



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 7

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Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Denise Webster

What a fantastic time we had during Education Week at EPS. We had many visitors to the school over the course of the week and all students were involved in activities which allowed them to celebrate their learning. Many parents of our Preps for 2013 came for a tour of the school and it was wonderful to hear our current students talk about their school with such obvious pride. Our Education Showcase Trail on Wednesday afternoon gave parents an opportunity to see the school through the eyes of their children and take part in a range of learning experiences that were designed and facilitated by the students themselves. Thank you for joining us during this very special week and for providing us with your feedback—this will assist us in ensuring our next celebration is equally as good, if not better!

We are taking enrolments now, for 2013 - if your child is due to start Prep next year, please come in and have a chat or a tour and get an enrolment information pack. Our Prep Transition program begins in Term 3. Also, if you know of any parents who may have not yet contacted us, please let them know that now is the time to enrol.

The recent cold, rainy weather has been taking a little bit of effort to get used to - but now that winter has really arrived I would like to remind students that they need to have warm clothing on when they are outside in the yard. If you need to buy new items, the uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 2.45 pm until 4.15 pm.

Last week we had the first meeting of the Centenary Committee. We have a very interested and energetic group consisting of parents, teachers and community members and we have already started work in preparation for our celebration next year.

We also know that 'many hands make light work' so please join us if you would like to be a part of this working party. We have already established smaller groups to cover the range of work: Marketing, Historical Research, Fundraising etc. So, if one of these groups interests you, please come to our next meeting which will be held on 19 July in the staffroom, at 5.30 pm. Furthermore, if you have any 'memorabilia' - photos/books/documents - that relate to the early years of Edithvale Primary School, our historical research team would be most pleased to hear from you. A space on our web site will be developed shortly that will keep you up to date with the progress of our planning.

Dear Parents/Guardians ...

The Australian Education Union (AEU) will be calling on its members to stop work for 24 hours on June 7, 2012. Some members of our staff may be participating in this action. A note will be sent home on Tuesday, June 5 providing information about which classes will be not required to attend on Thursday June 7.

We understand that this action might present difficulties for some parents and we hope by providing this advance notice you will be able to consider alternative arrangements for use if necessary.

NOW THAT THE WEATHER HAS TURNED RATHER
COLD, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A SCHOOL
JUMPER WITH YOU AND PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS
LABELLED WITH YOUR NAME.



YEAR 4 CAMP MANYUNG



Information has gone home to the parents of our Year 4 students about their camp from 5–7 September at ‘Camp Manyung’. Camp Manyung is located in Sunnyside Road, Mt Eliza. The \$50 deposit needs to be paid up front to secure our booking.

The camp aims to improve independence and responsibility in the children, as well as to enjoy the social and physical aspects that the camp environment provides. Many of the children will be challenged by new and exciting activities such as team challenges, archery, orienteering and the exhilarating Giant Swing and Flying Fox.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL

This week we held the first of a series of emergency evacuation procedures, that we are required by DEECD to conduct on a regular basis. We are pleased to report that our students conducted themselves in a safe and secure manner.

In the coming weeks we will be holding further practice drills that aim to ensure the safety of our entire school community.

LUNCH CLUBS AT EPS

HIP HOP

With Mrs Cua on Fridays @ 1.40pm in the Learning Centre (Yr 6 boys & girls).

CHEERLEADING

With Mrs Evans on Thursdays, @ 1.40 in the Learning Centre (Years 4 and 5 boys and girls).

RUNNING

With Miss Rohan, Wednesday mornings
8.15 -8.45 (Anyone can join in).

CHOIR

With Mrs Webster and Mrs Cua Wednesdays @ 1.40 pm in the learning centre (Anyone can join in).

DECOUPAGE

With Mrs Ostojic Fridays @ 1.45 in prep room.
(Only for grades 1, 2 and 3) Starting Friday May 11th. Mrs Ostojic will put an announcement over to remind interested children.

*** See Mrs Glavis or Mrs Cua for any queries ***

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

A reminder to all students and parents that Vegemite toast is a window sale item at recess only, not a lunch order item.

Also can lunch orders be written in blue or black pen please! Fluoro pens or gel pens are sometimes very hard to read.

