I hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday and you were able to recharge the batteries in readiness for what is usually an extremely busy last term. We welcome Mr James Whitla who is acting Assistant Principal for this term. Mr Whitla has already visited all classes and is gradually getting to meet many of the people who make up the fantastic Edithvale Primary School community. I’m confident that he will have a very happy time with us.

You may have noticed that there has been progress with our building program. On Friday the concrete will be poured and then it shouldn’t be too long before we start to see the building take shape.

Year 5 students and teachers left yesterday morning for Anglesea where they are experiencing the many activities Coastal Forest Lodge has to offer. We wish them a very successful camp and look forward to hearing all about it when they return to school.

Now that we are moving into the warmer weather, students need to wear their broad brimmed hats when they are in the yard at recess and lunchtime and also when they are participating in sport or Physical Education classes. Our school fully supports the SunSmart program whose message is:

"From September, 5 things to remember
Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!"

The sun’s UV levels are rising so it’s time to follow Sid Seagull’s advice. When the UV level is 3 and above remember to use a combination of these 5 SunSmart steps:

1. **Slip** on clothing that covers as much skin as possible (no singlet tops)
2. **Slop** on SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen (remember to reapply it before going outside)
3. **Slap** on a wide brimmed hat that shades the head, face, neck and ears
4. **Seek** shade
5. **Slide** on some wrap around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067) – if practical

Take extra care between 10am and 3pm when the sun’s UV levels are most intense."

Have a great term everyone.

Denise Webster
Isabella and Marcus Fund

This week as part of our wellbeing program, the Prep students have been discussing ways we can help our community. We decided to make a banner for the Isabella and Marcus Fund. Marcus went to the local kinder with many of the Prep students at Edithvale Primary, and was a family friend of Miss Scafidi. Sadly Marcus developed a brainstem tumour called ‘Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma’ (DIPG) and passed away last year at age 5. Unfortunately this tumour offers no prospect of survival and most children die within a year of diagnosis. Marcus’ parents have teamed up with Isabella’s parents (a child who also passed away due to DIPG). Together they are trying to raise awareness of this incurable cancer and fund Australian research into brainstem tumours, with a focus on DIPG. The Isabella and Marcus Fund will be holding their first fundraiser this Sunday as part of the Melbourne Marathon. To support them as they make their way to the finish line, the Prep students (with the help of Miss Short) have created the banner pictured here.

If you would like more information on Isabella and Marcus’ stories or would like to donate, please go to their website:  http://www.isabellaandmarcusfund.org.au

Miss Short is climbing Mt Kilimanjaro!

On the 21st of December 2010 Miss Short is heading to Africa to climb one of the highest mountains in the world – Mt Kilimanjaro!!! The mountain is the fourth highest of the ‘Seven Summits of the World’ with the peak of the mountain rising to an altitude of 19,340 ft (5,895 m) from base to summit.

Throughout the year Miss Short has been training hard to be fit and ready for the big climb. She has also held a number of events to raise money for cancer research after losing her father to Cancer in December last year. Miss Short will be attempting to climb the mountain with her Mum (Karen Short).

On the 18th of November Edithvale Primary School will be having an Africa Day to get behind Miss Short and help raise important funds for The Australian Cancer Research Foundation. More information is to follow regarding this exciting day.

WORKING BEE
Friday 8th OCTOBER
Whole School Working Bee
Friday 8th October, 2:30 pm.
Many hands make light work.
We will be mulching play areas.
Come early to pick up your children and give us a hand to cart, shovel or rake some mulch.
Any time you can spare, an hour or two or even half an hour, it will be very much appreciated.
We have rakes and spades but if you can bring your own please do.
Thank you.
Buildings and Grounds Committee

SWIMMING
Heather Pardoe
Payment and Permission Forms are now due back at school
Please inform the office in writing, if for any reason, your child will not be swimming.

TERM DATES FOR 2011
Term 1 1 February—8 April
Term 2 27 April—1 July (26 April—ANZAC Day Public Holiday)
Term 3 18 July—23 September
Term 4 10 October—22 December
Please be advised that the second semester EMA cheques have arrived.

If you are waiting on your cheque please come in to the school office and collect it before the end of this term.

