Learning Today for Tomorrow’s Community

WE VALUE RESPECT, PERSEVERANCE, PROBLEM SOLVING

From the Principal

Annual General Meeting

Please note that you are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council on Tuesday 8th March at 3:30pm in the Library. Please let us know if you need a crèche. Return the slip below to the front office if you would like to use the crèche whilst at the AGM.

Safety First

Our Health Safety Welfare Committee meets regularly to examine hazards and risks, promote proactive training (e.g. preventing slips trips and falls), problem solve issues as they arise (e.g. snake training, vegetation reduction to reduce snake and fire risk) and practice emergency evacuations/invacuations.

Children have been trained to report hazards (e.g. snakes, faulty equipment). If at any time you notice any hazard in our school grounds please report this to the office. Also report anything inappropriate/suspicious in the school grounds to a staff member. If you see unsafe activity whilst children are walking to and from school either notify me or a staff member at school and / or SAPOL 131 444 (Police Assistance line), Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 can also be contacted if you notice after hours vandalism or other criminal activity. We thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.

Curriculum Corner

Oral Language

Cheryl Pettigrew (Reception Teacher) and Samantha Moore (Year 1 teacher) with Kinga Cornish (Speech Pathologist DECD) this week met to co-plan activities and curriculum to help promote oral language in our classrooms and improve our students literacy and learning skills. Kinga will be writing about this in the next newsletter.

Parent Workshops—Literacy

At this stage, parent workshops to help your children in the area of reading, will be held on Friday 1st April 9-10:30 and Friday May 13th, 20th, 27th in Term 2. We will be looking and encouraging research based reading strategies with children.

Intervention

The Quicksmart Numeracy programme will begin (with pretesting) next week for some middle primary students. This programme is run by Mrs Linda McKay. Some students will be asked to be in the 'control' group as this is a research university based programme. Pre testing for Minilit is complete and groups are being finalised.

OSHC Survey

A Survey regarding OSHC will be posted home shortly, please return the survey to the office by 18th March.

AGM Crèche

I require crèche whilst I attend the AGM on Tuesday 8th March.

Name:..............................................................................................................................................................................
Child/rens Name:............................................................................................................................................................
Mobile number:.................................................................................................................................................................
### Awards

**Congratulations to the following students who received awards in Assembly in Week 3.**

**Science Awards**

**Room 2:**
Jobe, Leyland, Lilly, Max.

**Room 3:**
Lane, Shaleta

**Room 5:**
Hayley, Tyrone

**Room 6:**
Emily, Ben, Ellah

**Room 9:**
Kellie D, Tyson H

**Bucket Filling Award**
Hannah H

### Skool bag App

Evanston Gardens Primary School has a phone app. Please add this to your phone. Just search Evanston Gardens Primary School in the App Store. We are exploring SMS systems for emergencies and other notifications. Until then Skool bag App is our main electronic communication.

### Parking

Please do not park in the disabled car parks at the back of the school (as marked—two front parks in front of the water tanks).

### School Hats

Please ensure your child has a school hat to be sun safe. Hats are available to purchase from the front office for $6.

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**Do you like to sing, dance or act?**

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 15, 2016!**
Audition bookings close on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

**Weekly rehearsals** are held at 3 locations:
- 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 12th and 23rd September, 2016.

Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information. Check out our website: [www.festivalofmusic.org.au](http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au) or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.
Swimming 2016 Room 3

It was fun when we used the flippers.
  Jordan-Anne.
I had fun blowing bubbles in the water.
  Tegan.
We were practising to swim with the flippers.
  Alex.
I learnt to swim freestyle.
  Callum.
We learnt to swim with our hands.
  Riley.
It was fun when we jumped in at the deep end.
  Kaidence.
We learnt to do backstroke.
  Seth.C
I learnt to float I had to walk off the edge into the deep end.
  Seth. F.
I like doing backstroke.
  Skylar.
We made a whirlpool.
  Matilda.
I liked going on the noodle and kicking my legs.
  Peter.
We learnt about side safety.
  Isaac. P.
I liked diving in to get the sinking toys.
  Mia.
I liked it when we went in the little pool.
  Dakota.
We played Captain says it was really fun.
  Blake.
Pushing off the wall makes me go fast.
  Lane.
I learnt to float on my back.
  Tyler.
Room 9, Mrs Moore’s class.

On Friday 12th February Ben and Simon (from SPADE snake catching) came to talk to the school about snake safety. We went to the gym for the presentation. We learnt how to be safe if we ever see a snake. We have to STOP, STAND STILL, POINT AT THE SNAKE and YELL “HELP, SNAKE!”

We got to pat a lizard. Hannah Ben is going to South America soon. Tilly I got to hold a big snake around my neck. Tyson Some snakes are poisonous. Talia Only touch a pet snake if an adult (who knows about snakes) says its ok. Joshua.
For Kids in Yr 4-7
Simplified Rules
Safe non-contact Sport
Suitable for Girls & Boys
After School Competition
4 Players on court per team

Weekly Prizes!

NEW Spikezone Term 1 2016
A Joint initiative between Volleyball SA and the Northern Knights Volleyball Club
FREE TO COME & TRY—EVERYBODY WELCOME

WHERE: SAMMAT Sports Stadium, ST Brigid's (Para Rd, Evanston)
WHEN: Thursdays 4:00– 5:15 pm (Free coaching @ 4-4:15 prior to matches)
DATES: Term 1—18/2 to 24/4 (Finals) no games Easter weekend
COST: $25 per team per week ($5 per player) - Coaching Free
WHAT YOU GET: competition Manager, Fantastic venue, Coaching, Referees, Medals, prizes and Valuable volleyball experience!

WHAT NEXT???

1) Get a team of 4-6 players together
2) Ask a parent(s) or teacher to be the contact person
3) Nominate your team using the online nomination form on the Volleyball SA Website - www.volleyballsa.com.au/spikezone
4) VSA will be in touch with information and fixture!

For more information contact
comps@volleyballsa.com.au
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**Gawler Hockey Club**

**RECRUITING NOW**

Junior & Senior Players

No experience necessary - The club is registered in the sport vouchers program

First Training and Come’n’try evening for Juniors:

Wed 30th March 2016 5pm onwards

at our home ground:

Karbeethan Reserve

Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens

For more info Please visit our website [www.Gawlerhockeyclub.com](http://www.Gawlerhockeyclub.com) or contact Lisa Johnson on 0419 110 725