



ELIZABETH DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Teresa Harriott

Dear Families

We are steadily approaching the end of another school year and the summer holidays and Xmas will be here again.

This week we celebrated our concert, which of course was a fabulous event.

It was amazing to see so families and smiles on faces when students were performing

Thank you to all the hard work from our concert committee and Ashlee Self (our Arts Specialist Teacher) for organising everything. We appreciate the support of Governing Council and all our teachers and SSO staff who helped make it a great evening.

As this is the first time, we have had a concert in the last few years, and we operated with a different format- we will collate opinions and processes to refine it to be even better in terms of organisation.

The children put in lots of work and effort in to practicing for the big event. I enjoyed every minute and I'm sure there is lots of proud families

Fortunately, the weather was kind to us which helped make the celebration extra special

Please see some of the great photos attached.

GRADUATION YEAR 6

Notes have gone home to families with information about our year 6 graduation.

This is always a very special event in our young people's lives before they head off to High School and I'm sure they will enjoy the evening.

The year 6 students will be able to go home early next Thursday 15th Dec to get themselves ready and gorgeous and after the ceremony they will get to have a Fasta Pasta tea with staff in the STEM centre.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

**Whole School
Excursion Day**

Tuesday December 13

**Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 15 December**

**End of term
2pm Dismissal
Friday December 16**

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success – both in school and life

attendance
MATTERS
every student • every day



We again have some second-hand clothes available for families with year 6 student who wish to try on for the Graduation. If anyone is interested students can come see Elisha or the office staff to try on.

STAFFING 2023

As most of you know, I will be leaving EDPS next year to take up the Principal position at Blakeview Primary School. Whilst this will be a new challenge for me, I will certainly miss the wonderful staff, students, and EDPS community.

It is an absolute privilege and a huge responsibility to be given the position of Principal and this school is certainly a special place to be.

My time here will always hold a special place in my heart and my memories.

I would like to acknowledge all the support from Governing council and their support of the leadership team around the relentless focus on reading in our site Improvement journey as well as whole school events that they love being a part of.

I leave in the knowledge that families and students have excellent teaching and support staff who deeply care for your child/ children's wellbeing and are equally as committed to improving learning outcomes for every student

Educators at EDPS have high expectations of students and I think you should expect nothing less if they are to become lifelong learners.

I want to thank this staff and all the wonderful students for putting up with me and particularly me banging on about reading Improvement and learning.

Can I say that the move is made easier for me knowing you are all left in the capable hands of Sally Summers who will be Principal in 2023.

I know this because, apart from being one of the most dedicated, caring, and hardworking people I've ever met (with a sense of humour... of course), Sally is more than committed to continuing the learning journey for students and staff at this site and I'm sure you will all give her your ongoing support. She has already made a huge difference at our site and is an asset to the school.

This school is so fortunate to have an exemplary Leadership team including Elisha Scordo, who works tirelessly to support student behaviours and well-being. I am constantly amazed at her tenacity and the number of contacts she can turn to ensure students have ample opportunities to be successful.

The ongoing work of Tammy Starkey on our leadership team is outstanding in assessing, collecting, and analysing data and providing support for teachers to use it to plan for next steps in teaching She will continue this in 2023.

We welcome back Miss Tabitha from 2 terms of leave in 2023 and thank Miss Lauren for stepping into the IELP leader role for the last 2 terms. Lauren has done an excellent job in Tabitha's absence and has been a persistent and dedicated worker in support of all our students and staff. Lauren will be back in the IELP classroom in 2023, and Tabitha will resume her excellent work in ensuring success for IELP (and all) students at EDPS.

The wonderful Miss Meg has won a leadership position in Early Years at Westport Primary school for 2023. This is a fantastic opportunity for her, and she takes many skills in Early Years teaching and planning for learning.



Whilst we are sad to see her go, we wish her all best ... whilst secretly hoping she comes back.

I want to Congratulate Karen Gillespie who has won the Deputy Principal role for 2023.

Karen comes with a wealth of knowledge and skills, and I know she will work collaboratively with the whole school community in everything she does.

I also welcome Brad Hill who has won the Position of Pre-school leader for 2023. He also comes with skills and knowledge around Early Years Learning to support our young people in their early learning and readiness for school.

Kathy Stanton also leaves us at the end of this year. She has worked tirelessly at our site with student's identified as needing support and was even nominated for services to education award this year.

Kathy excels in her role of Work, Health and Safety and keeps the school community on their toes in terms of workplace safety. She too will be sorely missed. And we acknowledge her service to education.

Most of our staff will remain the same for 2023, however I am awaiting on the approval of a new staff member in IELP and one in the Junior Primary that I hope to be announced soon

If I do not see you beforehand, I wish you a wonderful festive season and holiday break however you choose to celebrate.

