



From the Leadership Team

Hello Everyone,

Site Improvement Plan

The third goal of the East Para Primary School Site Improvement Plan for 2021 is;

All students will be expressive and confident communicators through a rigorous and consistent approach to the explicit teaching of text types, structures, features and vocabulary.

On Tuesday we welcomed Montague Partnership consultant Stephen Graham to our site. Stephen worked with year level teams R-2, Years 2-5, Years 4-7 to continue to deepen staff understanding of the structure, language features and purpose of different text types so we can all develop a consistent and rigorous approach to the teaching of modelled reading. Staff feedback was that it was a most successful day of learning. Many thanks to all our teachers for their active participation and engagement. We will continue this work next term developing a Modelled Reading and Literacy Block Agreement.

Playgroup

Last Friday we welcomed two representatives from Playgroup S.A. to meet with Emma McPherson, our Playgroup Coordinator and all the wonderful children and families of the EPPS Playgroup.

The feedback from Playgroup SA was over whelmingly positive.

Thank you so much to Emma for making Playgroup@EPPS such a welcoming and supportive part of our school.

NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test (C.P.T.)

I would like to thank all our Year 5 students for their focussed attention during the NAPLAN practice test last Thursday.

Despite some initial 'log in' struggles all our Year 5 students were able to connect to the dedicated site and complete the special 'omnibus test' which is a test that combines all elements of NAPLAN in one test.

The purpose of the CPT is to check that sites, states and national systems are prepared for NAPLAN in Term 2.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Christy Hosking for all her organisation and to Ali Collins, Diana Custance, Pete Waller, Nicolle D'Allocco and the students of Room 32 for their huge support during the CPT.

Please note that the students' work in the practice test is not scored or marked.

A special thank you must go to the Year 4 students from Room 3 who did a yard clean up with Mr Waller during the time of the NAPLAN test. Your community spirit was much appreciated!

Ngarrindjeri Language Workshops

Many thanks to our ACEO. Amy Bonney for enabling our Year 6 and 7 Aboriginal students to participate in the Ngarrindjeri language workshops which is part of the SAASTA (South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy) Connect program at Para Hills High School. The first workshop was held yesterday. Thank you to both Amy Bonney and SSO Brenton Watts for accompanying our students to the workshop.

There will be the opportunity for the students to participate in four more workshops over the school year.

SAPSASA

Many thanks to Pete for his organisation of our first SAPSASA Carnival this year.

I would like to wish our Girls Netball and Boys Football team players all the best for the carnival today!

Thank you to our teachers across Rooms 1, 3, 17, 32, 33, and 34 for supporting the carnival and for helping with students who are not attending.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the EPPS Sub Junior 7 Netball Team on their success in winning the Grand Final last Friday. Thank you to the teachers and families who attended the game. Full report in Peter Wallers Sports News.



Thank you!

Thank you to all our students, families and teachers for their participation in interviews and the 'late night' interviews held last night. It has been truly great to welcome parents to the classrooms to share successes and collaboratively plan the next steps in learning! Thank you to Darryl Standish and Fiona Neill for your most generous donations to our school.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter break. See you all Tuesday 6th April.

Ros Frost

Calendar Dates

TERM 1

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday

Public Holiday

Week 11

Monday 5th April

Easter Monday

Public Holiday

Friday 9th April

Last Day of School

Early Dismissal 2:15

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Always remember you are **BRAVER** than you think, **STRONGER** than you seem and **LOVED** more than you know.

INTEGRITY

Be the best person you can be

Respect
Value yourself and others. spect differences.

Caring
Care for yourself, others and the environment.

Trust
Believe positively in others and they will believe in you.

Honesty
Be open and honest in all that you do and say.

Responsibility
Be responsible for your actions.



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Physical Education with Mr Waller

Scarlett

How we run fast and hurdle over objects

We swing our arms
we swing our arms.

We look straight ahead
we look straight ahead.

We jump on one foot
we jump on one foot

and land on the other
and land on the other

Run on our toes
Run on our toes



Reception and Year 1 students from Rooms 21 and 26 have been exploring how we can run fast and hurdle over objects.

Pictured is the class's knowledge that we turned into a 'handwriting' lesson. Well done to Scarlett for her effort writing neatly, with the letters facing the correct direction.

