PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Let’s Celebrate the Great News!

This week we received some wonderful news from Mark Dreyfus, Federal Member for Isaacs. Edithvale Primary School has been successful in gaining funding through the ‘Primary Schools for the 21st Century’ program which is part of the Australian Government’s ‘Building the Education Revolution’ (BER) initiative. For our school this means the construction of a new Library and Learning Neighbourhood. We are still in the early stages of consulting and planning but things will move fairly quickly once these preliminary discussions have occurred. A second part of the BER initiative is the National School Pride program. We have received funding through this program as well and we are planning to use it to refurbish the student toilet blocks and the hall. So, for a period of time, there will be a lot of extra activity at our school but the end result will be fantastic. I was talking with a group of students this morning about the changes that we might see at EPS and they were very excited about what the future will bring.

On Tuesday evening John Renowden, a DEECD appointed school reviewer, presented his School Review report to School Council. (This was the final stage of our Self Evaluation and Review process). We had some very productive discussion about our school and what we were proposing to focus on as we developed our next Strategic Plan. (The development of our new plan 2009-2013 will take us up to our 100th birthday celebration.) In semester 2 we hope to work with as many members of our whole school community in setting the future direction for EPS, and your contributions will be highly valued.

Denise Webster

SPORT/PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT

Mr Jim Griffin—PE Teacher

The past 7 weeks have been extremely busy in terms of PE at Edithvale Primary School. The new football goal posts are being well used. Thanks to Mr Ashley Howard for setting them up for the school’s use.

The students have been involved in aerobics, warm up and stretching activities before running, group games and skilled activities. Summer rounds of interschool sport have concluded, cross country trials for Grades 4-6, an after school soccer clinic run by Mr Kevin Griffiths (pre planning for a 5 a side Gala Day) and practice for Winter sport has made for a busy Sport’s Program.

Congratulations to all the students who represented the school so well at the Chelsea District Cross Country Trials. Sarah McCormack (16th), Madison O’Rielly (9th) and Samantha Turner (6th), represented the Chelsea District in the Zone Cross Country trials at Mornington Racecourse last Friday. Well done! Unfortunately Robert Deacon was unwell and was unable to run.

Congratulations go to Drew Kugimiya (Grade 2) who competed in the Vault at the Victorian Gymnastics Championships on the long weekend.

Congratulations also, to Alana Hafoka (Soccer), Emily Cox and Nicole Ram (Netball), Ryan Carrison and Lachie Rae (Aussie Rules) for making State selection trials in the above events.

Winter, Inter School Sport begins in week 9—Friday 19th June, for our Grade 6 students. We thank the Grade 5 students who have been selected to complete our numbers.

The Grade 6 students have been wonderful role models who show team co-operation and fair play, well done! It is a pleasure to take such responsible students to other schools.

IMPORTANT DATES—TERM 2—2009

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Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

Most families have now paid all of their charges for 2009, leaving only a small number of families with outstanding balances on their accounts.

This is a great effort for only half way through the year and it means that we are able to offer more facilities and resources for your students.

It is most important that compulsory charges such as athletics, swimming, inservices, camps and excursions are paid prior to the event; as the school has to pay these in advance.

If you have an EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) credit on your account, and any outstanding charges, please give me a call to let me know what you would like me to allocate this money to.

The statements are not always easy to understand, as the balance showing at the end has already had any credits on your account deducted, although those credits sit there on your account, until we are advised what you would like the amount allocated to—we cannot do this without your permission.

If you any queries about your accounts, please feel free to give me a call, or pop in to see me.

LOST PROPERTY

We are still being inundated with a huge amount of lost clothing, which is beginning to take over our office. There has also been a large amount of unnamed clothing in amongst it.

Parents, will you please keep checking the lost property bin at the school office or in room 9 which is in the grade 5/6 building, to see if there is anything there that your child has misplaced. Would you also check your child’s clothing to see that they haven’t inadvertently picked up someone else’s property.

It is important to name all items of clothing, so they can be returned to your child.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Curriculum Day
Friday 12th June

All day care is available only at Mentone Primary School for Curriculum Day on Friday 12th June.

For more information please call Paromita ~ 0439 018 059 or call Kingston Council – Charmaine ~ 9581

Insects and Creepy Crawlies

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GREEN DARNER
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SILVERFISH
SPIDER
TERMITE
TICK
WASP
CANTEEN NEWS

Forms have gone out this week for a Hot Dog Day on Wednesday 24th June. Money and completed forms are to be returned by Wednesday 17th June. A helpers roster will be put in the newsletter next week.

As the end of Term 2 draws near, the Term 3 Roster and Canteen Price List will be finalised.

Thanks to my parent helpers and Year 6 helpers this week

Diane
Canteen Manager

NEXT WEEK’S CANTEEN ROSTER

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The new girls tunic is now available from the uniform shop. The tunic has a detachable ‘bib’ which would be worn through prep to grade 4. Once students get to grade five & six, the bib can be removed. The tunics cost $45 each and will be a valuable edition to our school uniform.

WELCOME

We’d like to welcome Tessa Cox to Edithvale Primary School this week. Tessa is in grade 4 and we hope she enjoys getting to know her new friends over the coming weeks.

THANK YOU........

To the mums and dads who spend so much of their time helping around the school throughout the day. We are all part of a motivated team with one goal, in wanting to contribute to the education of our children. It’s so nice to see so many happy and willing faces. Your help is appreciated immensely.

DON’T DILLY DALLY.....

Put your Hot Dog orders in by Wednesday 17th June. Don’t be late!

SCHOOL ENTRY IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES

All students who are enrolled or intending to enrol at a Victorian school must present to the school a school entry Immunisation certificate. This enables accurate information in the event of a communicable disease outbreak.

This certificate shows the Immunisation status of the student. It is a legal requirement for parents/guardians to provide this certificate to the school on enrolment.

School entry immunisation certificates can be obtained from the Australian child Immunisation Register (ACIR), ACIR website www.medicasreaustralia.gov.au/online or through Local government. It is automatically sent out to parents once the child has completed the 4 year old immunisations and have completed all the childhood immunisations.

It is not acceptable to photocopy the child’s immunization details from their health book or other documentation.

CENTRAL BAYSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

YOUR CHILD’S DENTAL HEALTH

Central Bayside Community Oral Health Service is currently offering dental examinations and treatment to children attending Edithvale Primary School.

The School Dental Service located at Parkdale, is now part of the Community Oral Health Service.

My child has visited the School Dental Program before:

If your child/children has previously been seen by the school dental program you will receive a letter offering you an opportunity to make an appointment when your child is due for their next check-up. In this case, no action is required.

My child has never visited the School Dental Program:

The school will provide parents of Prep children, and children new to the school, with an information brochure and a registration form to complete. This can be sent to the service via the pre-paid envelope provided. Once received, the Oral Health Service will contact you for an appointment.

Where is the service located?
Central Bayside Community Health Service
Oral Health Service
335-337 Nepean Highway
PARKDALE
[Entrance is off Carrier Avenue]

Information Brochures are available at the school office. For parents requiring more information, please call our reception staff on 8587 0350.
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.