PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Denise Webster

You may have seen in the local paper recently that our ongoing efforts to have pedestrian crossing lights installed outside the school have once again made the news. Our local Member for Carrum, Ms Donna Bauer raised this very important issue in State Parliament on August 31 and her concerns were well received by the Minister for Public Transport. We are encouraged by this response and appreciative of the work that Ms Bauer is doing to support the needs of our school.

This Saturday we are having a working bee at the school and we would love to have you join us. We will be doing some preparatory work for the outdoor learning area as well as some general cleanup activities.

We are getting close to the end of term and starting to think about the plans we need to make for next year. We have begun our transition program for the new group of preps and teachers have started to make plans for the end of the year. It would be most helpful if you could let the office know if your child is not returning to EPS in 2012.

Remember that mid semester reports will be coming home tomorrow - please contact us if you have any questions about your child’s progress.

As this is the last newsletter before the holidays I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the last term. We had a wonderful response to our Art Show and that, together with the fantastic support given as we moved into the Learning Centre, has made a very busy period of time also a most enjoyable one.

Happy holidays everyone.

SPORTS NEWS
James Whiltla—Assistant Principal

Tomorrow Friday 16th September, fifty of our Year 4-6 students will be competing in the Kingston District Athletics Carnival at Ballan Park in Frankston.

Students will be competing in High, long and triple jumps, shot put, discus, hurdles, sprints, 800m, 1500m and relay events.

Our team is excited and I hope that you will join with me in wishing them the very best of success in this competition.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

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If you have an EMA credit on your account, please give me a call to let me know what to allocate it to. We can’t allocate it until you notify us.

SWIMMING PROGRAM PAYMENTS

We have had a number of people pay for swimming this week, who had already paid at the start of the year. Please check your records before making a payment—and if you need a copy of your statement, just give Dee or myself a call and we will email one to you straight away.

Thank you.

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Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

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All stocks are in as we near the end of term.

A big thanks to parent helpers for this term and next week.

A special thanks to Kellie for filling in last Tuesday.

SPINA BIFIDA FOUNDATION

FOOTY DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported our footy day recently. We raised $655.00 for the Spina Bifida Foundation—a great effort!

Pictured above are friends Michael, Angelo and Oliver.

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**CAMP MANYUNG**
*Ms Brittany Baker & Jackson [4B]*

On Monday the 29th of August the Year 4 students headed off to Camp Manyung in Mt Eliza. We had 49 VERY excited campers on board and five enthusiastic staff members ready for three action packed days of fun and adventure! Once we arrived at camp we settled into our cabins and played games out on the basketball and tennis courts while each group had a turn at the Flying Fox.

On the second day we woke up nice and EARLY after a long sleep. It was going to be a full day of fun and activities. Each group had a turn on the giant swing, UHF radio & orienteering, canoeing and archery. All students tried their very best and had a blast!

On the third day, we had a sleep in (much to our teacher’s delight) and set off for our tiring walk down to Mornington beach. We climbed rocks and stumbled over pebbles to reach our beautiful destination. We had lunch and after a wonderful play at Mornington Park we set off on our last journey back to Edithvale Primary School and our awaiting Mums and Dads!!

We all had a great time at camp and learnt many new things during our three days away from home!

**Harry 4A:** The highlights from Camp Manyung for me were; Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Canoeing. At camp I learnt how to manage my time better as well as getting to know other students a bit better.

**Isla 4A:** The highlights from Camp Manyung for me were; Giant Swing, Canoeing, Flying Fox. At camp I learnt how to look after myself better and to make new friends with people who I would not normally play with.

**Hannah 4B:** The highlights from Camp Manyung for me were; Giant Swing, UHF Radio, Duty Groups, Flying Fox. At camp I learnt how to do canoeing and how to communicate with other students when doing the UHF activity.

**Mac 4B:** The highlights from Camp Manyung for me were; Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Archery, UHF Radio. At camp I learnt that it was important to take care of my belongings and to make my bed each day.

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**GINGERBREAD FACTORY EXCURSION**

On Friday 2nd September, the Prep students went to the Gingerbread factory in Keysborough.

Here are some of the comments the students wrote about their experience.

