PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mrs Denise Webster

The Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal is very dear to our hearts and once again we have collectively raised a fantastic amount of money which will go to support the young children who need to access the services of this great hospital. This year we raised over $1,280.00.

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 2015. We also were pleased to welcome new councillors, Ms Kim Murphy and Mr Will Popp who both have children in our Foundation classes.

Many of you will have heard already that one of our students was hit by a van as he rode out of the school grounds after school one night last week. Thankfully, his injuries were minor however it was very distressing for the student, his family and a number of others who were witness to the event. The next morning there was also another incident where a student was in danger of being hit by a car because he did not take the time to see what was happening around him. Could you please take the opportunity to have a discussion with your children about safety when travelling to and from school, either as a pedestrian, as a cyclist or on a scooter. Please remind them to use the crossings on Edithvale Road and Fraser Ave and take care at all times to observe the traffic around them. As motorists, it is also vital that we are conscious of the changed conditions that exist in French Ave. at the start and finish of each school day. **Traffic must proceed in only one direction from 8am - 9.30am and from 2.30pm - 4.00pm.** The safety of our students is paramount and we must work together to ensure that this remains so.

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Mr James Whitla

Many parents know the pain of being a parent and feeling powerlessness to help your child. Parents help their children from the moment they are born. Sometimes a child will face problems that parents don’t understand and have trouble helping them with. This can leave parents feeling powerless. As a parent you are never powerless. Over the last few years we have had an increasing number of students and families seek extra support for a range of social and emotional issues through talking with mental health experts.

OnPsych, ([http://www.onpsych.com.au/index.html](http://www.onpsych.com.au/index.html)) provides a range of services that aim to assist children with managing social, emotional and educational difficulties. Some of the issues that may be hindering your child’s development and what your child may need support with include:

- Anxiety/ fears/ phobias/ confidence/ self-
A LETTER FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear Members of our School Community,

You may not be aware that as from 13 April smoking within four metres of the entrance will be illegal.

The government planned to introduce the ban on 30 June, but has brought it forward to coincide with the start of school term two.

This ban ensures that our children can enter and leave the school without being exposed to harmful second-hand smoke. Second-hand tobacco smoke is particularly dangerous to children because they have smaller airways and less developed immune systems compared to adults.

The smoking ban aims to reduce the role modelling of smoking behaviours around children, as they are more likely to view smoking as socially acceptable when they regularly see people smoking. Banning smoking in these areas will help to de-normalise smoking behaviour and discourage children from taking up smoking later in life.

The School Council is asking all members of our community to be aware of these changes and where possible not to smoke in plain view of our children particularly in the surrounding side streets.

The school will be posting signs at the entrances and sending out further communications at the commencement of term two to ensure we make every effort to educate our school community about these changes.

We hope that you will support us in continuing to make our school a safe and healthy learning environment for our children.

Your sincerely

Martin Taylor
School Council President.
**CANTEEN NEWS**  
*Mrs Diane Cameron*

My Goodness Me! This term has gone fast and I am now looking at next term’s menu and roster. The roster has almost been completed; I am still waiting on some helpers to get back to me about their availability. Next term’s menu will be sent out in the first week of Term 2.

As there was no time to squeeze in a Sushi Day, this will be held early in term 2 on Tuesday 28 April. Order forms will go out the first week back. Orders can also be done on Qkr.

In regards to Qkr lunch orders, please make sure orders are done and completed before 8.30am on the day of order. Also check your receipt at the end of the process to ensure that the order has been done for the correct day. We have only some minor incidents where the student’s order has not been received. The student has never gone hungry, although they may not have received what they ordered due to time restrictions of processing a late order.

Many thanks to my parent helpers over the last fortnight and for the whole term. I am still in need of some more helpers during term 2, and if you are wanting to help, pop down to the canteen and have a chat.

Have a great break and see you all next term.

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**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**  
*Mrs Verona Keogh*

Wednesday morning was a mass of doctors, nurses, surgeons and patients, as the students paraded in aid of raising money for the Good Friday Appeal.

The morning was a great success raising $355.60. The family donations totalled $932, which gives up a grand total of $1,287.60. I am very pleased to announce that we have surpassed last years’ efforts of $1,094.50.

Thank you to all the families, teachers and students who donated towards this worthy cause. A special mention goes to Genevieve Sinclair, who brought in a bag full of coins totalling $70.

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**EPS TWILIGHT FAIR**

By Briar Brown and Jemima Davies - 5/6A

Ding! Ding! Ding! A stampede of students come rushing out of their classrooms. Guess what guys! It’s the EPS Fair!! Friday the 13th was supposed to be an unlucky day but not at this school, we had people winning lots of prizes, dunking teachers, winning raffles and bidding at the silent auction. The rides were awesome to go on again and again with an unlimited rides pass. The rides included the Cyclone, the Fun Slide, The Flying Chairs and a big jumping castle called Adrenalin Rush. There was lots of entertainment including our own hip hop squad performing. There was also some delicious food. It was great and we all wish the school council could pull it off again.  

