



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3—Week 7 1 September 2011

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

We have finally made it into the new learning centre!

I must thank you all—students, teachers and parents—for your patience over the past year.

The students moved in yesterday and spent much of their time acclimatising to the space and the newness.

The transition into the new space will take a little while as we all get used to working in a more flexible environment. Many of the students provided a guided tour for their parents and brothers and sisters and it was great to hear them speak with such pride.

There is of course a little more to do before we can fully utilise the entire area - on the French Avenue side of the building we will construct an outdoor learning space.

We are hoping to do some of this work at the next working bee which will be held on **Saturday, September 17**. If you can spare a few hours on this morning we will be most appreciative.

There will be a few small staff changes in the next week: welcome to Ms Tanya Gibbon who will join the level 4 team on a part time basis. Ms Kimberley Rolls, who has worked with the students since May, will be classroom teacher for 5/6C while Ms Barb Sharp takes extended leave to have knee surgery. I'm sure that you will join us in wishing her a very speedy recovery.

Welcome to our new Preps for 2012 -they had their first transition session today and we hope that they had a wonderful time with this year's preps.

Many thanks to our hard working PFA members who have organised the Father's Day stall this year. Happy Father's Day to all of our Dads - have a fabulous day on Sunday.

EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN DRILL

James Whitla—Assistant Principal

As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety of the entire Edithvale Primary School community, we are going to participate in a simulated **Emergency Lock Down** at school in the week beginning Monday September 5th.

Staff will discuss the procedures with all students in order to help students stay calm during the simulation.

If you are in the school on the day of our simulated lock down, can you please participate fully and follow any directions given.

The purpose of doing this is to refine our Emergency Management Procedures to ensure we are well versed in a range of possible emergency situations and that all staff, students and parents respond in a safe, calm and appropriate manner.

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Fri 2nd	◆ Prep Gingerbread Factory Excursion.
Tue 6th	◆ Parent Maths Information Session.
Fri 9th	◆ Curriculum Planning Day. ◆ Pupil Free Day.
Tue 13th	◆ School Council.
Wed 14th	◆ French Day.
Fri 16th	◆ Interschool Athletics Carnival.
Sat 17th	◆ Working Bee 8.30 am to 12.30 pm
Fri 23rd	◆ Last Day of Term 3—2.30 pm Finish.

OCTOBER

Fri 24th	◆ Swimming Program Commences (over 8 days).
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NOVEMBER

Fri 4th	◆ Swimming Program Concludes.
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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

James Whitla—Assistant Principal

Last Friday we conducted the Edithvale House Athletics Day where students competed in Hurdles, 100m, 200m, Shot Put, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump and 800m.

It was fantastic to see all of our students compete in a determined manner and their effort and attitude was exemplary. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all of our Year 4-6 students who strived to perform at their very best. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the many parent helpers and supporters who turned out on the day to help make it run smoothly. Without the assistance of our wider school community, we can not run such days—so a BIG THANK YOU to you all.

Thanks also to the Chelsea Little Athletics Club who opened their doors for us and provided much of the equipment we used on the day.

The Edithvale Primary School Athletics Team which will represent us at the District Athletics Day has now been chosen and we wish all competitors the very best of luck.

EPS WORKING BEE



Saturday 17th September

8.30 am - 12.30pm

Bring along wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels & brooms. Yummy morning tea provided.

PFA NEWS

Diane Cameron

We have received a great response from our students for the Father's Day stall, which has some wonderful gifts this year.

Thank you to all parent helpers who attended the wrapping day on Tuesday and worked at the stall on Thursday.

A great job well done by PFA members - Rachel, Karen, Sarah, Helen, Melinda in organising and making this year's stall a great success.

The next meeting and further activities for the 2011 year will be posted in the next newsletter.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Debra McNaughton

All SRC students will be involved in a special 'Act Belong Commit' learning session on Friday. Students will be learning about mental health awareness and sharing their knowledge with their classmates.

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 3

Mon 5th	Tue 6th	Thu 8th	Fri 9th
Lissa Lawson	Becky Evangelista	Sharon Vanderwyk	Christine Ozanne
Mon 12th	Tue 13th	Thu 15th	Fri 16th
Shauna McMillin	Claire Stewart	Mark O'Hehir	Mark Weatherley

With all that's been happening and around the school, I realise there are only 3 more weeks of Term 3 remaining. The menu which has not changed since last term, will be changed early Term 4 with warmer days to come. We will however, continue with hot chocolate (\$1.00), noodles (\$2.20) and soup & roll (\$2.00) for the month of October.

