It has been another busy fortnight with plenty to celebrate!

Our Year 4 students arrived home from camp on Wednesday having survived the flying fox and giant swing! All of our students, as well as our dedicated teachers and helpers all looked forward to a good night’s sleep having enjoyed a stimulating and exciting camp. Many thanks to Mr McMaster, Miss Miller, Mrs Mitvalsky, Mr Rob Guy, Mr Trent Dowling and Mrs Kerrie Cook for their time and efforts in providing such a wonderful opportunity for our students.

French Day at Edithvale Primary showcased our students’ creativity and imagination. The annual parade was awash with colour, the crepes were delicious and the French music was a great hit as our community celebrated our ‘French culture’. Thanks to all who embraced the spirit of the day.

It is with great pleasure that I announce Ms Jessica McGeachin as our newest member on staff. Jessica is replacing Ms Kimberley Rolls for the remainder of the year and comes to us with experience teaching in local and international schools in the last few years. We are looking forward to working with her in the coming weeks and months and we welcome her into the Edithvale community.

We currently have 8 students (4 boys and 4 girls) at Somers Camp. The camp aims to inspire optimism and develop in students, consciousness of and care for:

- **Self**: Through the opportunity and challenge;
- **Others**: Through building a supportive community;
- **Environment**: Through engagement with nature.

It is offered by the Department of Education and Training every second year and is another way in which we provide rich opportunities for our students to participate in.

I’d like to wish all of our athletics team members all the very best for next Friday’s District Athletics Carnival. The team was chosen after last week’s trials were held and the efforts, support and determination from all of our students should hold this team in good stead. Go Team!

**Disabled Parking**

Please respect the Disabled Car Parking Space in French Avenue, provided for those with special needs. There are a number of students who rely heavily on the proximity of the car space to safely negotiate arrivals and departures from school. Thank you in advance for supporting our families by keeping this space free.

**SCHOOL BANKING REWARD ITEM RECALL—FAQs**

**Summary:**

- Commonwealth Bank is recalling the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ as part of our School Banking Rewards Program due to a potential safety issue.
- Please rest assured we have not received any reports of injury but concerns have
been raised about the potential for a child to access the button batteries inside the Torch.

- We have taken these concerns seriously and are immediately recalling the Torch as a precautionary measure.
- Commonwealth Bank considers the safety of all its customers as the utmost priority.

QUESTIONS

Why did CBA decide to recall the Torch?
- The torch contains four button batteries that may be accessed when you unscrew the back of the item.
- If these batteries are swallowed they may cause serious injury.
- While we have not received any reports of injury, we take the safety of our customers seriously and believe the most appropriate action is to remove the Torch from our Rewards Program and immediately recall it.

What do parents need to do as a result?
- If their child has a Torch, we ask that they immediately remove it from their child’s possession and dispose of it safely.

Will there be a new prize to replace the cosmic torch?
- Yes - we are offering children a replacement reward item from our Rewards Program (subject to availability).
- School Banking coordinators will be able to help parents order an alternative reward item without affecting their child’s current token tally.

Who should parents contact if they have further enquiries?
- From Wednesday, 26 August until Friday, 28 August, customers can contact us from 9am to 6pm (AEST) on 1800 674 496.
- From 31 August, the helpdesk will resume normal hours, available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm (AEST).

Was the Torch tested before it was included in the rewards program?
- Yes - when we selected this reward, it was independently tested and met relevant product safety standards (including the International Standard on Electric Toys (EN62115) and Australian Standard on Safety of Toy Sets (AS8124)).
- However, we have listened closely to concerns raised and undertook a further internal review which has resulted in the decision to voluntarily recall the Torch.
- We believe this is the most appropriate action for our customers and their families.

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!
Mrs Jane Hayes & Mrs Helen Arden

Yes folks, it’s that time of year again! Our always popular Book Fair is due to set sail from Monday 7 September 3.30 pm to Thursday 10 September 4.00 pm.

This year’s theme is “Under the Sea”. Come, dip your toes in the library and catch yourself a great read!

We still have two sessions for which we need volunteers. This is for either an afternoon session 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm on Monday 7 September or a morning session from 8.15 am - 9.15 am on Wednesday 9 September.

