PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mrs Denise Webster

It has been wonderful to return to such a warm welcome from so many of you at EPS; one week in though and it feels as if I haven’t been away at all! However, having visited a number of other countries over the past weeks, I am even more convinced that we really are fortunate to live in this country. And of course, Edithvale is a very special and beautiful place in its own right. Our children have so many opportunities before them and it is our focus as educators to enable and support them to take advantage of these when they arrive.

Every term is busy and this one appears to be no different. I’ve just read through the last two newsletters and they are filled with information about the activities and special events that have been engaging your children in their learning. There have also been significant innovations being driven by the administration – VPass, tiqbiz and Qkr have all arrived and we are delighted with the enthusiasm you have shown towards using these new systems. There has been a great deal of work that has gone on in the background by our administrative staff, school councillors and teachers who were happy to trial and review in order to ensure that the introduction of the new technology is as smooth as possible. We love to hear your feedback so please let us know how it is working for you.

This is a good lead into my final point for this week’s newsletter which is to acknowledge and applaud our ES staff. You might wonder who on earth these people might be! ES stands for Educational Support and we have a number of people in our school community who you do indeed know well! They are the non-teaching staff who help make our school run smoothly every day. They support your children and the teaching staff at EPS in a variety of ways - in the general office; in the classroom, the canteen and the school grounds. August 18–22 is ES Appreciation Week at EPS and we would like to thank the following staff members for the great work they do.

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager
Pru Hill—Reception/Student Administration
Kerry Mitvalsky—Integration Aide
Tracey David—Integration Aide
Kerrie Meeve-Poll—Integration Aide
Samantha Pendrey—Integration Aide
Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager
Max Reyment—Maintenance/Gardening

During this week, please say hello to our ES Staff and thank them for everything they do around the School.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2015

We are currently taking Foundation/Prep enrolments for 2015. If you have a child starting school next year, please call in to the office and collect an enrolment form at your earliest convenience. Our Foundation/Prep Parent Information Evening is on 25 August at 7pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

BOOK FAIR
MONDAY 18 AUGUST to FRIDAY 22 AUGUST
8.20—9.00am / 3.20—4.00pm
In the School Library
**PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

Each fortnight when I email the newsletter to you all, a number of emails ‘bounce’. I have contacted most of you requesting new email addresses but unfortunately, have not had much response. If you have changed your email address, would you please send me a note, call me on 9772 1393 or email me (edithvale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au), with your new details so that I can update our database.

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**FRENCH DAY at EPS**

Madame Snow

*Let’s put the “French” in Edithvale*

**Wednesday 20 August 2014** will be “Oooh-la-la Day” at Edithvale Primary School. The French celebration will start with an Assembly/Parade in the morning at 9:05am (everyone welcome).

There will be a roster on the day, for the students to collect their Beautiful French Crepe from our French Chef “Robert”. Order forms for crepes have been sent home prior to the day. It also includes a compulsory charge for the “French Puppet Show”. Even if your child is not ordering a crepe, they are still required to pay $5.50 for the puppet show.

We will run a competition throughout the whole school: “the best French puppet”. Students can use real, paper or handmade puppets, with a touch of French etc; A panel will be selected to judge the most original puppet. One winner per year level, judged by the panel, will receive a free crepe.

The categories are:

- The best Puppet and a “magnifique” French touch!
- The Best Staff member’s French Puppet: Edithvale PS staff will hopefully embrace the spirit of the “French-je-ne-sais-quoi!” and dress up to the event!

*PS: Please encourage your child to create a puppet to make this French Day even more successful!*

Crepe Orders close on Monday. Don’t forget to get your order in if you would like a crepe/s on Wednesday. Late orders cannot be accepted!

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**ENVIROWEEK 2014**

Claire Goudey

This week, the whole school celebrated Enviroweek by taking on challenges such as reducing waste and saving power. All classes learnt more about important environmental issues and some things that we can all do to look after our planet.

Thank you very much to everyone who brought in a gold coin donation. It looks like we will be enjoying some new gardening equipment very soon!

A working bee is to be held next Friday, 22 August after school. We will be getting the new garden (next to the Learning Centre) ready for the fruit trees that are going to be planted.

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**CANTEEN**

Mrs Diane Cameron

Another fortnight has flown by and “Tasty Tuesday” is fast becoming a popular day. As I only make a certain amount of treats, I ask the students to limit themselves to one each. It seems fair for more to participate instead of a select few. Last week we had Frog in a Pond and Fairy Bread. This week was Rainbow Choc Chip Cookies and Jelly. These items are only available for window sales and only on Tuesdays.

