



Elizabeth Downs Primary School

Newsletter 1
Week ending Friday
10th May 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi families,

I hope you are well and had a lovely time over the recent school holidays. I know our staff did ready for a busy but exciting term 2 which will include SAPSASA events, swimming, interviews, Pyjama Day Reconciliation Week, and lots of other learning and fun.

This term we welcome Nia Kalivas as our Wellbeing Leader, Sakina Rajkotwala as our new science NIT teacher, Kendall Maycock SSO in Rm 8 and Rachel Valenti SSO in Preschool. Please make time to introduce yourself and say hello when you see them in the yard or during the school day.

With the colder weather approaching please be mindful of keeping your child home if they are feeling unwell. While we value attendance highly, students being kept home when they are sick is vital to allow them to rest and get better as well as stop the spread of illness. Please ensure however that you ring school to let us know if your child is away as we track attendance closely.

On Monday 29th April there was a Pupil Free Day. All staff participated in further Brightpath training with Giselle Pulford. The morning focus was on sentence structure with explicit teaching as well as hands on activities helping us to best understand and where the learning can be used within writing programs to move improve all student's writing.

A huge thankyou to the Lions Club at Playford, for their time, effort and funding to spruce up our Zen Den with interior and exterior painting . Services such as the Lions Club are such an integral service within our community and we are extremely grateful for their support.

Last term concluded with a very successful Colour Run with students and staff having a great time. I have had quite a few students come and tell me how much they enjoyed it again this year. \$1200 was raised to go towards purchasing lunch time activities such as Teddy Bear's Picnic, car mats and cars, Environmental Detectives bug catchers and magnifying glasses.

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 2

Week 3: Wednesday May 15
Assembly 2:15pm

Week 5: May 27-31
Reconciliation Week

Wednesday May 29
Whole School PJ Day

Week 6: Wednesday June 5
Assembly 2:15pm

Friday June 7
Pupil Free Day

Week 7: Monday June 10
Public Holiday Kings
Birthday

June 11-14
Dental visits at school

Week 8: June 17-21
Dental visits at school

Week 9: June 24-28
Swimming

Week 10: July 1-5
Swimming

**Parent/Teacher
Interviews**
Further Information to
come



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I am extremely excited to let the EDPS school community know that we were successful in our Variety Grant Application for a Wellbeing Dog and equipment and resources for our Zen Den. Around week 7 our school will be introduced to our new as yet unnamed puppy (we will be choosing a name at next

Wednesday's assembly). Harriet our Garden Specialist will be the Primary carer of our puppy with Sally S the secondary carer. There is an onsite core care group of Jacqui, Flo, Sally P and Bec H. All of these staff will be participating in specific training with Dogs Connect both before the puppy is allowed onsite and then throughout the next 12 months.

The footnote below will be placed on all notes that go home about school events that are extra curricular. This includes but is not only AR/VR, choir, SAPSASA, afterschool sport, robotics, Children's University. This supports the implementation of our school values and expectations and acknowledges and rewards students that choose to demonstrate them consistently. 'Extracurricular learning experiences are a privilege not a right. As this is an extracurricular learning opportunity, if your child consistently does not follow our EDPS values and common expectations they will not be participating, even if they have returned their permission slip and payment. This may also include excursions and incursions.'

I look forward to chatting and catching up with you in the yard either before or after school.

Regards

Sally Summers

EDPS EXPECTATIONS

The EDPS whole school expectations support and underpin the School values. These expectations are for staff, students, families and visitors to our school.

Movement

We use mindful movement by walking through the school safely, quietly and respectfully.

Communication

We communicate with friendly words and safe bodies.

Learning

We actively participate, embrace challenge and take pride in our learning.

Pride

We show pride towards ourselves, our school, all property and each other.



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UNIFORM



A reminder that our school uniform is

- School polo top: plain aqua or the new polo black/aqua
- Black bottoms (with a length that is appropriate which is the same length as where the child's fingertips fall when they have their arms by their side)
- School jacket or plain black jacket (without a hood)
- Black bucket or wide brimmed hat

****** Clothing with sport logos or any branding is NOT acceptable as school uniform ******

Staff will be reminding students daily of these expectations and noticing those who are in school uniform, so please support your child by purchasing shorts, skirts, leggings, track pants that are black for them to wear to school. If your child is consistently not in school uniform, then we will contact you to discuss how best to support this happening.

