From the Principal

Welcome to Evanston Gardens Primary School for 2014. We look forward to a productive year in partnership with our school students, families and school community.

Welcome to all our new students:
Connor, Jayden, Tyler, Tahlee, Toni, Tanner, Jordan, Pia, Seth, Tanika, Aleah, Isaac, Harriet, Connor, Michael, Lockie, Tylah, Lane, Shaleta and Mia. We trust they have a happy time learning at our school.

We welcome new staff to our school Ms Paula Napper (Yr 5/6/7), Mr Grant Buik (Yr 2/3), Mrs Lesley Payne (Yr 1/2) and Mrs Narelle Christiansen School Counsellor.

We welcome back Sharon Hunt (Front Office) Linda McKay, Teresa Bull (both student support) and Leigh Cooney (Admin and student support) Mr Jordan Beinke our Christian Pastoral Support Worker (working on Tuesday and Thursday this year) Peter Lucantoni our groundsman on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mr Robert Cornell will take Non Instructional Time in all classes in Term One on Monday and Tuesday, whilst Ms Charlotte Holmes is on leave. We will employ an Hourly Paid Instructor to take the choir on a Tuesday afternoon in Term One.

Welcome back also to Ms Kate Harris (Japanese - Wednesday & Thursday) Mrs Tegan Chebotarev (Yr3/4) and Ms Cheryl Pettigrew (Reception/1).

Facilities and Grounds

During the school holidays we were fortunate enough to have new vertical blinds in Rm 9 and the Art Complex and Room 1 & 2 painted inside and out. All the trees deemed to be a safety risk in our tree audit were also trimmed ready for the school year. Next week there will be an initial meeting with the architects and various DECD personnel regarding our redevelopment.

Cyber bullying Sessions Student, Staff and Parents

Students from Year 3-7 will be attending a session re Cyber bullying from 2-3pm next Wednesday 5th February, followed by a staff meeting on this very important topic. This will be run by the Australian Communication Media Authority. A note has already gone home regarding a parent session to be run from 6.00 to 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th February. All parents are welcome. If you would like to register for this session please do so as soon as possible as there is limited, pre booked crèche available. Please see Libby Clift (Principal) or return the slip previously provided.
Keeping Safe—Child Protection Curriculum

Classroom teachers will be teaching this mandated curriculum beginning next week. It looks at strategies to keep safe, relationships, bullying, power and other important issues. If you would like to view this curriculum please speak to your child’s teacher, Libby Clift or Narelle Christiansen.

Library News

Students will be bringing home their library books this week or next week for the first time this year. All classes have a time available during lesson time to borrow and return books. Junior Primary classes can have a library book on loan for one week. Primary classes can have a book on loan for two weeks.

The borrowing limits for each level are:
- Reception - 1 book
- Year 1 & 2 - 2 books
- Year 3 - 3 books
- Year 4 - 4 books
- Year 5 - 5 books
- Year 6 & 7 - 6 books (one of these will be a dictionary)

Parents/Caregivers 15 books

I am here at the school on:
- Mondays 11.00 - 2.30pm
- Tuesdays - 9.30am - 1.00pm
- Wednesdays - all day

Volunteers to help in the library are always welcome!

Regards,
Michelle Coventry

Reading Comprehension

Staff were recently trained with Sheena Cameron in the use of Reading Comprehension Strategies that they can make explicit to students so that they can learn these strategies. We have attached a hand out for you about self monitoring and ‘fix up’ strategies’ that you may be able to use when you read with your children at home. Staff will be teaching self monitoring as a strategy beginning next week.

From the Front Office

Next week school fees and school card application forms will be sent home. Student detail forms and permission slips for each student need to be updated. Please return these forms ASAP.

Uniforms have now arrived—Please come into the front office to purchase.

We now have Eftpos.

Hot Weather Policy

Our hot weather policy is included with this newsletter. Please note that we also have the use of our air conditioned gym for classes to use.

School values

All classes have been looking at our school values. Staff students and the school community had the opportunity to voice their thoughts late last year and our top values were respect, perseverance, and problem solving.

This is what some Ms Paynes’ Class thought respect was:
Sharing, saying hello, helping others, saying please and thank you, caring, talking nicely, being kind to others, listening to others, saying you’re sorry if you need to and looking after your things.

Mr Buik’s class
Respect feels: good, happy, excellent, friendly, calm and nice.

It sounds like: polite manners, happy voices, no silly noises, yelling or swearing.

It looks like: Using things carefully, keeping our hands to ourselves, listening, not gossiping (sharing secrets), hands up in class, being safe, not mucking around in class and asking others for help.

Swimming

Swimming notes for children from Reception to Year 5 will go home early next week. Swimming is in week 4, 17th—21st February, Please return all forms and money to the front office ASAP.

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Swimming
Do you like to sing, dance, or act? Want to try out for a solo in ‘Take to the Sky’?

Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging?

Everyone is welcome!

Then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you!

Audition bookings open on Monday, February 10, 2014!
Audition bookings close on Friday, March 7, 2014.

Weekly rehearsals are held at 3 locations across the metropolitan area:
- North - Parafield Gardens Primary on Tuesdays
- Central - Gilles Street Primary on Wednesdays
- South - Darlington Primary on Thursdays

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 5.45 pm. There will also be a few Sunday workshops.
Each troupe will be involved in 4 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Festival Theatre between the 9th and 19th September, 2014.
Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information.
Check out our website: www.festivalofmusic.org.au or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.

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**Wicked Wednesday Healthy Lunch**

**Wednesday 4th February**

**WEEK 2**

Please return your order stapled to your lunch bag with the correct money by 11 am Tuesday 3rd February

No late orders will be accepted
One student only per order form

**NAME:**

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**CLASS:** Pettigrew Buik Chebotarev Payne Napper Staff

**Beef or Ham Salad Sub**

Tomato, cucumber, grated carrot lettuce and mayonnaise
One piece of fruit
$3.50 each

**Total:** $____:____

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**Evanston Gardens Hot Weather Policy**

**Rationale:**
The safety of all students and staff is paramount. It is recognised that exposure to extreme heat or prolonged UV Rays can be detrimental in both the long and short term.
In response to this the school has a “No Hat, No Play” policy incorporated in the dress code, and has had shade structures erected over both sets of playground equipment. Along with the many large trees that are on site, the school believes there are ample areas for students to play and also be protected for the sun.

**Implementation:**
- If the actual temperature is 34.9○C or below, then play and breaks will be as normal.
- If the actual temperature is between 35○C and 37.9○C then Limited Play will be enforced; ie the oval and asphalt will be closed, students will be limited to the two shaded playgrounds, the small oval and shaded seats & areas.
- If the actual temperature is 38○C or above then students will be kept inside classrooms.
- In the cases of extreme heat (ie 40oC+) or two or more days of temperature exceeding 38○C parents have the option to pick up students early at 1.00pm

Parents who pick up students early will be required to fill out an early dismissal slip from the front office.

Information relating to the hot weather policy must be conveyed to parents in writing.

This policy will hold for both recess and lunch breaks. For the purpose of this policy the Bureau of Meteorology website will be accessed and the actual temperature(s) at Roseworthy and Parafield will be used, (if there is a difference between these two temperatures, then their average will be used to determine the state of Play).

**Review:**
The early dismissal of students will be reviewed annually by Governing Council.
**Regular Happenings:**

- **Monday:** Bank Day—Band SA
- **Tuesday Fortnightly:** Wicked Wednesday Lunch orders due by 11.00am (odd weeks)
- **Wednesday:** STAFF MEETING DAY 3.30pm - 5.00pm
- **Thursday:**
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