Thanks to the Year 6 students who have helped out in the Canteen, serving and re-stocking the shelves. Also thanks to my wonderful Parent helpers for giving up their valuable time to help out.

To those who have the ‘Sticky Beak’ lunch bags, please clean out any leftovers or rubbish from the bag before putting in each lunch order. Thank you!

All frozen items are back in stock with Mini Callipo’s (.80c), Ice Cream Cups ($1.00) and Paddle Pops ($1.20). These items are only sold at lunch times.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM THREE**

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LOGICAL THINKING CHALLENGE

Students from Years 3–6 are invited to participate in the inaugural Logical Thinking Challenge (LTC).

The LTC provides students with the opportunity to develop and test effective logical thinking and problem solving skills. The test has been designed by The University of Melbourne and is available free of charge to all Australian students.

The LTC will be available online from Saturday 16 August to Sunday 24 August 2014. To enter, students need to register on the LTC website http://ltc.north-shore.com.au

The test takes 30 minutes to complete.
On Monday the year 3s went to the museum and saw lots of amazing things. My group leader was Mr Jones and I was happy because I knew how much fun it would be. My favourite part was the History Exhibition. I liked the history section because it was interesting. It was fun. I saw an old fashion house. My house is much bigger and I have an inside toilet. In the Wild Exhibition you see animals that you wouldn’t usually see together. Jessica House

Hi I’m going to tell you about the Year 3 excursion. We had lots of fun in the exhibitions, but my favourite one was the Marine Life Exhibition. There were lots of different marine life things. I loved the rocky reefs. I’ll tell you some facts. Rocky Reefs provide hard surfaces and crevices where seaweed and animals can anchor or hide. Some animals that live in the rocky reefs are scale worms, sea stars, star fish, sea urchins and sea spiders. My favourite animal is the sea urchin because its spikes are awesome but if I touched one I would faint because they look so sharp. The excursion was AWESOME! It’s one of the best excursions I’ve ever been on. Jessica Hawker

Melbourne Museum Bugs Alive: Hey everybody guess what I found out? Did you know that every type of bug has two eyes but about 1000 little squares on the eye ball, Isn’t that amazing? Also a huntsman spider can live up to 50 years old. That’s probably why it’s called the Old Huntsman. I thought bugs alive was awesome. By the way, some bug poo smells like oranges. Alexandra Heenan

Guess what? On Monday Year 3 went to the Melbourne Museum. Mr Jones loves his history so Mr Jones’ group went to see the History section. The first thing in the history section was Pharlap. Pharlap was a champion horse. It was very interesting because I saw how tall he was. Another part that was very interesting was the old house. The roof was low and the rooms were very small. They had a toilet out the back of the house that was a tin can. The History Exhibition was my favourite section. Tia Roberts

Quarantine: I’m going to tell you about ‘Quarantine’. If you live in New York and you want to move to Australia with your pet and it is sick it will have to be quarantined when you arrive in Australia. When your pet gets quarantined it gets checked for a few days. I think quarantine for your pet is a good idea. Jordan Shenouda

Hi! Today I am going to tell you about the year three’s amazing trip to the Wild Exhibition at the museum. First we had a look around. There was a real life lion! How cool! (Well between me and you it was dead and stuffed but at least it was real.) I was looking around and I realised many of these animals are extinct. I saw a Tasmanian tiger. It was awesome. They’ve been extinct for about 80 years. It’s probably the only Tasmanian tiger you will ever see. I had the best day ever. Jacinta Gallagher

On Monday we went for a trip to the museum. At the Marine gallery I learnt a lot about the sea and saw a giant squid. This was my favourite part. I also learnt a lot about rock reefs, sponge gardens, open oceans and sand plains. I liked it how the room lit up and had pictures of fish. I learnt that all fish don’t just live together. So that’s what I learnt at the Marine Museum. Giles Elton

Forest Gallery: It was a perfect day to go to the museum. One of my favourite exhibitions was the Forest Gallery. As we entered there was a tunnel we could explore. We could hear a waterfall flowing as we journeyed through. When we got out of the tunnel there was a big case with a lizard inside and there was a stick insect that was massive. Then I approached a log. When I looked in it I saw a tiny spider, then something massive jumped right at my face. I SQUEALED! And I started to cry. When I got over it I saw a bird that decorates its home with blue to attract the female bird. Lily Gibbon

