I would like to thank the families who came to our Acquaintance Night on Monday night. It was great to celebrate our success from last year, discuss what will be continuing this year and also introduce some changes that we have put in place this Term. It was very humbling for Zara and I as new staff, for you to take the time to come in and meet us formally. For families who were unable to make it Monday night, there are copies of the information provided at the Acquaintance Night available at the front office.

Our Acquaintance Night was followed up with some delicious supper and our Milang Campus Advisory Committee’s (MAC) Annual General Meeting. A HUMUNGOUSS thank you to our ever trusty volunteers who’s passion for our school is inspiring—Tracey Craven, Kathy Birt and Kathryn Wright. Also a special thank you to Heidi Yard, Zara Stavrakis and Trevor Fletcher who came along to represent the staff of EFS. I was in awe of the decisiveness and determination of such a small group of people, who have the most amazing plans for our school this year. But of course the more help we have, the lighter the load and the further we can travel! So please contact the school if you would like to join the MAC or come along to our next meeting on Thursday the 27th of March at 4.00pm in the Upper Primary Classroom.

This year’s upcoming camp to Arbury Park is booked for Week 5 in Term 2 with an estimated cost of between $80-$100 per student before fundraising. Whilst it may seem far away now, time goes so fast at school and therefore fundraising for camp needs to be organized as soon as possible. The MAC has set a goal to lower the cost of camp to $50 per student. With the upcoming State election on Saturday March 15th the MAC has decided to offer a barbeque breakfast and lunch on the day to fundraise for camp. The CFS raised over $1000 last year with their stall so it is a fantastic opportunity for us to kick start our fundraising. A roster for the stall will be sent out soon, if you are unable to supply a representative for your child in your allocated time slot it is your responsibility to find someone who can. An hour working on the stall could be worth up to $20 off your child’s camp. If you can send along more than one volunteer that would also be greatly appreciated as certain times of the day will be much busier than others. High school aged family members are encouraged to help out too!

Many thanks,
Amy Kocka
Head of Milang Campus
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

GREAT START
It is pleasing to report that we have had a very smooth and promising beginning to this new school year. Great credit must go to all members of staff who have worked so hard to ensure that we have prepared well for a big year in 2014. We have welcomed many new students from various locations, quite a few new teachers and we are finally seeing significant work happening with our major facilities upgrade at the 7-12 campus. Like all SA public schools, we have had our first single common start for our new Reception students and this has also been a success. I warmly welcome all families who are new to Eastern Fleurieu School. You have joined us at a very exciting time in our history. As I write this article, we are completing our yearly census count and it appears we have approximately 210 more students enrolled with us than what we had two years ago, which represents a 20% increase in that time. Our total enrolment across the five EFS campuses is around 1,180 students. I expect that we will continue to see steady growth going forward and the new 7-12 facilities will be just in time to cater for our expanding clientele. While it is great to see so many new students joining our school, I am also very impressed with the tremendous attitude and higher aspirations of the students who have been here for a number of years. I very much look forward to having conversations with parents at the upcoming Acquaintance Nights which I will now outline in some detail.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHTS
As a school we believe strongly that the education of your children should be a genuine partnership between school staff and parents. We often discuss the need for us to be proactive and accessible in our ongoing dialogue with parents. A key opportunity at the beginning of the school year is provided via the Acquaintance Nights which were held on each campus this week. Given that we have many changes in our school routines and staff of late, we hope parents took the opportunity to attend these functions.

STAFFING
What contributes most of all to the success achieved in truly great schools are the teachers who work directly with your children on a regular basis. Given the growth I have mentioned, combined with the normal rate of retirements, transfers, leave etc. we had quite a few vacancies for new teachers this year. We have been thrilled to have been able to select all of the teachers who have joined our team for 2014. Of course, this should always be the outcome, but in the past this has not always been the case. We have a very proactive approach to teacher recruitment and we have been screening the many expressions of interest in our school throughout the previous year. The end result is that we have eighteen new teachers employed across the campuses and they are already proving to be tremendous acquisitions to our school, complementing the talented and committed team already in place. As principal of EFS, I can assure you that I am very optimistic about the quality of the education your children will receive in 2014.

Andrew Fletcher
Principal
Eastern Fleurieu School

Governing Council Report
Welcome to the 2014 school year, and an especially warm welcome to all new parents, carers and students joining Eastern Fleurieu School for the first time. As Governing Council chair I wanted to provide some information about when our Council meets, and how parents can get in touch if they would like to raise an issue or share an idea.

Parents are always welcome at Governing Council meetings. The Council meets on the third Monday of each month and travels to each of our five school campuses throughout the year. A full schedule of our year’s meetings will be available after our next meeting, which will be on Monday February 17 at Eastern Fleurieu School 7 - 12 campus at 7pm in the staff room. Our AGM will be held in March, and there’ll be more details about that in an upcoming notice sent out to all parents.

Governing Council at Eastern Fleurieu School consists of parents from across our campuses, along with our Principal Trevor Fletcher, staff representatives, community representatives and student leaders. It’s a great opportunity for the many people involved in our school community to come together and work towards building an exciting future for our school and its students. Because of the unique multi-campus nature of our school, there are Campus Advisory Committees on each of the four R-6 campuses. And because we meet with each of these Committees throughout the year, the Governing Council is able to gain excellent insight into specific issues affecting all of our individual campuses.

