PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Denise Webster

It is great to be back at EPS after the holidays; I hope that everyone had a fantastic break. There are a number of events on our term 2 calendar and these will keep our students and teachers extremely busy over the next 10 weeks. On Friday the Year 5 and 6 students returned from their Philip Island Camp tired but full of enthusiasm about the challenges they faced during the outdoor activity program. The students once again did us proud and represented our school in the best way possible. Many thanks go to the teachers and parents who chose to pay by BPay, your second instalment is now deducted from your credit cards today. If you charged by instalments, the second instalment was due. Thank you.

On Wednesday morning students and teacher participated in a special ceremony to commemorate ANZAC Day 2013. Mr Gavin Jones from Longbeach RSL joined with us to commemorate the contribution made by servicemen and women, not only in the First World War but in all theatres of war that involved Australian soldiers. Lest We Forget.

School Council and the Centenary planning committee have been working hard to get things in place for our Centenary celebrations at the end of May. Details of how you might be able to help are included in the School Council report later in the newsletter.

CHEERLEADING—THANK YOU
Kerrie Evans & Sharlotte Cua

On Saturday 13 April the cheerleaders and hip hop dancers performed a routine at the Cheltenham Panthers Junior Football Club Presentation Day. We were asked to participate as part of National Youth Week. By taking part in this presentation day we were able to obtain a small grant. We will use this money towards our cheerleading expenses.

Thank you so much to the following families for giving up their Saturday and allowing their children to participate. Without your assistance we would not have been able to receive our grant.

A very big thank you to the following students and their families: Alyssa and Joel Lothian, Bronte Martine, Laetitia Ah-Young, Emily and Hayley Prasad, Laura and Samson Melatua, Jackson Davies, Asha Jamieson, Alleea Pacey-Moeke, Jack Mogensen, Katya Adkin and Talya Lloyd.

SECOND PAYMENT INSTALMENT

For those parents who chose to pay their school charges by instalments, the second instalment was deducted from your credit cards today. If you chose to pay by BPay, your second instalment is now due. Thank you.

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.
Centenary Celebration
Saturday 25th May

Please join us for our Centenary Celebrations at Edithvale Primary School

10:00 am................Registration
10:45 am................Opening Ceremony
11:30 am - 2:00 pm.....Old Fashioned Games on the Oval
                          - Cake Stall
                          - Devonshire Teas (11:30am -1:30pm)
                          - Sausage Sizzle (from 12.15 pm)
                          - Visit Classrooms
                          - Catch up with Old Friends in Designated Rooms

2:00 pm................Opening of the Centenary Garden & Burying of New Time Capsule

2:30 pm................Entertainment

4:00 pm................Closing
Well here we are in second term already, I am sure you will all agree it seems like only yesterday when we were commencing the year. One point raised at our annual general meeting this year was that council in many ways is invisible to most of you, and we need to raise the profile of your school council and the work it undertakes. So this will be the first of what I hope to be regular quarterly updates on what we have both achieved and hope to achieve throughout the year.

I believe the first thing to do is to introduce the new 2013 Council and its structure.

**DEECD Members**
- Denise Webster – Principal
- James Whitley – Assistant Principal
- Karen Laurent - Minute Secretary
- Kim Rolls

**Parent Members**
- Martin Taylor – President
- Alice Davies - Vice President
- Tania Taylor – Correspondence Secretary
- Nicole Markby
- Jeanette Scott-Harvey
- Catherine Smith
- Steve Smith
- Lara Sinclair

**Sub Committee Structure:**

**Activities and Fundraising**
- Tania Taylor – Convenor
- Alice Davies
- Karen Laurent
- Kim Rolls
- Steve Smith
- Martin Taylor

**Finance**
- Denise Webster - Convenor
- Alice Davies
- Martin Taylor
- James Whitley

**Buildings & Grounds**
- Martin Taylor – Convenor
- Alice Davies
- Karen Laurent
- Kim Rolls
- Steve Smith
- Tania Taylor
- Denise Webster
- James Whitley

**Education**
- Whole of School Council

**Canteen Management**
- Whole of School Council

I hope you will all agree that we have made significant progress over the past few months, with some major projects both underway and some completed. The perimeter fence, removal of the old Bristol buildings, installation of seating around the school grounds and a major upgrade of the watering system for the oval have all been completed.
The commissioning of the traffic lights on Edithvale Road took place on the 10th of April. This took members of your council two years and a great deal of time and effort in lobbying at both state and federal level, however the end result was well worth the effort.

Whilst we are on the topic of traffic lights, can we please ask that if you do drop your children off along Edithvale road that you use the traffic lights. It takes less than a minute to walk to the crossing from either end of the school, so it is an extremely small price to pay for the safety of your children.

We fought long and hard to get these lights, so let’s ensure we lead by example and utilise them, and not continue to risk the lives of our children and ourselves by running the gauntlet.