A big thanks to the parent volunteers over the last two weeks

Hot Apple Pies are UNAVAILABLE until further notice

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM TWO

June 4th	June 5th	June 7th	June 8th
Shauna McMillan	Michelle Aronleigh	Lara Sinclair	Christine Ozanne
June 11th	June 12th	June 14th	June 15th
NO SCHOOL		Kellie Kingsley	Kerrie Mussert

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Mon 4th	♦ Year 6 Life Education begins
Tue 5th	♦ School Council Meeting
Mon 11th	♦ Queen's Birthday—No School Today
Mon 25th	♦ Little Devils Circus begins ♦ Parent Teacher Interviews
Tues 26th	♦ Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 27th	♦ Hot Dog Day
Fri 29th	♦ Last Day of Term Two
Sat 30th	♦ Cheerleading Comp Geelong Arena

JULY

Mon 16th	♦ First Day of Term Three
Wed 19th	♦ Centenary Committee Meeting

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ONLINE BOOKING SERVICE

Next week the youngest or only child in your family will receive a notice informing you on how to book a Parent Teacher Interview using our online service. The interviews will be conducted on Monday 25th June or Tuesday 26th June with one booking time of 10 minutes allocated per student.

All bookings must be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Please insert the code **VD2VV** into the School Event Code space, click the 'GO' button, and follow the prompts. A computer will be available in the office area during school hours if you do not have internet access at home. Please take the time to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

REPORTS – YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What are the major features of the student report card?

- ◆ A-E scale
- ◆ Clear information about your child's strengths and weaknesses
- ◆ An indication of your child's progress over the previous 12 months
- ◆ A plan for how your school will support your child's future learning
- ◆ Advice on how you can support your child
- ◆ Student involvement in reporting

Why are there A-E ratings on the report cards?

Parents have told us that the different reporting scales used by schools in the past were confusing. They want a clearer and more consistent indication of the progress their child has made.

The introduction of the A-E scale means all government schools (with the exception of some specialist schools) will be using the same approach to reporting progress against the same standards. The A-E ratings will have the same meaning no matter which government school your child attends or where you are located in Victoria.

What exactly do the A-E ratings mean?

A indicates achievement that is well above the standard expected for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child understands and is able to successfully work with knowledge and skills that are significantly more complex than would normally be expected.

B indicates achievement that is above the standard expected for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child understands more complex ideas and has a broader range of skills than would normally be expected.

C indicates achievement that is at the standard expected for your child's year level at the time of

reporting. It means that your child's learning is on track and that they understand and can apply the range of knowledge and skills expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

D indicates achievement that is below the standard expected for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means there are some skills and knowledge that your child has yet to acquire before they can be said to be achieving at the expected standard.

E indicates achievement that is well below the standard expected for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means there are significant areas of knowledge and skills your child needs to acquire before they can be said to be achieving at the expected standard.

Isn't a 'C' a disappointing result?

No, it is not at all. It is important to remember that if your child receives a 'C' on the report card it indicates that their learning is on track and they are achieving the statewide standard that is expected of them at the time of reporting.

In the past, a 'C' in some schools might have meant the child was performing below the standard expected. This is no longer the case.

Doesn't this mean that nearly all students will receive a 'C'?

No. In any one class, children will be reaching different standards at different times in the different learning areas. This is because students are graded on achievement, not simply time served as in some previous reporting systems.

National tests, such as the NAPLAN as well as tests from other countries, confirm that there is often a wide range of achievement in any one class in a school. For instance, while level 5 is the standard expected for students in the second semester of Year 8, there are likely to be students at the end of Year 8 who achieve well beyond that standard, and some who will still be working towards achieving it.

What are the learning standards?

Your child's achievement is measured against statewide standards. The standards in our schools are called the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. They outline what is important for students to learn as they progress in their learning from Prep to Year 10.

How will my child be assessed?

The Victorian Essential Learning Standards provide a clear set of standards for assessment of student achievement. Students achieve the standards by successfully completing a wide range of learning and assessment activities. The activities for assessment include writing, performing, creating and responding to a range of tasks and tests.

For further information ...

