From the Head of ELC

As you would be aware, in 2016 our SPW Early Learning Centre (ELC) will be open from 7.30am to 6.00pm for 48 weeks of the year. We are currently in the process of applying for the Childcare Benefit (CCB) so that families can receive a rebate for our new program.

In addition, there are many exciting changes underway as the planning for next year continues to gather momentum.

One of those changes is the redevelopment of the external play spaces which run either side of the current ELC building. Staff, students and parents have actively participated in this process by contributing their ideas as to what they would like to see included, and we are currently in the final stages of planning these areas.

As a best practice Early Learning environment, our outdoor play spaces will actively support brain development through fun and engaging ways to learn. Whilst each play space will be distinct, they will provide our Early Learners with great fun and educational advantage which promote:

- physical, intellectual, social and emotional development
- learning through play
- high levels of engagement
- challenging and inspiring play
- creativity and lateral thinking
- natural elements and sustainable practice
- sensorial play
- flexibility in the environment to enable our children to have strong agency

It will be wonderful to see our Early Learners delight in their new learning spaces next year.

I look forward to sharing the details of these spaces in the weeks ahead.

Gemma D’Angelo

Arnie, RSB (Royal Society for the Blind) Guide Dog Puppy

Arnie, our 4 month old Guide Dog puppy has arrived. He is big, very handsome and extremely lovable. Both he and I are now in official training. Arnie is working and learning when he is wearing his purple coat. I feel like I need one too.

When his purple coat is on we respectfully ask that you please don’t approach him, speak to him or pat him. Part of his training is to ignore distractions around him as he moves throughout the school on a leash. I would also ask that you please encourage your children to pick up any food they drop in the yard and put it in the bin as he is not supposed to eat anything extra apart from the dry food he is given each day. As a Labrador/Retriever cross, food is extremely tempting to him.
When his coat is off, when he is resting upstairs in the PE/Sport Office, he can be approached quietly with hand held forward to sniff, and will welcome a gentle pat. He is wonderfully affectionate and expects lots of love when he is ‘off duty’.

As time goes on all classes will be given the opportunity to learn more about Arnie, his training, and what his working life will eventually become. If anyone would like to find out more about the Guide Dog in Training Program, please don’t hesitate to contact me. kwhelan@spw.sa.edu.au

Karen Whelan
PE Teacher

Sports News
RETURN OF SPW SOCCER, FOOTBALL, NETBALL UNIFORMS / TOPS / ONESIES
Students are asked to return their school playing tops/uniforms as soon as possible. Tops (cleaned) are to be placed in a clearly labelled plastic bag. It is very important these are handed in person to either Mr Bowen or Mrs Whelan, or placed in the marked PE bin outside the PE/Sports Office, and NOT passed in at the Front Office.

TERM 4 SPORT
The children should keep their ears/eyes peeled for information relating to Term 4 sports. Huw Bowen
Sports & PE Coordinator

Uniform Shop
During the cross over from winter uniform, students are able to wear their summer uniform during the final two weeks of Term 3. I have all summer needs in stock now. See you soon.

Tiona Ryan
Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen
It’s great to see so many parents now using our Qkr online ordering app. Just a reminder, when processing your child’s order please make sure you have the correct date and that you actually complete the transaction. Thank you to Leonie Hughes for your assistance in the Canteen this week, it was very much appreciated.

Rosy Elphick
Canteen Manager

Save time with repeat orders (food orders only)

Did you know that you can save time by copying food orders from a previous week within the calendar view? This is a handy way to save time and quickly re-order your child’s favourite lunch orders. Simply:

1. Sign in to your Qkr!™ account and Tap on ‘Canteen’
2. Tap on the downward arrow icon to the right of the calendar screen. You will be asked if you wish to copy your orders from the previous week to the current week
3. Tap ‘Yes’
4. Once you have copied last week’s orders to your cart, you can make edits by tapping on a particular date. This allows you the flexibility to amend your copied order for a particular day or for a specific child

Tip of the Week
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Maths Attack
Announcing a new game – LIGHTNING. This is a card game using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Strategic moves can be made to gain more cards. Students can visit the area outside the Japanese room to look at this new game.

Mrs Angela Doan
Learning Support Teacher

Chaplain’s Chat
I hope all the fathers and father-figures out there enjoyed a lovely Father’s Day last weekend.

Professor Bruce Robinson, Lung Specialist and founder of The Fathering Project, says research shows that having strong and appropriate father figures in a child’s life dramatically reduces a later risk of things like substance abuse, depression, attitudinal and behavioural difficulties. www.thefatheringproject.org is a great resource to tap into, and a timely reminder to say thanks to all the men who act as positive father figures in the lives of children - spending time doing stuff together, laughing, playing, listening, making things, goofing around, hugging. It makes a huge difference.

ST PETER’S CHURCH, GLENELG—CHAPEL SERVICE
Next week’s Chapel Service on Thursday 17 September will be our annual walk to St Peter’s Church, Glenelg. Whilst parents may attend, please be aware there is only just sufficient seating for students and their teachers, and extra adults may need to stand. In the case of wet weather we will hold the Service in the School Chapel.

