

SCHOOL HOURS

8:45am-3:00pm
Recess 10:40am -11:00am
Lunch 12:50pm -1:20pm



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Principal's News

Dear parents, caregivers and friends of Elizabeth Park School. I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by! Its been an exciting year of growth for our school. Student attendance, engagement and achievement has continued to improve. Our teachers and ancillary support staff continue to provide **high quality educational programs** for your child. Speech support, Social work support, Art therapy, drumming, music, kitchen garden, Small Business specialisation and many other initiatives create a vibrant and interesting learning environment for our students.

Our focus upon the essentials for **reading** such as phonics, spelling rules and the Daily 5 of reading and writing are all making a positive impact upon students learning growth. Our aim is for all students to improve by at least 12 months in a year and reach their year level standard or greater.

We would like to thank all of the families for attending our celebration **Twilight Concert** on Thursday 6th December at the Gawler Starplex. We were very proud of the students and the excellent job they did. So much effort went into rehearsing the items, and it was lovely to see so many families supporting our students.

The **last day of school** will be **Friday 14th December** finishing at **2pm**. School reports will be sent home with your children on this day. At 1:30 we hold an whole school assembly to give out two Positive Role Model certificates for each class. All students will be dismissed from the Gym after our farewell assembly.

There are many good quality holiday events such as visiting the Playford Council library that you can access. We all wish you a happy holiday and we look forward to another fabulous year ahead. To our year 7 graduates and those families not returning to EPS in 2019 we wish you all the very best into the future.

Year in Review

What a fabulous, fun-filled **year 2018** has been! All students at Elizabeth Park have been involved in a range of different learning opportunities across the year. Some of these have included, Swimming lessons, Gawler Pool, Skatescool, Dance Sport, NAIDOC, Bike Education, year 7 camp, Deadly Australians incursion, Active After School Sports and the Instrumental Music Program.

Whilst it is difficult to highlight one event or experience as the standout of the year, **The End of Year** concert last week was certainly up there! Thank you to all the families and students who attended—everyone performed their hearts out and did an amazing job!

2019 will bring many more wonderful experiences for our students and we are looking forward to sharing those with our families. For those students and families not returning in 2019 farewell and good luck in your new schools.



Staff Farewells

It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that we say farewell to three of our staff at the end of this year. Elizabeth Park has a string culture of belonging and its like a member of our family leaving. Best wishes to:

Laura Tambe has been with us for 16 years in many roles from teaching year 7, Aboriginal Education teacher, Special Education teacher, Coordinator and Principal. Laura has won an Assistant Principal role at The Heights School.

Alex Harrison is bravely moving to Sydney with her family as her husband has won a job there. **Madi Seymour** has won a new job as Director of Para Hills West kindy.

Important Dates

2018

Week 9

Last Day of Term 4

Friday 14th Dec

2:00pm

Dismissal from the gym

2019

Week 0

Acquaintance Session

Meet your teacher

Thursday 24th January

11:00—12:00

Please meet in the gym

Week 1

First day of school

Tuesday 29th January 2019

8:45am

See you then!

Have a happy and safe

Holiday Break!

Thank you from Ms Tambe



It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to the Elizabeth Park School Community. Our amazing school has been my second home for the past 16 years and it has been my privilege and my honour to work with so many wonderful students, families and staff over the years. I feel very sad to leave but also really excited about my new role at The Heights School. A new chapter awaits! Thank you for all the warm wishes you have given me this week and for the beautiful surprise send off assembly I received on Monday! My treasured memories of Elizabeth Park Schools will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Warm wishes to you all - Laura Tambe

Year 7 Graduates



Farewell to our graduating year 7 students. Good luck with your future endeavours.

Uniform News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

If you would like to purchase school uniforms before the first day of school, the uniform shop will be open on the following days:

- Tuesday 22nd January **1.30pm – 2.30pm**
- Thursday 24th January **11am – 12pm** (during the Acquaintance session)

Rory's School Lunches

RE: Canteen Closure

As mentioned in our school newsletter, Elizabeth Park Schools will no longer have an onsite canteen in 2019. The option supported by Governing Council is to outsource to "Rory's School Lunches".

