Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome back to the start of term 3 when our focus is on consolidation of learning, further exploration of curriculum goals and gaining a deeper understanding of concepts taught.

We welcome Ms Heather Pardoe to our staff in the Physical Education teacher position and we are very happy to have Ms Jessica Smith teaching Grade 6/11 while Mrs Johnson enjoys some Long Service Leave. Also, returning from LSL, are Mrs Laurent and Mrs McAllen who have lots of adventurous stories to share with their classes.

During this term we will also be developing our new EPS School Strategic Plan and welcome your input. Please write to, email or visit us to offer your suggestions about future directions you would like to see happening to enhance and improve student learning at EPS.

I’d also like to invite you to discuss any concerns you may have about your children with the teachers, Denise or myself.

If you know of any children who will be commencing school at Edithvale in 2010 who may not have enrolled yet, please inform parents to do this ASAP as our 2010 Prep Transition program commences in August.

Thank you all for your continued support in making EPS a great school

AND...very special thanks from all of us to: Martin, Tracey, Leanne, Di, Tracey, Cassie, Michelle, Denine, Joanne, Fiona, Susan and all parents who are always here, helping out in and around our school whenever you can. Your time and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Have a fantastic term!

Janice Lawrence

The Power of Loving Words

Never underestimate the power of the words you use to your children. Like adults, they need to hear that the people they love most value them as individuals. Your words will stay with your children their whole lives, and help to determine not only the kind of adults they will grow into, but the kind of parents they will be to their own children. Children who are told they are loved and accepted have a head start. They know that their parent’s love is unconditional. They are free to take risks and fail. Their knowledge alone can be liberating enough to set a child on the pathway to success. There are some simple ways that parents can make a difference to their children’s self-image.

Every child is unique. Foster the individual differences among your children. Celebrate their different talents, tastes, interests and abilities. Every child has a unique personality and a unique contribution to make to the family. Without labelling, or comparing, show your children you recognise and value the characteristics that make them unique.

Children want to feel good about themselves. Positive self-esteem gives children confidence, the knowledge they are worthwhile, and hope for the future. Children with healthy self-esteem know they can give anything a go. They know a failure doesn’t make them a failure. They know who they are and their place in the world.

Children want to know their parents love them. Tell them often. Give them a hug, a smile, a listening ear ~ every day of their lives. Be glad about the things they are glad about. Share their successes and celebrate them. Show them you value effort as well as achievement. Remind them of stories about themselves, special occasions and milestones in their lives.

Children want respect. The most rebellious children are often the ones who feel they are worthless. Involve children in the life of the family. Give them suitable chores that help the family function well. Trust them with responsibilities. Show them the right way to do things and then trust them to get on with it themselves. Be patient when they make a mistake so they can see that is how people learn.

Children want parents. It is a hard job growing up. Children look to parents to be their chief guides and cheerleaders. Show them you value their opinions. Discuss suitable solutions to problems. Make your own standards and values clear, not only through your works but also through your actions. Look for ways to fix problems. Not to blame or punish. Explain the reasons when you are not happy about the way they have behaved but make sure they know, whatever they do, that you love them.
CANTEEN NEWS
A chilly start to Term 3, but all rested and ready to go.
Term 3 menus were sent out at the end of Term 2. If
you have misplaced your copy please see me in the
Canteen or go to the office for a new one. Prices have
remained the same for Term 3.
New inclusions are:
Cup-a-soup ~ Cream of Chicken or Tomato ($1.00)
Rosters for Parent helpers and Year 6 helpers have been
sent out. Any alterations, please contact me at the
Canteen.

Diane

NEXT WEEK’S
CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 20th July
Lara Sinclair
Brooke Syme

Thursday 23rd July
Sue Jackson
Monica Busch

Tuesday 21st July
Claire Stewart

Friday 24th July
Sharon Graham

EDITHVALE PRIMARY
SCHOOL
CANTEEN

Dear Students/Parents/Teachers...
The canteen has a supply of large pre-printed
paper bags on sale (free trial bag attached), which
can be purchased directly from the canteen or you
can order them via your student, via the classroom
lunch crates.
Prices are:
50 bags for $4.00
25 bags for $2.00
10 bags for $1.00

Currently the canteen sells similar size bags
(without printing) for .10c each.
If you would like to order, please complete the
form below and send [along with your money], to
the canteen.

Yours faithfully
Diane Cameron

CANTEEN—PAPER BAG ORDER

Name: ________________________________
Student’s Name: ______________________
Class: ________________

I would like to order _____________ bags and have
enclosed my payment of $____________________.

