private schools. It was a tremendous day with 16 EFS students competing and many more supporting in various ways. Our team won the shield for the third time. Mr. Kernot and Ms. Clark had a number of parents and students helping out with the catering. The whole event was organised by our talented Equine Studies students, which they did as a part of their course. The students were ably assisted by three of our EFS staff members, namely Carla Cerchi, Cathy Knight and Andrea Goddard. Last week, quite a few students from all of our four R-6 campuses attended the 7-12 campus and took part in the trials for our Athletic team which will compete in Adelaide later this term. It was great to see our 7-12 teachers and students working well with the younger children.

ENROLMENT UPDATE

Our leaders, including yours truly have been conducting quite a few enrolment tours for prospective new families this term. As many people are aware our enrolment has grown by over 400 students during the last four years, with new students starting their EFS journey pretty much every week. About half of the tours we conduct are with families looking for their children to start at EFS at the beginning of next year. It is also worth sharing that there are still plenty of places available at Langhorne Creek, Milang and Ashbourne for primary age enrolments.

LOOKING GREAT

As I move around the school, I have never seen our students looking better. On behalf of staff and Governing Council, I would like to sincerely thank parents and students for their great support of our EFS Uniform policy. There has been a very positive response to the recently introduced uniform items such as the smart track pants and warm winter jacket. It is certainly noticed by visitors to the school and by many people in our community. It is pleasing to hear so many positive comments about both the appearance and behaviour of our students. They are clearly proud of their school and we are very proud of them.

Congratulations to all of our Equine Studies students on a very professionally run Gymkhana. This is the fourth year and each year the Gymkhana keeps getting bigger and better. Special congratulations to our EFS riders who won the Best Performing School Shield with a narrow victory over St Michael’s Lutheran Primary School. Congratulations also to Walford Anglican School for Girls who won the 2016 School Parade Shield. Special congratulations goes to EFS year 10 student Imogen S, who won the brand new class held by the Retired Racehorse Series - Off the Track - Sporthorse Allrounder Class, on her retired thoroughbred, Taj. This qualifies Imogen to compete in the championship held next year, for a prize of $500! EFS winners on Page 3.
Small Campus Fun Run & Science Fair

Ashbourne and Milang campuses ventured to Langhorne Creek recently to take part in a combined small campus Fun Run and Science Fair. A 460m track was set up for students to complete as many laps as possible in the 50 minute session. Many students showed grit and determination as they completed up to 8 kilometres in the allocated time. While our athletes were running, our scientists were sharing their Science projects with our judges. Local science enthusiasts donated their time to be our judges for the Science Fair. Matt Bruer, Chris Duffy, Matt Schmidt and Lian Jaensch did a fantastic job and inspired our students to continue with science and even make a living out of applying their scientific knowledge. The third activity in the rotation was some hands-on science fun exploring static electricity and mixing materials to make Goo! Many thanks to our 7-12 students who came along to help with this activity.

Science Fairs

The R-6 Science Fairs provided a wonderful showcase of the teaching and learning undertaken at our school. We would particularly like to thank the judges for giving up their time to evaluate our student’s projects. Well done to all our R-6 students who researched, created and presented a science project focussed on their wonder and inquiry. The children worked very hard to create cardboard displays of their work to show off to families, teachers, judges and all the other students. There was such a collection of imaginative examples of scientific investigation. In the primary years, a Science Fair project usually has a longer duration than any other assignment a student has completed. In contrast to the typical school homework due the next day or perhaps a week hence, a Science Fair project requires a student to learn to plan over two or three months, a skill of immense importance in adulthood. Procrastination is definitely not rewarded. Of course, learning about science is at the heart of a Science Fair project. Our society relies more on science every day, and Science Fairs are a great way for students to become more knowledgeable about how the world around them works. Every citizen needs sufficient science literacy to make educated decisions about what he or she reads in the media, about health care, and about other every-day problems.

Mayors’ Short Story Challenge

On Wednesday, August 25th a Year 3 student from Strathalbyn R-6 Campus won the Mayors’ Short Story Challenge. There were four shortlisted entries for each section, Eliza was the winner of her section and the Alexandrina region overall winner!

She was awarded her certificate and a $1,000 cheque at the Strathalbyn Community Library. Well done Eliza!