To see what achievement is expected of your child's year level visit our website: <http://vels.vcaa.vic.edu.au/parent/parentbook.html>

To find out more about the student reports visit our website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/studentreports/default.htm>

If you have any queries or feedback contact the Department of Education by email: student.reports@edumail.vic.gov.au

EDITHVALE SHOWCASE TRAIL

Written by the Students of Year 3



Last Wednesday, to celebrate Education Week, the teachers organised a Showcase Trail to explain to parents and carers the exciting things we are able to do and learn at our school.

Everyone was busy following the trail and trying to get to as many activities as possible.

Making tiles in the art room was extremely popular and there were about 130 made by families during the afternoon.

The Preps showed how to use the Perceptual Motor Program (P.M.P) then you could have a turn, seeing how much fun it was and how good for coordination.

Year Two did science experiments to teach about magnets, floating and you could also listen to your own heart beat with a stethoscope.

Year Three were in the computer lab showing the educational games that students can use, as well as the books and pictures in the library. There were also French games using computers.

In the Learning Centre there were lots of things to do, such as, playing maths games on interactive white boards or using programs on the net book computers and shopping with the Year Fours.

FEEDBACK from the day ...

The teachers received lots of feedback from the people who came to the trail including comments such as;

“Looking at the school through my children’s eyes - seeing a full range of activities”

“It was nice to be shown around by my children who showed a real sense of belonging to EPS.”

“The children were enthusiastic about what they do at school and they were proud of the amenities that encourage them to learn.”

“It was great to see families having fun together”!

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

This promotion has now started and sticker sheets were sent home two weeks ago. Until 1 July, you can collect stickers at Woolworths. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card (which will be sent home shortly). Once the card is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box which has been decorated by our Year 4 students.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Fundraising Committee

We have had a great response to our Chocolate Fundraiser. Keep up the good work and send your money and unsold chocolates along to school as soon as possible.

Note: BPay and EMA payments cannot be taken for this fundraiser, If paying by cheque; cheques should be made out to Edithvale Primary School.

MOBILE PHONE FUNDRAISER

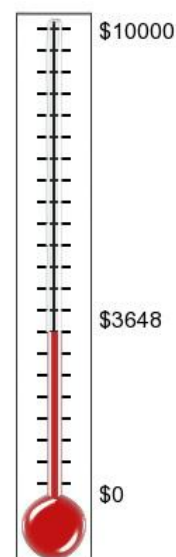
Remember to send along all your unwanted mobile phones. When our collection box is full we send them off to ‘Foneraiser’ and the school will receive \$3.00 per phone, which will go towards our perimeter fence.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NEW FENCE

Our fundraising, for our new perimeter fence is continuing and the profits from the Entertainment Books and the Chocolate Fundraiser will be added to this total soon.

So far we have raised
\$3,648.81

The Mobile Phone ‘Foneraiser’ will also contribute towards these funds so keep sending them along to school.



CROSS COUNTRY

Two weeks ago, in very trying and testing conditions, we took a dedicated group of cross country runners to Cornish Campus to represent Edithvale Primary School at the District Championships.

On a very windy and wet day our students performed admirably and their effort and attitude is to be commended. Below is a list the team we proudly took with us.

Camille Nightingale	Josh McKintosh	Anastasia King
Kacey Quennell	Philbert Lan	Lily Cooper
Chloe Prasad	Mitchell Nickhols	Hannah Smith
Jessica Mills	Reece Mitchell	Teagan Crichton
Caitlin Bourne	Nick Baker	Emily hawker
Tjala Hobbs	Harry Cawley	Amelia Vella
Kirah Hard	Drew Kugimiya	Katie Ingram
Jamie Garbellini	Daisie Cooper	Megan Poole
Jackson Davies	Emma Weatherly	Sarah Bryce
Tom Culliton	Paige Hyrons	Bailey Bocksette
Winiata Mackintosh	Annabel Syme	Kain Kugimiya
Mac Cleaver	Brooke Pearson	Max Kingsbury
Will Hampson	Holly Cox	Jake Schranz
Samson Melatua	Holli Richards	Dean Cappy
Ben Hepworth	Imogen McKendry	Alex Bailey
James Lovitt	Shaun Ford	Alex Griffiths

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO SEND LUNCH ORDERS ON WEDNESDAYS AS OUR CANTEEN DOES NOT OPEN ON A WEDNESDAY. THANK YOU.

