This week we are very pleased to welcome Michael Ymer to our school. Michael is very highly regarded mathematics consultant who will be working over the next two days with teachers in their classrooms. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and ideas about teaching and learning; about what works with students across all levels; and about how to engage and challenge students in this area.

On Tuesday the Year 1 and 2 students had a fabulous incursion with the ‘Kids Car Ed’ program. Everyone had the chance to drive the brightly coloured cars and, while there was a little bit of bumping and straying from the road, overall the students were very impressive and listened intently to the instructors about road safety.

Unfortunately, at the moment, we are experiencing a few glitches with our website. We are working very hard to get it back up and running but I have to ask for your patience for just a little longer.

Please note that nominations for School Council members for 2010 close at 4pm on Friday 5th March (tomorrow).

We have vacancies for 5 Parent members and 2 DEECD Staff members. If the number of nominations is greater than the number of positions then a ballot will be held. You will be notified of this on Tuesday. Please consider this opportunity – it is a great way to support our school and we value your input.

Edithvale Primary School Vegetable Garden Progress Report - Barb Sharp

As you are aware we have been the lucky recipients of a State grant to build a vegetable garden here at the school. The garden is going to be located near the bore tanks, behind the art room.

Planning is on the way with the staff, School Council Buildings and Grounds Committee, school captains, house captains of Flinders and the level 4 SRC leaders, and Di Cameron taking part.

On April 17th the school community will be having a working bee to build the garden infrastructure.

Jobs on this day will include:

- Relocating the current grass bed to the front of the school
- Building garden beds from sleepers
- Shifting the planter boxes from the level 4 building
- Building a fence around the garden bed.

Wanted

Pool fence or something similar in good condition. What for? To place around our vegetable garden.

If you, or you know someone who has a fence that may be suitable for us would you please let Barb Sharp know. It would be great to have our new garden fenced off when we plant or garden

Denise Webster
On Tuesday the Prep students had a teddy bears picnic as this week they have been learning about the letter T. All students (and teachers) brought along their teddy bears and had a wonderful lunch in the sunshine. The tiny teddy biscuits were a lovely treat shared by all!

This week we began our Buddy Program. The Grade 4 and Prep students were introduced and got to know one another. All students were very excited and look forward to spending special time together each week.
LEVEL 4 FRACTION DAY

On Tuesday the 16th of February we participated in Level 4 Fraction Day! At 9:00am we had a fraction parade called ‘Fractions on the Field’ and our host was Shaun from 6B.

All the students in Level 4 were very creative with their fraction outfits. All the level 4 teachers took us for one activity.

Miss Short - Master Class cooking session, where we had to come up with a menu and somehow use fractions in the dishes we created out of leaves, sticks and other things we could find outside.

Miss Baker - Fraction games in the I.C.T lab. We had to solve a number of fraction problems and played mini fraction games.

Mrs Johnson - We made fraction mosaics out of paper.

Mr Wilton - We had to fold A4 paper into fractions then we played a game where we had to form different fractions.

Ms Sharp - Fractions in the environment. We got into pairs and tried to find fractions in the yard. Some of the fractions were 1/3, 1/4, 1/6, 1/8 and 1/12.

Fraction Day was interesting. I think everyone learnt something new that they didn’t already know.

Written by
Daniel and Laura, 5C.

Solve the puzzles and win!

Complete the puzzle with your family and place your answer (along with your name and grade) into the box located at the office. Each fortnight students with the correct answers will go into a raffle. Two names will be pulled from the box and prizes will be given to those very clever students at assembly. IT COULD BE YOU!!!

Prep – Grade 2
I have a handful of jelly beans. One half of them are yellow. What could my handful of jelly beans look like?

Grade 3 – Grade 6

A B C D

Sam, Riley, Michelle and Sarah want to sit in the four chairs.
Sam and Riley want to sit next to each other.
Michelle and Sarah want to sit next to each other.
How many different ways can they arrange themselves so that everyone is happy? List the arrangements.
**Canteen News**

**A Few Items to Mention as Part of the National Foods promotion…..**

When students purchase a 200ml Just Juice, 250ml Juice or bottle of water they will receive a free zooper doper. This promotion begins 9th March and finishes at the end of Term 1.

- Frozen juice cups will be sold at the Canteen for .70¢
- Sushi Day is on TUESDAY 16TH MARCH. All orders to be in by Thursday 11th March. Remember there will be no lunch orders on this day. Order forms have been sent out this week.

Thank you to my helpers for the last fortnight. I’d like to extend a big welcome to the new parent helpers. They are Kate Stevens, Lisa Cox and Shauna McMillan.

*Diane*

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**Fundraising: Hot Cross Buns are Back!**

Welcome back to Term 1. Our first fundraiser for this year is for those “Delightful Hot Cross Buns” from “Bakers Delight”.

