By all accounts our Grade 6 students and teachers had a fabulous time last week at Camp Rumbug at Waratah Bay. The weather was kind and the camp had a wonderful, friendly atmosphere. There were a variety of outdoor activities planned where students were given the opportunity to rise to new challenges and develop both cooperative and leadership skills. Congratulations to all Grade 6 students who worked together so well to create such an enjoyable and rewarding event and a very big thank you to the Edithvale PS staff for all the work that went into the planning and then the ‘experience’ of Camp Rumbug 2008.

It has been very encouraging to see so many parents at school over the past two days to ‘Meet the Teacher’. It was also terrific to see the response of many students who were quite excited about the prospect of their mum or dad coming to see their classroom and meet the teacher. This occasion was primarily to give you an opportunity to tell us about your child and have a conversation about their learning style and their learning needs. It was also, for many, the first step in our partnership with you in 2008 and teachers have found it to be a very positive and productive experience. There has also been a great response to our evaluation sheet and many parents have given us valuable feedback which will assist us in continuing to develop our relationship with our parent community. I will give you more detailed feedback on your ideas when all the response sheets have been returned.

Yesterday the ballot information for the 2008 School Council elections was sent home. This included an information sheet about the candidates; a ballot sheet and two envelopes. Please take this opportunity to have your say by voting for the people who represent you on School Council. Remember that voting closes next Wednesday, March 12th at 4pm.

And finally….thank you to everyone – students, staff and parents, who helped to make ‘photo day’ run smoothly yesterday. I know that much lies in the preparation and the students looked wonderful indeed - and, hopefully, were smiling beautifully at the opportune moment!

Denise Webster

Over the past few weeks, Grade 6 Students have been working with their teachers to develop the following document which focuses on producing a positive and supportive learning environment for all:

Using our school values we have agreed to these rights, rules, responsibilities and rewards.

“We have the right to feel safe, happy and to learn”.

Rules
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS
Complete work as required and on time
Keep the room safe, clean and green
Treat others with respect and kindness
Care for own and others belongings

Responsibilities
Act with integrity by always making the right choice
Cooperate with others to achieve goals
Show friendship and friendliness to all
Give support when needed
Accept differences in others
Respect the rights of others to feel safe and happy

Rewards
We believe the best reward is to feel good about what we have achieved. Other rewards could include stickers, merit awards, house points and games.

Signed……………………………          Date…………
Welcome to all the Parents, Care Givers and Friends of EPS.

The purpose of the PFA’s meetings is not only to organise student orientated activities but to stimulate communication and provide a forum for open discussion, problem solving, advice and information of matters relating to school policies, education and general interests of the school community.

Through this co-operation and development it promotes community’s interest and spirit within our school creating joint ownership and pride throughout our school. So at our first meeting for 2008 we were delighted to see many parents who showed great enthusiasm and a deep commitment in working together for the benefit our children and community of Edithvale Primary School. We also acknowledge the need for parents who are unable to attend meetings to be able to voice their valued ideas, suggestions or information etc by enabling them to send an e-mail to edithvps@edithvaleps.vic.edu.au : attention PFA.

As well as day meetings we will also be holding evening meetings for greater convenience to the school’s community. So don’t be a stranger, we would love to see and hear from you soon.

Lissa Lawson

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**HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER**

As you know the school is running in conjunction with Bakers Delight a Hot Cross Bun Drive Fundraiser.

For every dozen Hot Cross Buns sold Bakers delight will donate to the school $3.00.

Orders and money are due back no later than Friday, 15th March. We will deliver the buns to your children’s classroom.

Please get behind this fundraising effort—we do it for the children and all the money comes to us at the school.

The Fundraising Team
Children's Services Training Seminars & Workshops 2008

Learning together to support our children

MARCH
UNDERSTANDING ASPERGERS & AUTISM
Date:  Monday 17th March
Time:  7-9pm
Venue:  Mentone Primary School, Children St, Mentone
Presenter:  Avril Brereton, Senior Research Fellow Monash
Cost:  $5 per person

PLAY DAY – IMAGINATIVE PLAY
Date:  Tuesday 18th March
Time:  10am-12noon
Venue:  Clarinda Community Centre, 58 Viney St, Clarinda
Cost:  FREE

APRIL
SCHOOL READINESS – WHAT’S THE HURRY?
Date:  Wednesday 26th April
Time:  7-9pm
Venue:  Dingley Primary School, Crn Centre Davinder & Marcus Rd, Dingley
Presenter:  Jane Mooland, Kathy Walker & Associates
Cost:  $5 per person

MAY
PLAY DAY – MESSY AND RECYCLED MATERIALS
Date:  Wednesday 14th May
Time:  9.30am-11.30am
Venue:  Montsalvat Community Centre, 5552 Warreng Rd, Montsalvat
Cost:  $5 per person

EARLY LITERACY AND NUMERACY
Date:  Thursday 22nd May
Time:  7-9pm
Venue:  Aspendale Gardens Community Centre, 103-105 Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens
Presenter:  Jane Mooland, Kathy Walker & Associates
Cost:  $5 per person

JULY
24ST CENTURY GRANDPARENTS
Date:  Thursday 3rd July
Time:  5-7pm
Venue:  Cheltenham RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Cheltenham
Cost:  FREE

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT 5-12 YEAR OLDS
Date:  Tuesday 22nd July
Time:  7-9pm
Venue:  Aspendale Gardens Community Centre, 103-105 Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens
Presenter:  Jo Lange, Teacher & Educator
Cost:  $5 per person

AUGUST
PLAY DAY – EARLY LITERACY & NUMERACY
Date:  Thursday 7th August
Time:  9.30-11.30am
Venue:  Chelsea Heights Community Centre, Thames Promenade, Chelsea Heights
Cost:  Nil