Fr Andrew Mintern
School Chaplain

PFA News
MONDAY BARBECUES
The Monday after school barbecues will be continuing until the end of the term. Thank you again to all our willing volunteer helpers, and everyone who stops by for a sausage in bread (don’t forget, a bargain at only $2).

BEACHOUSE LOCK-IN, FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 3.45-5.45PM
Book your tickets now. Don’t miss out on what is a fantastic way to end the school term. There will be an exclusive lock-in at the Beachouse for 2 hours of fun and games. The cost is $25 per child. Invite friends from your sports team or your favourite cousin. Parents, why don’t you buy a ticket and join in the fun. No ticket required for supervising parents. Book now via Trybooking, www.trybooking.com/IQOD

SCHOOL DISCO
The Junior Primary and Middle Primary discos are booked for the afternoon/evening of Friday 30 October (Week 3 Term 4). If your child is interested in dressing up, the theme this year will be ‘Halloween’. Tickets are $10 and will go on sale at the commencement of next term via Trybooking. A note will be sent out next week regarding help from Parent Volunteers on the night. If you are interested in assisting, please ensure you have the SPW School Volunteer Clearance.

PLANNING FOR 2016—MEETING WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER, 7.30PM
If being a part of the PFA in 2016 is something which may interest you, now is the time to begin to get involved. Term 4 Week 3 is our big ideas planning meeting for 2016. If you have some great ideas that you may like to suggest for the 2016 calendar, this is the time to put your thoughts forward for consideration. If you think you would like to be involved and help out, or are interested in becoming a part of the Executive team, please come along and let us know.

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Year 4 iPads Parent Information Session
Children in Year 4 will bring home a letter outlining the upcoming Information Session for Parents/Caregivers of students who will be Year 5 in 2016. The session is Thursday 17 September, 6.00-7.00pm. For parents using the Skoolbag app, a form has been added where you can indicate your attendance at the Information Evening.

Thought for the Week
You will never have this day with your children again. Tomorrow they’ll be a little older than they were today. This day is a gift. Just breathe, notice, study their faces and little feet. Pay attention. Relish the charms of the present. Enjoy today, it will be over before you know it.
How to raise a child to be a giver

Michael Grose highlights why it is so important to teach your child to be a giver not a taker, and gives five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids.

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year-old knows only too well, the world revolves around them. “I want…” “Give me…” “It’s mine!” and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means it’s something they grow out of...or they’re supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children may be self-centred by temperament I’m not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child’s propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children’s personal competencies tends to be higher on most parents’ wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material.

Like most facets of child rearing, developing a community ethos in kids can be frustrating but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents’ greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. Expect kids to help

With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others—such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed—teach them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. Think ‘gang’

It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavor. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because “It’s boring.”

3. Don’t let them get away with meanness

Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

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4 Develop a sense of other

Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. “What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?” is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5 Encourage giving

During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his money box into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids. We just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven’t changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I’m sure they’d say they’d hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!

Michael Grose

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## The Week Ahead

### 2015 Term 3 Week 9

**Monday 14—Friday 18 September**

### Canteen

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### School

- **Uniform Shop Hours**
  - 8.15am—9.00am
  - 2.30pm—4.00pm
- **Reception Transition—Initial School Visits**—9-10.15am
- **Whole School Assembly** (Chapel) - 2.30pm
- **St Peter’s Day Service**—8.45am  Visit to St Peter’s Glenelg
- **Year 4 iPad Parent Session**—6-7pm

### Extra & Co-Curricular

- **Games Club R-7**—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)
- **Soccer School of Excellence Training—Girls** (lunch time)
- **MP & JP Activities**
- **Year 6/7 Football, Soccer, Netball Training**—3.30-4.30pm
- **SPW Band**—8.15-8.55am (Music Suite)
- **Chapel Choir**—12.50-1.30pm (Chapel)
- **Junior Choir**—12.50-1.30pm (Music Suite)
- **Knitting Club**—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)
- **Lego Technic/Construction Club (Yrs 4-7)**—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)
- **Yoga Yrs 3-7**—12.50-1.30pm (Baddams Hall)
- **Run Club**—8.15-8.55am (McKenzie Oval)
- **Chess Club**—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)
- **Show Choir**—12.50-1.30pm (Music Suite)
- **Chapel Choir & Band**—8.15-8.45am (Chapel)
- **Comic Writing Club**—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)
- **Flute Ensemble**—12.50-1.30pm (Chapel)
- **Lego Construction Club (Rec-Yr7)**—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)
- **Percussion Ensemble**—12.50-1.30pm (Music Suite)
- **Year 6-7 Co-curricular Activities**—8.15-8.55am (Various)
- **Games Club**—12.50-1.30pm (The Hub)
- **Beach Run**—12.50pm (meet on McKenzie Oval)

### PFA

- **PFA Sports BBQ**, 3.15-4.pm

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