Crêpes & Grande Parade
Mercredi 19 Aout 2009

French Crêpe Day (Pancake) & Awesome Parade
Wednesday 19th of 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 of August 09 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
French Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

Friday 24th
• DISCO
  • Prep - Grade 3 - 1st Session
    6:15pm - 7:30pm
  • Grades 4 -6-2nd Session
    7:45pm - 9:00pm

Tuesday 28th
• School Council—Staff Room
  7:00pm

AUGUST

Monday 31st to
Wednesday 2nd
September
• Year 4 -Camp Manyung

19th August
• French Crepe Day

21st August
• Year 1 – National Gallery
  Excursion
**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

**SEMESTER 2**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $221 for primary students and $443 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

If you are eligible for EMA, please collect a form from the school office and return it on the first day of term 3. Thank you.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Dear Parents,

**DELAYED BOOK BLUB**

*Please Note:* There has been a delay with Book Club Issue 4, June 2009. Books will be arriving next week.

**PARENT HELPERS**

We are looking for a parent that might be interested in organising our Book Order Forms for Book Club into grades. It would take approximately an hour twice a term. Please contact Mrs Glavis in Grade 3/6 or leave your name at the School Office.

**BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5**

The latest Book Club Issue 5 (July) are due in on Friday 24th July.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny Glavis

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**PARENT FORUM**

3 AUGUST 09

After Assembly
In the Staffroom

Please join us for a coffee and a conversation about school and our new Strategic Plan

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**From the Office.....**

**Education Tax Refund**—The Educational Tax Refund is available for families in receipt of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A. Parents requesting a tax receipt for this purpose are asked to note the request on the levies notice, or if fees have already been paid, please forward a written request to the school office. The tax receipts for eligible expenses will be issued over the next few weeks. More information can be found on the ATO website at: http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/pathway.asp?pc=001/002/067/001/001

**Class Monies**

Just a reminder to parents that all monies need to be put through the class Cash Books and not via the front office.

**Uniform**

It is very pleasing to see so many of the girls beginning to wear our smart new winter tunic. You do look lovely.

**Signing In**

Can we remind parents that they must sign in at the office as well as obtaining a helpers badge before helping out in classrooms. If you do not sign in and there was an emergency, we would be unable to confidently state that all members of our community were safe.

**Absences**

If your child is unable to attend school, it would be appreciated if you could ring the office. You are able to leave a message 24 hours a day by calling the school number 9772 1393. Please remember to leave your child’s name, grade and reason for absence. If you do leave a message, you do not have to send a note with your child.

**Dogs (or other animals) In the School Grounds**

Parents are reminded that the presence of unauthorized animals on school premises is a breach of school and DEECD policy. Unless permission has been obtained from the Principal or delegate, parents or students are not permitted to bring dogs onto the school grounds. This policy is in place for the health and safety of students staff and visitors.

**Manners**

Thank you to all the children who come up to the office on errands for their class teacher. Your manners are impeccable and we love your smiles.

**Found**

SRC badge. If it’s yours, please come and retrieve it from the office.

**Art Display**

Every week Miss Lang puts up a display of children’s art work on the notice boards by the front door. We are always very proud of our children’s ability in whatever they do. When you are in the school next time, come up to have a look, we think you will be amazed.
The Term 3 after-school PlaySports activities at Edithvale Primary School for Prep to Year 4s will consist of Softball & Soccer.

Commencing Wednesday 22 July and running for eight weeks, each session includes warm up games, skill activities and modified competitions, that are fun, engaging and age appropriate.

The cost is $69.00.

Enrolment forms accompany this newsletter and spares are at the school office or phone PlaySports on 9532 5584. Enroll early to ensure a place. www.playsports.com.au.

Aspendale Gardens Community Service Inc
103-105 Kearney Drive
Aspendale Gardens Vic 3195
Ph 9587 5955 Fax 9587 5280
Email: agcsinc@bigpond.net.au

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre has a variety of activities for the young and the young at heart. From music, movement, art and dance to netball, karate, kids sports and even tarot and numerology classes. Contact us on 95875955 for a copy of our term 3 brochure or check out our NEW WEBSITE, www.agcsinc.org.au

FREE Community Information night. Bedwetting and toilet training. Wednesday 19th August 2009 from 7.30-9pm. Get the facts on common issues facing many parents and information on how to prevent or manage problems. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! Ph 9587 5955

FIRST AID COURSE- “Giving First Aid to Kids” Saturday 29th August 9am-5pm. Gain knowledge and skills required to give rescue breathing, CPR as well as manage some life threatening emergencies common to infants and children. Topics include seizures/ convulsions, asthma, choking, poisoning, soft tissue injuries and basic wound care. Cost $110 per person. Bookings or enquiries ph 9587 5955.

SHOPPING TOUR – Saturday 12th September. Get organized for Christmas early this year without the stress of driving (and finding carparks) while visiting several outlets in a fun and social manner.

Enquiries ph 9587 5955