BLENDED FAMILIES
Date:  Tuesday 26th August
Time:  7pm
Venue:  Chelsea Heights Primary School, Thames Promenade, Chelsea Heights
Presenter:  John O'Connell, Psychologist
Cost:  $5 per person

SEPTEMBER
FATHERS PARENTING SESSION
Date:  Tuesday 2nd September
Time:  7pm
Venue:  Municipal Office, 2310 Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham
Presenter:  Darren Varley
Cost:  $5 per person

FOOD & NUTRITION FOR CHILDREN
Date:  Monday 12th September
Time:  7pm
Venue:  Mentone Primary School, Childrens St, Mentone
Presenter:  Kuld Bidu
Cost:  $5 per person

OCTOBER
THE SLEEPING BABY AND TODDLER
Date:  Tuesday 14th October
Time:  7pm
Venue:  Municipal Office, 2310 Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham
Presenter:  Sue Cunningham, Sleep Health Educator
Cost:  $5 per person

PLAY DAY – MUSIC & MOVEMENT
CELEBRATING CHILDREN’S WEEK
Date:  Wednesday 29th October
Time:  10am-12pm
Venue:  Kingston City Hall, 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin
Special guest:  Carp Productions
Cost:  FREE

NOVEMBER
CELEBRATE DIVERSITY & EXPLORE RECYCLED CRAFT
Date:  Thursday 13th November
Time:  6.30-8.30pm
Venue:  Central Bayside Community Health Services, 335 Nepean Hwy, Patterson Lakes
Presenter:  Artizeous
Cost:  FREE

Bookings and Payment Information
Who Should attend the Seminars and Workshops?
The Children's Services Training Seminars and Workshops cater for school aged students, fathers, grandparents and parents of children aged 0-12 years and professionals who work with children aged 0-12 years and their families.

How much do the Seminars and Workshops Cost?
The cost of these sessions is $5 per person per session, unless otherwise specified.

How to Book
Bookings can be made by phoning 9581 4585. A deposit will be required. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. In the instance where a session is full, a waiting list will apply.

Payment
Session fees will be collected and received at the beginning of each session. Correct money will be accepted only. No EFTPOS available.

Registration
Registration will open half an hour before the listed start time of each session except in the instance of Play Day.

Cancellation of Seminars and Workshops
Seminars and workshops will be cancelled if a minimum of 5 participants is not met. In the event that less than 5 participants enrol, the session may be cancelled. Charges made to participants will be refunded. All participants who are booked into sessions but not cancelled will be refunded.

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Kingston's Language Line
English 9581 4585 Greek 9679 5885
Italian 9579 5875 Spanish 9679 5939
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Korean 9579 5892 Vietnamese 9579 5875

DISCLAIMER
No responsibility is accepted for late arrivals or late departures. The program is subject to change. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Please note that these sessions may be recorded. Participants are advised that their participation in the sessions may be recorded. All participants who are booked into sessions that are cancelled will be refunded.

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SCHOOL BANKING FOR 2008
School Banking this year will be collected on a Tuesday and processed on the Wednesday.
Banking this year will begin on Tuesday 26th February for processing on Wednesday 27th February.
Please forward any application forms for new accounts to the school office as soon as possible.
Kind Regards
The Banking Team

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY!

First Term School Holidays Activity

FREE SPORTS CLINIC
TEAMelbourne IS HOSTING A FREE SPORTS CLINIC FOR CHILDREN AGED 8—12 YEARS, AS PART OF THEIR EXCITING NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. The clinic aims at promoting a healthy and active lifestyle for young children.
The clinic, to be held on Wednesday 2nd April during first term school holidays, will give children the chance to try different sports and meet their sporting heroes from football, rugby league, basketball and netball.
SEE MS. BARGE FOR APPLICATION FORMS
Children can apply online at…
www.teamelbourne.com.au
For a chance to share in some great prizes.
TEAMelbourne Foundation Partner Metlink will provide all participants with a free daily Metcard to travel to and from the clinic.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The Uniform Shop is now open on Tuesdays between 3:10pm—3:45pm
This service is on a weekly basis and all orders, including those left at the office will be processed on that day.
Tracey Griffiths

ASPENDALE LIFE SAVING CLUB
When: Friday, 14th March
Time: 7:30pm—9:30pm
Cost: $5.00 per child or $10 per family

Bring along a pillow and blanket
Refreshments supplied
Parents are welcome to stay!
All proceeds will be donated to the Oxfam Trailwalker Foundation.
Our challenge is to walk 100km

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News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre
Learn the beautiful and addictive craft of creating your own individual Mosaic masterpiece with colourful glass tiles on Wednesday evenings or Fridays afternoons, bring your own materials or buy a kit from the tutor. Maximise your postural strength with Pilates Monday evenings or Tuesdays afternoons, bring your own materials or buy a kit from the tutor. Maximise your postural strength with Pilates Monday evenings or Fridays afternoons, or bring your own materials or buy a kit from the tutor. Don’t forget our next Eco Challenge night is Wednesday 19th March 7.30pm regarding Transport discovering how much actual energy (and money) driving a car or catching a plane uses, and join our Earth Carers each Thursday 9.30am with continual ideas to green your lives. We also offer occasional Take-A-Break Childcare Monday 11.30 to 2.30pm, Tuesday 9 to 1pm, Wednesday 9 to 12noon or Thursday 9 to 12noon or 1pm, at a reasonable rate to benefit both you and your child. Check out our fabulous hall available to hire for that special function with tables & chairs available for up to 200 people. For further information or a copy of our brochure, drop by, ring 9772 3391, or check out our Web site www.chelseaeheightscommunitycentre.com.au
Thanking you
Lynne – Centre Assistant