Students from Room 21 would have brought their writing home on Monday.

Room 26 began their writing on Tuesday 30th and will complete next Tuesday to bring home.

Epps Netball Team Grand Final Champions

On Friday 26th of March the Sub Junior 7 School Netball team won their Grand Final 19-15 against Magill. It was a fantastic game played by all the girls. Their ball movement, ability to intercept a pass and finish their shots was great to see. The crowd was full of proud parents, grandparents, Epps students and teachers!!

Well done to Karla for being

the emergency player for the team. Pictured to the right is Talise, accepting the trophy on behalf of East Para. I would also like to thank Vanessa Conroy for her time and dedication as coach of the girls team!!!



Community Minded Kids



Thank you to the pictured students from Room 3. On Thursday last week they assisted me in the clean up of the school parking area.

It was amazing the items we found in that area that could have done damage to any car tyre that drove over it.

Thanks to Lyla, Lauren, Jett, Chris, Myles, Adriana, Abby and Emily for their effort to keep our school safe.

MUSIC EDUCATION STRATEGY

My name is Chris Narroway and I am a field officer from the Department for Education Music Education Strategy and will be at East Para Primary School for 2021.

A large part of my role is mentoring classroom teachers to improve their ability to incorporate music education in their classrooms.

At East Para Primary School engagement with early years' teachers, modelling classroom music pedagogy and discussing ways they can include more music in their day has proved to be a very positive experience for us all. The students look forward to their sessions with me and the classroom teachers have embraced some of the music activities in a more casual way throughout the week.

I am looking forward to working with Ms Collins and her Year 4/5 group in Term 2. This class took part in an initial survey which will help the music education strategy track the mentoring process for both teachers and students.

Why music matters – Learning music is a powerful tool for brain development.

"There is considerable evidence of a relationship between musical skills and phonological abilities."
Susan Hallam - [Hallam, S. \(2019\). Can a rhythmic intervention support reading development in poor readers? Psychology of Music, 47\(5\), 722-735.](#)

Research shows that musical trained children perform better in standardised tests on language and they acquire and use language more effectively and earlier.

EPPS Site Improvement Plan continues to build a strong literacy profile and music learning has the ability to support and enrich this focus. Working with staff to make this connection more explicit and highlight the strong link between phonological awareness and music learning is key to my role.

Not only does music learning develop listening skills, use of rhyme, syllabification and alliteration but it will improve comprehension especially in beginner readers, increase the speed at which children learn new words and the understanding of how to use words in language.

Music education is also a critical driver of a child's social development and emotional wellbeing; it can help students develop confidence, promote creativity and help sub-tends develop emotional and behavioural awareness and skills.

The research around this has been building steadily. The field of neuroscience combined with music provided a strong basis for many of the latest findings. This TED talk is from 2014 but was the starting point for the movement to include more music education.

https://www.ted.com/talks/anita_collins_how_playing_a_n_instrument_benefits_your_brain?language=en

If you are interested in further information please contact me.

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YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Update Week 10, Term 1 – 2021

Preparing for year 7 in high school in 2022

We know many families of our year 6 and 7 students are busy exploring their local high school options for 2022. Next year will be unique, with a double cohort of students starting high school together as they enter years 7 and 8. The once-only move is necessary as we move year 7 to high school in public schools across the state.

Our primary and high schools are working together at every level to ensure the move is successful for families. Here are some of the key benefits to your child beginning high school in Year 7.

Learning opportunities

All South Australian students learn the Australian Curriculum, which was designed for year 7s to be taught in high school, as it is interstate. High school settings provide more specialist facilities to enhance learning, such as science laboratories, performing arts spaces and kitchens. They also offer teachers who are subject-specific experts, and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

A nation-wide move

Moving our year 7 students into high school brings South Australia in line with other states. Queensland and Western Australia most recently made the move in 2015. It also aligns our public school system with the Catholic and independent school sectors, which also teach year 7 in high school. Taking a cohesive approach to the start of high school promotes equity and makes it easier to move between states and school sectors, should you need to do so.

Year 7s are ready for high school

We know from the experiences of schools interstate and from our own pilot schools that year 7s are well and truly ready for high school.