By Seb Dobbs and Jack Mogensen 5/6A

"Woo-hoo!" The fair had begun and crowds were rushing in to have fun with their family and friends. There was screaming and laughter. Everyone was enjoying the rides and games, there was no doubt about it! The children were especially enjoying the dunking booth! The teachers had signed up to be dunked. And did they get dunked? Yes they did!

The rides were fantastic! The cool Cyclone was a big hit, the amazing Chair-o-plane was awesome, the brilliant Bouncing Castle was wonderful, and last but not least... the fun as... Fun Slide!

There was a petting zoo as well, where you could pat Guinea pigs, Bunnies, Sheep, Goats, Ducks, and Chickens. The stalls were full of surprises! There was Choc a Block, Guess Who, Ring a Bottle, Lucky Wheel and lots more.

The food was delicious. If you are have a sweet tooth then fairy floss and jam donuts were the things for you! The slushy drink really did refresh you and the popcorn was great as well.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the fair and we hope we can have one every year!

By Sarisha Dhawan - 5/6D
What a fantastic night the fair was for our school community! It seems to be unanimous that the event was a great success and it was really wonderful to see so many children and their families having so much fun. The event was very well attended both by the school community and by an impressive number from the wider community.

We are very grateful to the many partners, sponsors, local businesses, teachers and families that supported the event through their generous donations and with their time in preparing for and running the event. None of this would have been possible without such great generosity of spirit.

Special thanks to:
**Kathy Barratt and Vanessa Jacobs (The Silent Achievers):** For all their work in collecting, sorting and storing class donations and so much more.
**Mark Weatherley:** For his assistance in planning our food stalls as well as sourcing donations and discounts through his contacts in the catering industry.
**Pru Hill and Sandie Wishart:** For all of their assistance with the many administrative tasks involved with the fair.
**Stall Coordinators:** For all your help in preparing for, decorating, setting up and running the fair stalls.
**Mary Katsis:** For creating what can only be described as works of art, in the conversion of election polling booths to our beautiful stall displays.
**Nicole Markby:** For your exceptional efforts in sourcing so many great plant donations.
**Our Teachers:** For all of your enthusiasm and support over the last 12 months. Special thanks to all those who worked on a stall and/or got dunked. We know you still bare many bruises as a result.
**James Whitla** for his endless enthusiasm for the event and valued feedback throughout the process and to **Denise Webster** for allowing us the opportunity to make it happen.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise once again the enormous amount of effort and time the members of the fair committee dedicated over the 12+ months of planning for this event. A huge thanks to **Martin Taylor, Tania Taylor, Nicole Butcher and Steve Smith.**

We are very happy to announce that over **$23,000** was raised for the school and we can now begin planning how these funds can be used to benefit our school and our children. School council and the fundraising committee will be exploring options for these funds and would welcome any suggestions or feedback you may have in this regard or in regard to the fair in general. These can be forwarded to edithvaleprimaryfete@gmail.com

Thanks again and we look forward to hearing from you.
EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

We recently welcomed Football Federation Australia’s free active play program, Play Project to deliver their workshops to our Year 3-6 students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, the program’s fun and interactive workshops are designed for children at critical stages of development. Created in collaboration with leading academic experts, each workshop is tailored to the needs of specific year groups and has been mapped to the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

Our school has proudly joined Football Federation Australia’s Play Project in its commitment to supporting and inspiring a generation of young Australians to engage in more active play and healthier lifestyles. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.playproject.com.au.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Ms Claire Goudey

What an amazing term we’ve had at Environment Club! We have really enjoyed watering our vegetable garden and watching the plants grow. Students involved got to try the tasty tomatoes and others took beetroot home to share with their families.

My Mum roasted the beetroot and we ate it for dinner - Sofia 2A
My Mum made a salad with the beetroot and it was really yummy! - Natasha 2A
The tomatoes were very juicy. I ate one in a salad - Maya 2A

We are looking forward to growing some winter vegetables and herbs next term. Don’t forget, Environment Club is on every Monday at the start of lunch.

If you have any seeds/seedlings you would like to donate, please see Miss Goudey.

A couple of points to remember are:-

- Please ensure that you update your child’s year level and class at the start of each year, otherwise their lunches may go to the wrong class or payments may be hard to track.

- Be careful that you select the correct day when ordering from the canteen. If it is after 8.30 am, you will not be able to order on that day. It is quite easy to select the wrong date or wrong week, so be careful, we don’t want your child upset because we don’t have a lunch order for them.

- Lastly, some people are paying for items twice. All charges show on QKR until they are no longer in use at our end. Once you have paid for an item, it does not disappear from QKR, so you will need to check your records to see if you have already paid. All receipts stay on your phone [if you cant find them, pop in and see me and I will help you locate them]. Remember, you can always email us or ring the office to ask for a copy of your statement.

