PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mr James Whitla

This school and our culture is special. Our community spirit is unique and I feel privileged to lead so many wonderful students, parents and staff!

We are already one quarter of the way through this term! How time flies. It will be another packed term and I encourage you to take a moment to check in with the Calendar of Events on the last page of the newsletter.

Over the past fortnight our students have been excited to continue making class movies about ‘Fractured Fairy tales’ which will be shown on the night of Thursday 17 November. The Performing Arts committee are finalising a few minor details and there will be some more information about this evening coming soon. Watch this space!

It’s been terrific to see the energy and enthusiasm shown by our students as they embraced their intensive swimming program this year. Pleasingly, I have heard first hand; and received plenty of other comments; about the polite manners and behaviour our students have shown boarding the bus and on the pool deck. This is what helps to ensure that Edithvale is a great place to be a student, parent and teacher.

Class Structures in 2017: Determining the composition of classes for 2017 is a comprehensive process undertaken by our teaching team each year. It involves many hours of consideration and the overriding goal is to achieve a balance of competencies across each class at each level. The factors that are analysed to achieve this balance include a spread of academic abilities as well as a mixture of social skills and behavioural characteristics.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is not attending EPS next year, as we are about to begin the process of designing our transition program for later in the term. If you have any additional information that you believe is relevant to us concerning your child’s learning needs as we begin this process, please let me know in writing, as soon as possible and we will aim to accommodate them.

Please be assured that the complex process of determining next year’s classes is a major undertaking by our teachers and that we all want the best for each of our students. I ask that you support and trust the professional judgements of our teaching staff on this important matter.

It is looking like we will have 2 classes of Prep/Foundation students in 2017 and their transition continued this week with a visit from students currently at the Edithvale Family and Children’s Centre as we continue to support their transition into school. We continue to enrol students at other year levels and many new parents offer to us that ‘there is a great feel and strong community spirit’ at Edithvale Primary.

Our annual FUN RUN is on again and this year we will be holding the event on Thursday 3 November. This is always a wonderful day with plenty of parents either joining in with the run, or cheering on our students. For the adults, Adam from Charisma Coffee will be on site throughout the morning and for the students, we will cook a BBQ and provide them with a sausage and icy pole at the conclusion of the run. This year we are aiming to raise $10,000 to help us continue to provide a stimulating learning environment.

Finally with Melbourne Cup Day nearly upon us, we acknowledge that there will be families taking the Monday beforehand, thus creating a well-earned long weekend. Historically we have had anywhere between 40-60% of our students at school working on a modified curriculum with a different timetable. If your child will be absent on Monday 31 October can you please let the ladies in the office know and we can mark the rolls accordingly.

Have a wonderful fortnight.
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Mr Steve Smith

The School Council and sub-committees have been very busy these past two weeks. Our Fundraising sub-committee is currently preparing for the Fun Run which is less than two weeks away on Thursday 3 November. All parents are welcome to come watch this event. Information about the Fun Run has been sent home and can also be found on the school website.

Only 147 days until the EPS Twilight Fair! For the fair to be a great success, we rely on the support and help of our parent community. For this to occur, we welcome any offers of help/support – no size too small. Over the past two weeks the Fair sub-committee have started to build a list of parents who have offered their time. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help make our fair a success. We will be contacting you soon.

If you are interested in helping with the school fair please remember to return your completed Crew Call form to the office, or complete the Crew Call online using the following QR code or URL: http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au/fair/crew-call

If you are interested in being involved in any of the sub-committees, or have any good ideas please come and see me or put in a note at the office. Our next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 8 November.

STUDENT SAFETY

Our students are our priority within the school environment and we respectfully ask all parents and care givers to be mindful that some children are unfamiliar and/or afraid of dogs. With this in mind we are seeking your assistance in refraining from bringing dogs onto our school grounds as per the signage displayed; or leaving them tied up and left unattended, particularly close to a school entrance. In following these guidelines we can continue to all work together to provide a safe, secure and friendly environment for all members of our school community.

CANTEEN
Mrs Diane Cameron

Goodness me, term 4 is already 3 weeks done and most days are getting a little warmer, although every now and then Melbourne mixes it up with a blast of chilly winds and rain. All items are now fully stocked and back by popular demand are the frozen juice cups ($1.00) selling at lunch times from next week.

With swimming almost over, days in the canteen have been a bit topsy turvy with lunch and recess times changed for some classes. A big thanks to my wonderful volunteers who have helped me during this time. Also thank you to some year 6 students who have also helped serve in the canteen. The term 4 Menu was in the last newsletter and there are some copies available at the office or canteen or on Tqibiz.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM FOUR

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SOUTHERN METRO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Mr Scott Chalwell

Congratulations to our 4 student athletes Cleo Cook (1500m), Sophie Wilcock (Long Jump, 200m), Sam Hay (1500m) and Tom Wilcock (200m, 800m) who recently represented the school at the Southern Metro Athletics on 13 October. Great effort by all and we couldn’t be more proud! Tom and Sophie now move through to the State Athletics!
New strain of norovirus and hand hygiene

The Department of Health and Human Services has identified a new strain of norovirus that may lead to gastroenteritis outbreaks. Norovirus is characterised by acute onset of nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms may include fever, headaches and muscle aches. Symptoms usually resolve after 48 hours, but if a parent is concerned about their child’s symptoms they should seek medical attention.

To help prevent the spread of norovirus, everyone should:

- avoid attending work or school when experiencing gastroenteritis symptoms and advise the school of their illness
- stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours
- maintain strict hand hygiene procedures at all times. Hands must be washed with soap and water, especially after going to the toilet and before eating or preparing food. If running water is temporarily not available, alcohol-based hand sanitiser should be used until running water is available

Soap and running water have been clinically shown to be more effective for preventing norovirus transmission than alcohol-based hand sanitisers. Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are also not as effective in cleaning hands when hands are visibly dirty or soiled.