**Hugo:** I went to the Gingerbread factory and the people in the back room were making Christmas trees.

**Emily:** I went to the Gingerbread factory. We got to spread the icing all around. At the Gingerbread factory we got to have a try of gingerbread.

**Indiana:** I went to the Gingerbread factory and my gingerbread man had a brown stomach.

**Macey:** On Friday, we went to the Gingerbread factory and I iced my gingerbread man.

**Tilly:** On Friday, we went to the Gingerbread factory. I liked icing my gingerbread. I liked looking at the people making the gingerbread.
On Thursday 8th September, Edithvale Primary School hosted the Game of 24 Network Challenge. 15 schools from the Kingston Network attended (12 Primary and 3 Secondary schools) with 60 students participating in all. There were separate Primary and Secondary divisions with the Secondary schools involved in a Year 7 & 8 challenge and the Primary schools competing with Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

It was great to see the enthusiasm, competitiveness and good sportsmanship displayed by all students. While all participants were winners in their own right, there were some overall winners as detailed below.

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We hope this activity becomes a regular feature on our Network calendar in the future and congratulations goes to all the individual class champions that competed so well in the lead up to the competition!

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**CHALLENGE GROUP—Mrs Jenny Glavis**

Some of the students in the junior classes are participating in a challenge group, focusing on thinking skills. These are some ideas they have come up with on **CARS OF THE FUTURE**!

- Solar Energy
- Cars that use less pollution
- Hybrid
- Underwater cars
- Flying cars
- Flying train
- Self-cleaning car
- Gives drink and food system (vending machine)
- Talking cars
- Steerless cars
- Drives itself
- Special metal—stronger—safety
- Sponge car
- Accident detection
- Auto drive
- Solar powered wheels
- Chairs turn into beds
- Travel to other countries—go overseas in a car
- Invisible car
- Computer in car
- Self-contained cars for travelling
- Toilet included
- Bridge making car (build when needed)
PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP
Edithvale Maths Team

Last Tuesday evening, Edithvale Primary held an information workshop to assist parents in gaining a better understanding of what we teach in Mathematics, how we teach it and why we teach it in this way.

Parents went back to school and participated in a variety of mathematical activities similar to what we teach in the classroom. It was great to see the parents engaged and keen to use their improved knowledge of maths with their child.

The feedback from parents has been extremely positive with requests for future Maths information sessions.

A big thank you to all staff for their time and organisation of the evening.

The workshop was held in our new Learning Centre (pictured here).

PARKING ISSUES
Please observe all parking signs around the school, particularly in Haig Avenue; as it makes it very difficult to see the children walking to and from school if you are parked illegally.

Reports have come in from parents too, that people are being booked by by-laws officers in that area on a regular basis.

Please note also, that parents are not to park in the staff carpark to collect their children.

COLES & WOOLIES VOUCHERS
Keep on collecting your Coles and Woolies vouchers when you shop at either of these chains of stores and bring them (or send them) along to school.

At the end of the program we will receive sporting equipment from Coles and educational equipment from Woolies. Thank you.

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION
If your child has had any changes to their medical conditions, would you please come along to the office and update their particulars. It is vital that we have all correct and current information recorded on our system in case of a medical emergency. If you are unable to get to the office, send your child for an ‘update form’ and you can return it with them the following day. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS
Last week our Crossing Supervisor spotted a parent and her children crossing Edithvale Road from the gate next to the hall. Our school crossings are an important part of our school. Our children are taught to use the school crossing to enable them to cross Edithvale Road in safety. Please use the crossings correctly to ensure everyone’s safety and to set a good example for our students.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Some of the EMA cheques have arrived at the school office. Please enquire at the counter to see if your cheque is in, as soon as possible.
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
The After School Program is conducted by Kingston Council in our school hall from 3.30 pm to 6.15 pm on school days. After School Care was established to provide quality care for primary school children in a supervised, relaxed, safe & fun environment.

The program caters for parents who work, study or due to other commitments require After School Care and to allow children to play together, participating in the varied recreation activities provided.

Parents wishing to enrol their children are asked to contact Charmaine at Kingston City Council on 9581 4867 or Paromita on 0439 081 059 for further information.