TIQBIZ and QKR (‘quicker’)

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

We now have 230 people registered on TIQBIZ, which is great, but our aim is for all students to have at least one parent registered. If you are not on TIQBIZ, then please download it ASAP, so you don’t miss out on any information. As more people are registering, we are sending more information out via TIQBIZ and we don’t want you to miss out. You can send through your student absences via TIQBIZ also, which is so much quicker for you than having to write a note or make a phone call.

Thank you to all of those who are using QKR to pay their School Charges and order from the Canteen.

We still need to improve the uptake of this system though, to make it feasible for the School. The more people using it, the less we are paying in fees, which is important so that we can spend our funds on your children rather than spending it on bank fees.

Please download QKR (pronounced quicker) from the App Store on your Smartphone and start using it next time you have a School charge, or need to order from the canteen. It really is so quick and easy, and totally secure, being backed by Mastercard. You can use any credit card, it doesn’t have to me a Mastercard.

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Chelsea Heights Community Centre

On a Wednesday and Thursday mornings Occasional Care from 9am to 1pm offers 4 hours of quality care for children - from babies to five year olds.

Are you looking for a great venue for your next big family function? Our large hall catering for up to 200 people could be the perfect choice. We also have smaller room suitable for meetings, classes and workshops.

Our Playgroup returns on Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am and our NEW Playgroup leader Annabelle looks forward to welcoming families - come and join the fun and make new friends.

Lots of ways to get fit at the Centre in 2015, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Gentle Exercise and Line Dancing.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website for a full program at www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au or just drop on by.

WANTED IN THE ART ROOM
Ms Jenny Lang

We need SHOEBOXES in the art room ....yes I have a great project for the year 3 and 4 classes next term.

If you can help out with this request, please leave them at the art room door.

Thank you.
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NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
ENROL NOW IN OUR
CLASSES FOR TERM 2!

ART FOR PLEASURE
TAI CHI
THREADS AND STITCHES
FAMILY HISTORY
BELLY DANCING
INTRODUCTION TO IPADS AND COMPUTERS
YOGA
WRITING FOR PLEASURE AND PUBLICATION

Term 2 commences on Monday, April 13.
If you would like further information regarding any of our classes or would like to enrol, please phone the office: 9587 4534
NEW IN TERM 2:

**METAFIT**

Looking for a workout that gives you results, is FUN and challenging? Well this is the class for you!

METAFIT is Bodyweight Interval Training of Low/High impact classes, including strength, core power and speed, and caters for all shapes, ages and fitness levels. It’s one of the most effective ways to burn fat and only takes 30 minutes!

Benefits of Metafit are:
- Tones Muscles
- Boosts Metabolism
- Burns fat for the next 24 hours!

When: Mondays, 10.30am to 11am

For more information or to book, please contact Alenka – 0421 357 144

**YOGA FOR MUMS & BUBS**

We are excited to announce Mums & Bubs Yoga! This class focuses on rebalancing your body and mind whilst gaining strength and flexibility. It also provides a good opportunity to bond and have fun with your child in a relaxing, spiritual environment.

Cost: $10.00 per class (casual) or $9.00 up front for 6+ classes.

When: Tuesdays, 2pm to 3pm

**OCCASIONAL CARE (now including 2-4 year old Activity Group!)

**Exciting new 2-4 year old Activity Program!**

An educational and fun learning opportunity that enhances children’s skills and development towards Preschool and School.

When: Tuesday afternoons (during school term)
- 12.15pm to 3.15pm

Cost (per session) payable upon booking:
- Members: $28.00 per child; $52.00 per family (nonmembers $35.00 per child);
- Thursday mornings - 8.30am to 12.30pm

Cost (per session) payable upon booking:
- Members: $32.00 per child; $60.00 per family (non members $40.00 per child)

Bookings Essential! For more information, contact the Office on 9587 5955.
Flix Fix

Alice in Wonderland

The Flix Fix program encourages young people to bring their friends to enjoy films in the beautiful Shirley Burke Theatre every school holidays. Pre-show entertainment and fancy dress is a tradition and of course there will be prizes for best dressed!

Our ushers open the doors 30 minutes before each film so you can parade through the cinema with your costume and enjoy pre-show arts & craft activities and refreshments all before the judging of the best costume.

Celebrate Disney’s masterwork, Alice in Wonderland. Full of spectacular songs and dazzling animation, this is a film for the young and young at heart. Follow Alice as she stumbles into the world of Wonderland. Will she get home? Not if the Queen of Hearts has her way.

Rating - G

Date - Friday 10 April, 10:30am

Venue – Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale

64 Parkers Rd, Parkdale

Duration – 75 mins (plus interval)

Cost – $10 each
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**MONDAY**
- **Week 1**
  - Digger for a Day
  - Year 6's Junior Mayor

**TUESDAY**
- **Week 2**
  - Curriculum Day
  - NO Students required at school

**WEDNESDAY**
- **Week 3**
  - SEDA AFL Clinic

**THURSDAY**
- **Week 4**
  - SEDA AFL Clinic

**FRIDAY**
- **Week 5**
  - SEDA AFL Clinic
- **Week 6**
  - SEDA AFL Clinic

**WEEKEND**
- **Week 7**
  - ANZAC DAY