WHO WILL BE THE NEW DOLLARMITE!

As part of the Commonwealth Bank's centenary celebrations we want to find Australia's best School Banking Saver! As such between 16 April and 30 June 2012, we are running a fun and exciting School Banking competition with the winning child being transformed into their very own Dollarmite character.

Being part of the competition is easy. A student simply needs to make a minimum of 5 deposits at school during the competition period and then provide us with their best savings tip.

The winning school/class will receive 25 iPads and a \$1,500 excursion! For the winning student, as well as being 'Dollarmized', they will receive an annual movie pass for their family. There are also 50 runner up prize packs that include iPads, excursions, movie tickets and thousands of Dollarmite consolation prizes for the students.



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THERE IS ONE MAIN INGREDIENT MISSING IN ALL THESE SCENARIOS LISTED ABOVE: A CONNECTION TO THE HEART. Let me teach you how getting connected to your right brain dissipates all the unnecessary thinking.

Tracey Koppens, a whole brain psychologist with 15 years' experience, will show you how to use all your creative facilities and connect the dots to live a successful life.

Her passion and heartfelt ways will capture your desire to make the changes you've always wanted to follow. Come along and take a chance on yourself and discover what real authentic needs are. Learning how to live a passionate life will absolutely change your life in ways you could never have imagined.

Dates: Workshop One: 23rd June
Workshop Two: 30th June
Venue: Wild Yam Health Store
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NETBALL CAMP PROGRAMS

Australian Sports Camps are offering a winter program of Netball camps during the July school holidays.

The program is overseen by an experienced and enthusiastic coaching panel.

See Kerry Mitvalsky for a brochure or for more information FREECALL: 1300 914 368 or go to www.australinsportscamps.com.au



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ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Ph 9587 5955 Fax 9587 5280

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre has a variety of activities for the young and the young at heart. From sport and fitness classes (for kids and adults), dance, kids music classes, playgroups, occasional care and more. For a copy of our activity brochure, or any enquiries, phone 9587 5955 or check out our website www.agcsinc.org.au

Free: Diabetes Screening- Australia's fastest growing chronic disease with almost one in four adults having or being at risk of diabetes. Screening sessions will be available at Aspendale Gardens Community Centre on Mon 4th June & Fri 8th June from 9-11am, Tuesday 19th June from 11am-12pm and Thursday 21st June from 9-10.30 am. Screening takes approximately 5 minutes and those at risk may be eligible to attend FREE courses to minimise risk or learn strategies to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Enquiries ph. 0458 144 904

Fair Ladies Market Night- Friday 22nd June from 7.30-9.30pm. Get the girls together for a night of fun at our Ladies' Market Night. Enjoy some nibbles and a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival while discovering what our various stalls have to offer. Stalls include homewares, jewellery, lingerie, massage, tarot readings and more! Entry only \$5 and bookings are essential. Buy your ticket now and avoid disappointment. Enquiries ph. 9587 5955

NEW! Slime Lab- Science workshops for kids aged 4plus. Wednesdays

4-5pm. Kids can enjoy science in a safe, fun and educational way creating their own colourful slime. Only non-toxic and environmentally safe products used in activities.

Phone Linda on 0413 338 658 or email slime.lab@hotmail.com

Zumba- Tuesdays 7.30pm-8.30pm. Get fit and toned while having fun with the fitness craze that has taken the world by storm. Only \$12 per session. Contact Mel on 0414 353 827

Zumbatomic for kids 4-12yrs. Big starz (8-12yrs) Wednesdays 3.45-4.30pm and Thursdays 4.15-5pm. Lil' Starz (4-7yrs), Thursdays 1-1.30pm and 3.45-4.15pm. Enquiries ph. Dani on 0411 139 795

Thump boxing Thursdays 2pm-3pm with B Tru 2 U Fitness. Outdoor 30 minute express classes and personal training sessions also available. Enquiries ph. Connie on 0414 671 066

ASPENDALE STINGRAYS BEGINNERS SOCCER SKILLS PROGRAM



free open day

For boys and girls aged 5 to 7
Browns Reserve, Browns Lane, Aspendale
SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 9.15am - 11.00am

Beginners Soccer Skills Program
for boys aged 5-7

Commencing 10th June 2012
at Browns Reserve, Browns Lane, Aspendale
9.0am to 10.15am every Sunday for 10 weeks

\$99 per child

For more information contact: Chris
Anastassiades

Email: chris1an@hotmail.com

Or go to the Club's website
www.aspendalesc.com

CITY OF KINGSTON VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Program Dates: Monday 2nd July -13th July, 2012

Enrolments Start: Monday 4th June.

