Learning Today for Tomorrow’s Community
WE VALUE RESPECT, PERSEVERANCE, PROBLEM SOLVING

From the Principal

Welcome to Term Two.

Maths Training

This term teachers will continue training in problem solving and other aspects of teaching Mathematics both after hours and on the 4th of June. Teachers have already reported increased student confidence and engagement, with this aspect of mathematics as a result of implementing these strategies in the class.

Differentiation of the Curriculum

Teachers will also be continuing work in differentiation of the curriculum (especially in the area of literacy).
This involves:
Students with a verified disability will also have Negotiated Education Plans updated this term as well as personal learning plans for some students to help them set and achieve targeted learning goals (this includes as well as appropriate work for groups of students at their level). The school will, again be involved in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disabilities.

Naplan

Please note the Naplan tests are on the 13, 14, 15 of May, with a ‘catch up’ tests (for absences) on Friday 16th May. These are for Year 3, 5 and 7 students. There is information on the following website - www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent Carer support/index.html. We have printed this for the convenience of parents of Year 3, 5, 7 students and is attached with this newsletter.

Mobile Phone and Digital Device Policy

I draw to your attention our Mobile Phone Policy recently ratified by Governing Council. This means students need to hand in any digital devices to their teacher or office at the beginning of the school day.
**Home Reading**

**The Importance of Home Reading**

Home reading serves two purposes - reading to your child and your child reading to you. Both aspects of home reading are pivotal to your child’s success as a reader.

Reading to your child teaches children the value and importance of reading. It provides children with opportunities to hear fluent reading, the rhythm of language and exposes children to new vocabulary.

When your child reads to you it creates a safe environment for children to rehearse the strategies they have learnt in class. This form of home reading aims to reinforce, stimulate and motivate students to become confident readers.

When you read to your child you can do things **before, during and after reading**.

**Before reading:**
- Make predictions by looking at the cover and talk about what the book might be about.
- A quick ‘picture walk’ through the pages, confirming or revising your predictions.

**During reading:**
- Read with passion! Provide a good model of fluent, expressive reading and show that reading is a great way to have fun.
- Think aloud as you read, asking a few questions as you go… “What do you think is going to happen next?” “Why did that character do that?” “What would you do?” Remember - too much questioning can turn a fun read into an inquisition – and that’s no fun at all!

**After reading:**
- Talk about what you’ve read and explore new and interesting words and ideas together.

The next newsletter will include tips to use when your child reads to you at home.

Rachel Bishop  
(DECD Literacy Coach)

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**Fundraising**

**Mums’ Nans’ and Grans’ Day Stall.**

There will be a Mums’, Nans’ and Grans’ Stall for children to purchase gifts ranging from 50c—$5. Please make sure your children have nothing bigger than a $10 note. We would appreciate it if people were able to donate gifts (new/unused) for the stall or raffle prizes. Thank you.

Raffle tickets are available from the front office $1 each. Raffle drawn on 9th of May winners will be notified.

**Entertainment Book**

Quick, don’t miss out! It’s time to get your entertainment books. $65 for one book and you get some fantastic offers. If you want to see what offers are inside come to the front office.

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**Wicked Wednesday Healthy Lunch**

**Wednesday 7th May**

**WEEK 2**

Please return your order stapled to your lunch bag with the correct money by

11 am Tuesday 6th May

**No late orders will be accepted**

**One student only per order form**

**NAME:** ________________________________

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

**Chicken Burger with tomato, lettuce & mayonnaise**

1 piece of fruit.

$3.50 each

**Total:** $____:____
MOBILE PHONE AND DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY

Rationale:

1. At Evanston Gardens many students and their families have mobile phones and/or digital devices for communication. Some parents/caregivers ask that their child/ren bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school safety/security reasons.
2. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage of any personal property belonging to students particularly mobile phones. Students are advised that if they bring a mobile phone or digital device onto the school grounds during the school day, they need to turn it off and have it kept in the office. Parent/student contact can be made directly through the school office on 8522 2082 in case of emergency.

Students unable to follow our mobile phone or digital device procedures may have

- Confiscation of the mobile phone or device. (Handed back to the parent/caregivers at the end of the day)
- Communication with parents/caregivers regarding mobile phone/device use at school.
- A ban from bringing a mobile phone or digital device onto the school grounds.

2 Unacceptable Use

a. The use of phones/devices to photograph, video, download or forward inappropriate offensive or violent student incidents or other similar material is not allowed.
b. It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or digital device to menace, harass or offend another person. The school may involve the police should such an action occur.
c. Phones may be collected by the school and held for SAPOL inspection or evidence. If collected by SAPOL, SAPOL will determine its return.

This policy will be reviewed on a biannual basis and as required due to changing technology.

Christian Pastoral Support Worker
Position Vacant Advertisement

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER
(Previously known as “School Chaplain”)

EVANSTON GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Schools Ministry Group along with Gawler Interchurch Council are seeking applications for this 14 to 15 hour per week position, commencing Term 3, 2014.

The position exists to offer support to students, staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on “How to Apply”, is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au

Closing date: Mon 26th May, 4 pm

For details about the next Information Session go to: www.smg.asn.au
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**Regular Happenings:**

**Monday:**
Bank Day—Band SA

**Tuesday:**
Wicked Wednesday Lunch orders due by 11.00am (odd weeks)

**Wednesday:**
STAFF MEETING DAY 3.30pm - 5.00pm

**Thursday:**

**Friday Fortnightly:**
Newsletter (odd week) Assembly (even weeks)