It has been a very busy time for us at Edithvale Primary School over the past fortnight. Last Friday we held our Athletics Day – it was particularly chilly but the children all participated well. Thank you to Mrs Pardoe for organising the events and also to the teachers and parents who braved the elements to help out. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Parent helpers were also out in force for the Election Day Sausage Sizzle on Saturday as well as at our ‘Jump Off Day’ yesterday when we had a fantastic morning of skipping. This was the culmination of the ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ project that was coordinated by Murray House this term. Well done to everyone for helping to raise funds for the Heart Foundation.

Yesterday afternoon a wonderfully enthusiastic group of students visited us for their first Prep transition session. We welcome them and their families as they begin their educational journey with us at Edithvale Primary School.

Don’t forget...it’s Maths Games Night tonight. We look forward to seeing you all at 6:00pm in the hall to enjoy some great activities.

Denise Webster

A Reminder to Parents

If you haven’t provided us with a copy of your child’s Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate, could you please do so at the earliest opportunity. We are required to have these records for every student who is enrolled at our school. Thank you.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

We are currently trialling a couple of new window sale items. Fruit Tails (.50¢) and 100s and 1000s Tiny Teddies (.60¢).

Thanks to the school’s ‘Vegie Garden’, the canteen is using the lettuce and parsley daily in salad bowls and salad sandwiches/wraps. Still waiting on the carrots to grow. Apparently tomatoes will be sown later in the year. The canteen donates .50¢ for every sandwich/wrap and $1 for every salad bowl, back to the vegie garden fund.

Thank you to my parent helpers and Year 6 helpers for the last fortnight. The canteen runs very smoothly with your help. A special thanks to Sharon for chopping onions for the election BBQ.

**OFFICEMAX—CRAFT FACTORY**

Along with today’s newsletter, you will find the first ‘Craft Factory’ brochure.

If you would like to order any of these good quality craft items (and more!) just follow the instructions on the back of the brochure, log in, using the School’s unique promotional code: CFEP3196 (which is also printed on the back of the brochure) to place your order and the school will also receive a 7.5% donation from OfficeMax.

**RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT SCHEME**

The Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme has donated $36,000,000 to thousands of local community groups in Victoria. Edithvale Primary School is one of them—we normally receive around $350 per month from the scheme.

Each month we receive this donation, because of the EPS families and community who shop using a Ritchies Community Benefit card or key ring, with EPS as their nominated organisation.

As of 1 September this year, Ritchies are changing their donation rate to 0.05% to enable them to offer cheaper prices in their stores. (Previously this was 1%).

You can elect to be notified by SMS, directly to your phone, of special in-store specials—just ask about this next time you are in your Ritchies store.

It will take 20 people spending $25 per week, for us to qualify for the minimum monthly donation of $10 (0.5% of $2,000.00), so the more people nominating our school the better.

If you don’t have a card or key ring, pop into the office and see me and I will give you one, already set up with EPS as your nominated organisation.

**AUGUST ROSTER**

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**AUGUST**

- Thur 26th  ●  Maths Games night 6:00 ~ 7:30pm
- Fri 27th  ●  Year 3 Excursion ~ Melbourne Aquarium
- Buildings and Grounds Meeting 3:30pm
- Tues 31st  ●  Grade 4 Fathers’ Day Stall
- Literacy and Numeracy Day  2:00pm ~ 3:30pm

**SEPTEMBER**

- Sept 1st–3rd  ●  Year 4 Camp
- Thurs 2nd  ●  Father’s Day Stall
- Wed 8th  ●  District Athletics
- Fri 10th  ●  Prep Excursion—Gingerbread Factory
- Fri 17th  ●  End Term 3

**OCTOBER**

- Mon 4th  ●  Term 4 begins
- Thurs 14th  ●  Whole school headlice checks

**STUDENT BANKING**

Don’t forget student banking day is TUESDAY
Join us and let us show you how we learn

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Art

Tuesday, 31st August
2:00 pm—3:30 pm

At Edithvale we are proud of our learning and wish to show everyone in our community how we learn. Come along, watch us learning and join in. Each area of the school will be involved in English, Maths, Science and Art activities which highlight how we learn. We would love Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, Aunties, Uncles, brothers and sisters to come and join in.
Did you know that the Australian Society of Orthodontists recommends children have their first check-up by a specialist orthodontist at age 7?

Does your child:

✶ Have crooked teeth or misaligned jaws?
✶ Have difficulty in chewing or biting?
✶ Suck their thumb or fingers?
✶ Grind their teeth?
✶ Experience speech difficulties?

These may be indicators of an existing or developing orthodontic problem. Take advantage of our free initial visit and get some professional advice from a specialist orthodontist today. **No referral is necessary.**

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**Kumon Edithvale Education Centre**

Is your child struggling with Maths and/or English? Join Kumon program and in several months see the difference! **Second Semester Offer - Bring your child to the Centre and try if this method of study is right for him or her.** No obligation to enroll. To make an appointment for an assessment (free of charge) call Lena on 0402065154. The Centre operates at 5, Blantyre Ave, Chelsea Church of Christ, Chelsea, every Monday and Thursday between 3:30pm and 7:00pm. You can call me on that number outside Centre hours to discuss Kumon method. Regards and keep warm this winter. Lena

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**ART ROOM**

*Miss Lang*

Miss Lang needs lots of egg cartons for our Art Room. Save them up and bring them to school and leave them in the cage at the Art Room door. Thank you.

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**SPORTS DESK**

*Heather Pardoe—PE Teacher*

**Netball Clinics**

Our Grade 4 students enjoyed their complimentary ANZ Vixen Netball Clinics run by Vixens player, Wendy Jones on Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} August.

**School Athletics**

Thank you very much to all the parents who helped us with measuring and recording on Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} August for our School Athletics for grades 4-6. The students, teachers and parents all worked hard and showed resilience against the weather!

**District Athletics**

Our District Athletics Carnival will take place on Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th} September at Ballam Park Athletics Track. Notices will be handed out next week with details and parents are welcome to come along to offer support to the students.

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Our Jump Off day on Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} August 2010 went well. Thanks again to all the parents who came along to support us to raise money for the Heart Foundation.

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**LITTLE ATHLETICS CLINICS**

On Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} September and Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} September, Andrew and a representative from the Chelsea Little Athletics Centre came to our school to conduct LAPS (Little Athletics Program for Schools) Clinics.

If was a fantastic day where students in Years Prep to 4 took part in introductory athletics sessions with modified equipment. New skills and techniques were learnt and it gave all the students an opportunity to take part in Little Athletics based activities.

Anyone interested in joining Little Athletics, please contact the Chelsea Little Athletics Centre on the following:

CONTACT: Glen Ward
PHONE NUMBER: 0403 207 217

E-MAIL: chelsea@vlaa.asn.au
WEBSITE: www.chelsea.cooolrunning.com.au
VENUE: Edithvale Reserve, Edithvale Road, Edithvale (Melways Map 93 C9)