



ELIZABETH EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Term 2 Week 2

It has been a busy few weeks at Elizabeth East as I settle into my new role as principal. I have been busy visiting classrooms, getting to know students, visiting the local kindy, chatting with parents and caregivers, meeting with all staff and building my understanding of the school's needs. I am excited by the opportunities that lay in front of us as a school and I look forward to working with all of you to make Elizabeth East the preferred school for our local community.

Here is one way you can get involved and be an active part of our journey, on Tuesday the 24th of May we are holding our Annual General Meeting. This is a chance to come along and hear about the school's achievements over the last 12 months and look forward towards the next 12 months. At the AGM you can also nominate to join the Governing Council. This group helps to govern the school, working collaboratively with the principal and staff to guide the future direction of the site. Any parent or carer who is interested only needs to commit to attending two meetings a term, usually on a Monday afternoon at 3:20pm. At these meetings, you will be able to contribute to new initiatives or ideas, hear about how the school is prioritising its spending and get an update from the principal about the work happening to improve the learning opportunities for students at the East. If you are interested and would like more information please visit the front office.

The first area where we will be seeking your feedback is around the communication between the school and home with respect to your child's learning. I am keen to know how well as a school we communicate information with you about your child's learning progress. What is working well? What could we get better at? How would you like to be communicated with? This feedback will shape the review of our communication and reporting processes over the next term. Any feedback can be directly sent to me via my email address: Thomas.Harvey389@schools.sa.edu.au or in writing to the front office.

I am also keen to work with the school community to develop a Parent / Caregiver Code of Conduct. This document will outline how families can successfully engage with the school to provide feedback, have complaints addressed and interact with other members of our school community. The Governing Council will be actively involved in the development of this document, along with our staff and students.

As we continue on with some COVID restrictions, there have been some changes that you may not have seen yet. During the holiday period all the mainstream classrooms were upgraded with woodwork repairs, air conditioning ducts being replaced, classrooms being painted and the wiring being installed for the new sound system. It is exciting to see these upgrades occurring to our facilities and infrastructure. A huge thank you needs to go to both Julie Murphy and Cherie Collings who began this work last term. They did a fantastic job, not only with these upgrades but with all of their support for the students and school community during the transition period. I have heard from staff, students and community the positive impact they both had over a very short period of time.

Thomas Harvey

Principal

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

A reminder that our annual school photographs will take place on Friday 27th May. Please have your child bring their school photo envelope **ON THE DAY OF PHOTOS NOT BEFORE WITH THE CORRECT MONEY INCLUDED AS THERE IS NO CHANGE GIVEN BY THE PHOTOGRAPHERS ON THE DAY.**

Family envelopes for sibling photographs are available from the front office.

Also if you wish to not have your child included in the class photo please let Kelly in the front office know this prior to Friday 27th May.

How to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your Computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

2X8 RAK G8R

In the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: you must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

INFORMATION AROUND THE SCHOOL

Class Dojo is the parent communication platform. School wide notices will be placed on the school story. Class teachers will also post information about their class. Teachers may also post individual photos of your student - check their portfolio!



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Materials and Services fees are over due and payable now. School card needs to be applied for every year.

*If you have **NOT** applied this year, please apply online and submit your paper application to Georgie at the front desk..*

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2023



Just a reminder to our Year 6 families that the registration of interest for secondary schools 2023 closes on **Friday 27th May 2022**. If you are having trouble completing this online please come into the front office to see Kelly and she will be happy to help assist you with this process.

SPECIAL PERSON DAY STALL



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Elizabeth East Primary School has started the year off with some great fundraising. We raised \$127.20 from the casual day at the end of last term. We also raised \$189.30 from the special person's day last week.

Thank you to all families that help raise this money as we will be striving to raise money for the school with more fundraising activities planned for the future. We will be meeting to discuss where the fundraising funds for 2022 will be spent and we will advise soon exactly what we are fundraising for.

Also if there are any parents that would like to join the fundraising committee please let us know, all welcome.

Thank you

Fundraising Committee

Annual General Meeting 2022

Tuesday 24th May 2022

Conference Room

3.30PM

Do you want to have a say?

Interested in becoming part of a collaborative team in shaping the future of our school?

Collect a Governing Council nomination form from the front office or phone 8255 2262 and one will be sent to you.

THE CHARTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

On Tuesday of this week, 11 students from rooms 11 & 12 attended the official launch of the Charter Ambassador Program.

The Charter is a list of 20 things children and young people should have to be safe, happy and well – no matter who they are or where they come from. The South Australian Government uses this list to make decisions that affect children.

Children and young people helped shape the Charter and it reflects what's important to them – things like having a good home life, being listened to, and being respected and valued.

Best of all, because the Charter is protected by law, adults have to pay attention to it. The Charter is split into five categories or dimensions: *What do kids need to be healthy? How can we keep kids safe? How can we help kids feel good? How can kids be part of the community? And how can we give kids a good education?*

There were two parts to the opening.

Firstly, we all met at Festival Theatre where a morning tea was supplied. We then took part in a number of exercises. Two of these were: *Why is the Charter important to you? And how could you promote the Charter in your school and community?* Well done to Prajal and William who shared our table's ideas with the rest of the group.

The second part entailed us walking over to Government House where we were introduced to the Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamsom AC, along with Magdalena Madden and Juliana Chambers who were representing the *Child Development Council*, and Professor Barbara Spears, member of the *Child Development Council and Chair of the Charter Reference Group*.

During this time the children were served refreshments in the main dining area.

Her Excellency proceeded to officially open the program and every child was then presented a badge to commemorate the occasion. After this, the children were given time to explore Government House.

I would like to thank Mohammad, Annaka, Saima, Toby, Kain, William, Prajal, Jacee, Omar, Johnathon and Zara for representing the school in an extremely positive manner. Well done.

Phillip Bloffwitch

Wellbeing Coordinator



Dear Charter Facilitators,

Thank you so much for joining us at the Charter Ambassador Program launch on Tuesday, and for facilitating the participation of your school's Ambassadors. It was wonderful to see the Ambassadors so engaged and excited about the Charter. They conducted themselves with great confidence and composure - they should all be incredibly proud of themselves 😊

Thanks again,

Lucy Russell Byrne

Engagement and Communications Officer | **Child Development Council**



IMPORTANT DATES

NAPLAN

Monday 9TH May to Friday 20th May

Governing Council - AGM

Tuesday 24th May

School Photos

Friday 27th May

Dentist Check Up

Monday 30th May to Tuesday 7th June

Sammy D Foundation Visit Year 5/6

Friday 10th June

Public Holiday

Monday 13th June

Governing Council

Monday 20th June

Swimming Week Reception – Year 5 (subject to Covid restrictions)

Monday 4th to Friday 8th July

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 8th July

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will remain closed until further notice.