You would be required to help with the cashier’s table, keep shelves and displays tidy and assist children with their book choices. Please leave a message at the office if you can help out. We look forward to seeing you all!

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Yes, Woolworths Earn and Learn is back. Collect your stickers when you shop at Woolworths. Stick them to a sticker sheet and drop in the box at the School Office or at your local Woolworths store.

Our School will benefit by being able to ‘purchase’ new educational resources with the credits we earn from your stickers.

Sticker sheets available at the office or downloaded online at: https://www2.woolworthsonline.com.au/Shop/Discover/earn-and-learn.

STAFF CAR PARK

New signs have been erected on the entrance & exit of the staff carpark. Thank you to everyone for NOT parking in there. This is in the interests of safety for our students, so we really appreciate your support.
**SCHOOL BANKING**

Get involved in the School Banking program. You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 2221 at any time. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts are available from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank’s dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 2221.

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**ATHLETICS DAY YEARS 3–6**

Tom Wilcock & Jack Mogensen

“GO” yelled Mr Howard as the speedy race began. The Year 3-6 students of Edithvale Primary had an awesome day in front of them called ‘Athletics Day’.

We started it off with a bang (quite literally) with the hurdles. Nearly everyone had a cracking go; every student who attempted the hurdles completed all six of them. Good job to those who hit a hurdle but kept on going.

After the hurdles, we started the rotations. Every age and gender was doing different activities at the same time. For Tom and I long jump was up first. Everyone had a go even if they did a foul jump.

Jack and I had triple jump next. We had a great time and we think everyone else had good time too. It was fantastic to see that everyone tried to conquer the triple jump’s difficult side, (the HOP STEP JUMP).

After triple jump was discus, Jack’s favourite event. Everyone had a go and we all did a great job. 19.15 metres was the biggest throw in our group.

Next was shot put and everyone put a put into it (what a funny pun ;) Everyone tried their hardest to throw the shot put as far as they could.

Sprints was up next. Every group got through the sprints really quickly so we got to do some fun warmup drills eg: standing on our heads the longest and backwards races. Even Mrs Whitla and Ms Miller had a go!

High jump was last for Tom and I. Everyone jumped high and flopped over the bar.

At the end of the fabulous day we were happy that we finished all the events. Special thanks to all the staff and parents who came along and helped out.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Mrs Diane Cameron

With only 3 weeks of term to go, I am starting to collate the roster for term 4. I have had a couple of volunteers take themselves off the roster due to work or study commitments so I have a few vacancies for mainly Thursdays and Fridays. So ... P L E A S E ... if you can help out in the canteen during term 4 that would be wonderful. Also there will be some items removed from the menu for Term 4. A new menu will be sent out in the first week back.

Many thanks to all my parent helpers over the last fortnight and to those who are getting over colds ... please get better soon.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 3**

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This term the year 4s and 5s and some interested 6s have entered a national competition run by GOOGLE Australia. They have designed and drawn a “doodle4google”. The theme of the competition is “If I could travel back in time I would……..” so the themes and ideas have been all very different. Look at these wonderful drawings! For more drawings you can visit the library/comp lab area.

The Year 3s have been learning about the artist Sydney Nolan and his Ned Kelly series of paintings. Here is their interpretation using corrugated cardboard and foil.

The Preps have been learning about ‘Dreamtime’ and enjoyed making different textures on the cement outside the art room to produce their desert background and then using oil pastels and black paint to scratch their fantastic designs. They certainly enjoyed the messy black paint!

Year 6 have now finished stuffing their teddy and designing their outfits and learning how to make clothes patterns to dress. In the next few weeks we are going to see some amazing outfits. Stay tuned.

The Year 1s and 2s also had the opportunity to design and ‘dress’ their doll using a variety of different materials that they chose and topped it off with lots of glitter.

Coming up - the Year 4s and 5s have been studying the art of famous Aboriginal artists and the symbols they use in their art. They have each been given a 20cm square piece of wood to design their own interpretation using traditional colours. These will all be displayed on the outside wall in the garden area when completed.

