

# Campus Chatter

Langhorne  
Creek Campus

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## Values

- Responsibility
- Care & Compassion
- Integrity
- Respect
- Cooperation
- Participation

## 2017 Term Dates

- Term 1: 30/1 - 13/4
- Term 2: 1/5 - 7/7
- Term 3: 25/7 - 29/9
- Term 4: 16/10 - 15/12

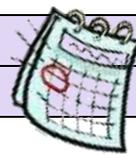
## Student Free Days

- Term 1: Tues 14/3
- Term 2: Fri 9/6
- Term 3: Mon 24/7  
Mon 4/9
- Term 4: Fri 17/11

## TO BE RETURNED:

- ©Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 class swimming forms & payment - SWIMMING IS NEXT WEEK
- ©Book club order & payment by 13/2
- ©Multiple consents, photographic consent, ICAS entries, School Fees, parent transport, etc
- ©Bunnings BBQ help

13-17/2	Swimming-Miss Busbridge & Mrs Hopkins	Sun 12/3	Bunnings Fundraising BBQ
Mon 13/2	parent coffee & cake - 8.15am	Mon 13/3	Public Holiday
Wed 15/2	Assembly - 2.20pm	Tues 14/3	Student Free Day
	Garden Planning Meeting-3.00pm	Tues 21/3	Harmony Day
Thurs 23/2	Mrs Hopkins excursion		CAC - 5.30pm
Tues 28/2	Pancake / Shrove Tuesday	Fri 31/3	Sports Day - Ashbourne
Thurs 2/3	School Photos	Wk 10	Parent Teachers Interviews
Sun 5/3	Working Bee - 9am-12noon	Thurs 13/4	End of Term 1



## Head of Campus Report

The school year has started smoothly with our 81 students settling into new routines across all of our four classes. With 19 new students, many new families and new faces amongst the regular and specialist teaching staff, there has been a time of adjustment for everyone. Teachers have been focusing on the Quality Start program to begin with. This focuses on developing positive relationships in the classroom, defining class agreements, expectations and planning for a successful year. When visiting the classes I see happy students, organised learning spaces, enthusiastic staff and genuine optimism for a productive year of learning.

With increased enrolments, including many new families, it is timely to revisit the way we all use the gravel car park area. Traffic needs to travel in a clockwise direction around the large trees between the school and the hotel. When parking to drop children off or pick them up please don't obstruct the flow of traffic in this direction. Please also allow considerable space for our two buses to enter and exit following this same path. To ensure safety of all students, parents and staff, please travel at walking pace through this shared area.



Despite the heat, it was pleasing to see so many parents take the opportunity to attend our Carer Information Evening. As you would've observed on Wednesday evening, all of our staff are very approachable and eager to work with parents/carers to obtain the best possible outcomes for all of our students. I encourage you to take any opportunity to work together with your child's teacher to address any issues early and set goals. A big thank you to Vicki, Jane and Bec who endured even more heat and cooked the barbeque for attendees on the night. The ice blocks were a welcome treat for everyone too!

At our Campus Advisory Committee (CAC) AGM on Wednesday evening the group re-elected Alistair Cameron as Chairperson, Bec Wilson as Vice Chairperson and Paula Smith as Secretary. New members to the committee include Bec Burgess, Merran Jolley and Nicole Batt. The committee members are looking forward to a productive year, supporting the staff, students and parents at Langhorne Creek. If you missed the meeting and you are still keen to join the CAC, all parents are welcome to attend our next meeting at 5:30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you aren't sure what CAC involves or you are looking for an opportunity to contribute to your child's campus but can't commit to meetings, in today's chatter there is some information of other ways you can contribute to our fantastic campus.

We are keen to revamp the area at the entrance to our campus. Last year some overgrown bushes were removed and we have a blank canvas to do something with. If you would like to have some input into what is done with this area, please attend an open planning meeting at the campus on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3:00pm. If you can't make the meeting and have an idea to contribute, please email me. We are planning a Working Bee for Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. More information will be sent home after next Wednesday's garden planning meeting.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 8:15am, all parents/carers are invited to a *Coffee and Cake morning* at the campus. Please come along and meet some of the new parents, carers and staff at the campus.



