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We are currently tallying up our tickets and monies raised will continue to be put towards improving our school grounds. We would like to thank and acknowledge the huge amount of support that all our staff, School Service Officers and parents have contributed towards putting on this event, not once but twice.

Gala Night Take Two at Strathalbyn R-6 Campus

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While we occasionally have individual students making poor choices, the overwhelming majority of Eastern Fleurieu School students make us feel extremely proud of them on a regular basis. The recent assemblies which were held to mark Remembrance Day were a clear example of this. Their behaviour and attitude were both impeccable and led to quite a few positive comments from staff and invited guests who were attending the assemblies. As part of my regular routines, I have the opportunity to interact with EFS students from all campuses in a wide range of situations. I am inspired by their enthusiasm, empathy, their obvious pride in our school and the care and respect they show their peers, members of staff and visitors to our school. I never tire of the many personal tours I conduct, mainly at the 7-12 campus, for new families who are looking to enrol at our school. Our students are very familiar with these tours and they never fail to impress the new families with their attitude to learning, their articulate responses to questions and their general positive disposition towards their school. I always tell people who ask me what I like most about being the EFS Principal, that it is our wonderful students who make my job a labour of love. END OF YEAR SPECIAL EVENTS

There are quite a few special events planned as we celebrate the many achievements of our students at all campuses. There will be concerts showcasing their talents, graduation functions, presentation nights and transition activities for both students and parents. While it is a busy time of the year, coinciding with the writing of student reports and staff performance reviews, the final four weeks are always a period of recognition and celebration. It is timely that we acknowledge in advance the tremendous work that goes into preparing for these activities, involving our great staff and many volunteer parents. I look forward to catching up with many of you at the various functions we will be attending together during this final month of 2016.

Trevor Fletcher - Principal
Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Students, staff and community members gathered at the Langhorne Creek monument to commemorate Remembrance Day recently. Our Campus Captains, Miah and Annabel led the ceremony with the assistance of other senior students. The girls shared the poem ‘In Flanders Fields’, invited wreaths and poppies to be laid at the monument and read the names of Langhorne Creek soldiers who gave their lives at war. As with a traditional Remembrance Day ceremony, the group heard the Last Post and paused for a minute of silence. A special touch to the ceremony was the messages the youngest students had written on their poppies, wishing for a world without war and fighting.

Ashbourne Campus celebrated Remembrance Day on the 11/11 at 11am. We had a special visitor, Doug Radbone, who served in the army and he talked to the students about what Remembrance Day meant to him and the importance of the celebration. Doug is a local Ashbourne resident and gave his time to share with the students. He bought a hat and medals from his father to show us. Our school captains, Astryd and Ainsley, each read a poem they had written for Remembrance Day.

Oscar W Paddle Steamer

As a part of the Meningie 150th celebrations the Oscar W paddle steamer re-enacted the old mail route from Goolwa to Meninige to Milang and Adelaide. Mail was delivered from each location then put on the steam train at Mount Barker and taken by vintage car to Adelaide. Our Upper Primary students wrote letters to be included in the mail bag. These were delivered to students at Meningie School. We were very excited to receive replies to our letter and have now written again to the students. We have learnt about how to address a letter, the types of information included in a letter and investigated the reasons people don’t send letters to each other anymore. It has been a fantastic experience for the students and great to connect with other schools in the area.

Writing Competition

The Langhorne Creek Young People’s writing competition once again attracted a lot of interest. This was the fourth year of the competition, with schools submitting a record number of 87 shortlisted entries in the Open and Haiku categories. Schools from Crystal Brook, Nuriootpa, Fulham North, West Beach, Oakbank, Naracoorte, Pasadena, Mount Barker, Challia Gardens, Seaford, Richmond and Eastern Fleurieu Campuses took the opportunity to get involved. The short listed winners in the writing competition were due to celebrate their writing and meet local authors at a special event at the Langhorne Creek campus late last term. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather and flooding in the town, the event was cancelled. Authors to be featured from the Fleurieu included Jane Jolly, the award winner author of Tea and Sugar Christmas, Josephine Croser, author of 46 works including Crunch the Crocodile and Baleen, and Jude Aquilina, a celebrated poet from Milang and editor of Tadpoles in the Torrens. Despite the presentation event’s cancellation, winners were still sent their certificates and prizes via their school. Individual winners received $50 and a box of books for their school. The Strathalbyn R-6 Campus was the stand-out performer of the Eastern Fleurieu School campuses. Of their entrants, there were 4 winners (Cherry, Charlotte, Carys and Angus) and 6 commended entries. Meanwhile Milang Campus had one winner (Josh) in the year 4/5 category. One student from Langhorne Creek and one from Milang received commendation certificates. Two entrants from the Strathalbyn 7-12 Campus also received commendation awards. Congratulations to all involved and we look forward to seeing even more entries in 2017.

EFS Uniform Shop

Located on our 7-12 Campus, 11 Callington Rd, Strathalbyn. Opening Hours: Tuesdays: 8.30am - 10.40am & Thursdays: 3.45pm - 5.45pm Bubbells Embroidery—Ph: 85362648 / 0417771944 bubbells@adam.com.au
Towers Taller than Teachers
As part of anti-poverty week, the Langhorne Creek Campus SRC successfully organised a special event. Cans of non-perishable food were collected for those in need and used to construct incredible towers which were original, strong and tall. The event coincided with World Teacher’s Day, so it was fitting to measure these towers against the teachers. The food collected on the day contributed to a broader collection by the Alexandrina Council.

Milang Amateur Hour
Last week was the long awaited Amateur Hour and it was definitely worth waiting for. The students’ performance was amazing; they looked fantastic in matching costumes and masks they had made themselves and danced beautifully. It was lovely to see how well they helped each other out and supported each other through all the rehearsals and the final performance. Many thanks to Natalie Baker, our music teacher for all her hard work to make it happen. Not only did we see the great performance from our students as a group but we were lucky enough to listen to the Holt family sing, the Strathalbyn singers and performers from the 7-12 campus. This really made the night memorable for all who attended and we will build on this success for next year.

7-12 Campus River Run
The 7-12 Campus had perfect weather for the annual River Run for all those that competed. Well done to the winners and to Sturt for winning the overall trophy on 3102 points!

Lions Hearing Dogs
The Strathalbyn R-6 Campus is delighted to have received a new Sound Field System from the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs. The sound field system allows students with hearing and/or auditory processing difficulties to hear their teacher and each other more clearly. The teacher uses a small headset with a microphone and there is a separate microphone that students can use when speaking to the class.
Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in Strathalbyn R-6 & 7-12 front offices, some with names but more without. If your child has lost a jumper please ask them to check and see if it is here. If these are not collected by the end of the year they will be sold as second hand uniform or given to families in need. Thank you

Materials and Services Fees Poll Results

The Governing Council would like to thank all families who took the time to vote on the polling question that asked if voters supported the Governing Council’s recommendation to have the prescribed sum of Materials and Services Fees become the legally recoverable amount in the event of non-payment. The Polls that closed on 17th November, 2016 were successful for all year levels. The results are presented below. This means the prescribed sums will become legally recoverable in the event of non-payment. The amounts for 2017 are: R-6 $290, Years 7-10 $390, Years 11-12 $420.

Tony Robinson, Acting Business Manager