This finding has been reinforced by the pilot program run through the Department for Education, involving three high schools, which welcomed their first cohort of year 7 students last year. We have been tracking the students' progress through interviews and surveys. The vast majority have enjoyed making new friends, trying new sports and activities and learning in a more mature environment.

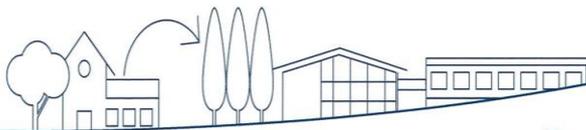
We are ready for the move

Planning is well underway to ensure the move of year 7 to high school is well-managed and considered. We are drawing on our pilot program insights and what we have learnt from Queensland and Western Australia to ensure the move is as smooth as possible.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS.

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



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Traffic Monitors

Term 1 Week 10



Hannah



Isabelle



Logan

Term 1 Week 11



Letitia



Olivia



Ella

COMMUNITY NEWS



TANGO NETBALL CLUB PRESENTS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINICS

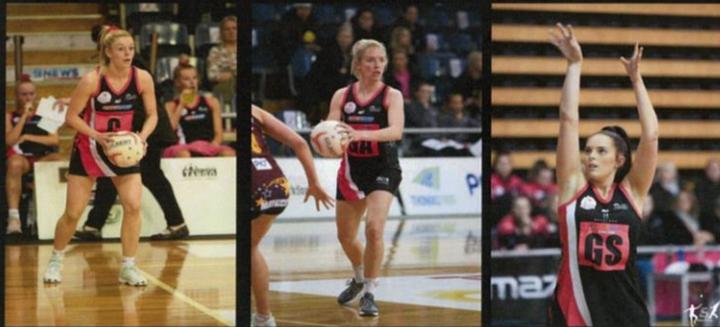
You have the opportunity to learn from current Premier League players, Charlotte Veart, Jess Paradiso, Kelsey Williams and other accredited Tango coaches.

Golden Grove Recreation Centre

Thursday 22nd April 2021

7-10 year olds - 9:30am - 12pm

11 - 15 year olds - 1pm - 3:30pm



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FACEBOOK.COM/DEVONCLOTHINGAUS/

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE 1st to 30th April 2021

Due to the Pandemic and Social Distancing we've had to change the way we operate to keep our customers, staff and community safe.

In April, we're asking you to **please book an appointment for all Uniform Fittings and purchases** for your child or children at all Devon Clothing Locations.

Appointments for Order collections, returns and exchanges are not required.

Please wait for notification that your Uniform Order is ready prior to attending.

You can book an appointment Online through your usual Uniform Online Ordering Site and receive an email confirmation. If you no longer require your pre-booked appointment, please cancel it or let us know.

Please check your Online Uniform Ordering Site now for available appointments.

<https://devonclothing.com.au/>

Does your child need a uniform fitting?

BOOK A TIME NOW



SCHOOL HOLIDAY

BASKETBALL

CLINICS

JOIN IN THE FUN

WED 14TH & THURS 15TH APRIL

BEGINNERS
Reception - Yr 3

10am - 2pm each day
1 Day \$50 or 2 Days \$90

ADVANCED
Yrs 3-7

10am - 3pm each day
1 Day \$60 or 2 Days \$100

▶ 1 or 2 Day Options ◀

▶ Early Drop-off & Late Pick-up options available ◀

▶ Cafe open + \$10 special lunch order deals available ◀

0403 900 374 www.marssportingcomplex.com
Register Here: tiny.cc/AprilHolidayClinics Mars Sports Centre
63 Lower Portrush Rd, Marden

FRIDAY
16th & 23rd
APRIL

POP IN

& PLAY

ANYTIME BETWEEN 9AM-2PM

\$6

Per Child

No Bookings required. Supervising adult must accompany children.

A HUGE RANGE OF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR KIDS TO TRY A VARIETY OF SPORTS & ACTIVITIES.

NO STRUCTURED SCHEDULE OR COACHING - ALL FREE PLAY.

BASKETBALL, NETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, FUTSAL, BADMINTON, ATHLETICS, DODGEBALL, GIANT JENGA & MORE

MARS SPORTS CENTRE - 63 LOWER PORTRUSH RD, MARDEN 5070

Mention this flyer & for \$8 receive Entry & a Pop Top or Moo Milk & a Zooper Dooper or Small lolly Bag.