If you would like to make an appointment to see me, the best days are Monday to Wednesday, otherwise email me at [PaulJude460@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:PaulJude460@schools.sa.edu.au)

Coffee & Chat

Regards, Paul

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## GREAT START TO 2017

It is my pleasure to report that we have enjoyed a very smooth and successful start to the new school year. We warmly welcome the returning students and their families as well as the many new families who have their children enrolled at one of our five EFS campuses. We have had another significant increase in our enrolments with 1,533 students now attending our school, which means we are now in the top ten South Australian public schools in terms of enrolment. It is worth noting that five years ago we began the year with an enrolment of 970, some 563 fewer than we have at the beginning of 2017. It is tremendous to note that every one of our campuses has an increased enrolment this year. We have created a fourth class at Langhorne Creek to cater for the great growth they have experienced. I was pleased to meet returning and new families at our first Acquaintance Night at Milang in Week 1. As I write this I am eagerly looking forward to the other Acquaintance Nights to be held this week at Strathalbyn R-6, Langhorne Creek and Ashbourne. Next week we have over 400 parents who have already accepted our invitation to attend the 7-12 Acquaintance Night on Wednesday evening. Our staff members very much appreciate the involvement and support of parents and carers, who take up the many opportunities to participate in key school events and programs. We know from research and experience how important this involvement is for all concerned in the education of our young people.

## STAFFING

We are also very pleased to welcome 21 new teachers and three new SSO's to our school in 2017. Twelve of these are at the 7-12 campus and nine are spread across our R-6 campuses. They are joined by a number of

colleagues who have returned from leave. We continue to be well pleased by the quantity and quality of applicants for positions at EFS, which has enabled us to continually expand our programs and opportunities for our students. Among other new initiatives this year we have introduced new arrangements for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and will also be introducing new programs for Gifted and talented students.

## ATTENDANCE

One key focus area for all of us this year will be improving student attendance levels, which were a bit disappointing last year. The DECD target is 95% and it is a target we strongly support. For students to meet this target they would need to attend on 190 of the 200 school days for the year. We have a pleasing number of students who are rarely if ever absent from school. Unfortunately, we have other students who are too often missing too many important teaching and learning opportunities. If a student is absent for an average of five days a term during their 13 years of formal schooling, they are effectively missing an accumulated year of their education. Obviously we understand that there are circumstances such as ill health which will keep children from attending school. However, we ask all parents and carers to reinforce the importance of attending whenever possible, so that all students at EFS can achieve the full potential of their educational progress.



*Trevor Fletcher*

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*"Mr Fletcher was talking to us at recess and he asked us if we would like a cup of tea as we were all sitting around a table.*

*When we saw him the next day we asked him about it and he said he would surprise us. When we came out to lunch on Thursday we were all thinking OMG, he actually did it!*

*It was nice to see all the effort he put in with the tablecloth and biscuits. It was lots of fun."*

*Left to right:*

*Rebecca Sims (Year 7 Year Level Coordinator), Lucinda, Paige, Annabel, Trevor Fletcher (Principal), Gracie, Miah, Tijana and Jaime*



# Jacqui's Journal

Here we are again heading into another year. I continually find it amusing that we live in a world where the gadgets used in Star Trek are now a reality...and a reality in every day use. (Who else can remember laughing at the idea of a cashless society?)

Other changes have included our rapidly growing school. Our (now not so) little campus has exploded and EFS as a whole is now part of the 1500 club; that is one of only 10 schools in SA to have 1500 or more students.

In the midst of all the change, we look for things that are constant; things we can rely on; things we can be sure of. One of these things of which I am ever appreciative is the commitment of all the staff here. Every time I walk into a classroom I witness teachers and SSOs giving above and beyond to ensure the students are not only successfully learning the curriculum but are doing it in caring and creative ways, plus are learning what it is to also become caring and creative children and, eventually, adults. We are very fortunate with who we have here.

With the ever-changing world that exhausts us, it's easy to see past that which doesn't change; the loyal, the faithful and the constant, and thus forget to thank, encourage and assist. Let's make 2017 the year of focusing on the constant and overtly and consciously do these things. It's another way we can model to our children what being a successful community is all about.

Ps If you want to catch me for a chat, I'm at the school Tuesdays 9.15am-1pm and Thursdays 9.15am-12.30pm.

## BUNNINGS BBQ - HELP NEEDED

On Sunday, 12th March, our CAC are holding a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings, Mt Barker. This is a great opportunity for our families to make a small contribution of time towards raising valued funds for our campus. Please return the slip attached with your time preference, a roster will be sent home prior to the BBQ.