The art room is opened at lunchtime every Tuesday and is a hive of activity with students drawing or making anything they want with the supplies provided. I can always use small yoghurt containers and foam meat trays and newspaper is again in very short supply. Just leave the donations outside the art room.

A very special thanks to the Telfer family for all the fantastic supplies they have donated.
YEAR 5/6 PHILLIP ISLAND ADVENTURE RESORT CAMP

“Welcome to Phillip Island Adventure Resort!” Sebastian our Camp coordinator boomed. “I hope you find this camp to your liking, now let’s get to your activities, Wolfpack you’re on Archery, Daredevils; Low Ropes, Screaming Ape; Team Rescue, Adrenaline Rush; Giant Swing, Penguins of Phillip Island; Initiatives Course and Robin Hood Rangers; Canoeing.”

“Yaaaaay!” everyone screamed.

“Now go have fun!” Sebastian yelled.

Teachers were yelling out to follow them and students were talking to their friends. Low Ropes and Boulder Wall - This is an activity that everyone loved, it worked like this; we got into teams of three, everyone got a turn of being the climber, but they also had to be a spotter. The spotters made sure that the climber was safe.

Archery - Everyone got a turn of aiming and shooting at the target but when they weren’t they played footy. We got a choice from were to shoot from 6m, 8m or a whopping 10m.

Canoeing - We were put to the test in our canoeing skills, we did a race and a game of tag were we had to tap someone’s boat with our paddle.

Initiatives Course - In this skill testing challenge we had to work as team to complete a set of activities. Do you think you could do it?

Team Rescue - Picture this, your plane has just crashed in a swamp full of crocodiles! You need to get over to safety using only planks rope and your wits, but can you carry our injured dummy Donna over as well?

Giant Swing - Ready to take the death defying drop of the Giant Swing? The Giant swing is a swing of choice; you can swing from 8m to 18m. Can you go to the top?

These were all the activities we participated in, everyone had the time of their life and this was by far the best camp yet.

By Ella Sewell 5/6D

Wednesday 12th August

I step on to the bus, I was ready for a long trip but I knew it was worth it, three quarters of the way there we stop of at a park to see the pelicans. I knew that I was going to see pelicans but I didn’t come Philip Island to see pelicans. I came to Philip Island to go on the Giant Swing, Canoeing, Low Ropes Course and much more! After an exhausting trip I laid my bags next to my bed in my cabin. All I could think about was relaxing in my bed and staying up all night talking to my friends, but unfortunately we had to sort out our groups and activities. Eventually we moved on to our first activity which was the Low Ropes Course, it was amazing. Having to work as a team was awesome and working with my friends just adds that bonus to the activity. Next was Archery, a fun activity I am brilliant at. I guess my Archery lessons came in handy.

First shot I pulled off a white, not bad. Second shot I got blue, better. Third shot I got a red, then fourth shot was a black. Later my arms were exhausted, so we had one free hour of free time. Eventually we had Spaghetti for dinner which was yum! At the end of the day we all went back to our cabins to sleep off the exhausting and tiring day.

Thursday 13th August

As soon as I woke up, I felt the cold air outside blowing through under the doors. I open the door and see the dark clouds and the winding blowing across the road. I got dressed ready to eat my breakfast which was toast with cereal. Afterwards I grabbed my towel and ran off to the lake ready for canoeing. The weather was really cold and I knew the lake was going to be even colder, I chose Tane as my partner to canoe with. After that we had lunch and it was a baked potato with lots of toppings. Later we went to ‘A Maze ’n’ Things’ which is filled with games, illusions and mini golf. Eventually we went back and had dinner and watched Mall Cop!

Friday 14th August

I woke up with exhausted legs and arms and look outside, a sunny day for once! I have breakfast and we get ready to leave. We pack our bags and place it outside and finish off out last activities. Eventually we group up in to our school and walk towards the bus and say “Goodbye to Phillip Island!” I sit down and wait for the bus to arrive at the school.

The bus stops at the school and I gather my bags and wait to be picked up. I walk towards my Mum’s car and lay down on my bed as soon as I get back home and slept from the exhausting and exciting three days. I feel like I am back at Philip Island again by just typing this letter.

