Welcome back to all of our students and families – I hope that everyone has had a wonderful break and is ready for the year ahead. Fifty-six new students started at Edithvale Primary School on Monday – 44 of them began their educational journey in Prep. All teachers reported a smooth start to the year with students looking forward to the learning experiences they will have in their new classes. The transition program that occurred at the end of 2009 certainly had a positive impact on the way in which students approached the new school year. We need to support students over the next few weeks as they adjust to the routine of school - sometimes it’s a little difficult to get back into the swing of things but it is vital that students are at school on time ready to start the day with their class. So much information about the learning plan for the day is given in the first 10 minutes and often children become anxious when they don’t have a clear understanding of what they are meant to be doing. We do understand, however, that sometimes circumstances arise which are beyond your control and in those instances a phone call to the office is appreciated and upon arrival, please sign the late register.

Our major focus this year will be in mathematics – the maths team have been working hard to put plans in place and will be in regular contact with you through the newsletter to keep you up to date with our progress. We have made a whole school commitment to improve student achievement levels in this area and look forward to working with parents to develop the mathematical knowledge, understanding and skills of our students.

In order to make the best possible start to the year we are sending home a package of notices, forms etc; that will assist us both in the office and in the classroom. It will be coming home shortly so do look out for it. Two of these notices relate to the Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled for 16 & 17 February. These discussions will be particularly beneficial for us in constructing a detailed picture of your child’s learning style and learning needs. It will give us the opportunity to get to know you and begin to develop a home school partnership that will support your child throughout the year.

Work has continued over the holidays on the refurbishment projects in the hall and the toilets. The paint work looks terrific and we have just a couple of things to finalise for completion.

And finally, many thanks to the parents who supported our watering program over the holiday period.

Denise Webster

### IMPORTANT DATES

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SCHOOL PHOTOS - TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

- Envelopes for school photos have been sent home today. Please fill out your forms as soon as you can and send them straight back to your child’s teacher.
- Family photo envelopes are available at the school office.
- Please Note: All money MUST be in by 16 February. We are advised by Advanced Photographers that NO envelopes can be accepted at the school office after that date. There are no exceptions. Orders after this date must go through Advanced Life Photographers and will incur a ‘Late Handling Fee’.

VICTORIA POLICE ‘PRO ACTIVE UNIT’
Moorabbin Police Station

As of 2010—ALL PERSONS on wheeled recreation vehicles (SCOOTERS) are required to wear a helmet!

Along with the new law, comes a new fine. No helmet on a bike OR scooter is $146 (Gone up from $58).!

Don’t be caught out—always wear your helmet, for your own safety.

SCHOOL ENTRY IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES

The City of Kingston advised of the importance of all students enrolled at school to have a school entry Immunisation certificate. This enables accurate information in the event of a communicable disease outbreak.

This certificate shows the Immunisation status of the student.

It is a legal requirement for parents/guardians to provide this certificate to the school on enrolment. School entry immunisation certificates can be obtained from the Australian Child Immunisation Register (ACIR), ACIR Website www.medicateaustralia.gov.au/online or through local government. The certificate is automatically sent out to parents once their child has completed their 4 year old Immunisations.

It is not acceptable to photocopy the child’s immunisation details from their health book or other documentation.

For further assistance contact the Australian Child Immunisation Register on 1800 653 8.09 or visit the nearest Medicare Office.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will resume next week (Monday 8 February) for lunch orders and window sales.

A new canteen menu has been sent out this week. One side of the menu will be lunch order items and the other window sales only. Some items have increased in price by 10¢ or 20¢.

The Term 1 roster has also been sent to parents who have volunteered again this year. Any parents wanting to help out, please see me at the canteen and I will put you on the roster.

Pre-printed lunch bags are still available. Order forms are at the canteen.

I look forward to working with parents and Year 6 helpers this year.

Diane

FEBRUARY ROSTER

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2010 VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1
1 February (students start) to 26 March - teachers begin Term 1 on 27 January

Term 2
12 April to 25 June (26 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday)*

Term 3
12 July to 17 September (9 August is an additional one-off student-free day)*

Term 4
4 October to 17 December

*Please note that schools are able to set a student free day in either Term 2 or Term 3. Also there will be an additional “one-off” student free day for all government schools on 9 August 2010; to support the implementation of the Ultranet - a major Blueprint initiative.

VICTORIAN PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATES 2010

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SPORT NEWS....
Heather Pardoe

Swimming Carnival for Grades 4 / 5 / 6
Our District Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 19 February at Noble Park Swimming Pool. We will be holding trials this Friday 5 February at Noble Park for those students interested in being part of the Edithvale team.

Victorian Golf Association Golf Clinics for Grades 4 / 5 / 6
We have golf clinics for all students in Grades 4 – 6 next week, organised through the Victorian Golf Association.

Monday 8 February – 5A, 6A and 6B
Tuesday 9 February – 4A and 4B
Wednesday 10 February – 5B and 5C

Yardball Clinics for Grades 3 and 4
Baseball Victoria will be running Yardball clinics on Tuesday 16 March for all students in grades 3 and 4. Yardball is a modified version of baseball.

Interschool Sports for Grade 6
Interschool sports will be starting on Friday 26 February for students in Grade 6. Our District Summer sports will be Softball, Basketball, Cricket and Walla Rugby.

FROM THE ART ROOM....
Jenny Lang

WANTED
TELEPHONE BOOKS
WHITE PAGES AND YELLOW PAGES

We are going to be doing Papier Mache with the children this term.

We are going to be in need of lots and lots of telephone books as they are just perfect for Papier Mache.

If you have any old and unwanted telephone books please bring them along to school and just leave them outside the Art Room.

They will be gratefully accepted

Thank you
**EPS COMMUNITY NEWS**

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### PLAYSPORTS COMMENCES

**WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY**

Prep to Year 4s get your sport shoes ready for ‘Summer-Sports’ as PlaySports returns to Edithvale Primary in Term 1 for eight weeks of **Cricket & Soccer** commencing Wednesday 10 February from 3:30 pm to 4:40 pm. Each session includes warm up games, skill activities and modified competitions, that are fun, engaging and age appropriate.

The cost is $72.00 for eight weeks. Enrolled children are to assemble each Wednesday on the asphalt basketball court for roll call and a 3:40 pm start. Enrolment forms accompany this newsletter and spares are at the school office or phone PlaySports on 9532 5584 to enrol now.

**EPS COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Contemporary … and more!**

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www.artevolutionsds.com

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### SKYE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

(Formerly Carrum Utd Soccer Club)

**PLAYERS WANTED**

Juniors from 6 to 16 years plus seniors men and women  
Come and join our great club and enjoy our brand new clubrooms  
Accredited coaches who focus on Skill Development and Fun

Our Rego/Family Day is on **Saturday 13 February**
At Carrum Downs Secondary College, Starting at 10:00am  
For more information please visit www.skyunited.com.au

Or call Dave Bishop on 0415 553 681  
“We are Blue, We are White, We are really Dynamite”

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### FUN IN THE SUN

**FESTIVAL 2010**

**An all abilities event**

**Sunday 28 February 2010**  
10:00 am—4:30 pm  
Bicentennial Park, Chelsea

(Cnr Thames Promenade and Scotch Parade)

Dorothy the Dinosaur, Captain Feathersword & Friends, Channel Nine personalities & CODE ONE Police Band, Choir of Hope & Inspiration (formerly Choir of Hard Knocks), FREE ENTRY All activities are low cost!