Thank you for helping to make our school a great place,  
CAC



### Keen Cookers - \$2 per term

Mrs Hopkins will once again be running cooking club this year.. Students will work with her and Jane in the kitchen making food from produce from the school garden.



If you wish to join in & sample some delicious treats please bring along \$2 per term to join in.

If you have any surplus home grown produce we would love to prepare something yummy with it!

Happy cooking 😊

### Uniform Shop

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

#### Open times:

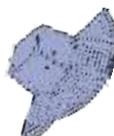
Tuesdays 8.30 - 10.40am  
Thursdays 3.45 - 5.45pm

#### EFTPOS facilities available

Outside these hours,  
uniform enquiries can be  
directed to Ms Julie Martin at  
**Bubbells Embroidery**

Ph 85362648/0417771944

Email: [bubbells@adam.com.au](mailto:bubbells@adam.com.au)



#### NO HAT - NO PLAY

Broad brimmed hats must be  
worn during terms 1 & 4

For sale from the office \$6.50

# FROM MISS BLACKWELL'S POSSUMS

We read the book, "We are Different".

We talked about our differences and what makes us special.

We drew things which make us different to each other.



# FROM MISS TILLEY'S KOALAS

Mrs Hopkins worked with student on some fantastic History comparison posters.

## HISTORY

Then	Now
Horse and cart No roads No phones No electronics	Cars Roads Mobiles computers/TV'S

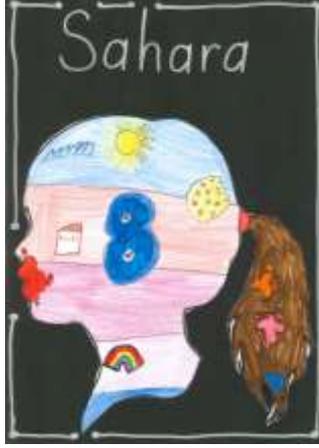
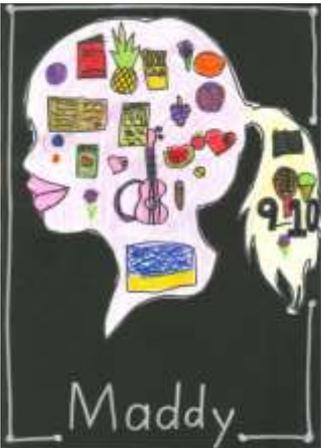
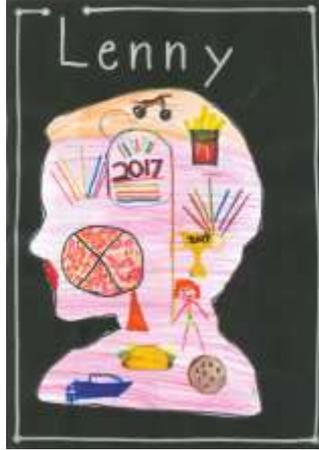
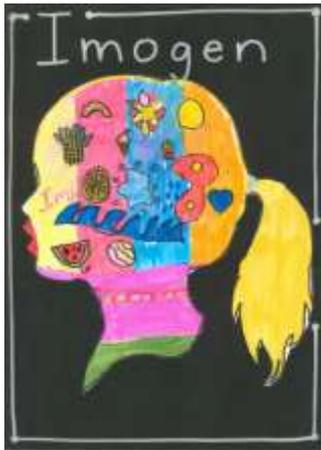
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## History

then	now
horse and cart no roads no mobile phones no electronics bush tucker	cars roads mobile phones computers/trs woolies