Reminding your child to put their hat in their bag also supports them at playtime as when they do not have a hat to wear by Monday week 3, then they need to sit in the shade at playtime. We know how essential it is for some children to move around, run, skip, climb to support their regulation, and having their hat allows this to happen.

School Uniform Pricing: Polo \$25.00
Jacket \$45.00
Windcheater \$40.00
Hat \$8.00

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is a very busy and happy place to be. Serving up lots of fresh hot toast to many students daily.

Thank you to all the families and community members who help out by donating bread, butter and spreads which helps keep our Breakfast club

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COME 'N' YARN

To all Indigenous families, you are welcome to join us here at Elizabeth Downs Primary School for an afternoon tea and yarn session!

Thursday afternoon 3:00pm - 3:45pm

In the Nunga Room (rm 6)

[Hope to see you mob there!](#)



COME N YARN

TO ALL ABORIGINAL FAMILIES, YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US HERE AT ELIZABETH DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR A MORNING TEA AND YARN SESSION! THIS WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES TO MEET EACHOTHER AND ALSO GET TO KNOW OUR ABORIGINAL WORKERS. IT WILL BE A SAFE SPACE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ABOUT WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPENING FOR OUR ABORIGINAL KIDS AND THEIR EDUCATION.

HOPE TO SEE YOU MOB!

WHEN: THURSDAY AFTERNOON
WEEKS 2,4,6,8
3:00 AM - 3:45 AM
NINGA ROOM (RM 6)

We just wanted to say a huge thank you on behalf of all of us at EDPS for the beautiful toiletry bags. You are such kind people and we want you to know that what you do doesn't go un-noticed. What you do is so incredible and we are very grateful.
Emma on behalf of the year 5/6 classes.



Water Safety Lessons

In weeks 9 and 10 this term, classes will head to the STARplex for their water safety lessons.

Each week will see students from various classes and year levels going. You may find that one of your children goes in week 9 and another in week 10. The



timetable of when classes come is set by the pool to ensure they

have enough instructors to cover lessons.

Over the coming week you will receive a letter from me about swimming as well as three forms that need to be filled out and returned. No late paperwork will be accepted as they need to be handed to the pool two weeks before we attend.

Three forms:

1. Water Safety Consent Form
2. Swimming Ability Knowledge Form
3. Consent to take part in Excursion

All forms need to be returned to the Finance Office, not the class teacher. Please ensure all forms are returned by Friday the 31st of May.

The cost of swimming is \$37.00, which includes bus and lesson costs.

However, these costs have been included in this year's School Card and Materials and Services charges, so if you have paid or made an arrangements to pay your Materials and Services charges OR put in a School Card application there will be no cost for your child to attend.

Kind Regards,
Todd McGuigan
Deputy Principal



KIDS TAEKWONDO

ATTENTION PARENTS
Term 2 enrolments open now

SPORTS VOUCHER APPROVED CLUB

Children can start at the age of 5
Classes in Modbury, Golden Grove, Greenwith, Salisbury and Munno Para

Sport - Fitness - Self Defence & Anti-Bullying

worldtaekwondo.com.au
Ph: 0412 909 500
info@worldtaekwondo.com.au

2024 National Aboriginal Tennis Australia Carnival

Last Thursday or Year 3 -6 Aboriginal students were fortunate enough to attend a tennis carnival involving 250 other students from schools in the northern area. They learned some of the basic skills to then be able to play tennis on scaled down courts throughout the day. This they did with great success and having a lot of fun whilst doing it.

They also had a session with some local Aboriginal Elders who taught them various symbols and artefacts to help them create their own story on a boomerang replica.

Our students also have the opportunity to take part in weekly tennis lessons at Playford Tennis Centre for Term 2. If you are interested in your child being part of this they can see me at school to assist them and their family in being part of this new initiative.

