Diary Dates
 Fri 6 Mar—Murray Bridge Aquatics Yr 6/7
 Mon 7 Mar—Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
 Tues 17 Mar—Room 7 visit to Mount Barker High School
 Tues 24 Mar—Museum Excursion Rm7
 Fri 27 & Mon 30 Mar—Book Fair
 Fri 3 Apr—Good Friday P/H
 Mon 6 Apr—Easter Monday P/H
 Tues 7 to Fri 10 Apr—Swimming Rec-Year 5
 Fri 10 Apr—Last day of term 1 2:20 Early dismissal
 Mon 27 Apr—Term 2 begins

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Governing Council
Governing Council had its AGM last Wednesday night and a new Governing Council was elected. Congratulations to:

Penny O’Neil – Chairperson
Jo Place – Secretary
Steve Tully – Treasurer
Amelia Trabilsie – Fundraising
Megan Allen – Early Years
Belinda Lindh – OSHC
Michelle Bernhardt – Buildings and Grounds
Renee Mooney – Communications

A sincere thankyou to Collette Smith for the time and effort she has put into Governing Council for the last six years. She has decided not to nominate in 2015.

Positive Education
As you may be aware, every second Monday morning, we have a special Pos Ed assembly in which character strengths are discussed. So far this year we have talked about Bravery, Persistence and Integrity. We cover one character strength an assembly and next we will be focussing on Vitality. Each of these falls under the virtue of Courage. Each of these needs courage to exhibit. During the two weeks between our special assemblies we look for students showing these strengths and the following students have been presented with certificates.

Abby B, Cody P, Ebony M, Finley K, Stephanos T – Bravery

Savannah H – Persistence

Stephanos T (again) – Integrity

Well done to these students for showing character strengths. We will be looking for others in the coming weeks.

Emails
Remember to check your emails regularly to ensure that you don’t miss any communication from the school.

View the newsletter on our website at www.echungaps.sa.edu.au
The Reception, Year One and Year Two children have been talking about places that are special to them and explaining why these places are special. It connects to our learning in History and Geography, which begins with understanding what a place is, why we have places that are special or significant, man-made or natural, and how we care for those places.
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LOST PROPERTY

Please name all jumpers, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc that your child brings to school. If they are second-hand items please change the name. If we find an item and it is named correctly it is much easier to return to the owner.

For any items that are not named they will be put in the lost property bin which is located just inside the doors of the red brick building.

As many items that are named do not turn up it would be appreciated if you could check your children’s hats and jumpers on a regular basis as they may have picked up the wrong item.

OSHC NEWS

OSHC Fees from 2014

Thankyou to all our families for paying their OSHC fees for 2014, we appreciate it very much.

Vacation Care April

Our program and booking form will be emailed out later this week. If you wish to have a copy please give us your email address if we don’t already have it. Emailing out the program helps to reduce the amount of paper we use and is of course much better for our environment.

Hats

It is that time of year that we need our hats at After School Care. As most children are required to keep their hats in their tray at school, we encourage you to provide another hat for your child at OSHC.

Thank you

Thank you to Mrs Mitchel who continuously donates arts and crafts bits and pieces for us to use at OSHC. We appreciate it very much!

Programming

We have been doing some cooking in OSHC, using some of the fresh produce from the garden, and our chooks.

We have also made a giant Game of Knowledge, that we are enjoying playing. The children and staff worked together to create the unique questions.

Some of our children have just started focusing on paper plane designs, experimenting with design, velocity and wind direction.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Echunga Football Club

Join the EFC Junior Academy (led by Jesse Aish). A football skills night for kids plus loads of fun! Free hot dog and drink for all participating kids. Friday 6th March starting at 6pm.

Junior Players wanted. Subs are free for (U/15) and grades below for 2015. Play a full game every week, in the Central Division. Everyone welcome. Check out our facilities. Meet coaches and players. Food and drinks available. Contact Vaughan Brooks on 0457 537 794.