PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mr James Whitla

There is not a prouder Principal in the State than me! I am blessed to work with such wonderful students, parents and teachers who all help to make our school a GREAT place to be.

Once again the generosity of our Edithvale School Community has been on show as we collectively raised a fantastic amount of money for the Royal Children’s Hospital, which will go to support the young children who need to access their services. This year we raised over $1,100.00. for the Appeal. The donations that we received for our Massive Easter Raffle saw many students, staff and parents in an excitable frenzy as the last 15 of 65 prizes were drawn at assembly. This raffle raised over $2,000 and I’d like to publically acknowledge the wonderful work done by our School Council Fundraising team. Well done!

This week we finalised the process of finding Mrs Amanda Whitla’s teaching replacement in Year 5/6D. Amanda is taking maternity leave from the second week of Term 2 and her class met with their new teacher - Ms Madison Pearce, today. We welcome Madison into our community and hope and trust that she will enjoy working with the wonderful people of Edithvale Primary.

On Tuesday evening we held the Annual General Meeting, the Election Meeting and the March General Meeting of School Council - there was a lot of work to get through however the process enabled us to have a close look and celebrate the progress of our school over the past year and then put into place plans for Council for 2016. We also were pleased to welcome new councillors, Mike Smits, Jodi Vuat and Kathy Barratt. They join Willem Popp, Nicole Butcher, Kim Murphy, Darryl Collins and Steve Smith (who we are pleased to announce as our newest President). Andrew Schneider, Catherine Grimwade, Jacqui Miller and myself round out the School Council and together we will continue to work for and with our broader community to create a great learning environment for all.

Thank you everyone for a great first term - we have packed a lot into such a short amount of time. Special congratulations go to our Foundation students who have settled in beautifully to learning at Edithvale Primary School. If you are staying around the area over the holidays we’d love you to just have a quick look as you go past the school to see if everything is as it should be. We don’t suffer from a lot of vandalism and that is partly due to the fact that members of our school community inform us or the authorities if there is something of concern.

I hope you have a relaxing and safe break and a wonderful Easter with family and friends.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mr Andrew Schneider

What an action-packed term it’s been! A huge thank you to the school community who came early this morning to participate in activities, have a coffee and enjoy some fruit. It was great to see so many parents and friends here today. The EPS community spirit is certainly alive and well! Thank you to Woolworths Chelsea who supplied the fresh fruit. If you haven’t registered for Active April yet, please visit this website https://app.activeapril.vic.gov.au/register Be sure to nominate Edithvale Primary School so we can be in the running for some great prizes. Active April begins during the school holidays so it’s a great opportunity to get out there with your families and start completing your 30 minutes of physical activity every day for 30 days.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter break, we will see you all next term.
**CANTEEN**
Mrs Diane Cameron

It feels like we’ve only just commenced term 1, and plans are in place for term 2 already!

The term 2 menu will be sent out early next term with some new items added.

The roster has been completed and sent out. Let me know if you have not received your copy or if you need to change your rostered day.

Many thanks to all my wonderful parent helpers who have volunteered their time during first term.

Have a wonderful break and see you all next term.

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**GARDEN CLUB**

On Sunday afternoon several members of the school community donated their time to prepare the school’s vegetable garden. This involved some much needed weeding, mixing in new soil, and preparing the compost bins. The gardens are now ready for planting by the students. A big thank you to Silva Bernhard, Ann McAllen, James Hay, Steph Hay, Jason Humphrey and Steve Smith.

If you are interested in helping with the school’s gardens please contact Ann McAllen. It is a great way to get involved with our school.

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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
Mrs Sharlotte Roa

A big thank you to all our teachers and parents who have run an extra-curricular activity this term! Everyone had plenty of choice and thoroughly enjoyed doing everything from taking apart and rebuilding a computer, to artistic drawing, to learning about the ins and outs of race car driving, to learning more about our environment! Parents and guardians if you think you’d like to share a passion or skill with our students for any of the other terms please come and see Sharlotte Roa.

Here are just a few engaging and amazing moments caught on camera!

Delectable delicious goodness with Lisa’s cupcake decorating!

Getting a first peek into virtual reality technology with Cliff Wheatley.

Hip hop poses—everyone is getting into it, even Mr Whitla!
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND [CSEF]

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. The annual CSEF amount per student is $125 for primary school students.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form. Complete the form and return it with a copy of your Health Care/Pension card. Applications close 3 June 2016.

Allocation of Funds: We will allocate your CSEF as it becomes available, to your most urgent outstanding compulsory charges (school camps, excursions, activities & sporting events and will then send you a statement, so you know exactly where the money has been allocated to.

CSEF can not be allocated to voluntary contributions.

CENTREPAY

Edithvale Primary School has recently registered with Centrepay. Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to parents/guardians who receive an Australian Government Department of Human Services Centrelink payment, family assistance payment or Parental Leave Pay. Payments can be made directly to the school and credited to your child’s account. It can be used to pay for school charges, camps and excursions. If you would like to set up a deduction, please speak to Pru, Sandie or Helen in the office.

QKR & TIQBIZ

Please remember to update your child’s Year & Class on Qkr & Tiqbiz.

