The end of term has arrived with a rush—it seems only a few weeks ago that we were starting the school year; getting to know our students and their families. If I look at the prep students, I now see confident, self-assured children who have adapted well to their new learning environment. They are also a great reflection of the rest of our student cohort who have had some wonderful learning experiences throughout the term.

Last Thursday’s Easter Twilight Family Night was an outstanding success and brought many members of our school community together for a fun-filled evening. Thanks to Barb Sharp and her team for their fantastic organisation and many thanks to the students and parents who contributed to our fundraising efforts.

You will have noticed that, bit by bit, our new learning centre is developing. The plasterers are now inside doing their thing and it won’t be long before we will be focused on selecting furniture and equipment. The level 4 teachers and students are beginning to get excited about the prospect of being pioneers of the new flexible learning space.

Over the holidays there will be some work done in the prep playground area. The wooden play equipment has served us well but a recent audit revealed that it no longer meets the stringent safety requirements for playgrounds.

Congratulations to Laura Tomlinson for her participation in the Kingston Junior Mayor speeches at Chelsea Town Hall this morning. Laura gave a wonderful presentation which she prepared with expert assistance from her fellow students: Jemima Cleaver, Scott Kingsbury and Victor Ding. All were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Mid Semester reports were sent home yesterday afternoon. Please contact the school if yours did not arrive.

Assembly on Friday will begin at 2:00pm and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Please note that the canteen will be open on Friday as per usual and lunch will be held at an earlier time. Our first assembly next term will be our Anzac assembly. Please join us if you are able.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

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**BEAT THE BITE**

If you’re planning to go on holidays over the break, here is some important information to know from the Department of Health.

Its holiday time and lots of families will be heading to areas where mosquito activity has been high—and they’re not just annoying; some mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases.

There are simple ways you and your family can protect yourselves and Beat the Bite:

- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or Picaridin on exposed skin.
- Try to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about. Dusk and dawn is when most mozzies are active.
- Make sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your accommodation.
- On holidays make sure your mosquito netting or screens are properly fitted.
- If you’ve got a baby in your family, it’s safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin.
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NEWS FROM
THE GENERAL OFFICE

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is located in the Prep corridor between Prep 1 and Prep 2 and is open every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm—4:15pm. Payments can be made by EFTPOS or cash.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY
Bank books are brought to school on Tuesday for processing on Wednesday. Forms for new accounts are available from the school office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second Hand Uniform Shop is located in the School Hall and is open every Tuesday afternoon from approximately 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm. We are in need of coat hangers for displaying articles or clothing. If you have some spare, we would be very appreciative. Please leave them at the school office.

STUDENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
Thank you to those families who have already filled in and returned the forms we sent out recently. It is important for us to hold at the school, current student information which includes medical information and emergency contacts in case of an unforeseen accident or illness. Would you please send your forms back to the school office as soon as possible.

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Some of the payments have now arrived in our bank account (and yours) and those who chose the cheque option, can collect their cheques from the school office from the start of term 2. [Some have arrived already, but not all].

MANNERS 😊😊😊
Mrs Wishart and Mrs Greedy would like to compliment all of the children who have come up to the office this term and used their beautiful manners. We love having you come up to see us, and when you’re polite and use your manners, it makes us very happy!

LATE PASSES
When you are late to school, you must first come to the office for a late pass. It is then taken to class to give to your teacher, where it is collected and recorded on our CASES21 attendance system.

PLEASE BRING CORRECT MONEY
Please note that we do not have money readily available at the office to give change. The day’s takings are banked every day and we do not hold a ‘float’ for the next morning.

Please endeavour to bring the correct money when making payments or use BPAY where possible, which will save you a trip to the office, and save us a trip to the bank!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING TO EPS ON FRIDAY 6 MAY 2011
As part of Edithvale Primary School’s fundraising efforts, families will have the opportunity to purchase this book with over $15,000 in valuable offers you can use from now until 1st June 2012. This includes offers for fine & contemporary dining, casual restaurant & family dining, informal dining & takeaway, arts, sport & attractions, retail, travel, leisure and accommodation vouchers.

On Friday 6th May the books will be delivered to each classroom (youngest child in family will bring book home) for you to view over the following week. If you wish to purchase – fill in payment details form. If you do not wish to purchase return book to school by Friday 13th May. Further details will be forwarded with book.

Why not order one for yourself, give as a gift or ask family, friends & work colleagues. The more we order the more fundraising dollars for the school.

If you wish to view the book online now go to www.entertainmentbook.com.au & then click on the blue tab at the top called ‘Search the book’ then view ‘Greater Melbourne’.

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Let me start by saying a huge THANK YOU to all the parent helpers who have volunteered in the canteen during the first term. Your help is very much appreciated. Term 2 rosters have been sent out this week. If you have any concerns please contact me. Also thank you to the Year 6 students who help out during recess and lunch times.

Sushi Day on Tuesday was a great success with 250 rolls ordered. Thanks to Claire and Sharyn for helping with the orders and to Chloe and Holly for highlighting and sorting order forms.

The Term 2 menu will be sent out early next term. New additions are Spinach and Ricotta Rolls ($2.20) and Hot Chocolate ($1.00).

Have a great break everyone, recharge the batteries and take care if going away.

