Fairytale Parade

Last Friday was an exciting morning for our year ones and twos who dressed as fairytale characters for a fantastic parade.

At the same time, Edithvale inter-school sporting teams were excelling in their games against St. Josephs. Congratulations on your great efforts!

Our classrooms are exciting places to be in this term as studies include Performing Arts (Preps), “Fairytales” & “Waterworks” (Level 2), Australia: Geography, Mapping & Change Detectives” (Level 3), and Australia: Explorers, Indigenous Studies & Electricity (Level 4). Please come in and visit - our classrooms are open from 8:50am, Tuesdays to Thursdays.

All homework grids have been sent home with students and will be added to the EPS website.

This term we are also focussing on values and “how we treat each other”. Last week we talked about “being a good friend” and this week it’s, “no put-downs” and being positive in our interactions with others. Please support us by reinforcing these values at home.

AND…..Don’t forget the Disco on Friday night; and thanks to Cassie and team for all their organisation.

Have a great week everyone!

Janice Lawrence

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IMPORTANT DATES

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Monday 31st August to Wednesday 2nd September

Year 4 - Camp Manyung

Final Payment due by Friday 21st August
Cyberbullying is bullying in a modern technological form. Like conventional bullying, cyberbullying can cause psychological damage leading to behavioural problems and even self-harm. Cyberbullying has the added menace that information can be disseminated to huge numbers of people and can be extremely difficult to find out who is responsible.

**Signs of cyberbullying in children:**
- Spending long hours on the computer
- Shutting down windows on the screen when you come into the room
- Reluctance to talk about internet activities
- Using the computer mainly for chat rooms rather than homework
- Changes in behaviour eg., Trouble sleeping, stomachaches, headaches, crying.

**Types of cyberbullying:**
Cyberbullying may be carried on email but can also occur on websites, blogs, chat rooms, bulletin boards, discussion groups, instant messaging and news groups. Mobile phones can be used as effectively as computers. Both can be employed for:
- Sending offensive messages, jokes or cartoons to a person
- Sending offensive messages about a person to a group
- Revealing secrets told to a former friend
- Excluding someone from an online group
- Sending vulgar, embarrassing or private photos
- Sharing offensive web sites

**What can parents do?**
- Make it clear that computers and computer behaviour are not off limits to you
- Find out what your child is doing online
- While your children may think their online behaviour is private, it is your house and you have the right and responsibility to now about, and oversee, what is done on the computers in your house by your children
- Be alert to secretive behaviour, or blank or switched screens when you approach
- Bring in a computer expert if you are unfamiliar with computers. Warn your children that this will happen periodically
- Check the History file on your browser to see what sites have been visited by your children. If the History is often empty this can be a sign that someone is trying to cover their tracks
- Keep the computer in the family room or other shared space
- See expert advice if you are worried your child is visiting unacceptable sites, being bullied, or participating in bullying others, even as a bystander
- Discuss ethical behaviour and the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, even when anonymous
- Tell them not to send emails when they are angry or upset and never to write anything they wouldn’t say to the person’s face
- Encourage your children to be frank with you but careful about what they tell others
- Let them know you think they should tell if someone else is being cyberbullied
- Show them ways to block unwanted communications and contact the internet provider
- If a telephone is being used contact the telephone company
- If you know the offender’s name, inform the parents about what their child is doing. A non-threatening way of doing this is to write a letter explaining the problem and attaching a copy of the offending message
- Tell the school what is happening
**Interschool Sport**

There has been a last minute change to our interschool sports matches this week. Interschool sports will now be at home at Edithvale Primary School versus St Louis as they already have another team playing at home this week.

Apologies for the late notification of this change but we were only informed yesterday!

Good luck to all the teams.

Next week, we will be playing away at Patterson Lakes Primary School.

Heather Pardoe
Physical Education

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**CHELSEA ART SHOW**

Elise Jacob of Grade 4/5 entered her painting entitled “Mordi Pier on a Warm Summer’s Night” in the Chelsea Art Show which was held at the Chelsea Town Hall on the Queen’s Birthday weekend.

Out of around 90 entries in the Grade 4 - 6 category Elise’s painting was awarded one out of only 3 prizes. Elise received Honourable Mention (2nd).

Elise’s painting was bought by a complete stranger before her parents even had a chance to buy it!

Well done Elise!!

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**BOOK CLUB**

Dear Parents

**DELAYED BOOK BLUB**

Delayed Book Club orders are here and have been distributed to classrooms today. Check your children’s bags for items ordered.

**BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5**

The latest Book Club Issue 5 (July) are due in on Friday 24th July. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny Glavis
I am a gorgeous, lovable, female Golden Cocker Spaniel. My name is Brandy and I am only 11 months old. I have been spayed and had all my injections.

My parents are travelling around Australia and I so sadly I need a new home.

- I am house-trained and have exceptional manners for my age.
- I am so good with children and I love my doggy friends.
- I have my own bed and blankets as well as food and water dishes.

I just need a family who I could snuggle up to and who would love me forever.

If you think you are my family, please call the school office and let them know on 9772 1393. I will keep my paws crossed, you won’t be disappointed in me.

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**Physical Education News**

**‘LAPS’ Little Athletics Program for Schools**

On Tuesday, 4th August an Athletics Development Officer from the Little Athletics “LAPS” Program for Schools and a representative from the local Little Athletics Centre will be at school to conduct a series of 5 sessions with our grade 3s and 4s.

We extend an invitation to parents who would like to attend these sessions. For more information please contact the school office on 9772 1393

**Golf Sessions—Grade 5**

Will be at EPS on Monday 27th July for Golf Clinics with Grade 5 and Thursday 30th July for Golf Clinics with the Grade 6 children.

Heather Pardoe

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**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

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**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 9587 5955 for a copy of our term 3 brochure or check out our NEW WEBSITE, [www.agesinc.org.au](http://www.agesinc.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.

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