This week there were meetings for both School Council and PFA and a number of plans were being made for the rest of the year. The fundraising committee and the PFA is busily preparing for the Trivia Night which will be held early in Term 4. This follows the chocolate drive as one of the major fundraisers for the year. There are so many things that we enjoy at Edithvale Primary School that are a direct result of the efforts of our parents and we are most appreciative of the work that goes on ‘behind the scenes.’

Welcome to Mr Vince Kippen who has joined our staff to replace Ann McAllen in 6/10 who will be on sick leave for the next 6 weeks. We wish Ann all the best for a speedy recovery. Farewell and best wishes to Ms Lynne Barge who has accepted a position at Seaforde Park PS - today will be her final day at EPS. We are in the process of securing a replacement, however, in the short term, Mr Ashley Howard will be running the Phys Ed program.

Next Wednesday, July 30th is a Curriculum Day. Our learning on this day will focus on developing literacy skills, particularly in the area of oral language. Lyn Watts, an educational consultant who has been working with us throughout the year, will also facilitate this professional development day.

Notices are going home this week about the Footsteps concert – please read through the information carefully so that you can mark the relevant dates in your diary. It is wonderful to see the students so involved in their preparation for this event. They love to perform and their enthusiasm is catching! We also have students who are regular participants in the choir; there is an aerobics group and we also have students who learn instrumental music. This last group is presenting a small concert on Friday, August 1st and this will be a great opportunity for them to both entertain and demonstrate their growing musical skills.

Denise Webster
**In Your Shoes**

SECONDHAND FOOTWEAR COLLECTION

If you can help, please bring clean, wearable footwear to the school, paired together by their laces or with rubber bands by

**Friday 1st August 2008**

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**Do you have old shoes you haven’t worn in years, just lying around the house gathering dust?**

Have the kids grown out of last year's shoes?

Have you got shoes that are still in great condition, just maybe no longer in fashion?

Well give your old shoes a new life, by donating them to “In Your Shoes”, a second hand footwear collection, where your shoes will be given to local and international charities to people less fortunate than ourselves.

PLUS for all of the shoes donated to this program, Pacific Brands have agreed to donate an abundance of socks to Kids Off The Kerb! A totally fantastic incentive for you to make a real difference in the community!

So go on, let others take a turn at walking “In Your Shoes”

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**Readers ready to return sponsorship**

It is time for MS Readathon readers to stop counting their books and start collecting their sponsorship to help raise funds for people with multiple sclerosis (MS).

A number of our students began the reading race on June 1 and now need to return their completion form and sponsorship. Every dollar counts as we try to help fund services and research for people who live with MS everyday.

Students who have yet to receive their completion form can download one from our website [www.msreadathon.org.au/parents/downloadforms](http://www.msreadathon.org.au/parents/downloadforms). All receipt books (used or unused) must be returned with sponsorship.

If you have been reading for the MS Readathon but forgot to register it isn’t too late to get involved by registering online today with the help of mum or dad.

It is now time to for [school] students to cross the finish line of this reading relay and be rewarded for your reading! On your mark, get set, go!

You can call the office on 1300 677 323 for more information.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Is due on

**Friday 25th July.**

Cheques should be made payable to Edithvale Primary School.

**Late orders cannot be accepted**

Thank You

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**Neck Warmers**

The cold months are here, and as children aren’t allowed to wear scarves (Uniform Policy) we have an inventive mum who makes the “Neck Warmers”. These are for sale from the office for a great price of $8.00, which some of the money goes to the school

Thank You

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)**

2nd Semester

EMA application forms for Semester 2 are now available at the school office. These should be filled out and returned to the School office with your card by 8th August.

Any late applications cannot be accepted