EDPS will always be in my thoughts, and I thank you all for having me as your Principal. For the last 3 years. I will miss you.



Caught Being Kind

Vincent Cherbite for helping another student who had lost their iceblock money.

Denzell Carter-Strangeway for helping others to make A choices at playtime.

Timea Velez for keeping our school tidy by picking up rubbish.

Alijah Musch for helping a classmate with her counting.

Tayah Irlam for keeping our school tidy by picking up rubbish at Recess.

All other students who were given Caught Being Kind Awards earn a Spirit Point for their House Team.



Pastoral Care New

I would like to thank the Elizabeth Downs Primary community for their support and wish everyone a happy and safe new year.



WonderFULL Christmas Festival
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022 6.00 PM - 9.30 PM
FREE FAMILY EVENT
FIREWORKS, FOOD VANS, ENTERTAINMENT,
KIDS FUN, MARKET STALLS
PLAYFORD UNITING CHURCH - 08 7228 5300
CNR CURTIS AND DOUGLAS ROADS, MUNNO PARA
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
PLAYFORD ALIVE
CITY OF Playford
RenewalSA
Government of South Australia

STEM STUDENTS VISITING PLAYFORD FOR VR PROGRAMME

EDPS ARVR students are working with students from Playford International College (PIC) on a community project in conjunction with the Playford City Council (Northern Sound System) and BAE Systems.

The “cnVRg” project is where the students work collaboratively to create a Virtual Reality (VR) game. With the assistance of James Marshall, who is head of CDW Studios (CDW Animation is a studio based in Adelaide which specialises in development and art for IP for animation, video games, film and TV). “The Void” at Flinders University is also assisting with this project.



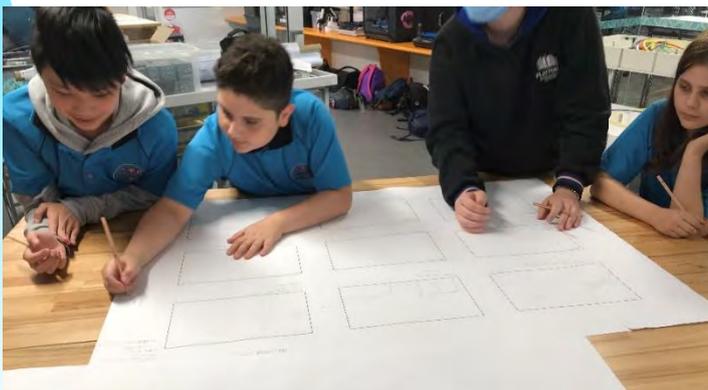
On Friday the 18th of November the students visited BAE Systems Shipyard at Osbourne for a tour around the facilities to see how ships are constructed at the site, then they worked in small groups to brainstorm some context for the potential game they were developing.

On Thursday the 24th of November the Playford International College students

visited EDPS to start the collaborative process of storyboarding possible game scenarios/stories. We then continued this process on the Tuesday 29th of November when our students visited Playford International College.



The “cnVRg” project will continue next year with EDPS and PIC as the primary leading schools, with other schools joining in on the projects journey.



2022 End of Year Concert So Many Happy Faces





Elizabeth Downs Primary School

Expectations - Diversity - Perseverance - Supportive



EDPS Values Award Winners:



Congratulations to all of our award winners for this fortnight!

- Room 3 Noah Christophers & Jackson Lower
- Room 7 Mason Chadderton & Casey Pepe
- Room 8 Jase McKenzie Redman & Maombi Maurid
- Room 9 Juliet Machona & Sara Akbari
- Room 10 George Ndayisenga & Sachpreet Deol
- Room 11 Sarah Thangpueh & Alex Pawlak
- Room 12 Koopa Hewett & Venus Keochandy
- Room 13 Solomon Lomon Lian Sian Ki & Samatta Tep
- Room 15 Lissa Noritta Mukiza & JB Musole
- Room 16 Eltayeb Eltayeb & Chelsea Doidge
- Room 18 Gypsy Symes & Nicole Edwards
- Room 19 James Webster & Linda Asadi
- Room 20 Diana Hussainy & Nomi Tha Khun
- Room 21 Mahir & Osman Mohammadi
- Room 22 Yussuf Sabimana & Elyas Akbari
- Room 23 Yehya Abazaid & Zahra Assafi
- Room 25 Shanaya Harding & Bradley Burt

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Our Breakfast Club is a very busy and happy place to be. Serving up lots of fresh hot toast to many students daily from 8:30am till 8:50am. ALL WELCOME!

STAY INFORMED AND KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL THE LATEST NEWS FOR EDPS

Skoolbag Facebook Newsletter

SCHOOL DAY TIMES:

- 8:50 am- School Starts
- 10:40 am- Recess
- 12:40 pm- Lunch Eating
- 12:50 pm- Lunch Play
- 3:00 pm- Home Time