EDI’S MATHS CORNER

Activity: Chess Queens

Chess Queens is a Maths300 activity we have been using in class. The aim is to place five queens on a chessboard so that between them they cover every square on the board. This was an extremely intriguing and challenging activity that some of the Year 3 students looked to solve. Eva Hay was so determined to figure out all the possible solutions that she worked on this investigation at home. Fantastic job Eva!

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our Easter raffle. There were 65 raffle prizes to be won! Congratulations to all the winners. With your help, the raffle has raised over $2,200.00. A fantastic effort by everyone.

Thanks also to Nicole Butcher for stapling raffle tickets, and with her team of helpers for collecting, sorting and wrapping all the Easter eggs.

BUNNINGS BBQ

A Bunnings BBQ is to be held on 30 April at Bunnings, Keysborough. More information will be sent home early in term 2.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEAVERS

A reminder to all parents/guardians that if your child is late for school, or you are picking them up early, you are required to sign in or out at the office. Please do not go straight to the classroom. When you have signed in/out, you will be given a pass to take to the teacher. If your child comes in on their own, please direct them to the office first for a pass. Thank you for your help with this procedure.
Hopefully you’re enjoying this lovely autumn weather - let’s hope it continues! This is just a quick note to remind children and families to continue using sun protection throughout the term break and for a few weeks in term two.

UV levels are still above three so please continue to Slip on sun protective clothing, Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen, Slap on a wide brimmed hat, Seek shade and, if practical, Slide on wrap-around sunglasses until the end of April.

Please check the daily sun protection times to be sure. These are available on the free SunSmart app and widget, in the weather section of the newspaper or at sunsmart.com.au

Even in the cooler autumn weather, that UV exposure all adds up.

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Parent support strategies

School refusal: an information session for parents
By Joanne Gaff, Psychologist

Date: Wednesday, 20th April 2016
Venue: City of Kingston Mentone office
34 Bondi Street
Time: 9am - 10am
Cost: FREE, bookings essential by Monday 18 April

School refusal is a common and common issue in our society affecting up to 5% of children and is stressful for the child, their family and the school. The more time the child is away from school, the more difficult it is for the child to resume normal school life. While school refusal becomes an ongoing issue it can negatively impact the child’s social and educational development.

This information session will provide parents and teachers with an understanding of this complex issue and will provide them with a range of strategies they can use to assist their children.

This information session will address:
- What is school refusal?
- How common is it?
- Types of school refusers
- Why children refuse to go to school
- The symptoms of school refusers present with
- Short and long-term consequences of school refusal
- What parents can do (practical strategies)

Joanne Gaff: is a psychologist with 23 years' experience and expertise in childhood and adolescent issues. She has had experience as a school psychologist, working in both primary and secondary schools providing support and training to teachers. She also specialises in the treatment of Anxiety and Panic Disorder both working with children with school refusal, childhood anxiety, behavioral disorders and developmental issues. She also does Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and social development and practical tools to help whole class approach to treatment. She has attended when working with children who have learning disabilities and schools working together to bring about change.

Bookings essential by Monday 18 April
1300 368 436 gyss.youth.services@kingston.vic.gov.au

Do you have a child aged 10–14 years?

Kingston Youth and Family Services are now running the ACEO: Parenting Young Adolescent Program for anyone with children aged 10–14 years.

Learn how to:
- Understand your teen
- Improve communication
- Negotiate boundaries
- Solve problems and deal with risky behaviors

3-week program
- Thursdays at 7.30pm
- Starts Thursday 14 April
- Venue: Langwarrin Gardens Community Centre
301 106 Topney Drive
- Attendance at all 3 sessions is essential

Bookings essential as places are limited
- Please contact Kingston Youth Services before Monday 4 April 2016
- To book your place and for more information:
  - 1300 368 436 gyss.youth.services@kingston.vic.gov.au
Tennis Coaching Holiday Program

These school holidays Fit For Kids Co. are running a 3 day super tennis clinic!

Participants will learn the basic technical aspects of the sport as well as play a selection of games & matches each day. This is a great way to keep them active these school holidays!

Amazing Value!

Note our ‘Early Bird Discount’ for a 3 day booking. Only $90 for the whole 3 day program!

Location: Edithvale Primary School

Dates
Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th April 2016

Times
9:00am - 12:00pm Each Day

Price
$35 per day or Only $90 for all 3 days! (Must book before 27th of March)

Notes: Please ensure you BYO snacks & drinks for student each day.

Enrol Online Today or call 0421172369
Book Under: Holiday Program - Edithvale
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### MONDAY
- **Term 2 Starts**
- **Junior Mayor**
- **Anzac Day**
- **No Students**
- **Education Week**
- **Queen’s Birthday**
- **No Students**

### TUESDAY
- **School Council**
- **Naplan**
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### WEDNESDAY
- **Naplan**
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### THURSDAY
- **Mothers Day Stall**
- **Naplan**

### FRIDAY
- **Last day of Term 2**
- **Assembly 2pm Early finish 2.30pm**

### WEEKEND
- **Bunnings BBQ**
- **Mother’s Day**