PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

On Monday morning, after assembly, we held the second Parent Forum for the year. The focus for the conversation was about the development of our new strategic plan and the reaffirmation of our values. We had a small but enthusiastic group and some excellent ideas were put forth about the values that we consider really important particularly within our school community. These types of conversations are also being generated with students and staff and at the end of the process, we will be able to publish and ultimately live by the values that represent all members of the Edithvale Primary School community. It is vitally important that we have this in place, because without common values and expectations, it is difficult to make sustainable plans for a better future. We followed this with a discussion about the building projects and there was a great deal of interest and enthusiasm about the new learning centre and the refurbishment of some of our buildings. It is our firm belief that these types of conversations are hugely beneficial to the school—when we work in partnership great things can happen for our students and their learning. Thank you to the parents who participated and we will have another ‘Coffee and Conversation’ in the near future.

In two weeks time we will be beginning our 2010 Prep transition program. If you have yet to enrol your child for next year, please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form. An introductory meeting for parents of our new preps will be held on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00pm in the staffroom, where we will discuss the transition program and a few aspects of the school’s program that are relevant at this stage. Another more formal information evening will be held later in the year where the focus will be on ‘starting school’ and on outlining the various programs that we run at Edithvale Primary School.

A final reminder that we are having a working bee this Saturday - our work will be to prepare for the movement of classes into new areas when the building program begins in the not too distant future. We’d love to have you join our enthusiastic crew.

Denise Webster

6 August 2009

To parents of children from Prep to Grade 6, we are holding a Working Bee on Saturday 8th August, 2009 9:00am till 12:00pm

JOBS TO BE DONE:
- Moving sand and furniture in preparation for the classroom relocation
- Tidy up of sports courts
- General Maintenance

TOOLS/ EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:
- *Trailer  *Secateurs/pruning tools  * Shovels / Spades
- * Rakes / brooms  *Wheelbarrows  *Blowers

Please Note: Families are responsible for their own equipment

To assist us with catering etc on the day, please call the office to let us know or just come along on the day.

Many hands make the tasks easy and keep our school safe and attractive

Please remember to sign in at the General Office Area on the day

YUMMY MORNING TEA PROVIDED!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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Thank you for your participation

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Crêpes & Grande Parade
Mercredi 19 Aout 2009

French Crêpe Day (Pancake) & Awesome Parade
Wednesday 19th of August 09

As part of the celebrations for our French Day, Madame Snow invites interested students from Grades 2-6 to create a version of the Castle Versailles, with or without gardens. On the day, students may also dress up as a King or Queen of France. To make the Castle of Versailles it is suggested that a variety of recycled materials are used.

The students in Prep and Grade 1 are invited to dress up as King, Queen or Royals of France!

A parade will be taking place at 9.00 am on the Wednesday 19th of August 09 for a special French Assembly. We are expecting fabulous efforts from all students and the prize for each grade will be a free crepe from Robert et Jean-Pierre, our judges. Merci!

Madame Snow

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FOUND
One SRC badge. If you have lost one, please come and retrieve it from the office.

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Little Athletics
Thanks to Andrew Neilson and Debbie Jones for coming to run Little Athletics sessions for grades 3 and 4 on Tuesday. The children enjoyed the sessions and received information packs to take home.

Interschool Sports
Congratulations to the Girls Netball team for their win against Skye Primary School on Friday last week. They will be representing Chelsea and Carrum Districts to play two matches at the Westernport Zone Winter Sport Finals this Friday at Cranbourne Life Be In It Centre.

There will be no interschool sports this Friday 7th August.
Next Interschool sports games will be at home against Aspendale Gardens ‘B’ teams on Friday 14th August.

Heather Pardoe

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BOXES NEEDED
Over the next few weeks we will begin the process of packing away classroom items in preparation for our big move while our new buildings are constructed.

If you have any boxes at home and would like to dispose of them, please send them up to the school. We will certainly use them.

We would like boxes, that when packed, will not be too hard for us to lift.

