PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Denise Webster

Congratulations to Madame Snow and Cecile for the wonderful French Day experience on Wednesday. The Learning Centre was awash with the colours red, white and blue and French artistes were abundant. The students really got into the swing of things: once again the crepes were extremely popular and the students were amazed and entertained by Monsieur Zarnok the French Illusionist. We are very proud of our language program and this special day provided a great opportunity to celebrate!

On Saturday 7 September, Edithvale Primary School will be a voting booth for the Federal Election and, not to let an opportunity go by, the fundraising committee will be organising a couple of food stalls. A note will go home shortly.

Thank you to the parents who participated in this year’s Parent Opinion Survey. We appreciate the time taken to provide this important feedback for our school.

Next Thursday we welcome Mrs Verona Keogh who will be working with the students in Prep 2 while Mrs Howard is on Long Service Leave. We wish the Howard family well as they embark on their travels.

The 2014 Prep Transition Program begins next Monday, with a Parent Information Session to be held in the Learning Centre, from 7.00—8.00 pm.

On Wednesday afternoon, our new Preps will have their first transition session.

Parents are very welcome to stay for a cuppa, in the staffroom.

HOMEWORK

A reminder to parents and students, that homework is being put up on the EPS Website each week, for all year levels. Please keep an eye on this, under the STUDENTS Tab. www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au

FUN RUN
Mr James Whitla
NOT LONG TO GO NOW

On Thursday 22 August, as you will be aware, we will be conducting a whole school FUN RUN. Students in Years Prep—2 will be asked to run, walk, skip or move in any way that they wish for 1 hour between 9:30 am and 10:30 am on the day. Students in Years 3—6 will run from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Hopefully students have been eagerly seeking sponsors with the dual aims of raising money for our school oval redevelopment AND being rewarded with individual incentive prizes.

We are looking to add some FUN elements to the running by including music being played as well as encouraging students to wear house colours or have ‘crazy hair.’ We are also trying to include some challenging obstacles that students may wish to try to get over, through or under, on their way around our running course.

We would love to see as many parents as possible at the FUN RUN either running with the students or helping on the day. Please let the office know if you are able to help out on the day.

JUST FOR FUN
Can we please have everyone dressed up in their house colours and wearing “crazy hair”? Liam Canavan & Camille Nightingale

For your convenience, BPay is available to all families. The BPay codes are shown on your Family Statement—which is sent to you each term, or just phone the office for details. Please only use BPay for amounts of $20 or over; (you can bundle several payments together) and please email or send a note to school, so we know what to allocate your payment to.
Many thanks to my wonderful helpers over the last fortnight and thank you to the Year 6 students for helping out. Anyone wanting a price list for the Canteen, they are available at the office or on our website.

**PREMIE READNG CHALLENGE**
Ms Kerry Mitvalsky
A reminder to all students who are participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge to please hand your completed forms/records to Mrs Mitvalsky (Years Prep—3) and Mrs Hayes (Years 4—6) by 30 August, to ensure that the data can be entered by the closing date.

Don’t forget that you are allowed to read books above your level.

**Years Prep—2**: 30 Books in total, 20 from the Reading Challenge List.

**Years 3—6**: 15 Books in total, 10 from the Reading Challenge List.

**PREP ENROLMENTS 2014**
We are currently taking prep enrolments for 2014. If you have a child starting Prep next year, please call in to the office and collect an enrolment form at your earliest convenience.

**LOST PROPERTY**
Lost property is stored outside the LOTE room. (Room 6). Please look through it for any lost items. Named items will be returned to students ASAP.

We would like to remind everyone that the school grounds are a dog free zone. Also, it is not very nice when students walk into the buildings with something nasty on their shoes, so if you are bringing your dog on a lead, please make sure you also have a plastic bag to pick up after them. Please remind your friends and neighbours to do the same.
On 13 August, students in Years 4-6 participated in a friendly house competition. We had Mother Nature on our side, and the rain stopped just before we started. The students were divided into their houses and worked together. Their task was to get as many points as possible while completing the nine different activities set out by the house captains. The students all had a blast crossing the treacherous obstacle course in the playground, and practised all sorts of skills like throwing, catching and jumping.

We all enjoyed creating the activities and testing each other’s activity out. We thought the afternoon went really well, even if not everything went according to plan. We thought this was a great way to get all the houses together to show some house spirit!
ENVIRONMENT CLUB NEWS
Ms Claire Goudey

This term, Environment Club has been focussing our efforts on cleaning up the school veggie garden. We have been picking up rubbish every week, and weeding the garden beds in preparation for planting new seeds.

Last week, we planted beans, zucchini and tomato seeds and we will be planting more over the next few weeks. We are really excited to watch our garden grow, and hope that everyone will be able to enjoy these fresh vegetables in their school lunch orders soon.