Close : Friday, 22nd June 2012

It is requested that enrolments for Children who require support for inclusion in a program be submitted by Friday, 15th June 2012.

Vacation Care Brochure's are now available at the school office or can be downloaded from the Kingston website www.kingston.vic.gov.au.

For enquiries please call the Vacation Care Team on (03)9581 4846 or (03)9581 4875

THE A–Z OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The After School Program is conducted by Kingston Council in our school hall from 3.30 pm to 6.15 pm on school days. After School Care was established to provide quality care for primary school children in a supervised, relaxed, safe & fun environment. The program caters for parents who work, study or due to other commitments require After School Care and to allow children to play together, participating in the varied recreation activities provided. Parents wishing to enrol their children are asked to contact Kingston City Council on 9581 4867 for further information.

BPAY OPTION

You can pay your excursions and other charges, via internet banking. Your BPay reference will be printed on your statement. *Please only use BPay for payments of \$20 or over. You can of course, combine several outstanding charges to make the \$20 minimum.*

For ALL BPay payments, we need to be notified of what your payment is for. The easiest way is to email us on edithvale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with BPay in the subject line. Or of course, tick the BPay option on your payment envelope or excursion notice. If you have any queries, please phone Sandie Wishart on 9772 1393.

CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT INFORMATION

A yellow envelope was sent home to all families early in the year, with several forms which need completing and returning to school. These forms were to be returned to school by **29 February** and there are still a number outstanding. It is important for us to hold current student information at school, which includes medical information and emergency contacts, in case of an unforeseen accident or illness. If you haven't returned your forms, would you please send them back as soon possible and if you change any of your details throughout the year, please let us know ASAP. If you need a new form, please let us know.

ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

We are now sending quarterly family statements out via email, which has been a big success. We are also sending electronic copies of newsletters. At present, we will still be sending a hard copy, but at some stage this will stop, unless you specifically request a hard copy.

In time, we will commence sending newsletters via email every fortnight and eliminate the number we need to print. This should make things easier for everyone and will make us a much 'greener' school! If you don't have an email address, then of course, you will still receive a hard copy.

LATE PASSES

If you are late to school, you must come to the office for a late pass. It is then taken to class and given to your teacher, where it is collected and recorded on our CASES21 attendance system. This is a legal requirement—not just a requirement of the school.

MONEY ISSUES

Please note that we do not have money readily available at the office to give change. The day's takings are banked every day and we do not hold a 'float' for the next morning. Please endeavour to bring the correct money when making payments or use BPay where possible, which will save you a trip to the office—and save us a trip to the bank!

PARKING ISSUES

Please observe all parking signs around the school, particularly in Haig Avenue. Reports have come in from parents, that people are being booked by by-laws officers in that area on a regular basis. **Please note also, that for safety reasons, parents are not permitted to park in the staff car park.**

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Our school crossings are an important part of our school. They enable both children and adults to cross the roads that bound our school in safety. Please use the crossings correctly to ensure everyone's safety and to set a good example for our students.

STUDENT BANKING DAY

Bank books are brought to school on **TUESDAY** for processing on Wednesday. Forms for new accounts are available from the school office. With as little as 50 cents and a **Youth Saver Account**, you can become a super saver! Don't forget your school banking. Keep on saving for your rewards—and help raise funds for your school at the same time as we receive a commission on all deposits made via the school.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is located in the Prep corridor between Prep 1 and Prep 2 and is open every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 pm–4:15 pm. Payments can be made by EFTPOS or cash.

UNIFORM SHOP—SECOND HAND

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is located in the School Hall and is open every Tuesday afternoon from approximately 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Cash only please.