Thank you to those people who nominated to be on School Council.

Nominations have now closed for our School Council Elections. For the first time since joining this great school I am delighted to announce that we received more nominations than there were positions available, and we will need to hold a Ballot. The desire of our wonderful parent community to be involved in our school and our Council is exciting and will help us to become a truly great school.

The 6 nominations we received came from: Nicky Hay, Darryl Collins, Kathy Barratt, Jodi Vuat, Nicole Butcher & Michael Smits.

Candidates have been asked to provide a short written statement to help our community to gain some background about all those standing for election. Ballot papers, nominee statements and return envelopes will be distributed on Tuesday 1 March. Please look out for these in your child’s purple pocket.

If you do not receive a Ballot paper, please collect one from the School office. Ballot papers are due back to School on Wednesday 9 March, and voter’s names recorded on a register that will be available at the office. Votes will be counted under strict conditions on Tuesday 15 March and declaration of the poll will be on Wednesday 16 March. The lag in time is due to the absence of key staff from 9–11 March and the Labour Day public holiday. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

We look forward to working with all of our school councillors over the course of 2016 and welcome the skills and ideas that they offer to the benefit of all in our school community.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March. The Annual General Meeting will begin at 6.30pm and will be followed by the election meeting where office bearers are elected. The general meeting of the 2016 School Council will begin at approximately 7.30pm. We welcome all members of the school community to join us.

Professional Learning for all of us

Our dedicated staff continues to develop their skills and knowledge of what high quality instruction looks like, by engaging in professional learning opportunities. Our focus this year is on fostering curiosity in our students (and staff). We are part of an extensive network of schools all committed to providing excellent education for our students. As we endeavour to involve parents in this partnership of learning, we are excited to announce that there is a parent session being held at Mentone Primary School on Thursday 17 March, from 7:30 - 8:30pm.

This event is open to all parents of schools in Kingston involved in this work. The presentation will be delivered by Wayne Craig, former Regional Director in the Education Department, who developed the Powerful Learning and Teaching framework. Wayne is a wonderful, passionate speaker and will give you a solid understanding of the framework and how education is changing to meet the needs of our ever-changing world.

To book a place at the information session, follow this link:

Curiosity and Powerful Learning Parent Session

Emergency Evacuation Drill

Yesterday our staff and students participated in an off-site Emergency Evacuation Drill as we aim to refine our plans and processes in the event of
any unwanted emergencies. Pleasingly our students acted in a manner that made us all very proud and it’s comforting to know that if there was a real emergency or threat we have a strong plan to keep all of our school community members safe.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mr Andrew Schneider

Active April

On Thursday 24 March we will be having a special breakfast to launch Premier’s Active April. This is a great, free initiative designed to get families more active and healthy together. The aim is to complete 30 minutes of physical activity every day for 30 days in April. Luckily, the first two weeks are in the school holidays so there is plenty of opportunity to make this happen! It would be great to see as many families signing up for Active April, not only for the health benefits, but so that we can be in the running for some amazing prizes including a $2000 Sportsmart voucher for the most active school. For more details on how to register, please see the flier later in the newsletter and be sure to include Edithvale Primary School when you register.

Extra-curricular Activities

The extra-curricular activities program is well and truly under way. Not only are the teacher’s giving up their lunch times to lead wonderful sessions, the buy-in from our parents has been outstanding! This week 13 students passionate about all things to do with technology had a blast learning about and pulling apart pieces of a computer. We are so lucky to have parents like Cliff Wheatley offer their time to share their knowledge and craft with our students. Each week until the end of the term, students will ‘Build a Computer’ and:
- learn about an operating system and types of software
- build a network
- make our own internet
- learn about the future (virtual reality goggles)

Reminder- Naomi Newton Psychology Information session

Next week, on Wednesday 2 March, Naomi Newton will be holding an Information Session at 9.10am in the Staffroom for interested families. Naomi Newton Clinical Psychology provides psychological services to children, adolescents and their families.

This service is provided at no cost to parents, as the service is bulk billed to Medicare for eligible families. Naomi will see children and adolescents at school who have a referral from their GP under Medicare’s Better Access to Mental Health Care Initiative, which allows up to 10 sessions per calendar year.

I hope to see you there on Wednesday 2 March.

CANTEEN
Mrs Diane Cameron

Thanks to all my parent helpers over the last few weeks and welcome to Monica, Jill and Nicole, who are new this year. Over the next few weeks we have another four new parent helpers.

Currently there are some items out of stock (actually they have been out of stock since the start of term—sorry) - Ginger Kids, Popcorn and some other window sales.

Due to my large report in the last newsletter, I failed to mention the canteen’s new oven. Many thanks to Darryl and School Council for the purchase, and to Ray and Colin for installing and connecting the Canteen to the 21st Century. It is working a treat!

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QKR & TIQBIZ

Please remember to update your child’s Year & Class on Qkr & Tiqbiz
FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION
Madame Snow

Last year over 15,000 young Victorians from more than 106 schools across the state brought French poetry to life through recitals, proving that French has a strong presence in our schools. Students and teachers alike are clearly passionate about it and staff at the Alliance Française de Melbourne are delighted to brighten this passion through their competition.

WHAT IS IT?
The Berthe Mouchette Competition is an opportunity for students to practice the French language by participating in a competition with great prizes to be won! There are two categories, an oral and an additional “nouveauté” a Drawing Competition for the Primary level participants.