By Michael Ebert 5/6D
MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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MAKEUP AND BEAUTY DEMONSTRATION
Topics covered include: Skin Care routine
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Make-up selection for:
every day,
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Come and join us for this FREE session
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CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE
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Understanding Osteoporosis: Tuesday 8th September, 11.15am to 12.15pm Cost: $5
An overview of Osteoporosis, speaker from Arthritis Victoria

Kids Art Classes: Monday afternoons 4pm to 5pm Cost: $10 per class
A perfect class for passionate young artists with sketching, painting, sculpture, drawing, cut-outs and collage.

Amigurumi (Japanese Art of crocheting soft toys): Tuesdays 1pm to 3pm in 3 week blocks Cost: $45
Come and learn the basics of this exciting craft and you will be creating beautiful toys and gifts in no time.

Playgroup: Wednesdays 9.30am to 1pm Ages 0-6 years $6 per family visit
We offer a fabulous venue with indoor and outdoor play and a great collection of toys and activities. New families always welcome to join the fun.

ChildCare: Wednesday and Thursdays 9am to 1pm Cost: $35
Four hour sessions of quality care. A play based program with an emphasis on sharing and cooperation with other children.

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Hatha Yoga - Mondays & Thursdays, 2-3pm
Cost: $10 per class or $9 up front for 10+ classes.
(Seniors receive a $2 discount per class)

Hatha Yoga is a classical form of yoga which focuses on holding postures and maintaining breathing patterns that allow students to calm their minds. Please bring your own mat if you have one (some may be available), a drink and towel. An enrolment form is available from the Centre and must be completed prior to your first class.
Next week, the students of EPS will be taking part in Enviroweek. This week is all about celebrating the efforts that we are already putting into looking after our school environment. Every class in the school will be taking on an Enviroweek challenge that will tie in with their Inquiry and Sustainability unit for this term.

Whole school activities will include:

Monday - everyone is invited to help update our school gardens at lunchtime. We will be weeding the existing vegetable gardens and planting some new seeds ready for spring.

Thursday - Miss Goudey will be hosting a pumpkin growing competition! Come along to plant a pumpkin seed and watch it grow over the coming months. Who can grow the biggest pumpkin?

Celebrations are already well underway in some classrooms! Please ask your child’s teacher if you would like more information about how you can be involved.

Year 1s had lots of fun making robots out of recycled materials—Harry S, Nellie & Rowan

Calling all green thumbs! Please see Miss Goudey if you have any seeds/plants/seedlings that you can donate for our school garden or if you would be interested in helping us care for our garden.
Romsey Primary School is 150 years old this year.

You are invited to join us for our celebrations on Saturday October 24th between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

- School tours and visits to the old school site.
- Displays of student projects, old photos and other memorabilia.
- Performances and demonstrations by students.
- Devonshire Teas and gourmet bar-b-cue.
- Market Stalls.
- A formal ceremony to mark the occasion at 2.30pm.

Catch up with old friends or discover RPS for the first time!

For further information contact us on 03 5429 5099, email romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or visit www.romseyps.edu.au.

On Saturday evening, attend a special screening of Dusty at the Mechanics Hall.

On Sunday visit Sydney Seymour Cottage World Children’s Day activities.

On Sunday enjoy a family picnic day at the old school site.

And while you are in town, look out for special deals in our cafes and restaurants.

Major sponsors:
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council (community grants scheme).
- Bendigo Community Bank—Romsey Branch.
- Parkwood Green Medical Centre—Romsey.
- Romsey Amcal Pharmacy.
- McKimmie’s Gas maintenance and General Plumbing, Kyneton.

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Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad minis W-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo3 headphones
- 200 x $20 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win.

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizetoportal to double their chance of winning a prize. Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.

Win books for your school library.

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for their school library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizetoportal.

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Things to know before you play:
- Conditions apply. See commbank.com.au/promotions for full terms and conditions. Premium starts 1.01.21/21 and ends 30.11.22.
- Student Entry: Entry is open to all School Banking customers and their teacher. Each teacher can enter one student per term. Students can enter through the School Banking portal.
- Teacher Entry: Teachers can enter through the School Banking portal.
- Ends 30.11.22.
- Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/prizetoportal.
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