Many Thanks

Dee at the School Office
9772 1393

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CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder to students, parents and teachers, that I am still unable to obtain small packets of pretzels. My supplier has also informed me that the rice crackers are no longer available. Please remember not to order these two items in your lunch orders. A top effort this week from all my parent helpers and students.

Diane

| NEXT WEEK’S CANTEEN ROSTER ~ AUGUST |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday 10th          | Thursday 13th          |
| Angie Clark         | Deb Bond              |
| Tuesday 11th         | Friday 14th           |
| Rachel Sbalcherio   | Kellie Kingsley       |
|                   | Nicola Carroll        |

FUNDRAISING REMINDER

A reminder that the ‘Supa Slice Drive’ order forms and money are due back this Wednesday, 12th August, no late orders will be processed. Delivery will be Friday 21st August.

Please support your school in raising funds by buying these yummy slices, muffins, lamingtons or Arnott’s biscuits. Thank you.

Fundraising Committee

KUMON
EDITHVALE EDUCATION CENTRE
5 Blantyre Avenue, Chelsea

Does your child have problems with Maths and / or English at school?
Do you and your child want to excel and be the best student in the class at school?
Do you and your child want to study beyond school grade level?

If you answer “yes” to one of these questions, then consider HUMON for your child.

Call 0402 065 154 for an appointment to discuss the options and possibilities as well as to assess your child’s level of knowledge in Mathematics and English.

Elena Gvirtsman, Supervisor

GENESIS
The Fitness Club for EveryBody

A unique opportunity has arrived for all those people who would like to join a fitness club, or just want to make a head start getting ready for summer.

Genesis, Mentone branch in conjunction with Edithvale Primary School is offering a “10 for 10”. It’s 10 visits to the Mentone branch of the Genesis Fitness Club for a cost of $10.00, which will go directly to the school.

All you have to do is see Dee Greedy in the school office, give $10.00 and Dee will ask you to fill in your details on the voucher, then give you the other half to take to Genesis for your 10 visits.

CHELSEA AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Aspendale Gardens & Waterways Residents

Chelsea & District Historical Society are requesting any photos of your area - before and during the development of these areas. We will return your photo or a copy would assist us.

Our next display is of suburbs of the area and unfortunately we have very little on these two suburbs.

If anyone is able to assist the Society in finding something of interest, we would appreciate your effort. Please call Margaret 9772 1897 or Leonie 9772 2875

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NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Our School Newsletter is produced weekly and distributed on Thursdays. School Newsletters are also available on our website, www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au and will continue to be online for all families to access. To access the newsletter online, please follow the prompts on the website. Select PARENTS, Then NEWSLETTER (from the drop down box), Then click on NEWSLETTER and select the edition of the newsletter you wish to read. Newsletters can be printed from this site. Some hard copies will be available at the General Office if you need another copy.
Aspendale Gardens Community Centre has a variety of activities for the young and the young at heart. From music, movement, art and dance to netball, karate, kids sports and even tarot and numerology classes. Contact us on 9587 5955 for a copy of our term 3 brochure or check out our NEW WEBSITE, www.agcsinc.org.au

FREE Community Information night. Bedwetting and toilet training. Wednesday 19th August 2009 from 7.30-9pm. Get the facts on common issues facing many parents and information on how to prevent or manage problems. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! Ph 9587 5955

FIRST AID COURSE- “Giving First Aid to Kids” Saturday 29th August 9am-5pm. Gain knowledge and skills required to give rescue breathing, CPR as well as manage some life threatening emergencies common to infants and children. Topics include seizures/convulsions, asthma, choking, poisoning, soft tissue injuries and basic wound care. Cost $110 per person. Bookings or enquiries ph 9587 5955.

SHOPPING TOUR - Saturday 12th September. Get organized for Christmas early this year without the stress of driving (and finding car parks) while visiting several outlets in a fun and social manner. Enquiries ph 9587 5955

Mini Maestros- Music program for babies and toddlers. Friday mornings from 9.20am. Enquiries ph. 9511 8689

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm. We need your support to help keep our kinder and community centre operating!!