At Edithvale Primary School we are very safety conscious and we work hard with the students to develop their understanding of safe behaviour. Students need to be aware of their responsibility to travel to and from school in a safe and responsible manner particularly if they are riding a bike or a scooter. Helmets should be worn and road rules need to be observed at all times when crossing at our busy intersections. We also want to reiterate the message that children should only speak to people that they know and that they go directly home from school at the end of the day.

This week has been one of those times when classes have been putting the finishing touches on some of the work that they have been doing this term. I have been delighted to visit many classrooms across all levels and talk with students about their learning. It is wonderful to see students rising to new challenges and having enthusiastic conversations about their learning. There will be plenty of opportunities next week during Education Week for parents and other family members to visit Edithvale Primary school and see some of the great things that students are doing.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who participated in the Naplan testing this week. These tests in literacy and numeracy were held over three days and all the students put in a great effort.

Finally I have two reminders:

- All grade 6 students must have their application for enrolment form returned by Monday May 19th. These forms will then be sent through to the secondary colleges. We are governed by strict guidelines and the forms must be sent at this time.

- Our first working bee for the year will be held this Saturday from 9.00 -12.00. We have a number of tasks that we would love to complete, especially as we are ‘open for visitors’ for the whole of next week. If you could spare us an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated.

Help us celebrate excellence in education at Edithvale Primary School by joining us in some of our planned activities.

**Movin’It Monday:** Assembly. Instrumental performance. Whole School Aerobics session. Watch your child’s first ‘Footsteps’ session.

**Track-Suit Tuesday:** Fitness focus

**Tuesday and Thursday:** School Tour 9:30am followed by Morning Tea. Please join us and answer any questions that new, prospective parents may have.

**Tuesday: 5:30—7:00pm.** Open Night. Let your child show off his/her classroom, schoolwork and achievements this year.

**Tuesday: 7:00pm—School Council meeting:** Let us know if you’d like to come along as an observer.

**“Walk a Mile In My Shoes” Wednesday:** 2:30—3:30pm. Multi-age ‘Warm’n’Fuzzy’ activities reinforcing, caring, compassion and empathy for others and appreciating “differences” throughout the world. Students may wear house colours, colourful shoes and socks on that day, (not high heels or open-toes though please) and you must too, if you’d like to join us.

**Thoughtful Thursday:** ‘Thinking Curriculum’. Inquiry-based learning. Children are encouraged to carry a fun, positive, poem or saying in their pocket and share it with others throughout the day. Picnic lunch, weather permitting.

**Friday 23rd: “Teachers Day”**. Let us know if you’d like to be teachers for a day, (or an hour, or a minute!). You may like to offer some of your expertise, read a story, assist with sport/art show your collection or share your hobby.

**Don’t Forget**

- Our school Disco is on Friday 23rd May. Grades Prep, 1, 2 & 3: 6:15pm ~ 7:30pm (No entry until 6:05pm)
- Grades 4, 5 & 6: 7:45pm ~ 9:30pm
- The cost of our Disco is $3.00.

Come along and have some fun.

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Denise Webster
CHOCOLATE DRIVE
2nd June, 2008

We will be holding a Chocolate Drive this term. This our major fundraiser of the year. Chocolates will be sent home on Monday 2nd June, 2008. If you do not wish to accept the chocolates please let the office know by Wednesday 28th May, 2008.

A mixed carry pack of MARS confectionery will be sent home with your child on Monday 2nd June, 2008.

Thank you for helping us with this Fundraising Drive. Money raised is essential for the management of school programs.

Many Thanks
P.F.A. and Fundraising Committee

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Chocolate Drive Reply Slip
To be returned to the School Office by Wednesday 28th May, 2008

☐ I am happy to accept a mixed carry Pack of MARS confectionery.

☐ I would prefer to participate in the fundraising efforts by donating

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Child’s Name: ...........................................................................................................

Grade: ...............................................................
To parents of children at Edithvale Primary, we are holding a Whole School………

**Working Bee**

on Saturday 17th May, 2008
9:00am till 12:00pm

**JOBS TO BE DONE:**

- General maintenance of garden areas
- Raking mulch, general garden tidy up
- Spreading playground mulch
- Weeding

**TOOLS/ EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:**

* Secateurs/pruning tools * Shovels / Spades * Rakes / brooms
* Wheelbarrows * Electric/Petrol Blowers/Whipper Snippers

To assist us with catering etc on the day, please fill in the reply slip below and return to the school office by Friday 16th May. Many hands make the tasks easy and keep our school safe and attractive

**Please remember to sign in at the General Office Area on the day**

**YUMMY MORNING TEA PROVIDED!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!**

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**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**WORKING BEE RESPONSE SLIP**

[ ] YES!! I / We will be attending the Working Bee on Saturday 17th May, 2008

Number of Adults attending: ..........

Number of children attending: ..........

NAME: ...........................................................................................................

Child’s Grade: ...................... Contact Phone No: ......................
**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- Late children need to get a let pass from the office prior to 9:30am.
- School Banking is collected on a Tuesday and processed on the Wednesday.
- Canteen closed on Wednesday.
- Uniform Shop open on Tuesdays.
- Parent Helpers need to sign in at the office.
- Early departure need to sign out at the office.
- Notes are required for all absences.
- EMA cheques are now ready for collection.
- SRC, School Captains and house Captain photos can be ordered from the office.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

I'm sorry to report that I will need to remove the apple pies from the menu. Term 3 menu will be amended.

*Sushi Day is on Tuesday 3rd June, forms to be sent out next week.

*Thanks parents for your help this week.*

*Diane*

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**FOOTSTEPS at Edithvale primary school**

Monday, 19th May

We can hardly wait...it’s nearly here …and we’re so excited….4 sleeps to go and we will have Footsteps at Edithvale.! What a wonderful time we will have every Monday for the next 10 weeks. Here are the session times for everyone to take note of....

1. 9:00 ~ 9:40am ... Grades 5
2. 9:40 ~ 10:20am ... Grades 2
3. 10:20 ~ 11:00am ... Grades 1
4. 11:30 ~ 12:10pm ... Grades 3
5. 12:10 ~ 12:50pm ... Grade Preps
6. 12:50 ~ 1:30pm ... Grade 4
7. 2:30 ~ 3:30 pm ... Grade 6

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