Years 3-6 recital of a French poem

THE PRIZES
Le Prix Alliance Française de Melbourne - AFM course for 1 term; FREE pass to all Ciné Club Films in 2016; All our other winners will receive beautiful French books, CD’s, DVDs and dictionaries, while all participants will receive a certificate.

WHO CAN ENTER?
The competition is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 6.

HOW CAN I ENTER?
By collecting an entry form from Madame Snow or the Office by Tuesday 1 March.

Entry fee - $ 6.20

FRENCH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

We welcome into our school Emilie Dimek, our French Language assistant for 2016, who will be working for two days per week (Wednesdays & Thursdays) with us at Edithvale as well as with Mordialloc Secondary College. We are very proud of our language program and we are thrilled to have Emilie on board to enable us to further enrich our French studies.
WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

Hi my name is Taj Dix.
I am in 2A.
I am raising money for the Leukaemia foundation by doing the World’s Greatest Shave.
I have been growing my hair for a year but at assembly on Friday 11 March, this will all be gone!
If you would like to sponsor me you can do so online at worlds greatest shave.com
Just type in my name (Taj Dix).
Otherwise there will be a money box at the office.
Thanks for your support.

DONATIONS FOR THE ART ROOM
Ms Jenny Lang

HELP!

We are in need of donations of newspapers, small boxes e.g cereal boxes or smaller, tubing, egg cartons and small plastic containers e.g margarine, yoghurt, etc.

If you can help us with any of these, please leave them at the Art Room.

Thank you

SUNSMART

If you can see skin, UV can reach it. For all skin not covered with clothing, please remember to apply SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum sunscreen during the daily sun protection times. Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.

Choose SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Make sure it is within its use-by date and is stored below 30 degrees. Don’t forget a sun protective hat that shades the face, neck and ears and look for a shady place for to play.

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.
If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
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
WE'RE BACK!!!!
CHELSEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB IS BACK
TRAINING AND INVITES YOU TO COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB....

Under 9's and under 10's Wednesdays
Under 11's to Under 14's Tuesdays and Thursdays
Pre-season times 5pm to 6-6.30pm
Tom Johnston Pavilion, Beardsworth Avenue, Chelsea.

2016 is the beginning of some exciting, new happenings at the club. Starting the year is a pre-season academy run by

Syked for Sport
Monday 7th of March and Wednesday 9th of March 5-7pm for U11's-U14's

So come on down and bring your friends.
Free of charge for 2015 and 2016 Chelsea members.
$10* per session for visitors.

ALL WELCOME!!

*deducted from membership fees if joining CJFC.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL 2016

Reward your school with Active April
The health benefits of doing 30 minutes of physical activity a day are well known, so here are the incentives for registering for Active April 2016.

All Victorian primary and secondary schools will go in the running to win:
• a 25pc discount on a SportVic Netball voucher if your school has the highest percentage of students to register
• a Goalball or Netball set for the school
• one of 15 vouchers with high-profile athletes
• a poolside sports equipment and a Good2Go school bag
• a chance to win prizes for top two schools with the School Futsal Challenge
• a poolside sports equipment voucher for the most active student at your school

The more students and teachers who register, the more chance your school has to win.

All new Trophy Cabinet for 2016!
This year, students can now achieve online trophies with our new Trophy Cabinet, accessible via the Active April Activity Tracker. When you and your students log in, you can up your profile and add a picture or a description of your school. Once registered, log into your activity tracker to start collecting trophies. To find out more, visit activeapril.vic.gov.au

Registering is easy
Schools and students will have their own dedicated page on our website at activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools. Simply follow the step-by-step instructions to get started.

Creating teams
Teachers can create school or class teams and once registered, students can join the teams and track their activity using the Activity Tracker.

When to register
We encourage schools to register their students during March (before the term 1 holidays, commencing 23 March) and to track group activity in the weeks before and after the holidays.

Help promote Active April
Spread the word about Active April in your school community – get a letterbox drop from SportVic, send an email to your school, or post on your school's Facebook page. Be sure to invite your school to register today, and check out the Schools page to find out how to create and join teams and win. Good luck!

Premier’s Active April
Sport and Recreation Victoria
Department of Health & Human Services
Level 3, 500 Murrumbeena Street, Melbourne VIC 3163
GPO Box 4832, Melbourne VIC 3001
W: activeapril.vic.gov.au  E: activeapril@sport.vic.gov.au
A TASTE OF BEAUTY & MAKEUP

During this 8 week course, students will gain experience in beauty techniques and products, giving them confidence to apply for work or apprenticeships in the Beauty industry or achieve a pathway to further education.

APRIL 11 - JUNE 6 (8 weeks)
Cost: $60 (concession $50)
For further information, or to make a booking, please phone 9587 4534
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### MONDAY
- Life Ed

### TUESDAY
- Australia Day Holiday
- Little Athletics
- Swimming Trials Years 3-6

### WEDNESDAY
- Student Photos
- Little Athletics

### THURSDAY
- First Day of Term One
- School Council Nominations close

### FRIDAY
- Life Ed
- Life Ed
- Easter Egg Donation

### WEEKEND
- Good Friday
- Easter Raffle Drawn
- Last Day of Term One

**EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL—CALENDAR—TERM 1, 2016**