Of course, you don’t have to come along to a meeting if you’d like to share an idea with Governing Council. You can get in touch with myself, Andrew Joyner, anytime by contacting the school on ph (08) 8536 2455. Governing Council is always interested in hearing from parents and the wider school community.

Looking forward to hearing from you in what I’m sure will be another great year for Eastern Fleurieu School.

Andrew Joyner
Chair
Governing Council
Eastern Fleurieu School
Guided Reading Groups in the Junior Primary Class involves rotations of activities to reinforce reading skills such as phonics, phonological awareness, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

The Quality Start Program in the Junior Primary Class involved playing lots of games to build trust and respect for others and learning to be a good Tribes Person by attentive listening, mutual respect, appreciation and participation.
**SWIMMING starts on MONDAY!!!**

Swimming commences on **MONDAY, 17th February** and will continue for the whole week concluding on **Friday 21st February**.

Children need to come to school in bathers, and sunscreen already applied, ready for swimming.

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We suggest school lunches are packed with extra food for hungry swimmers.

**Please note:** Students do not need to take food to the pool as they will board the bus immediately after lessons and will get changed once they return to school. As a result, please send along an extra t-shirt or windcheater and another dry towel to put over bathers for the trip back to Milang.

**Children need to take:-**
- bathers
- medication if required
- rash vest/t shirt to wear in the water
- 2 towels (1 to dry and 1 to wrap in for travel)
- Sunscreen (or apply at home)
- Dry tshirt or jumper for trip back to school

Please supply an extra waterproof or plastic bag each day in which to put wet towel, bathers, rash vests etc. and ensure **ALL items** are clearly named for easy identification and return to owner.

Students must change into full school uniform, including appropriate shoes, for the remainder of the school day.

*It is not recommended parents/caregivers attend the pool to watch the early sessions. It can be a distraction to learner or nervous swimmers.*

*Parents are most welcome to attend the last session of the swimming programme, on Friday, to see how much their child has progressed however no photographs are to be taken due to student privacy issues.*

**Full payment must be received before swimming programme commences.**
If you have difficulty with payment or have any questions, please contact the school.

**Please Note:**
The swimming programme will continue through all weather conditions. The staff will adjust the programme to ensure the safety and well being of the students.

*If you have indicated that your child is asthmatic or needs other medications, medication MUST accompany child to pool.*

*Please ensure it is in a bag and clearly marked with your child’s name and instructions and take to school office on Monday*
Seedlings Arrive!!

Last year, we earned $994.20!
The better we water, the more seedlings survive and the more money we get!

The seedlings need to be watered twice each day—even on weekends, public holidays and student free days.

If you are able to assist, please complete the slip accompanying this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible.

TURTLE SHED

The fish, yabbies' and turtles in the turtle shed and pond have survived in the very hot conditions. Many bags of ice have been used to keep water temperatures down!

To ease the load, we want to start a roster for feeding them.

If you are able to assist, please complete the slip accompanying this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible.

Milang Football Club
A.G.M.
Sunday 16th February
1:00pm
All Welcome

Secretary: Penny Kidd
85368358

Listen for the Roar!

Paint Donations

Do you have any unused tins of paint at home that you would like to donated to the Milang R-6 Campus? We are planning a yard make-over and would love to re-paint some of our wooden play equipment and fences. Bright colours are best, but all colours will be greatly appreciated!

SCHOOL WATCH

AFTER RETURNING FROM THE HOLIDAY BREAK, WE HAVE DISCOVERED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF VANDALISM AND RUBBISH AROUND OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY AFTER HOURS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AROUND OUR SCHOOL AND REPORT IT TO THE SCHOOL AND/OR POLICE. THAT WAY WE CAN ENSURE OUR SCHOOL IS A CLEAN, TIDY AND SAFE PLACE FOR OUR STUDENTS TO LEARN AND PLAY.

THANK YOU

Argus House
Offers the Strathalbyn School Community a Back to School 20% discount on all stock purchased before Feb 28

The Food Values Research Group, from The University of Adelaide, are seeking families to participate in our current “Talking to Children about Meat” survey.

The link to this page & further information can be found at: http://hss.adelaide.edu.au/historypolitics/research/research_groups/food_ethics.html

We would very much appreciate it if you are able to insert this into your newsletter.

If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact me,

Kind Regards

Liza Huston - Admin Support (Mon, Tues - around 9am to 2pm) - emails on other days are checked regularly.

T: 8313 5796 E: foodresearch@adelaide.edu.au
Food Ethics Group
North Terrace Campus The University of Adelaide SA 5005
CRICOS Provider Number 00123M

Argus House
33 Commercial Rd
Open 7 Days
9-5
We are holding a food stall in the lunch shed at the State election on Saturday 15th March.

Check out the roster below, put the time on your planner. If you are unable to assist at the time shown, you can swap with another family and let Amanda know.

7.30am Set up
Craven, Chaplin, Rohloff, Kidd,

8.30am - 10.00am
Smart, Ricketts, Wright, Gully, Lutze

10.00am – 11.30am
Pearce, Webster, Abbott, Bell, Vogelsang

11.30am – 1.00pm
Williams, Amundsen, Hill, Jackson-Brandon, Kotz,

1.00pm – Pack up
Tull, van Kooten, Garrard, Jelfs, Pierce

- Bacon and Egg S/W
- Sausage Sizzle
- Lucky Numbers
- Tea & Coffee
- Soft Drinks
Yes, we can help out with watering the seedlings and / or feeding in the Turtle Shed, on the days marked.

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I will not be working at the sausage sizzle.