



ELIZABETH EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 2

05/02/2021



Welcome to the 2021 school year. I hope everyone had a positive break over the Christmas and New year season.

We have had a couple of staffing changes over the break. Our Deputy Principal Edwina Burton has taken a new role for the 2021 year. Edwina will be working at another site with the chance to return in 2022. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

Lisa Aplin has won the Deputy Position for term 1. Lisa will take on the role of special education support and daily school management for the start of 2021. The position of Deputy for terms 2, 3 and 4 will be advertised shortly.

We welcome back Greg Frost as our P.E. teacher for 2021.

This term will be full of exciting events including camp for the upper primary students, Acquaintance night, Parent Teacher interviews, instrumental music, excursions to the city, AGM, choir, Cirkids and whole school incursions. There will be some Literacy and Numeracy in amongst all that as well.

On Tuesday we had the privilege of a visit by Rick Persse, the Chief Executive of the Department for Education. Rick spent 70 minutes talking with Lisa Aplin and myself around many and varied topics related directly to our school site. One of the major conversations related to our facilities and our desire to improve the buildings, layout of the school and the general external appearance of the site. He agreed whole heartedly that our site was looking tired, and that a plan was needed to improve the facilities. Rick has agreed to pay for a plan to upgrade our site. We will employ an architect and an engineer to give us possible options and we will present these to Rick for his approval. This will ensure we are in the running for future rounds of school improvement funding. I would like to thank Rick for taking the time to visit our school and listen to the EEPS improvement story and our plans for the future.

School fees will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please pay them as soon as you can. We use this money to ensure your children have all the resources they require. Some families may be eligible for school card, these are available to be filled out online or printed and given to the front office staff. If you are struggling to pay the account, please talk with Georgie at the Front Office and she will support you with a payment plan to ensure the fees do not cause hardship.

Acquaintance night will take place next **Tuesday 9th at 2:00pm**. Classrooms will be open for you to visit your child's room and discuss the year ahead with the teacher. We are asking that parents do not enter the classroom if there are more than 10 adults in the room and that you use the hand sanitiser located at the entrance of each class before you enter and as you leave. Students are not part of the count when determining numbers in a classroom. The classrooms will be available to parents until 3:00pm.

At 3:30pm on the same day (Tuesday 9th Feb) we will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This will be a chance for you to listen to the Principal discuss the previous year and hear how 2021 will be managed. It will also be a chance for you to join the Governing Council. Being a member of the council will allow you to have a say in your child's school's direction and be involved in changes to things such as playgrounds, facilities and the overall makeup of EEPS. We will hold our first Governing Council meeting for 2021 straight after the AGM.

Matthew Delany

Principal

A note from our Deputy

Hello and welcome to Elizabeth East Primary School for 2021. It is fabulous to see so many families returning to Elizabeth East and welcoming all the new families into our community. I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lisa Aplin and I am the Deputy Principal this term at Elizabeth East.

I have been at EEPS for 12 years, first in a Junior Primary teaching role then as the Literacy Coordinator last year. I am excited to have the opportunity to meet and work with you over the term in my new role. Please feel free to come and have a chat with me morning or afternoon when I am on yard duty near the canteen and Junior Primary area or make a time to meet with me more formally.

Our Teaching Staff

Andrea Johnson and Lisa Yancic, Reception, Room 23,

Julianne Teague and Victoria Teng, R/1, Room 22,

Timothy Leggatt, 1/2, Room 21,

Felicia Moore, R-2, Junior Primary Special Options, Room 19,

Lily Jovel, 1/2, Room 17,

Stef Sotora, 2/3, Room 16,

Kirsty Richards and Lisa Yancic, 5/6, Room 13

Brigitte Pilcher, 6/7, Room 12

Caitlin McClay and Lisa Yancic, 6/7, Room 11

Peta Mitchell, 3-7 Primary Special Options, Room 6

Haydn Butler, 4/5, Room 5

Duc Le, 3, Room 4

Stirling Crompton, 6, Room 2

Our Specialist Teaching Staff and Leadership team

Sally Brock - Art, **Greg Frost** - PE, **Robyn Lawrence** - Kitchen and Garden, **Elio Auciello**, Aboriginal Education

Matthew Delany, Principal - **Lisa Aplin**, Deputy Principal - **Phillip Bloffwitch**, Wellbeing Coordinator

Our Support Staff

Front Office area - **Georgie, Jennifer**, Resource Centre - **Kirsty T, Noel**. Canteen - **Mel Hill**

Classroom support- **Liz, Bec M, Karen H, Karen D, Cheryl, Michelle, Amy, Aroma, Daniel, Emma, Kelly, Lisa, Makayla, Luisa, Rebecca C, Reece and Sarah**

Special interest program at The Heights School

IGNITE

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IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

Year 6 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program for 2022

Year 7 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 8 IGNITE program for 2022

IGNITE SELECTION TEST

YEAR 6 TEST: SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2021 9AM-1PM

YEAR 7 TEST: SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2021 9AM-1PM

LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

Register your child to sit the test at: <https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/programs/ignite/>
A registration fee of \$125 applies for non-school card holders. Registrations close Friday 12 February 2021

A note from our Fundraising Committee

Welcome to all our new parents/caregivers and current parents/caregivers,

We have a Governing Council and a Fundraising Committee here at Elizabeth East Primary School and we are always looking for new committee members to add new ideas and thoughts (and the extra help) at our site. If you are interested in joining one or both of our Committees please contact the front office and they will get in contact with myself.

(Please come along to the AGM to put your hand up to join the Governing Council)

Thank you

Nicole McNeill

Chairperson Governing Council

LEANNE NICHOLLS MUSIC FUND



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The Open Music Academy is delighted to announce that applications are open for the Leanne Nicholls Music Fund.

The Leanne Nicholls Music Fund is open to all South Australian secondary school woodwind students, with preference given to oboe students.

Successful students will receive a scholarship for up to three years, with the scholarship covering up to 100% of their instrumental tuition at the Elder Conservatorium Open Music Academy. Preference is given to students in Years 10, 11 and 12, although students in earlier years are also encouraged to apply.

music.adelaide.edu.au

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How do I enable notifications on my phone so I can receive Qkr notifications from my child's school?

Ensure your Notifications settings are activated for the Qkr app.

Step 1
Select settings in your iOS or Android device

Step 2
Select Notifications.

Step 3
Look for the Qkr app and ensure the toggle is switched on to allow notifications.

Step 4
Open the Qkr app on your phone, open settings and ensure the 'Push Notifications Enabled' toggle is switched to green.

Please note that whilst we control the sending of the notification, the delivery and receipt of the notification is entirely controlled by your phone operating system.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES

HIPPY wants you

Overview

HIPPY is a two year home-based parenting and early childhood enrichment program delivered by trained tutors. Parents/caregivers are also invited to attend fortnightly parent groups.

You may be eligible if you:

- 1) Live in the Elizabeth area, and
- 2) have a child in your care about to start school

Benefits of HIPPY include:

- preparing your child for school years,
- building self-esteem and confidence through learning,
- improved relationships between parents and children,
- increased understanding of how children learn.

For more information contact HIPPY Elizabeth Early Childhood Co-ordinator Lorelle on 08 8209 5415 or via email to lorelle.bennett@anglicaresa.com.au

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