Borrowed Clothing

From time to time our students need to borrow a change of clothing from our sick bay. When this happens we ask that you launder the clothes and return them as soon as possible.

Our supply of small sizes, including socks and underwear, is now depleted as a number of items have not been returned.

Please check your child’s school clothes and if you find anything from sick bay, please return it ASAP.

Thank you.

MINI FAIR

Mr Luke McMaster

Last term the Year 5/6’s ran a school mini-fair as part of their Inquiry into Economics. They did an unbelievable job in the running of the fair and ended up making a massive profit of $1,000! The students decided they wanted to donate the proceeds of the mini-fair to charity. They voted on the charity they would like to donate to and ended up voting to give the profits to the Cancer Council.

In the first week of this term a representative of the Cancer Council came and visited our Year 5/6 students to tell them about what the Cancer Council do and to accept our donation. This is what he said about our students:

“Thanks for the opportunity this morning as a volunteer, to represent the Cancer Council Victoria, and meet up with yourself and the kids.

What a wonderful effort in raising that amazing sum of money, and donating it to the cancer cause.

They are a most impressive group of children, both in presentation, attentiveness and the quality of the questions.

They are a credit to the school and the teaching staff”.

Kindest Regards, Roy
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Term 4 is here and with it comes an impressive list of extra-curricular activities! A big thank you once again to all the staff, parents and friends of our school community who have volunteered to run an activity. We are excited to present new opportunities for everyone to explore and discover what hidden passions or talents you might have! Here is a short description of each activity with a timetable below:

**Baking**
Do you love the smell of freshly baked goodies? Ever wonder how mixing different ingredients create a scrumptious treat? Wonder no more! Come and join us every Thursday and learn how to bake! First in, best dressed, only 8 students per session.

**Cheerleading**
Cheerleading is open to all students who are wishing to try something fun and energetic. If you want to try dancing and learning new moves, come and join us!

**Crack the Code (Coding)**
Interested in refining or learning how to use code to animate and create? Come down and join us at Crack the Code on a Tuesday!

**Computer Club**
Love technology? Come and play a series of fun and exciting ICT games in the lab! Discover and explore the wonderful world of computers.

**Construction in the Harmony Pit**
Are you ready to let your imagination run wild and create amazing structures out of everyday items? This is the activity for you! Come and join us as we use cardboard boxes and other materials to build some marvellous creations.

**Decorating Delight**
She’s back! Come and satisfy your sweet tooth by learning to decorate shortbread with a master chef. Learn how to artistically style a delicious treat and make it into a work of art!

**Environment**
Stop and smell the roses! It’s time to be a true environmentalist. Learn about all green and growing things while keeping our school beautiful and clean!

**Hip Hop**
Have a boogie and join the crew. Want to try and learn some dance grooves? Come to hip hop and have a go at dancing to different kinds of music, beats and rhythms!

**Gymnastics Club**
Want to learn new tricks? Or maybe you would like to challenge yourself and your flexibility. Come and try out the exciting activities in store for you here at Gymnastics Club!

**Indoor Soccer**
Test your dribbling skills with a fun indoor soccer game amongst your year level. Master new skills and technique while learning to be a great team player!

**Fitness Fun**
Get ready to practise and master your ball handling skills while keeping fit and having fun. Get ready to move around the netball court and maybe make new friends along the way!

**SRC**
The Student Representative Council meets once every fortnight to discuss events and activities for the whole school. We are currently preparing fun activities and fundraisers for this term.
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**EDITHVALE CHEER AND HIP HOP**

*Mrs Sharlotte Roa & Mrs Kerrie Evans*

Congratulations to the talented students who once again represented Edithvale Primary School with flying colours at the World Cup Cheer and Dance competition last weekend! Both teams came in first place with the Edithvale Hip Hop Team coming first out of three.

Well done to all the students and a big thank you to the parents who came and supported both teams!

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**CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR FAIR?**

*EPS Fair Committee*

If you are interested in helping with the EPS Twilight Fair please complete the Crew Call online using the following QR code or URL:


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40A Edithvale Rd, Edithvale
Saturday, October 22nd 1pm - 3pm
0404275765

Together we can improve the planet, one person at a time, one household at a time, and one family at a time.

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OCCASIONAL CARE
Mondays, 1.00pm to 4.00pm | Thursdays, 8.30am to 12.30pm
For children aged from 6 months to 6 years old

Do you need a break, want to do some Christmas shopping, or is there an endless list of chores you can’t get finished?

Occasional care is a more affordable alternative option to long day care.

Facilitated by our qualified preschool staff, we offer an educational program that promotes children’s learning and development.

Call the Centre for more information.

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Thursdays, 4.00pm to 4.45pm
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($12.00 per class or $110.00 per eleven week term)

Yoga has enormous benefits to a child’s wellbeing, including improved concentration, better sleep patterns, greater self-esteem and a stronger immune system.

These classes offer a wonderful opportunity for parent-child bonding as accompanying adults are invited to join the class for free.

Booking essential, contact our office.

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**LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

**1.15pm Dismissal**

**Foundation 2017 Transition**

9.30am - 11.15am

**‘Fractured Fairy Tales’ Movie Night**

**Science Day**

Graduation Photo

**Curriculum Day**

No Students required at school

**Year 5 Bike Ed**

**Parent Helpers Morning Tea**

**Year 4 Bike Ed**

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**Whole School Student Transition**

**Year 6 Big Day Out & Graduation**