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**APRIL ROSTER**

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**WE’RE GOING ‘ELECTRONIC’**

SANDIE WISHART—BUSINESS MANAGER

In the not too distant future, we will commence sending newsletters and statements out via email. This should make things easier for everyone and will make us a much ‘greener’ school! A letter will be coming out to you soon with all the details—and there will be an option to ‘opt-out’ if you still need to receive your newsletter in paper form.

**1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg of CO2 in the atmosphere.**

**3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water.**

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**SUPERSAVERS**

TUESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY

Don’t forget - 50 cents! (is that all?) and a Youth Saver account is all it takes.

DON’T FORGET YOUR SCHOOL BANKING! IF YOU HAVE A CAMP OR AN EXCURSION, DROP YOUR BANKING OFF TO THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU GO, KEEP ON SAVING FOR YOUR REWARDS—AND KEEP FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL.
Year 1 at the Twilight Extravaganza
My Family and I Liked .....
**JUNIOR MAYOR COMPETITION**  
Laura Tomlinson - 5/6D

Hello, I’m Laura Tomlinson from 5/6D. Today (7 April) I was given the privilege of representing Edithvale Primary School at Chelsea Hall in front of 22 other schools and presented a speech for Junior Mayor.

So, with the help of my support team, Jemima Cleaver, Victor Ding and Scott Kingsbury, we will hopefully be successful in the process.

Please wish us luck—and we’ll let you know how we go, in the next newsletter.

**COURTNEY’S SWIMMING DAY AT ZONE**  
Courtney Smith—5/6D

It all started at Phillip Island Adventure Resort, which I must say was the most magnificent camp I have ever been to.

I woke up around 6.00 am because I was worried I was going to be late for my swimming. At 7.30 am my Mum came and picked me up from camp.

It was a long and tiring day but I got through it with the help from McDonalds!

When we got to the swimming, I was a bit nervous. When I swam I felt like there was no-one there cheering for me and I felt uncomfortable when my friends were screaming out my name.

In the end, I came second in breaststroke. My Mum was very proud of me. I felt tired at the end of the day—but am feeling much better now.

**SPORT ROUNDUP**  
James Whitla

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Our planned date for the Edithvale Primary Cross Country trials is Friday May 6th where students from years 3-6 will run, jog or walk a distance of either 1, 2 or 3km.

The students love having the support and encouragement parents and teachers can provide around the track so if any parents would like to assist with marshalling at this event, can you please see me.

Those students who qualify for the District Cross Country will be representing Edithvale Primary School the following Friday May 13th at Seafor North.

Good luck to all competitors.

**SCHOOL CROSSINGS**  
Edithvale Road & Haig Avenue

Our school crossings are an important part of our school. They enable both children and adults to cross the roads that bound our school in safety.

We have been alerted over the last few weeks that the school crossings are not being used properly. This is of great concern to us all at EPS. We cannot state strongly enough, how important it is to use these crossings when coming to and from school. Please do not be tempted to get out of your car and run across the road; you are not only teaching your children bad habits but breaking the law.

Chelsea Police often sit and watch the crossings—and you will be booked if you do not use the crossing correctly.

**P F A**  
Diane Cameron

Mother’s Day order forms have been sent out. Thank you to those families who have returned their forms already. If you can return them by the last day of Term 1, that will help with the collating of vouchers and gifts.

Thank you to Monica for you help with processing orders. Thanks also go to the parents for getting the forms out early. Last day for orders is Friday 29th April.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mother’s Day stall is on Thursday 5th May, not Friday 5th May as put on the order form.
Help raise funds for your School!

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See over for full terms and conditions. Prices are indicative only and are based on recommended selling prices listed for Family Purchase Price From School. All prices are indicative of GST. Prices are current as at 1st of July 2009.

Please return to School by: _____________________________ (date)

Please send me:

☐ Gold Class Pack(s)  ☐ Family Pack(s)
☐ Adult Movie Pack(s)  ☐ Children’s Movie Pack(s)

Enclosed is $ ________ to cover the cost of my purchase

Family Name: _____________________________ Class (eldest child)

Contact Details: _________________________________________________________

Cheques Payable to (School Name): __________________________________________

Credit Card Payment: ☐ AMEX  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ Visa

Credit Card Number: _____________________________ Exp: _____________________________

Signature: _____________________________ Amount $ _____________________________

This order will be processed on Friday 29 April — so please return your orders by Thursday 28 April. Tickets will then be available throughout the year and will be ordered at the end of each month.

For more information visit villagecinemas.com/schools

Your personal information is being collected by your School or Organisation in order to fulfil the fundraising initiative. Your name and number of tickets purchased (but not credit card details) may be disclosed to Village Cinemas Australia Pty Ltd for these purposes. If you choose not to provide us with certain information, we may not be able to coordinate your movie voucher purchase. You can contact our Privacy Officer if you would like details of the personal information we hold about you.
Learning by doing!
In Kumon children learn to concentrate, to be confident, to study regularly and methodically as well as to catch up and excel in Maths and English.

Maths calculation program – from writing numbers, to simple addition and subtraction to multiplication and division, to fractions, to algebra and beyond.

English reading comprehension program – from writing letters to reading simple stories, to basic grammar, to complex sentences, to text analysis, to Shakespeare and beyond.

Call **Lena on 0402 065 154** for an appointment and receive 50% discount on enrollment (usually $70) and tuition fees (usually $110 per subject) in February.

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**TENNIS COACHING**

- **Juniors 5—18 years.** Free racquet 5—8 years.
- **$99 for 9 week term.**
- **Adult classes and mums program.**
- **“Social tennis”, junior and senior teams.**

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