MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM

The main focus of our mathematics’ curriculum at Edithvale Primary School is to provide our students with the skills and understandings to equip them for daily life now and in the future.

We do this by catering to individual students’ needs while providing a broad range of meaningful sequential experiences using appropriate hands on materials.

This year we have had a lot to celebrate.
The mathematics’ committee has been working enthusiastically to improve and promote the mathematics’ curriculum in the school. We have audited our existing resources, surveyed the staff for their needs and purchased many exciting new resources which will help us deliver effective mathematics’ programs for our students.

During the year the teachers have attended professional development sessions that have provided valuable ideas for the teachers to use in their programs.

The prep teachers have made ‘maths’ bags’ full of great ideas that go home to encourage families to enjoy mathematics together. From all reports these activities have been a real success and more grades will use them in the future.

The regular assessment of students is a very important component of the mathematics’ program. All teachers use informal and formal means of assessment to determine the students’ strengths and weaknesses and to drive their future planning. The grade twos have been using a government designed form of assessment called The Mathematics Online Interview that helps determine where the skill level of each student is so that appropriate programs can be planned.

Our whole school unit on The Beijing Olympics provided the opportunity for all students to be involved in hands on real life situations. Throughout the school the students were busily engaged in activities such as making medal tallies, measuring the size of sporting fields, measuring the length of swimming and running events, timing events and making scale models to just name a few activities.

During Numeracy and Literacy Week the students enjoyed talking about their lunches in mathematical terms, sharing their problems in their pockets and especially being outdoors to complete their maths’ trails around the school.

Thank you for supporting mathematics in a positive, enjoyable way with your children.

Mathematics coordinator
Margaret Mendoza

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

We strongly encourage students NOT to bring items of value to school. This specifically applies to things such as mobile phones, ipods/mp3 players etc.

The school will take no responsibility for the safety of such items.
Is it really 12 months since we had our last Book Fair? Time flies so fast. I'd been really looking forward to the Book Fair returning to our library. It's such an exciting time.

Evidence suggests that it is important to expose children from an early age to over 30,000 spoken words a day. What better way to do this than by gathering the children around and reading a good book and letting their imaginations drift away to faraway places and exciting adventures.

From what I have experienced over the last few days, that's just what our school community does as we have had so many families come in and go out with arms full of books as well as lots of children with smiling faces.

I would like to thank you all so very much for the support you willingly give to our Book Fairs. It's just wonderful. I'd also like to thank the parents who have been there, for without your help all this wouldn't be possible.

The Book Fair will remain open until 9:00 on Friday morning. Then we get to go home and enjoy all our beautiful new books until our Book Fair returns again next year.

Dee Greedy

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**Our World - Earth**

**By 3/16**

Our skies are blue,
Our clouds are white,
The grass is green,
It’s a delight.
Beaches are yellow,
Seas are clear.
Lights at night,
Are a beautiful sight.
Deserts are orange, yellow and brown.
Mountains and snow can top the clouds.
We love our earth—lets look around,
At the many treasures that can be found.

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**EMA**

Semester 2 EMA cheques are now ready for collection at the school office.

Please Note: All uncollected cheques must be returned to the Department at the end of the year.

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**IMPORTANT DATES—TERM 3**

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Term 4 Roster has been done and will be sent out this week. Any changes, please contact me at the canteen.

Term 4 will be sent out the first week of Term 4.

Thanks to my parent helpers this week and a big thanks to Kellie and Michelle for helping out last Thursday.

Diane

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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On Tuesday we went to see Emily. I think it was funny when some of the bunnies came down. Claudia Prep 3.

On Tuesday 26th of August all the prep children went to see Emily Loves to Bounce at the Frankston Arts Centre. It was an entertaining show but the highlight of the day was the concertina or bendy bus. Here are some stories from Prep 3.

On Tuesday we went to the park. We had a great time and we watched a play. We were the audience. Patrick Prep 3.

On Tuesday there was a lot of dust on the bus. The bus was very smelly. Nick Prep 3.

On the bus I went to the back. I sat next to Max and I watched Emily. Emily loves to bounce. Nick Prep 3.

On Tuesday I went to see Emily at the theatre. I saw lots of dolls fall down. Max Prep 3.

On this day we went on a bus and we saw Emily love to bounces and there was lots of bounces.
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**ARE YOU SORE?**

For September only new patients can help celebrate the arrival of our Swedish physiot6herapist Emma Butler with gap-free or $30 assessments (30 mins) at Physio by the Bay (Edithvale).

Please call 9772 3322 for an appointment and quote your school’s newsletter.

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**PLAYSPORTS: SUMMER SPORTS -TERM 4**

Prep to Year 4’s get ready for ‘Summer Sports’ as PlaySports returns to Edithvale Primary in Term 4 for eight weeks of Softball & Basketball commencing Wednesday 15th Oct. from 3:30 to 4:40 PM. Each session includes warm up games, skill activities and modified matches, that are fun, engaging and age appropriate. The cost is $68.00. Enrolment forms are in this weeks newsletter with spares at the school office or phone PlaySports on 9532 5584 to enrol now. www.playsports.com.au.

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**Help make your school a cleaner, tidier environment!**

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**School Community Working Bees - Term 3 & 4**

To assist us in catering for morning tea will you please indicate how many adults and children will be attending.

☐ Adults
☐ Children

I am able to attend on Saturday 13th September (No children this time).

I am able to attend on Saturday 11th October

Name: .................................................................

Contact Phone No.: ..............................................

Child(ren) Name: .................................................

Grade: ..............................................................