BPAY—PAYMENT OPTION
You can pay your excursions and other charges, via internet banking. Your BPay reference will be printed on your statement. Please only use BPay for payments of $20 or over. You can of course, combine several outstanding charges to make the $20 minimum.

For ALL BPay payments, we need to be notified of what your payment is for. The easiest way is to email us on edithvale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with BPay in the subject line. Or of course, tick the BPay option on your payment envelope or excursion notice.

If you have any queries, please phone Sandie Wishart on 9772 1393.

CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT INFORMATION
Thank you to those families who have filled in and returned the confidential student information forms we sent out earlier in the year. It is important for us to hold current student information at school, which includes medical information and emergency contacts, in case of an unforeseen accident or illness.

Would you please send any outstanding forms back to the school office urgently so we can have this up to date information at hand. And also, if you change any of your details, please let us know ASAP.

ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS
We have commenced sending family statements, via email, which seems to have been a big success. In the not too distant future, we will also commence sending newsletters via email. This should make things easier for everyone and will make us a much ‘greener’ school! If you don’t have an email address, then of course, you will still receive hard copies.

GOOD MANNERS
Mrs Wishart and Mrs Greedy would like to compliment all of the children who come up to the office and use their beautiful manners. We love to see you, and when you’re polite and use your manners, it makes us very happy!

INSURANCE
Affordable Student Cover is available for just $29.90 per year. To apply online go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW. More information is also available from the school office.

LATE PASSES
If you are late to school, you must come to the office for a late pass. It is then taken to class and given to your teacher, where it is collected and recorded on our CASES21 attendance system. This is a legal requirement—not just a requirement of the school.

MONEY ISSUES
Please note that we do not have money readily available at the office to give change. The day’s takings are banked every day and we do not hold a ‘float’ for the next morning.

Please endeavour to bring the correct money when making payments or use BPay where possible, which will save you a trip to the office—and save us a trip to the bank!

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Our school crossings are an important part of our school. They enable both children and adults to cross the roads that bound our school in safety. Please use the crossings correctly to ensure everyone’s safety and to set a good example for our students.

STUDENT BANKING DAY
Bank books are brought to school on TUESDAY for processing on Wednesday. Forms for new accounts are available from the school office. With as little as 50 cents and a Youth Saver Account, you can become a super saver!

Don’t forget your school banking. If you have a camp or an excursion, drop your banking off at the office before you go. Keep on saving for your rewards—and help raise funds for your school at the same time as we receive a commission on all deposits made via the school.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is located in the Prep corridor between Prep 1 and Prep 2 and is open every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 pm—4:15 pm. Payments can be made by EFTPOS or cash.

UNIFORM SHOP—SECOND HAND
The Second Hand Uniform Shop is located in the School Hall and is open every Tuesday afternoon from approximately 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

We are in need of coat hangers for displaying articles or clothing. If you have some spare, we would be very appreciative. Please leave them at the school office.
**NEWS FROM CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

For budding junior master chefs aged 5 to 12 years, enrol in “Kids say Yum” classes on Tuesdays from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm; learning essential home economic skills and creating delicious food over the school holidays.

We have a new card making/scrapbooking group “Inspirational Papercrafting” on Sundays 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm each fortnight - create amazing cards, perfect scrapbook pages and elegant paper projects.

Such a good time of year to join our EarthCarers group on Thursdays 10.00 am to 12.00 noon - a free weekly group discussing anything from chooks, veggie gardens, water saving, recycling and living simply.

Our ever-popular Preloved Children’s Market is on again on the 22nd October. We still have some stalls available, call in for your application form now. 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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**CENTRAL BAYSIDES 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. If your child has previously been seen by the Oral Health Services or 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.

If your child has never visited the School Dental Program, please contact Central Bayside Oral Health Services on 8587 0350 for an appointment.

**Who is eligible?** Children aged 0—12 years (fees apply for non concession card holders & Young people aged 13—17 years who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders.

**Where is the service located?**

Central Bayside Community Health Service—Oral Health Service,

335—337 Nepean Highway, Parkdale

Phone: 8587 0350. *(Enter from Carrier Avenue).*

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