You will see that we are still in the midst of building both the centenary garden outside the new learning centre and the prep sensory garden, to replace the old adventure playground at the front of the school.

The centenary garden is well underway with the construction of the amphitheatre almost complete. At this point I need to say a special thankyou to both the Scott-Harvey and Taylor families for their dedication over the holidays in getting this get done. For those of you who are interested there are 10.5 ton of rocks that had to be manually loaded into the steel cages, not an easy job by any stretch.

The final phase of work to be completed on the centenary garden will be the planting out of the surrounding garden and the laying of the named pavers in front of the amphitheatre. We hope to have both these items completed in time for the centenary function in May, so we will be looking to the school community for support at the next working bee to ensure we get this done on time.

We hope to compete the prep garden over the next couple of months, this will include the planting out of the gardens, the installation of some additional seating and a few little surprises to keep the kids both entertained and stimulate their imaginations.

The major focus for the council at this time is the rapidly approaching centenary celebrations. We have had a great deal of interest from past staff and students, and if social media is an indicator we should get a great crowd. We have a fantastic group of parent’s, teachers, both past and present, and members of the local community, who are working tirelessly to get everything ready.

If you think you can spare some time please let us know as we need all the help we can get.

I hope you will all agree that we are seeing some major changes at our school all for the better, and that with your support we will continue to improve year after year.

We are there to represent you, in all areas of your children’s education, so please don’t hesitate to get in touch with any one of the members of school council, we need your feedback, good or bad, to be able to fulfill our role.

We look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of the School Council,
Martin Taylor
School Council President
PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS

Just a reminder about the importance of keeping your receipts when paying for any schools charges, excursions etc. Your receipt shows what they payment was allocated to and should have your name and your child's name printed on it. If you can please keep your receipts (at least until the excursion/event has passed, these can be invaluable in the event there is a discrepancy with your payment. Please check your receipts upon receiving them and let us know immediately, if there are any discrepancies.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

Last year, our program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centres. Schools selected from thousands of different items through our program, highlighting how each school’s needs are different and how critical a breadth of range is.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The safety of our students and their families is of utmost importance. Drop off and pick up times are now of great concern to the school community and our neighbours, because some parents are not observing the parking restrictions that are in place. Haig Avenue and French Avenue are particularly congested and we ask that everyone assists in ensuring that our children are safe when going to and from school. Thank you.

LIBRARY
Mrs Jane Hayes

If any parent is interested in assisting the wonderful Mrs Arden in the Library on Tuesday mornings from 9 am to 11am, please contact Jane Hayes or leave a message at the office.

CANTEEN
Mrs Diane Cameron

Term 2 Menu has been sent out with some new items added

- Fantastic Noodles (chicken or beef) $2.20
- Hot Chocolate $1.00

The Canteen will continue to sell Icy Poles ($.80c), Paddle Pops ($1.20) and Ice Cream Cups ($1.00) during Term 2. Parents, when ordering your child’s lunch (if using your own bag) please make sure it’s large enough to hold their lunch. If not, order a bag (10c).

The Canteen also sells pre-printed lunch bags which are quite large. Order forms with prices are included in the newsletter.

Thanks to my wonderful helpers over the last fortnight and welcome to Holly Smith.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM TWO

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REMINDER

Please do not send your child with a lunch order on Wednesdays as the Canteen is CLOSED

RCH Good Friday Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Good Friday Appeal. Thanks to your generosity we will be sending them a cheque for $602.40.
ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS
PH: 9587 5955  FAX: 9587 5280
EMAIL: agcsinc@bigpond.net.au

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre has a number of activities for the young and young at heart. For information on what we have to offer, check out our website www.agcsinc.org.au or pop into the community centre for a copy of our brochure. Our office hours are 9.30am-3pm Tuesday to Fridays. Ph. 9587 5955

CAR BOOT SALE: Sunday 26th May from 9am-1pm Clear out those cupboards and make some money on your preloved items. Book a stall or simply come along and find yourself a bargain or two. Outside stalls $20 and inside stalls $25 (includes use of table). Spaces are limited so book now to avoid disappointment! Enquiries or bookings Ph. 9587 5955

Emotional Eating Support Group- 3 sessions Wednesdays May 1st, June 5th and July 3rd from 7pm. Sessions include activities, set tasks, handouts, sharing stories and more in a supportive and safe environment. This is a group for anyone who has found themselves using food as a comfort in an unhealthy way. An opportunity to develop an action plan and getting off the Emotional Eating Roller Coaster for good! Enquiries or bookings contact Connie Krol on 0414 671 066 or email conniekrol@gmail.com or Facebook.

Occasional Care- now twice a week. Tuesdays 8.30am-11.30am and Fridays 12.15-3.15pm. Take a break and let our qualified child care staff look after your little ones at a very affordable price. Only $15 per session or $25 per family (AGCS members) SPACES ARE LIMITED and bookings can be made one week in advance. Enquiries ph.