**EMA—2nd SEMESTER**

**WESTERNPORT ZONE ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to Joel Lothian who will be representing the Chelsea District in Long Jump at the Westernport Zone Athletics Carnival on Thursday 7th October 2010. Good Luck, Joel.

Well done to our Year 5 students who also qualified for the Westernport Zone Athletics Carnival but will be unable to attend because the date is in the middle of their camp at Anglesea. Congratulations to Courtney Smith in High Jump, Jackson Connor in Triple Jump and Long Jump, Marcus Thong in 100m and Robert Deacon in 1500m.

**Logical Staffing Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championship**

Well done to Kasey Cathcart who came 12th out of 100 players at the State Finals at Box Hill on Monday 6th September. What a fantastic achievement!

**School Swimming Program**

Our School Swimming Program will take place at Haileybury College in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4. This program is part of the Physical Education Program and all students are expected to participate. Students will need to come to school with bathers, swimming caps and towels and this is a good opportunity to check that all items of clothing are labelled with your child’s name.

Permission forms should now have been completed and returned to the school office or your child’s teacher. If you have not yet paid for the School Swimming Program please contact the school office at your earliest convenience to arrange payment options. Dates are as follows and parents are welcome to come along to watch in the spectators’ area:

| Monday 18th October | Monday 25th October |
| Monday 19th October | Tuesday 26th October |
| Wednesday 20th October | Wednesday 27th October |
| Friday 22nd October | Thursday 28th October |

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ATTENDING THE SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE IN WRITING SO THAT WE CAN CONFIRM FINAL NUMBERS WITH THE SWIM SCHOOL.

**SPORTS NEWS**

Heather Pardoe

**LATE NEWS S— STOP PRESS**

Congratulations to Joel Lothian for his success in the Long Jump at the Zone Athletics. He will now compete at the Regional Athletic Sports. Well done Joel.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

**CHANGE OF HOURS**

Please note that our Second Hand Uniform Shop will now be opening on Mondays from next week.

Opening times will be the same, 3:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm.

**RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS SCHEME**

The Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme makes a generous donation to Edithvale Primary School every month as part of the Community Benefits Scheme.

If you don’t have a card or key ring, pop into the office to get one, already set up with EPS as your nominated organisation.

So whether you shop at Ritchies or Coles, you can help our School.

**LOSS PROPERTY**

Don’t forget to name your child’s windcheaters, jumpers etc; to enable us to return them if lost.

We have some lost property in Ms Sharp’s classroom. Please come and check to see if some of these items could be yours.
The Term 4 Menu was sent out this week. Noodles, soup and hot chocolate have been removed. All other items are available.

Frozen items available at the canteen are: Mini Callipos (.70¢), Paddle Pop Moo ($1.20), Frozen Yoghurt ($1.30), Go-Gurt (.80¢).

Thank you to my helpers this week, although it was quiet at times, I’m sure it will be busy soon with the warmer weather coming.

**PFA NEWS**

Diane Cameron

The PFA are running a school disco on Friday 15th October. Notices were sent home this week. Parent Helpers are required for both sessions. I will endeavour to contact parents who have offered to help.

A meeting was held today Thursday 7th October to discuss the disco and the PFA student lunch later this term. Thanks to those parents for attending.

Last meeting for the year will be held on:

**Thursday 11th November**

At 2:30 pm

Staffroom

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**Parkdale United Cricket Club Inc**

Want to play cricket? Come and join a friendly, well organised and successful cricket club.

Become a Python!

**Milo in2CRICKET**

Jack Grut Reserve,
Governor Road, Mordialloc (Melways 92 H1)
http://www.parkdaleunited.com/

9 week program, cost $30.00
half normal price
Commencing Sunday 17th October 2010
9:30am to 11am at Jack Grut Reserve

Register via website or on the day
Contacts: Graeme Stewart 0421 407 643
Andy Bateman 0400 131 987

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Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

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**PLAYSPORTS TERM 4**

Prep to Year 4s get ready for spring fun as PlaySports returns to Edithvale Primary in Term 4 for eight weeks of Basketball & Hockey commencing Wednesday 13 Oct. from 3:30 to 4:40 PM. 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. Spare enrolment forms may be at the school office or phone PlaySports on 9532 5584 to enrol now.

www.playsports.com.au