

Eudunda Area School

NEWSLETTER

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Each day that students, staff, parents and members of the community come to Eudunda Area School, we are confident that they will come ready to flourish. However, we are also aware that at times this will not be the case. Positive Education allows us to equip students with the skills to understand that all actions can emanate from our character strengths and the way we choose to use them. We are endeavouring to teach them to react to all the positives that occur throughout their day, rather than dwell on the negatives and that every interaction they have has a positive and to teach them that every day the positives outweigh the negatives. To further support the well-being needs of our students, the school has hired a professional counsellor, Mrs Penny Adams, who will work with our children either in one on one sessions or in group activities. This is a free service and Penny will be available at the school fortnightly on Tuesdays (beginning 3rd March 2020). A letter of informed consent for counselling will come home with each student. If you would like your child to access Penny as required, then please return the informed consent letter to the Front Office.

Governing Council is a positive way in which parents can be involved in the directions of the school and the impact that these have on the students we teach. In 2020 we will have a number of positions available on Governing Council, and I am writing to invite all members of our school community to consider being involved. I have included a nomination letter in this Newsletter, and ask that all members of the community seriously consider becoming part of this vibrant, hard working group.

As it is early in the year, I wish to remind parents about student absences. DECD has a clear focus on attendance in schools. Research indicates that there is a strong connection between regular and punctual attendance and student success, and if a student was to miss one day a fortnight over the year, they would miss three weeks of education over that year. It is important that if students are absent from school, parents notify the school via a phone call, email or note in the diary. Staff are required to keep accurate records of student attendance and to help them do this, the notification by parents of reasons for student absences is very much appreciated.

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Monday 17th
Interschool Swimming
Tuesday 18th
5:30 Primary Open Night
Wednesday 19th
School photos
Year 10 UniSA visit
Thursday 20th
9am Primary assembly
Tuesday 25th
State Champs Swimming
Thursday 27th
9am Leadership induction
Friday 28th
SAPSASA Swimming

MARCH

Monday 2nd
Year 12 carwash
Governing Council AGM
Wednesday 4th
Primary SLC Grip Leadership
Thursday 5th
9am Primary assembly
SLC Youth Leadership
Friday 6th
Student Free Day - staff
training & development
Monday 9th
Public holiday
Thursday 12th - Friday 13th
Year 10-12 Fringe camp
Wednesday 18th
Year 7-12 Flinders Uni
Thursday 19th
9am Primary assembly
Friday 20th
Sports Day
Monday 30th
Year 10 PLP camp leaves

APRIL

Wednesday 1st
SANTOS Athletics

Respect Responsibility Integrity Understanding Friendship Commitment

Buses

If students are not travelling on buses I remind parents to please notify the school as early as possible. Students not on the bus need to be crossed off and the early notification makes this process much easier for our office staff and bus drivers.

School Photos

Students please wear full school uniform this coming Wednesday 19th February for school photos.

Finally, on Tuesday 18th February from 5:30pm the Foundation - Year 6 classes will be having their information night and welcome barbecue. I invite all members of the school community to come along and see the positive things that happen in our school every day.

David Cluse
PRINCIPAL

WHERE IS THE GREEN SHEEP?

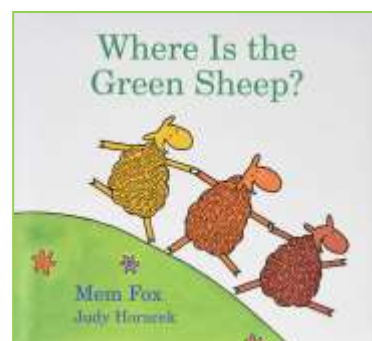


Our class has been reading the book 'Where is the Green Sheep?' every day.

The Green Sheep has been missing around the school and has left us clues to try and find him.

Our hunt for the Green Sheep has helped us to learn about the different areas in our school. We found him at the toilets, Gym, Front Office, Library, computer rooms and asleep in our reading corner.

LUCY ENGEL
Foundation - Year 1 Teacher



YEAR 12 STUDENT, PARENT AND SECONDARY TEACHER FELLOWSHIP



On Thursday 6th February Eudunda Area School started a new tradition with our Year 12 cohort which involved an evening of fellowship, the opportunity to spend time with the Secondary teaching staff whilst enjoying a delicious meal provided by Gumview Gourmet. A big thank you to Dani Brown, Vanessa O'Brien, Ashlee Shannon, Olivia Schiller and Claire Schiller for helping on the evening.

ANNA ROEBUCK
Assistant Principal - Secondary

NEW PRIMARY PLAYGROUND



The Foundation to Year 3 students have enjoyed playing on the new playground that went in over the school holidays.

ASHLEE SHANNON
Assistant Principal - Primary



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY



Week 2 School Value Award Winners - Respect

Foundation/Year 1 Class -
Montana Smith, Kiara-Lee
Dutschke and Kadence
Pfeiffer

Year 2/3 Class -
Raul Almeida, Angel Soto and
Aleesa-Kate Dutschke

Year 4/5 Class -
Brock Maddison, Archie
Roebuck and Shelby Size

Year 5/6 Class -
Lilli Pfitzner, Zion Plantado
and Georgia Keller

On Monday 10th February the Foundation to Year 5 students had a visit from Deb and Lola, the rescue dog, from 'Living Safely With Pets'.