Warren McInnes
SAPSASA & Sports Coordinator
HPE Teacher



Up and Coming SAPSASA/Sporting Events

- May 13th** R-2 SANFL football clinic
3:15pm-4:15pm
- 20th** R-2 SANFL football clinic
3:15pm-4:15pm
- 22nd** SAPSASA yr5/6 Rugby League
Carnival
- 27th** R-2 SANFL football clinic
3:15pm-4:15pm



Head lice – Prevention and treatment

Removing nits

Many people interpret the presence of nits as an indication of an active head lice infestation. However, if the nits are more than 1 to 2 cm from the scalp they may be already hatched or dead. It is not necessary to remove all nits if they are dead, although some people may prefer that the nits are removed.

Treatment failure

Reports of failed head lice treatment are not uncommon. Failure can be due to:

- inadequate application of product
- lice being resistant to the treatment used
- failure to re-treat to kill nymphs newly hatched from nits
- re-infestation

Re-infestation should not be suspected until all the other potential causes have been ruled out.

If the treatment appears to have failed

If a chemical treatment was used, check the instructions and, if they have not been correctly followed (especially the need to repeat in 7 to 10 days), repeat the treatment.

Try an alternative treatment. Check with your chemist to make sure you are choosing a preparation with a different active ingredient.

Try the wet combing method instead of, or as well as, a chemical treatment. Do not use the wet combing method for at least one day before and after chemical treatment or as per the manufacturer's directions.

Using the wet combing method check the heads of all household members and treat all who have head lice.

Preventing the spread

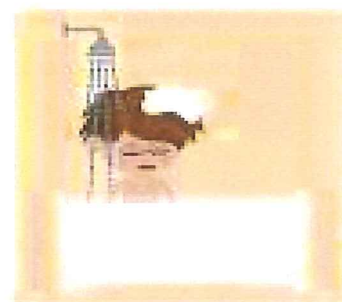
- check for head lice weekly – daily during head lice outbreaks
- treat head lice as soon as they are detected
- avoid direct head-to-head contact
- keep long hair firmly plaited or braided and slick down stray hairs with hairspray or gel
- avoid sharing brushes, combs, hats and helmets

Further information

If you are concerned about head lice or want more information contact:

- your local pharmacist or GP
- the Child and Youth Health Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100 or online at www.cyh.com
- your local council Environmental Health Officer

Look for other SA Health resources about head lice at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/headlice



For more information

Health Protection Programs - SA Health
Telephone: 08 8226 7100
Facsimile: 08 8226 7102
Email: HealthProtectionPrograms@health.sa.gov.au
Website: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/headlice



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EDPS VALUES

AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Values Awards for their classes.



EXPECTATIONS



DIVERSITY



PERSEVERANCE



SUPPORTIVE

Room 2 Franco & Layla

Room 3 Lincoln & Marlee

Room 8 Elizabeth & Logan

Room 9 Jayden & Kenan

Room 12 Bella & Nate

Room 13 Mia & Ayuel

Room 15 Kevin GT & Venus

Room 16 Freddy & Dianna

Room 17 Jess & Sahar

Room 18 Oliver & Malia

Room 19 Nick & Connor

Room 22 Mudasir & Ornisha

Room 23 Moses & Avleen

Room 25 Abdullah & Elena

Specialist Subject Awards

PE Crowley & Spencer

CAUGHT BEING KIND AWARDS

Nick W – for taking on the challenge of getting his work done on time.

Heath – for Persisting to get his work completed on time.

Albree – for helping to keep our class clean.

Levi Rm19 – for helping others in the sandpit to play safely.

Hunter D – for helping a friend finish their work.

Isabella – for helping a friend glue in her work when she was upset.

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

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child's academic improvement, develop healthy life habits avoid dangerous behaviour and have a better chance of graduating from high school. When students are absent for fewer days, their academic progress and reading skills often improve – even among those students who are struggling with their learning.

Habitual non-attendance: Where a student has 5 or more absences for any reason in a term (average of 12 days per fortnight)

Chronic non-attendance: Where a student is absent for 10 days or more in a term for any reason (average of 1 day per week)

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