The Department for Education's policy and the state auditors require that a school canteen must not run at a loss. Unfortunately over recent years, our school canteen has not been able to break even. The school, Donna and Debbie (previous canteen manager) have worked tirelessly to implement various initiatives, but unfortunately these have resulted in the canteen not being financially viable for the long term.

After careful consideration and research the Governing Council have decided that Rory's School Lunches is the ideal option for our school. This is due to several reasons;

Rory's offers a wide **selection of menu items**, that are both hot and cold.

Rory's is a **free service** and charges no additional fees to our school.

Rory's provide **free delivery** direct to our school
Menu items are reasonably priced.

Rory's provide a **simple ordering process** using the QKR app.

In term 1 lunches will be offered on Wednesday and Fridays. At the end of term 1 we will reassess this. If there is enough interest, we will increase the amount of days offered.

Families will be able to order lunches by 8:15am on the day of the lunch order. All ordering is done via the QKR app on your mobile device.

Further information will be sent home to families with steps on how to download the app and place an order along with the menu and prices. Once you have received this information, please feel free to contact the school with any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Corey Fawkes

Assistant Principal

Acquaintance Session

Coming home in your child's school report on Friday will be information about the Acquaintance session being held in week 0. On **Thursday 24th January from 11:00am until 12:00pm**, families are invited to meet in the gym to find out their child's class placement for 2019. Families are then welcome to visit classrooms to meet the teacher and become acquainted with class routines and programs.

If you are unable to attend the session in week 0, please report to the gym on the first day of term 1 Tuesday 29th January where you will be informed of your child's class placement for 2019. Wishing you all a happy and restful break!

NUNGA NEWS



What a wonderful year we have had in 2018. We have celebrated and shared many special events including NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation week, Nunga Family night, excursions to the Museum and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial, Fasta Pasta celebration lunch, morning teas and Nunga Club fun across the year!

The end of the year also coincides with my departure from Elizabeth Park Schools. I am fortunate to be moving with my family to Sydney in the New Year to start a brand new adventure. Thank you to all the families, students and staff who I have been blessed to work with over the past few years. EPS will always hold a special place in my heart and I wanted to thank each and everyone of you for showing me kindness, generosity and welcoming me into your lives with open arms. Steph Breumelhof will be taking over the Aboriginal Education Teacher role in 2019. Steph has been at our school for a number of years now and many of you will already know her smiling face!

'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard', Winnie the Pooh.

Have a wonderful, safe and joyous Christmas and New Year break.

Alexandra Harrison (AET)

EALD NEWS



It has been another fantastic year working with for our EALD students and families. We have has a very busy year with many activities including Harmony Day, our Latino Grooves incursion, our EALD Club and Social Work Drumming programs and most recently our Bookmaking project with artist James Parker.

I have been so lucky to have worked with our EALD students at Elizabeth Park for the last ten years, and have learnt so much from you all. In this time our EALD numbers have grown from 18 students to 105 which has been a wonderful reflection of our diverse community.

Next year I will be moving on from the EALD Teacher role at Elizabeth Park. I am very sad to be saying goodbye to a job I love dearly and working so closely with the EALD Community. However I am looking forward to my new role of Special Education Teacher at Elizabeth Park, and the new challenges this will bring. Lisa McDonald will be taking over the EALD teacher role in 2019 and we know her enthusiasm for the role and her many years as a teacher at this school will make her an amazing person for the job!

I look forward to catching up with you all in the school yard still, and thankyou for your support over the years! Have a safe and relaxing school break.

Daina Webber, EALD Teacher

Community News

Girls Kicking Goals and Smashing Boundaries

SANFL and SACA are excited to announce the inaugural girls footy and cricket holiday program.

Whether you are new to the games or have played for years, lace up your shoes and come on down to our GIRLS ONLY program.

8-16 year olds
9:30am - 12pm
Park 25 | Cnr Port Road and North Terrace, Adelaide

One Sport
Monday 21st January
Choose between cricket or football
\$50

Two Sports
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd January
Learn the skills and play cricket and football across two days
\$90

Every girl will receive a showbag! Footy participants will receive a football and drink bottle with every cricket participant receiving items, including a cap.

To register now visit
sanfl.com.au/schoolholidays

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AND SEARCH
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End of year Concert Extravaganza!