AN INVITATION FROM KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL

You are invited to attend an information session to find out more about the construction of the Edithvale Family & Children’s Centre and the Parkdale Family & Children’s Centre.

At this session you will have the opportunity to: Hear about the vision that guided the development of the plans, view the plans and concept design, and ask any questions you may have.

Please join us for some further discussion at the Information Session on:
DATE: Monday 22 April, 2013
TIME: 2.30pm - 4.30pm
WHERE: Kingston City Council Mentone Office, 34 Brindisi Street, Mentone. (Mel Ref: 86:K6)

Tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to find out more about the information session or to register your attendance at this event, please send your RSVP to Vanessa.field@kingston.vic.gov.au or by phoning 9581 4885.

JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

TERM 2 STARTS: 28th APRIL 2013
4:15PM-5:15PM

CLINICS INCLUDE:
BASIC SWING FUNDAMENTALS
RULES
ETIQUETTE
WEEKLY DURING SCHOOL TERM
FUN & SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

ONLY $99 PER TERM
HURRY! PLACES ARE LIMITED!

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CALL THE PRO SHOP ON: 9580 4763
LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is stored outside the LOTE room. Please look through it for any lost items. Named items will be returned to students ASAP.

EPS MEMORABILIA

With our Centenary Celebrations coming up this year, we are seeking EPS memorabilia such as photos, letters, old school newsletters etc; if you have anything we could have (or borrow), please bring it up to the school at your earliest convenience.

STAFF CARPARK

We have noticed a number of people have been entering the school grounds via the staff carpark. For the safety of students and parents, we ask that parents park in the street and use other entrances. The carpark is for staff use only.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT EPS

This term we will continue to cater to all our students at EPS through our extra-curricular activities program. Please have a look what we have in store for the students this term!

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| Cartoon Creatures |  |
| Do you love to draw? Are you a secret artist with amazing skills? |  |
| Come and learn how to create crazy cartoon creatures! |  |

| Environment |  |
| We have definitely started making progress into making our environment more sustainable here at school. It’s not too late to come and join, help in making a difference! |  |

| Centenary Choir | Library |
| Our choir will be hard at work, practising our songs for the Centenary celebrations. We are singing in tune and loving our choir sessions! | If you love to lose yourself in a good book, come to the library and dive in! |
Develop the confidence of a winning smile
Take advantage of our free initial visit and get some professional advice from a specialist orthodontist today. No referral is necessary.

WHAT MEN REALLY THINK ABOUT Masculinity

Come and listen to a panel of three men talking about their personal stories of Masculinity.

Speakers will include:
Russell Robertson - Former Australian Rules footballer who regularly talks on Respect and Responsibility for the AFL
Steve Ricketts - One of Australia's most versatile and accomplished oarsmen, credits include a Golden Globe nomination
Lee Trew - Trained psychotherapist, bringing psychology and indigenous survival skills and bushcraft together

DATE: Tuesday, 30 April 2013
TIME: 7:30pm - 9:00pm (ahve 6.45pm to 7.45pm start)
VENUE: Federation Art Centre – Gallery Room, Eaves Street, Preston
COST: Gold coin donation at the door (topper included)

BOOKINGS: Crookston Federation City Council on 1300 322 322

Places are limited and bookings are essential.
EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CANTEEN

Dear Students/Parents/Teachers...

The canteen has a supply of large pre-printed paper bags on sale (free trial bag attached), which can be purchased directly from the canteen or you can order them via your student, via the classroom lunch crates.

Prices are:
- 50 bags for $4.00
- 25 bags for $2.00
- 10 bags for $1.00

Currently the canteen sells similar size bags (without printing) for .10c each.

If you would like to order, please complete the form below and send [along with your money] to the canteen.

Yours faithfully

Diane Cameron
Canteen Manager

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CANTEEN—PAPER BAG ORDER

Name: ________________________________

Student's Name: ________________________________

Class: ___________

I would like to order _________ bags and have enclosed my payment of $_______________. Thank you.

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ATTENTION PARENTS of YOUNG CHILDREN...

Do you want to improve your and your children's wellbeing?
Do you want your children to build life skills and stay positive?
Do you feel like you need to express your emotions in a fun way?

If your answer is 'yes' to any of these questions, then you must join Galina Zenin for her presentation on Wednesday, 1st May 2013.

Come along to relax, connect, have fun and learn more about music, yoga, breathing and meditation.

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‘Harmony Night to Warm Up Your Heart’

When: Wednesday, 1 May 2013, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Where: Bonkers Beat Music Kinder & Childcare
49 Laura Street Aspendale, VIC 3195

We would love to see you ALL at this fabulous event.
Light supper, lots of fun and wellbeing provided.

To reserve your FREE tickets, please visit TryBooking
http://www.trybooking.com/47678

For more information please call us on
13000 B BEAT (13000 2328)
One Night ONLY! Do Not Miss Out!

* Please note that we are not able to cater for children during this event.

Ph: 13000 B BEAT
W: bonkersbeat.com.au
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