Charlotte Mc

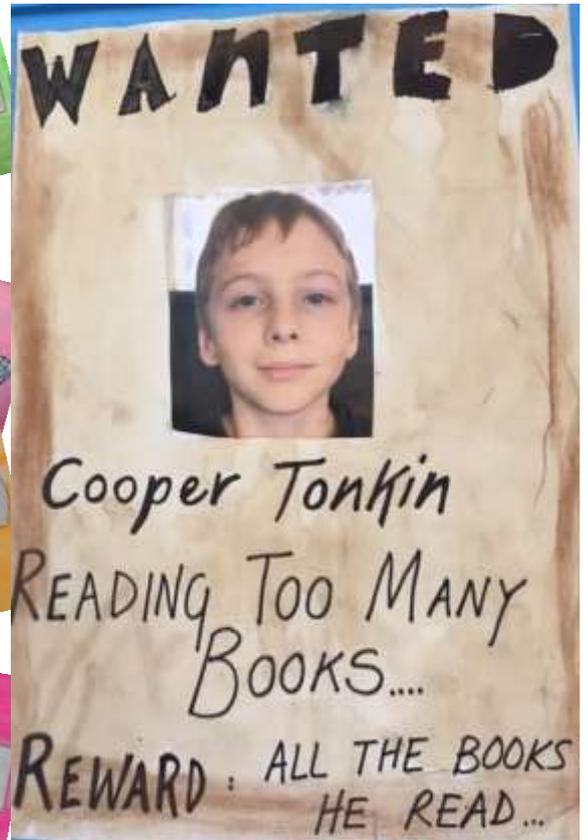
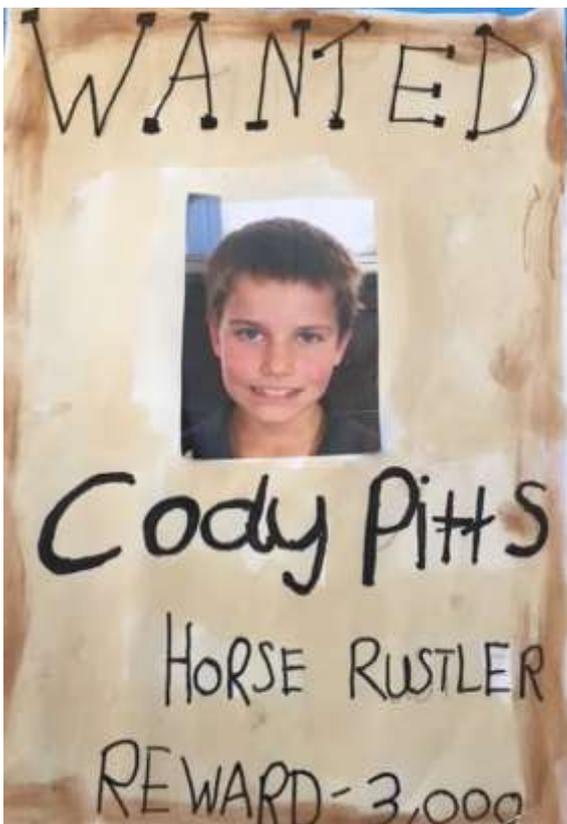
# From Miss Busbridge's Kangaroos



Miss Busbridge's class filled with their head with things about them and things they like :)



# From Mrs Hopkins' emus



**Gaynor Hartvigsen's Stone Mill Studio**  
80 Willyaroo Rd, Strathalbyn  
Children's Art Classes

**Term 1**  
**Tuesdays 3.45 - 5.15 pm**



Suitable for Primary and Secondary students  
Individual Art tuition can also be arranged  
Bus stops near studio

Enquiries and bookings

Ph: 85 363 907

Mob: 0409 363 907

gaynorhartvigsen@outlook.com

Gaynor Hartvigsen's Stone Mill Studio

Facebook page



**School Banking**  
**- Tuesday -**



Langhorne  
Creek  
Playgroup  
Mondays  
9:30-11:30

Uniting Church Building  
Meechi Road  
Please bring a piece of fruit to  
share



**CHILD WELLBEING  
PROGRAM**

**The Summit Health  
Mental Health  
team** have been

providing child wellbeing services in Adelaide Hills primary schools since 2013 and have now expanded into the Fleurieu region, visiting Eastern Fleurieu Area School, Mt Compass Area School and Goolwa Primary School. This is a free service for children under the age of 13 who are experiencing anxiety, stress or other mild-moderate mental health, behavioural or emotional difficulties.

This service aims to assist those families who are on a low income and unable to access assistance through private practitioners and are not accessing other services for the same concerns eg CAMHS.

We are able to offer up to 12 sessions per year provided at the school or alternatively at Summit Health in Mt Barker. We understand it may be difficult for parents or carers to attend all sessions but we do require a carer to accompany their child for their first session and strongly encourage attendance at as many sessions as possible. This enables us to share with parents/carers how to best support their child to assist with the difficulties they are experiencing.

To access this service we require a referral from your GP who will complete a mental health treatment plan.

If you would like more information about this service, please contact Ingrid Puise, Summit Health Mental Health Unit Manager on 8406 7715. Alternatively please speak with your school principal or school counsellor.

## About relevant history screening in DECD

To work with children and young people in SA government educational sites and services or in Families SA you must have a current relevant history screening. Some volunteers also need a relevant history screening.

