PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The Working Bee last Saturday was an outstanding success. The Buildings and Grounds committee were supported by so many families that we were able to achieve much more than we originally thought possible. The school yard and gardens were given a general tidy-up; plants were relocated and graffiti removed from walls. The Bristols were cleared of furniture and cleaned in readiness for the ‘big move’. Thank you to everyone - parents, students and teachers - who gave a hand.

Last Friday there was much excitement as the preps became fully involved in their ‘Pirate Day’. The parents did a great job in providing some fantastic costumes and Mrs Ostojic and Ms Scafidi had a variety of activities for the students to enjoy. It was a wonderful day, although there were a few very tired pirates by the end of it!

This year our curriculum focus has been on mathematics and teachers have already spent a great deal of time building their resources, planning programs and activities and attending professional development sessions. Next Monday we are fortunate to have Michael Ymer join us; he is an expert in this area and his ideas and strategies will assist us greatly in our work.

You may have noticed a little bit of activity along Edithvale Road on Tuesday morning. A number of trees have been planted and will add to the streetscape in front of the school. The council will water them on a regular basis but we have also been given a few tips on how to assist in keeping them healthy, particularly during the summer months.

On Tuesday Jan Lawrence and I were privileged to attend the official opening of the Edithvale Family Life Community House in Lochiel Avenue. The Community House will offer local families a welcoming meeting place where they can develop friendships, establish social support networks and learn new skills. We have brochures on this wonderful support group if you would like further information.

Many thanks to Tracey Griffiths, our fundraising coordinator, for her efforts on our behalf with the recent cake and slice drive. Thank you also to the families who supported this fundraising activity.

Denise Webster

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Wednesday 19th August | • Prep Information Night 7pm  
|                | • French Crepe Day & Parade  
|                | • Orders close Monday 17th August |
| Thursday 20th August | • Grade 4/5/6 Edithvale Athletics Track 9:30 – 1:30pm |
| Thursday 21st August | • Year 1 & 2 – National Gallery Excursion. Payment due by 14th August |
| Tuesday 25th August | • Year 6 International Morning Tea |
| Wednesday 26th August | • St Kilda FC in the hall – Years 5/6 |
| Monday 31st to Wednesday 2nd September | • Year 4 – Camp Manyung  
|                | • Final Payment due by 21st August |
| Tuesday 15th September | • District Athletics |
**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](http://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.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

It was a very chilly start to the week, with many hot drinks ordered. Would students with lunch orders, please remember to get them in early, before playlunch as this will ensure you get what you ordered.

Thank you to my parent and Year 6 helpers for the week.

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

**Found**

One SRC badge. Please come and get it from the office if it’s yours.

**Lost Property**

Once again we are again getting lots and lots of lost clothing tumbling into the office. We are always surprised at the amount of un-named clothing amongst it. Please get out the permanent marker and name your child’s bomber jacket, windcheater etc. It only takes a second or two and you will be assured of its return. The most recent lost items can be found in the school office. Other older lost property can be found in room 9 in the grade 5 - 6 building.

**2010 Prep Enrolments**

We are now taking enrolments and looking towards our first Parents Information Night for Preps 2010 on 19th August at 7:00pm in the Staffroom.

If you haven't enrolled your child yet, come along to the school office to pick up an Enrolment Form and arrange a tour of the school. Fill the form out and return it with a copy of your child’s Birth and Immunisation Certificates.

**VISITORS BADGES**

If you have walked away with one of our Visitors Badges, please bring it back for others to use.

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**Crêpes & Grande Parade**

**Mercredi 19 Aout 2009**

**French Crêpe Day (Pancake) & Awesome Parade**

**Wednesday 19th 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 August 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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**INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

In preparation for the District Athletics Carnival, we will be holding an inter-house athletics carnival for grades 4, 5 and 6, at the Edithvale Athletics Track on Thursday, 20th August 2009. Suzie Castle from Chelsea Little Athletics Club has agreed to help us with organisation and set up of the events.

We would like to invite you to attend to offer your support and encouragement between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

If you are available and would like to offer to help us with measuring and recording results, please let me know.

Heather Pardoe
Q) What do you get when you cross a hairy Australian Terrier with a chicken?
(A) A pooched egg.  
Winiata

(Q) Why did the Australian boy cross the Park?
(A) To get to the other slide .
Tjala

(Q) What do you call a solo when it is sold?
(A) A Soldo.
Rachel

(Q) What’s a doorbell that goes “Boom”?
(A) A Boomerang.
Rachel

(Q) Where in Australia are you most likely to get hurt?
(A) Bruisebane .
Ella

(Q) What’s a funny kangaroo baby?
(A) Jokey.
Rachel

(Q) How do you know when a kangaroo is under your couch?
(A) You keep hitting your head on the ceiling.
Tjala

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.

Conditions do apply