It was a great day at the museum. I was in Bec’s group with Lily, Macey, Summa, Giles and Thomas. In the Forest gallery we saw three different levels: ground cover, understory and last but not least the canopy. The trees at the forest gallery were really, really tall. There was a log that you could look through and in one of the goggles you could see a spider. It was a small spider. Lily was looking through the goggles and something jumped in front and it scared her, she screamed for 2 seconds. Charlotte Badley

Where is the only place you would find a Tasmanian Tiger? The Melbourne Museum because it’s now extinct. Extinction means an animal no longer exists on earth. In the Wild exhibition there were about 100 animals. I learnt that they send people out to find dead animals then stuff them and put the animals on display. We can learn about extinct animals because they have been preserved. Jessica Brennan

Forest Gallery: On Monday the year three’s went on an excursion to the Melbourne Museum and it was amazing. After the Wild exhibition my group went to the Forest Gallery. There were many types of animals like stick insects, bull ants, bower birds and spiders. Then we got our booklet out and went to the top floor to sketch the forest, ground cover, understory and canopy. Macey Austen
The new Qkr app is now live for families of students at Edithvale Primary. Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply type EDITHVALEPS after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Edithvale Primary in future to make payments even easier. As you can see from the screenshots below, there are various opportunities right now where you can use Qkr to streamline paying for various items, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr - all feedback to the school office is very welcome.
**STUDENT BANKING**

NEW SCHOOL BANKERS, WIN A FANTASTIC BACK PACK WITH ALL THE GOODIES SHOWN BELOW, WHEN YOU SIGN UP TO SCHOOL BANKING THIS TERM! THERE ARE 9 BACK PACKS TO BE WON. TO SIGN UP TO SCHOOL BANKING ENQUIRE AT THE FRONT OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION FORM OR OPEN A YOUTH SAVER AT ANY CBA ACCOUNT.

School Banking is free to join, you can bank as little as .5c a week to participate; for every deposit you make you receive a silver token. Save 10 of these to be able to redeem a School Banking Prize. Edithvale Primary School receives commission for every account opened and School Banking is good fun … sign up today to win a back pack!

**NEWS FROM CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

As soon as your child turns 3 they are welcome to join our Monday Kinder Activity Group which runs from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and provides a semi-structured program of outside and indoor activities.

We have started new Cooking With a Twist classes on Mondays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm - fun and inspiring lessons focusing on fresh affordable produce and followed by a delicious shared lunch.

Planning Your Permaculture Urban Garden workshop will be held Thursday 28 August 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This two hour workshop introduces the basics of permaculture and allows participants to apply fundamental design concepts to their own home.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website for a full program at [www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au](http://www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au) or just drop on by.

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**Zumba for Kids – every Thursday from 3.45 pm**

**Saturday 18 October - Indoor Twilight Market - 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm**

Are you interested in being involved as a stallholder at our Indoor Twilight Market? We are seeking stallholders to sell high quality handmade/homemade products (no second hand goods).

If so, either drop into our Centre to collect an Expression of Interest form or contact our Centre during business hours.

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**Tiqbiz Thanks!**

Thank you to all of the parents who are using tiqbiz to submit their absence notes. These numbers are growing, which is great. Keep up the good work!
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2014 – 2015 Season
Junior Registration Day
Saturday August 23rd
At the clubrooms – Water Gali Reserve, Victoria Street, Panjpeer
Between 10:00am – 1pm.

Junior Sides (Boys and Girls welcome to join):
One Junior - $100.00 (includes shirt & cap)
Two Juniors - $180.00
Families with 3 Juniors can make arrangements with Club

Player’s age groups are based on the Junior’s age as of September 1st each year
- Under 12’s – Date of Birth after September 1, 2001
- Under 14’s – Date of Birth after September 1, 1999
- Under 16’s – Date of Birth after September 1, 1997
- Under 18’s – Date of Birth after September 1, 1995

Milo 20/20 (Under 8’s) will be held Friday evenings
Milo 120/120 (Under 10’s) will be held Saturday mornings
Under 12’s will be playing on Saturday mornings
Under 14’s will be playing on Saturday mornings
Under 16’s will play on Friday nights
Under 18’s will play on Friday nights

ETTPS and credit card facilities will be available.

For further information please contact either:
Phil O’Meara – Junior Coordinator – 0413 375 034 or email phil.omeara@iinet.com
Sarah McClosky – Registrations officer – 0408 917 777 or email mccoys67@live.com.au

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