Help our school by indulging in some yummy, gorgeous, delicious, Hot Cross Buns. Simply return your order form with the correct money to the school office by: **Wednesday 17th March**. The delivery date is: **Friday 26th March**. Thank You

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Opening 9th March 3:00pm to 3:30pm

Thank you to the ladies who kindly volunteered to help run our Second hand Uniform Shop.

We will be opening our shop every Tuesday from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. We are located in the Administration building between Prep 1 and Prep 2 rooms. If you are not sure where to go, come to the office and we will help you.

If you have any school uniforms that no longer fit and do not want, consider passing them over to the Second hand Uniform Shop.

Prices will range from $2.50 to $5.00.

**EPS Drink Bottles**

Don’t forget! Edithvale Primary School colour changing drink bottles are available at the school office for $10.00. They would make great Easter presents. Come in and get one or even two!

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**Kumon Edithvale Education Centre**

Kumon Method

- Teaches to concentrate
- Develops ability to learn anything new independently
- Improves mental calculation in Math’s
- Encourages studying beyond grade level up to higher levels of Math’s
- Introduces basic grammar in English
- Improves reading comprehension
- Teaches how to organise and analyse information in the texts and
- How to express one’s thoughts and opinions in writing

**By:**

- Introducing compulsory daily homework
- Learning by small steps
- Making study plan individually for each student
- Providing all learning materials at no additional cost

Call me on 0402065154 or email to kumanedithvale@yahoo.com.au and book a free no obligation appointment for assessing your child’s level of knowledge in Maths and English.

I will show you how your child can benefit and then you will decide if it suits your child or not. Lena Gvirtsman

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**March Roster**

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**NAB AFL AusKick**

*Supported by Chelsea YCW Junior Sports Club*

*Runs Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:00 during A.F.L. season*

**AusKick Registration Day**

**Saturday, 13th March 10:00am-1:30pm**

At **Chelsea YCW Clubrooms**

Corner Scotch Parade & Bondi Road, Bonbeach (Where we hold AusKick)

For more information go to www.aflauskick.com.au
NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK
Heather Pardoe

Chelsea District Swimming Carnival
Well done to all the students who took part in the Swimming Carnival at Noble Park Swimming Pool on Friday 19th February 2010. We were fortunate to have good weather on the day and the children did a great job in representing Edithvale Primary School by showing good sportsmanship in their events.

Westernport Zone Swimming Carnival
This will take place at Noble Park Swimming Pool on Friday 5th March 2010 commencing at 9:00am. Congratulations to Courtney Bennett, Caitlin Bourne, Daniel Kah, Wayne Robertson, Courtney Smith, Brooke Millen, Katya Flaherty, and Sarah McCormack who all qualified for a place in the Zone Swimming Carnival. Good luck on Friday.

Interschool Sports
Interschool Sports has now started for the Grade 6 students. Students will choose from Walla Rugby, Basketball, Cricket and Softball this term. They showed great sportsmanship at their first matches on Friday 26th February away at Seaford North Primary School.

Upcoming Fixtures
Friday 12th March – away versus Bonbeach Primary School
Friday 19th March – home versus Aspendale Primary School
Friday 26th March – home versus Seaford Primary School

The rest of the Summer Sports games will be played in Term 4.

Yardball Clinics
On Tuesday 16th March, Baseball Victoria will be working with grade 3 and 4 students running yardball clinics during PE sessions. Yardball is a modified version of baseball.

AFL St Kilda
To promote Australian Football in primary schools, AFL Victoria and the AFL in conjunction with St Kilda Football club have offered us the opportunity for St Kilda players to visit Edithvale Primary School. On Tuesday 16th March between 10:00 and 11:30 am, members from the St Kilda AFL team will be in school to talk to the grade 5 and 6 students about healthy living.

Did you know that the Australian Society of Orthodontists recommends children have their first check-up by a specialist orthodontist at age 7?

Does your child:
- Have crooked teeth or misaligned jaws?
- Have difficulty in chewing or biting?
- Suck their thumb or fingers?
- Grind their teeth?
- Experience speech difficulties?

These may be indicators of an existing or developing orthodontic problem. Take advantage of our free initial visit and get some professional advice from a specialist orthodontist today. No referral is necessary.

The Department of Health advises that a FREE vaccine to protect against the H1N1 Influenza 2009 (Swine flu) is still available. Swine flu continues to pose a threat to the population, but you can protect yourself and the community and help stop the spread of Swine flu to others by being vaccinated now.

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EPS COMMUNITY NEWS
Edithvale Primary School  
Garden Watering Roster  
Help keep our schools gardens growing over the Summer period.

We need more people to help water our gardens on the designated watering days.
At the present moment we only have 2-3 people who have managed watered gardens over the summer. It doesn’t take long and our school would benefit greatly.

Take the next step and..........

Fill in your family name, phone number, child’s name and grade against which days you can assist with watering of school gardens.
(Tuesdays & Saturdays 6am-8am only).

Return this sheet as soon as possible to school office & further details will follow re: areas to water & access to shed.

Many thanks from the Buildings & Grounds Committee

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