### What is relevant history screening?

It is a screening process undertaken by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion Screening unit that involves checking the person's criminal history and any other relevant information that is lawfully available to the Screening unit. It includes information from the police, courts, prosecuting authorities, child protection and professional registration bodies.

### Examples of when screening is not required

Examples of when screening is not required to volunteer in a DECD site or service include:

- parents or guardians who volunteer in connection with an activity that involves their own child (such as volunteering within their child's own class)
- one-off guest appearances such as presentations and concert performances that are supervised by screened staff, eg teachers
- parents involved in one off events such as sports days, working bees and whole of school events including a swimming program which their child is attending
- parents or guardians volunteering on a governing council that is not the employing authority of an out of school hours service (OSHC).

### Examples of who must be screened

#### Employees

- all employees of a part-time, full-time or casual basis employed by the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD)
- teachers are screened through the [Teachers Registration Board of SA](#) as part of the registration process - no further screening is required.

#### Volunteers

- parents or guardians attending overnight camps or school sleepovers
- hosting billet families
- those in close contact with students with disabilities in special classes or schools
- sports coaches who are not parents or guardians of a child in the team
- parent volunteers, if their own child is not involved in the service or activity
- Families SA volunteers.

## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS



**Piano** - please contact Beck Joyner on 8536 2988 /0408 835 437 for bookings and details.



**Guitar & Singing Lessons** - please contact Bree on 0439 887 435 for bookings and details.



### HEAR READING

Reading is a big priority here. Teachers and students are appreciative of any time parents can give for listening to reading. The class teacher can tell you best time/day for this.



### CAC

The Campus Advisory Committee CAC is an enthusiastic parent group who meet twice a term, usually from 5:30pm. They liaise with the Head of Campus and other staff to gain the perspective of the parent body at the campus. They assist with planning, decision making and fundraising to achieve the priorities of the campus.



### HOST A HEALTHY LUNCH

If cooking is your thing, why not host a healthy lunch? Just speak to Vicki to work out a dish, cost and a date.



### COME AND TALK TO THE CLASS ABOUT YOUR JOB or COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Make a time with the class teacher to share with the class your occupation or community involvement. We would love to hear about how you use literacy & numeracy skills on a daily basis

### COME TO AN ASSEMBLY

Assemblies are held on Wednesday of week 3, 6 and 9 at 145. Please come along and share in our achievements.



### RECYCLING—for making & the environment

The students will always welcome small boxes, bottle lids, plastic containers for making. Don't forget our campus recycling program for your bottles, cans, plastics & newspapers too.



## BUNNINGS BBQ - Sunday, 12th March

Please indicate times in preference of suitability and return to office by Monday, 20th February

NAME: ..... Phone No: .....

Roster times

<input type="checkbox"/>	8.30am - 11.00am
<input type="checkbox"/>	11.00am - 1.30pm
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# DAD'S & KID'S DINNERS & RAMS (RESPONSIBLE ADULT MALES)

## WHY COME ALONG?

- HANG OUT WITH THE KIDS -
- COOK & EAT A DELICIOUS DINNER -
- SOCIAL & FUN ACTIVITIES -
- IT'S A FREE NIGHT OUT -

## TWO LOCATIONS:

GOOLWA CHILDREN'S CENTRE - BROOKING STREET  
STRATHALBYN KINDERGARTEN - CORONATION ROAD

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION @ TO FIND OUT DINNER DATES:

[WWW.ALEXANDRINA.SA.GOV.AU/OPAL](http://WWW.ALEXANDRINA.SA.GOV.AU/OPAL)  
OR PHONE GOOLWA CHILDREN'S CENTRE 8555 2500  
RSVPS APPRECIATED

THIS PROGRAM IS FINANCED & SUPPORTED BY GOOLWA CHILDREN'S CENTRE, ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL'S DINK PROGRAM & CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCALS



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# YOUR NEXT DAD'S & KID'S DINNER IS;

Monday evenings, 6-8pm

## GOOLWA

Goolwa Children's Centre  
Brooking St, Goolwa

27th February 2017

27th March

15th May

19th June

Mid-Year Family Fun Night -  
Bring the whole family!

## STRATH

Strathalbyn Kindergarten  
9 Coronation Rd, Strath

20th February 2017

Special summer session at  
Strathalbyn Swimming Pool  
Bring the whole family!

20th March

22nd May

26th June

Mid-Year Family Fun Night -  
Bring the whole family!

Activities suitable for children up to 10 years