Students listened to a presentation about living safely with pets and discussed how we should approach dogs and what to do if one is becoming aggressive.



Students then got to use their new knowledge to introduce themselves to Lola and pat her.

ASHLEE SHANNON
Assistant Principal - Primary

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



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2020 House Captains

Congratulations to the following House Captains.

Dunstan

House Captains Jack Mosey and Kimberley McDonald

Vice Captains Angus Handke and Katrina Manguera

Light

House Captains Liam Young and Miranda Neville-Pope

Vice Captains Dustin Launer and Olivia Schiller

2020 Swimming Carnival

Well done to the Light team making it four Swimming Carnivals in-a-row! Dunstan was competitive this year winning the Novelty Shield, but Light proved too strong in the Championship Swimming.

Thank you to all parents, staff and students for a fantastic day.

Primary Girls Champion	Leah Jaeger (Dunstan)
Primary Girls Runner Up	Claudia Dutschke (Dunstan)

Primary Boys Champion	Archie Roebuck (Light)
Primary Boys Runner Up	Jackson Court (Dunstan)

Middle-school Girls Champion	Bella Chenoweth (Light)
Middle-school Girls Runner Up	Claire Schiller (Light)

Middle-school Boys Champion	Mitchell Roebuck (Light)
Middle-school Boys Runner Up	Henry O'Brien (Light)

Secondary Girls Champion	Olivia Schiller (Light)
Secondary Girls Runner Up	Decota Curran (Dunstan)

Secondary Boys Champion	Dustin Launer (Light)
Secondary Boys Runner Up	Angus Handke (Dunstan)

ADAM STRIBLEY
Sports Co-ordinator



INSIGHTS

Making new friends and staying in touch with old classmates



As a parent there is a great deal you can do to help your child adjust socially at the start of the school year. Here are some tips to help.

Encourage your child to be open to new friendships

An open, friendly attitude is a child or young person's best social asset. Students who open to forming new friendships are more likely to succeed than those who seek solitude, who are critical and who limit themselves to just one or two familiar faces.

Encourage your child or young person to seek out new friendships, even though they may feel uncomfortable or strange at first.

Encourage healthy relationships

Do all you can to encourage healthy relationships based on respect and common courtesy. Generally, when a relationship is healthy a child feels safe, valued and able to speak up. Unhealthy relationships, such as cliques, are restrictive, one-sided and are full of gossip and criticism.

Encourage inclusiveness

Studies have shown inclusiveness to be one of the prime social skills shared by socially successful students. Encourage your child or young person to include others in games, conversations, team activities and other group activities. Inclusiveness is not just a wonderful friendship skill, it's strong leadership attribute as well.

Encourage friendships with both genders

If you are in a co-education environment encourage your child to form friendships with both boys and girls. This is particularly valid if your child has siblings of their own gender, or don't have siblings. It's through these early relationships that we gain the confidence to mix with different genders in the later years. Forming friends across genders helps to break down the mystique that sometimes forms, when a child has little contact with the 'other' gender.

Stay in touch with former classmates and school friends

Encourage your child to maintain friendships with former classmates and groups outside of school as this helps to insulate against unfriendly behaviour that they may experience with their close social circle.

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Provide social scripts

Your child may benefit from being provided with some social scripts that they can use in common social situations such as meeting a new friend, joining in a game or asking someone else for help. Boys, in particular, can benefit when given the words to use in a variety of different social situations.

Forming new friendships can take time

Meeting new students and forming new friendships can be anxiety-inducing. If this is the case for your child, then it helps to acknowledge their feelings of discomfort, but also remind them that these feelings will pass. As well discuss the fact that feeling comfortable with new friends often takes time, particularly if your child by nature is reserved or slow to warm up in social situations.

Helping kids work through friendships can be tricky for a parent as you don't have a great deal of control over what happens at school. However, with empathy, patience, encouragement and a supportive attitude you can do a great deal to help your child make a smooth social transition.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

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12th February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Governing Council AGM is on Monday 2nd of March at 7:30pm in the staffroom. In 2020 we will have a number of positions available on School Governing Council, and I am writing to invite all members of our school community to consider being involved. Governing Council meetings occur twice per term and give parents the opportunity to work with the school to develop future directions for Eudunda Area School.

A Governing Council representative would

- focus on improving student learning outcomes in collaboration with the site leader and staff
- develop a cooperative working relationship between the Governing Council and the site leader and staff
- represent the whole school community in understanding local educational needs
- set general directions for the site
- monitor and report on achievements.

If becoming a Governing Council representative appeals to you, I have attached a Nomination form that can be returned to school prior to the AGM. Alternatively if you would like more information regarding Governing Council or nominating please feel free to ring me on 0455 911 085.

Yours faithfully

DAVID CLUSE

Principal

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Governing Council Nomination

I _____ of _____
full name *address*

being a parent/caregiver of a student at Eudunda Area School NOMINATE

_____ of _____
full name *address*

to be elected as a member of the Eudunda Area School Governing Council.

_____ SIGNED _____ DATE

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