Ashbourne Book Week

On Friday August 26th Ashbourne Campus celebrated Book Week with a dress up parade and story from “Dr” Hodges followed by Book Week activities. One enjoyable activity involved parents who came along reading their favourite books to our students. The students enjoyed this time and we were very grateful for the support of our parents and community. The staff had fun getting dressed up also, much to the amusements of the students. It was a terrific day of community and fun.
PJ Day at Langhorne Creek

There were no bananas in pyjamas, but there were plenty of students and staff in pyjamas to celebrate Book Week at Langhorne Creek recently. The campus took a day off the school uniform and wore ‘onesies’, ugg boots and flannelette pyjamas instead! Staff members chose a special book to share with small groups of students for ‘Pyjama Stories’. While this was happening we were lucky to have two Japanese students visit to show groups of students origami and Japanese writing. Maki and Kasuki were terrific with the students.

Narnu Farm Camp

On Thursday 25th & Friday 26th August, Room 11, 12 and 13 from the Strathalbyn R-6 Campus went on an overnight camp to Narnu Farm. This was a great camp as students learnt about what life was like in the old days. The camp had many interactive activities such as horse riding, animal feeding, a chicken hatchery, hand ploughing, butter making, blacksmithing and a vintage truck ride around the farm. All students were engaged in the activities and they had a fantastic time. We would like to thank our parent volunteers who helped out the teachers over the 2 days.

EFS Gymkhana Results

Led 7 years & under - Winner: Madison F
Led 8 years & over - Runner Up: Gemma J
13 years - Winner: Sidney B
Retired Racehorse Series - Off the Track - Sporthorse Allrounder
Winner: Imogen S
School Aggregate - Winner: Eastern Fleurieu School with 160 points

Equine Studies Class with Miss Cerchi

Japanese Visit at Strathalbyn R-6

Students from Japan visited some of the classes at Strathalbyn R-6 Campus last week. Our students read story books to them. They showed small groups how to make origami cranes, chatterboxes and other things. We asked them some questions. They told us about going to Cleland patting kangaroos and koalas. The Japanese students also saw giraffes at Monarto Zoo.
Girls SAPSASA Knockout Basketball
On Wednesday July 27th our 6/7 girls competed in a Round Robin competition at Pasadena Stadium. In a busy day the girls had six fifteen minute games with the top team at the end of the day moving onto the State Finals in September. The girls started to work well together and came away with close wins against Unity College and Littlehampton and good wins against Crafers and Paradise. This left us to play two other undefeated schools. We lost our first game to Walkerville in another close contest. Unfortunately for our girls they lost their next game and that meant it came down to a play off between us and Westminster. Our girls were playing well and only excellent foul shooting was keeping Westminster in the game. In the end, it was a nail biting finish, as it came down to two foul shots for Westminster in the dying seconds of the game. They needed to shoot both to win and one to draw which would be enough to see Westminster stay on top. The second shot scored, resulting in a draw. This left us in equal second with four wins, a draw and a loss, a great effort from our nine girls. Many thanks to all the parents who attended and supported with transport and scoring. Credit must also be given to the local Strathalbyn Basketball Club who have done a great job developing the girls’ skills over the years.

Boys SAPSASA Basketball
On Wednesday 27th July a group of year 6/7 students participated in the SAPSASA basketball tournament at Pasadena Stadium. The boy’s team were very competitive and won 4 of the 6 games they played. All the boys worked hard and enjoyed the experience. A big thankyou to Riley for helping to coach and congratulations to all the boys for displaying great sportsmanship and maintaining a positive approach in every game.

Milang Amateur Hour
After the success of the 2015 Amateur Hour and due to community demand we are again hosting ‘Amateur Hour’ at the Milang Institute on Wednesday 28th September. This is an evening of amateur talent from around the community. We are now seeking entertainers to be a part of the line up so if you or your students are ready to take this challenge and share your talent with the community sign up now! We also welcome sporting, dance, music, choir or singing groups who are looking for a fun night out to showcase their talents. Students who learn an instrument at school and want to perform on a small stage should be encouraged to take part. The evening begins at 7pm and will include performances from the Milang campus students and singers from the community.

Save the Date
PHOTO Fundraising DAY at Ashbourne Campus - 13th November
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EFS MUSIC SHOWCASE
The 7-12 music faculty is pleased to announce that we’ll be presenting the EFS MUSIC SHOWCASE on the evening of Thursday 17th November (week 5, term 4). More details will be released in due course. We look forward to seeing you there :)