Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Monday, our staff participated in the ‘Annual Review Day’ which looks at evaluating our successes with regard to student learning and identifying next steps within our improvement cycle as a school. All schools undertake review days, albeit, they all look a little different. It was an extremely successful day as we looked at our school highlights, next steps for improvement, student learning data and class structures for 2016.

One of the key areas identified for 2016 was the continuation with our reading and comprehension focus. We are also planning a deep focus in the area of Maths and Numeracy over the next 3 years. We are currently collecting baseline student survey data about the way they approach maths learning and their confidence levels in learning new maths concepts. This is really exciting work and look forward to tracking our improvement over coming years.

Music Concert

What a wonderful night we just had, a great community turn out with some outstanding performances. Thankyou to all our parents and caregivers who make running these events possible with support and a positive vibe across the school.

All our performing staff and students looked amazing, a job well done!! Many thanks to everyone involved for their planning and organisation of the evening, particularly our Canteen staff who ran a successful Community BBQ.

Sparklers Room Upgrade - Project Commencing Monday 30th November 2015

DECD has approved a refurbishment upgrade to what was known as the ‘Sparkler’s Room’. Once this project is completed the ‘Strong Start’ DECD team will occupy this space. The project is due to be completed towards the end of Term 1, 2016. Security fencing will be erected as of Monday around this building and students and adults are not permitted inside this compound. Families will still be able to access the school from the Southern entrance. Please only use the footpaths, not the car parks as this is a safety matter.

Kind Regards
Dan Jarrad - School Principal

SPORTS DAY

What an absolutely fabulous day full of fun, participation and friendship!!

Congratulations to all teams!

1st Place – Playford
2nd Place – McEwan
3rd Place – Ridley
4th Place - Sampson

Poster is made by Iesha M
**Elizabeth Grove Children’s Centre**

Musical instruments are a magical way to explore the different senses. Whether the instruments are store bought or home made they all have a way of entertaining children as they explore music and movement. During this experience the children discovered that by beating the drum with different objects they were able to create different sounds. For instance, the stick produced a different sound to their hands. We talked about how the sound echoes inside the drum and how that can change the sound the drum makes if the drum is longer, wider or deeper. The children also tried to play the drum together while keeping with a beat. They discovered it can be harder when 2 people are playing at the same time but also more fun!

**Now taking enrolments for Occasional Care 2016!**

There is nothing better than engaging in some water play when the weather is warm—unless of course when it is scented water play! The children enjoyed adding aromatic herbs and flowers such as mint, lavender and sage to their water during water play. They squeezed the herbs and flowers in the water before smelling their hands and the water to see what they could smell. The children also explored the garden to see what else they could find that had a scent that they could add to the water. They found numerous leaves from the trees as well as leaves from the citrus plants. We thought maybe the leaves from the citrus plants might change the smell of the water but they didn’t. As a group we were able to investigate, hypothesise and explore outcomes and all while we played!

We have recently been enjoying some woodworking at Elizabeth Grove Children’s centre. The children have had an opportunity to design and build a creation that they choose. We have seen an aeroplane, some houses and even a racing car. Last term we also built a planter box that we have since planted some strawberries in. This is an exciting opportunity for children to design and create an object from scratch and experience satisfaction in being able to show the finished products to their families.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH**

On Friday 30th October 2015 the Aboriginal Community Partnership agreement was launched at a special celebration in the Community Room. This agreement has taken three years to be developed with input and support by staff, students and families of Aboriginal children. The main focus is on engagement, attendance and cultural awareness, underpinned by trust and building relationships.

The function was attended by our Aboriginal students, their families, community members, school staff and community, along with DECD personnel.

The school choir began the celebration by singing *For Love of Country*, a song about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who served their country in times of war. Mr Jarrad and Janet spoke about the purpose of the Partnership agreement. Staff, families and students then signed the agreement.

We are grateful to Pauline Greig, Mrs Linnell and the Kitchen Garden classes who catered for this event with amazing food.

The *Community Partnership agreement* states:

*We the parents, community and staff at Elizabeth Grove School agree to work together to build a strong, safe and trusting relationship that supports students through out their learning developmental stages.*

The agreement is an ongoing, living document to be regularly reviewed.

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Just a Reminder…….

- Wednesday 25th of November we have the end of year concert at Elizabeth Grove Primary School from 6pm. We would love to see all the children and families from the Elizabeth Grove Children’s Centre there!
- The Elizabeth Grove Children’s Centre Graduation is on Wednesday the 2nd of December from 2:15—3:15. Come along and enjoy our last event for the year!
The Growing with Gratitude Program aims to help teachers, students and families easily develop the habits of gratitude, kindness and mindfulness that have been identified as the stepping stones to greater happiness and success.

We were fortunate enough to have the program come to our school and talk about the 5 Habits of Happiness which are:

1. Adopt an Attitude of Gratitude
2. Random Acts of Kindness
3. Positive Reflection
4. Wellbeing Warriors
5. Operation Home Service

Each student has received a take home booklet explaining the 5 Habits of Happiness. Please spend some time reading this with your child and fill each other’s bucket!!

Christine – Positive Education/Physical Education

The Royal Society For The Blind Workshop

Through our Physical Education Program we have had the opportunity to once again have the RSB come to our school and educate our students on Vision Impairment. Students listened to an interactive workshop lead by Michael Zannis, Georgia & Travis. Michael Zannis is in the Australian Blind Cricket Team - WOW!! The students were given plastic glasses to wear, allowing them to experience the effects of Glaucoma and Macular Degeneration. The session concluded by students playing a game of Blind cricket with their glasses on.

‘This is so difficult hey’ ‘It must be scary at times to be blind’ ‘I never realised it would be so different’

Christine – Positive Education/Physical Education
Encouragements—It is very important but easily overlooked!

Examples of encouragements that you could use:

- You worked very hard on that word!
- That was fun.
- Great idea!
- You really seemed to enjoy reading that.
- I can tell you are pleased with your reading.
- That is a tricky word but I am sure you can work it out.
- Knowing you, I am sure you are able to choose something to read.
- You are improving in...

Encourage your child to identify words from the list—Oxford Sight Word List. This list should be provided by classroom teachers. If your child does not have the words or the word list, please see your child’s teacher.

MILO T20 Blast Program

MILO T20 Blast is the next step in the pathway following MILO in2CRICKET and is ideal for girls and boys looking to start playing cricket. Aimed at ages 7-12, T20 Blast runs one night a week for 10 weeks throughout Term 1, and is the perfect introduction to playing matches and continuing to learn skills.

All Centres start with a FREE Come & Try Session with appearances from Adelaide Strikers players, giveaways and the Strikers mascot, SMASH!

All T20 Blast Programs are professionally run by qualified SACA staff and coaches.

Free T20 Blast Come & Try Days in your area:

- Salisbury Super Centre
  MILO T20 Blast – Free Come & Try Day, Saturday 6th February 8:30am-10:00am, Salisbury North CC

Reminder for the OSHC

Educational Experience Toy Catalogue Orders Closing Soon!

Educational Experience has selected some unique and different, quality educational toy and game ideas that will help take the stress out of gift buying for Christmas.

Order online or bring your order with the money to the front office.

We have covered all tastes, budgets and ideas with gifts from art and craft, science, books and puzzles to outdoor games. No matter the age or interests of the child, you’ll find a wonderful variety of gift ideas.

All orders must be in by NOVEMBER 30th for delivery in time for Christmas. Find all the items at www.edex.com.au/fundraising and please don’t forget to nominate Elizabeth Grove OSHC at step 4 of your checkout!

Thank you! ☺ ☻

From Sandy – OSHC Director.