



**Edinburgh**  
Early Learning Centre  
*Growing in Jesus*

# Newsletter



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## COMBINED CELEBRATION



The Edinburgh Adventist Primary School (EAPS) and Edinburgh Early Learning Centre (EELC) both

celebrated significant milestones on Sunday 27th March.

The Primary school were marking their 10th Birthday, whilst the Early Learning Centre is due to have its 5th Birthday on 1st May. Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the fun picnic held on the Primary School grounds.

Pictured: EAPS Principal & ELC Licensee, Nathan Hill; EAPS teachers Mrs Chapman and Mrs Bradley; EAPS students (past students from ELC) Zara, Krystal, Bethany & Joshua; Present students from ELC Kahlia & Cody.



## NUTRITIONAL FRUIT



Every day as I cut up the fruit platters for the children's morning tea I am amazed at the variety of fruit and their shape, colour, taste and smell. They all play a part in our nutritional needs. What about the "Fruit of the Spirit" as listed in Galatians 5:22,23. The variety of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. All of these play a part in our character and are much needed 'nutrition' of the heart. This year our staff will be praying for each other, all the children and their families to be

nourished with the "Fruits of the Spirit". See the poster displayed at the parent area, and watch for a little card that will be placed in your communication pocket letting you know the exact week we will be praying specifically for your family. We encourage you to also pray that God will give you more of the 'fruit' you need for your life, family and relationships and that you can explain how these wonderful 'fruits' can help your children grow a beautiful character of their own. —Kerryn Ellis

## FROM THE GREEN ROOM...

The children have been taking turns feeding the guinea pigs. Phoenix, Grace and Eva are putting vegetables into the bowl.



It has been wonderful to have autumn leaves that naturally fall into our yard. Here Grace has collected a basket full that has been using at our craft table for threading.

Check out the children's fantastic threading display in the classroom. The children have patiently threaded plates, paper and leaves onto pipe cleaners.



This week we have introduced the story 'Noah's Ark'. We are focusing on learning the colours of the rainbow. Here Bailey is naming the colours.

## PARENT AREA



We have had some positive feedback regarding our parent area. A big thank you to Phil Venes who relocated the notice board for us. All relevant forms, payment envelopes, sign in books and communication pockets are in the same area. BUT have you noticed that the notice board and general area is used to promote and communicate the most current information with parents? We suggest that you spend your time at the area without the distraction of your children so you can have time to read the notice board, read the daily / weekly programmes the teachers are providing for each room and catch up on any other interesting and coming events. The communication folders are used as your private "Letter Box" so remember to check them daily.

## FROM THE PURPLE ROOM...



We've had lots of cooking in the purple room. The children have been making mashed potato, cakes, pancakes (for Pancake Day), and jelly cups. Caitlin is displaying her skill at peeling. Other skills learnt were how to cut, mash, measure and how to determine what ingredients go in what order.

We have also been looking at dinosaurs - and what their scientific names. Ella and Charlie are pictured making a dinosaur collage and Amber is shown playing with them.



The children have been enjoying Chapel, and have seen a number of presenters. They enjoy the singing, and were excited at seeing the presentation of certificates. Chapel and our Bible stories have led to some interesting questions being asked. One of those questions was 'What is a Bible?'

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March we had Mrs Petersen come and visit us for a couple of hours. She helped us make a musical instrument and taught us some new songs. She told the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. We then talked about our own personal space using bubbles.



**NB: THURSDAY APRIL 7—KIDZ BODZ incursion—a fun programme on health**

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME

To assist children **transition to school**, a number of fun activities are underway and planned combined with the wider school campus (ie Lilydale Adventist Academy—High School (LAA), Edinburgh Adventist Primary School (EAPS)).

**MONDAY**—Library (to LAA) 2:15 pm—2:45 pm (Starting Term 2);

**TUESDAY**—Grade 5 Buddies (from EAPS) 1:45 pm—2:15 pm

**WEDNESDAY**—Chapel Programme (to EAPS) 9:45 am—10:30 am;

**THURSDAY**—Hayden Petersen (School Chaplain) presenting music & stories 12:00—12:15

**FRIDAY**—Library (to LAA) 2:15 pm—2:45 pm (Starting Term 2)

**NB: Library sessions will only be held if there are enough parent helpers—please write your name on the list on the notice board if able / willing to assist.**

The **classroom hours** are similar to school hours. Miss Lynelle starts her programme with the children at 9:00am sharp and concludes the programme with moving the children and their belongings into the green room at 3:30pm at which time the 'closed' sign will be displayed on the classroom. Any parents wanting to speak directly with Miss Lynelle in person or by phone, she will be available in the Purple Room between 3:30pm and 4:00pm daily.

**ANY DAY**— If the children have been EXTRA amazing on any one day, Miss Lynelle will reward them with a play on the primary school playground as the last thing in the afternoon.

# FUNDRAISING

Thank you to the staff and parents who are generously giving of their time to run a few fundraisers at the centre.

- ◆ **Intimo Party**—Staff member Ann ran a clothing / underwear party recently which raised \$120.50 for the centre. Ann will be following up with another party on Sunday, 1 May in time to buy Mother's Day gifts. (Ask Ann about ordering directly on line)
- ◆ **Easter Fundraiser**—Parent Lorraine is planning to donate an Easter Basket full of goodies as a fundraiser. Tickets will be available at the parent desk @ \$1 each or 3 for \$2.
- ◆ **Mothers Day Stall** (EAPS fundraiser) - Our children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts from the EAPS stall—watch out for future notices detailing this.
- ◆ **Picture Products**—If you are interested in owning a spectacular plate or mug etc created by your child, please write your name on the interest list
- ◆ **Entertainment Books**—Looking to save money by having a 5% discount at Coles or Kmart—or having 1 adult ticket free to visit one of Melbourne's zoo's + hundreds more offers to use in the next 12 months? This is the book you need—Ask Ela for more details.
- ◆ **Book Clubs**—several book clubs either provide us with brochures which you may find in your communication pockets or sample boxes as displayed in parent area. Often they provide great gifts at bargain prices—so stock up for birthdays and Christmas and watch out for the dates orders are due by.

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## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Seventh-day Adventist Schools Victoria can offer Tax Deductible receipts to anyone who wishes to donate money to the centre for **the purpose of assisting in Building and Maintenance projects**. Please see Ela for further information if interested.—  
With thanks.

## HEALTHY LUNCH RECIPE

### Crunchy Rainbow Coleslaw

#### Ingredients:

3/4 cup reduced fat natural yoghurt  
2 tblsp reduced fat mayonnaise  
1 tblsp finely grated lemon  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1 1/2 cups shredded cooked lean chicken  
100g red cabbage, finely shredded  
100g green or Chinese cabbage, finely shredded  
1 large carrot, peeled & grated  
1 Lebanese cucumber, cut into thin strips  
1/2 cup flat leaf parsley leaves, chopped  
1/3 cup grated reduced-fat cheddar cheese

#### Method:

1. Combine yogurt, mayonnaise, sesame seeds, lemon rind and pepper to make a dressing  
2. Combine remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Pour over dressing and toss well to combine

Tip: Serve in mini noodle boxes

*Taken from: Kids good health recipe book by Dairy Australia*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

5 Apr	Books Plus Orders
7 Apr	Kidz Bodz Incursion (Purple Room)
Early April	Scholastic Issue 2 Orders
13 Apr	Special School Holiday Programme
22 & 25 Apr	Easter Public Holiday (Centre Closed)
26 Apr	Anzac Day Public Holiday (Centre Closed)

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”  
John 8:12 NKJV