Environment Club meets every Monday in the Learning Centre at the start of lunchtime and is open to all students. We are very excited for Enviro Week (2-6 September) and hope that everyone is getting ready to take on a challenge during that week to help look after our environment.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL
Mrs Nikki Howard
Miss Catherine Arblaster

On Tuesday 30 July, the Preps celebrated their first 100 days of school. Each school day they have been adding a small fish to the class fishbowl display. When they have counted 10 small fish they swap it for a big fish.

The children brought in 100 small items to show how many different ways we can make 100 and participated in numeracy and literacy tasks about the number 100.

Their Year 4 buddies helped them celebrate by making dress up glasses and a crown. Thank you to Lara Sinclair for making 100 delicious cupcakes which the children enjoyed sharing with their buddies. It was a great way to end the celebration.

BPAY
Mrs Sandie Wishart

By now, each family will have received a letter and a fridge magnet promoting BPAY. If there is anything owing on your account, you will also have received a current statement.

We encourage you to try this method of payment as it is the safest, most convenient way to pay your school charges, excursions, camps and special events. No more hunting around for small change and filling out envelopes to send to school.

Just make the payment online and then send a note along to school (an email is fine) letting us know what the payment is for. You will also need to send back any permission forms or return slips as requested.

If you don’t notify us of what the payment is for, we reserve the right to allocate it as we see fit; usually to your compulsory charges first, then the oldest invoices on your account. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to call.

WANTED—OLD QUEENS & BISHOPS
Mr Phil Jones

I would like to start a lunch time Chess/Draughts Club for students in Years 3 and 4 to learn and play chess or draughts. We desperately need chess and draughts sets, including boards.

So, if you have any old sets at home, the school would greatly appreciate your donation.

Please give them to your child’s teacher or leave them at the general office. Thank you.

SUN SMART

From September, 5 things to remember

1. Slip on covering clothing. If you can see skin, UV can reach it.
2. Slop on SPF 30+ or higher broad spectrum sunscreen. One application isn’t enough so set up strategies for reapplication during the day.
3. Slap on a hat that shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on sunglasses if practical. Make sure they are labelled AS1067.
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**Vacation Care Program**

**Program Dates**

Monday 23 Sep - Fri 4 Oct 2013

We are excited to bring to you the Brochure and Enrolment form for the Sep/Oct 2013 Vacation Care program. This program has been developed through consultation with children, families and educators during the April vacation care program. It is a fun filled program giving children opportunities to follow their interests, have new experiences, make new friends, explore, learn, discover and experience success through play.


It is requested children who require support for inclusion in a program, submit enrolment and payment forms as early as possible to allow time to apply for funding. Don’t miss out on your children’s spot at one of our fantastic programs to find out more visits Kingston’s website [www.kingston.vic.gov.au](http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au).

For enquiries please call the Vacation Care Team on (03) 9581 4846 or (03) 9581 4875.

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Simply bank at school between 12th August & 13th September 2013 and you’ll automatically be entered. The more times you bank - the more chances you’ll have to win - **How cool’s that!**

This competition is for local schools! Someone has to win and it could be YOU!

For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist, Karen Johnson 0422 115 643

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Have your say in our transport consultation to help Council know about the experiences of people in our community when they travel to places they need to go to. We want to know what makes it easy and what the issues are.

This consultation is the first step in creating an important guide for the future of transport in Kingston.

Have your say in our transport consultation by:
• Going to the Kingston website and sharing your thoughts online:
  www.kingston.vic.gov.au/transportconsultation or
• Completing a paper survey at Council’s Customer Service Centres and libraries or
• Phoning Erin Pattie to request a survey to be sent to you, on telephone 9581 4806

Consultation closes Wednesday 11 September 2013

Contact:
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- **Mon, Aug 12**: Book Fair Begins
- **Mon, Aug 19**: 2014 Prep Parent Info Session 7-8 PM
- **Tue, Aug 20**: 2014 Prep Parent Info Session 2.30-3.30 PM
- **Wed, Aug 21**: Book Fair
- **Thu, Aug 22**: Adidas Fun Run Book Fair 2014 Prep Session 2.30-3.30 PM
- **Fri, Aug 23**: Book Fair Ends
- **Sat, Aug 24**: School Council Meeting
- **Sun, Aug 25**: French Crepes & French Performance
- **Mon, Aug 26**: Camp Manyung Year 4
- **Tue, Aug 27**: Year 1 & 2 Excursion Lego Educ. Centre Year 4 Fathers Day Stall
- **Wed, Aug 28**: Camp Manyung Year 4
- **Thu, Aug 29**: Camp Manyung Year 4 Fathers Day Stall
- **Fri, Aug 30**: Premier’s Reading Challenge Closes.
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