Remember Pizzas (\$2.60) are back on the menu, and prices of ginger kids (\$1.20) and JJs (\$1.00) have been changed.

A big thanks to my parent helpers over the last fortnight. Term 4 roster will be sent out soon.

FOOTY DAY

Debra McNaughton

Our school footy day was a great success! The school was a sea of colours as we all supported the Spina Bifida Association. Well done to the Cook House team members for running the handball competition and mini footy match. It was wonderful to see children of all ages having a go.

Thank you to Melinda Zwetsloot for initiating this wonderful day. Money is still being counted and totals will be announced during assembly on Friday.

Don't forget that 50c lolly pops and \$1.00 lolly bags will be available from the canteen tomorrow. All money raised will go towards the Spina Bifida Association.

RECOUNT WRITING BY GRADE 1

Karen Laurent

Grade 1 children wrote about their excursion to the Botanical Gardens.

The students were asked to concentrate on writing using the correct structure of a recount - a title; an orientation; a list of events using time words such as then, after, finally and a personal comment. They were also asked to use descriptive language. Below are two examples which included these aspects.



FANTASTIC EXCURSION

by Tom Wilcock

On Wednesday we went to the Botanical gardens. We went there in a big bus. The Grade 2s came too.

We had playlunch when we got there. We got to see an aboriginal man. He lit a fire. It did not smell good and it stung my eyes.

Robyn showed us Mister Grumpy, a prickly tree. He bit me.

I started to feel thirsty. We saw some ugly eels and swans. Flynn and I were dying of thirst! Finally we got our lunch.

On the way home I fell asleep. When we got to school my side was second off the bus.

What a great day!

BOTANIC GARDENS EXCURSION

by Lachie Stacey

On the excursion we had to go on a bus. When we got off the bus we went into the Botanical Gardens. When we got there we had our snack.

After that we walked and walked. We had four activities.

An aboriginal man welcomed us with a fire. We walked through the aboriginal supermarket looking at the trees they used.

We looked at aboriginal tools and did some painting. Then we went and looked at some eels.

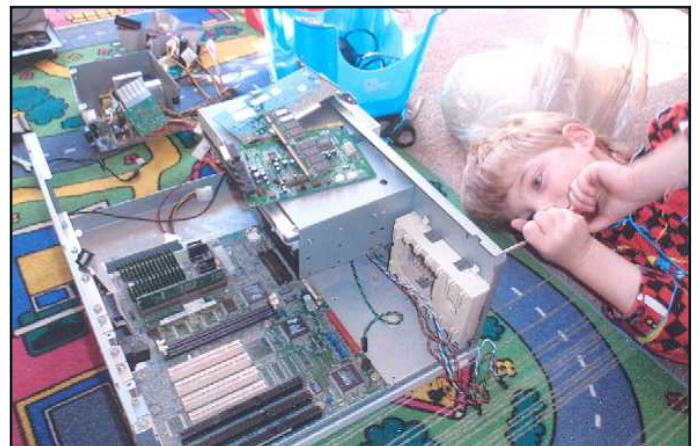
I had such a good day!

MY COMPUTER ADVENTURE

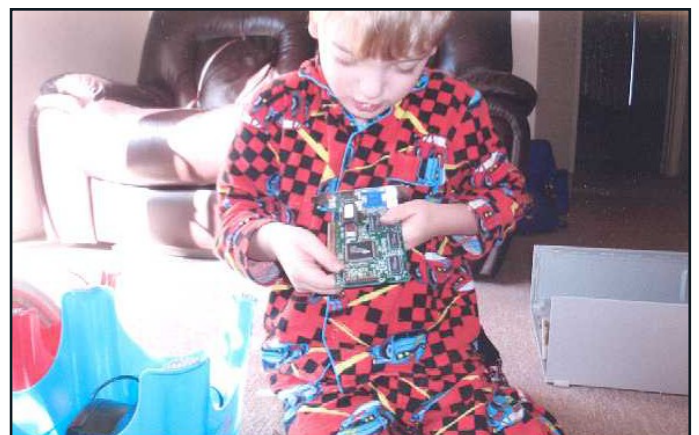
by Jake Aronleigh - Prep 1

This is the recount story that Jake Aronleigh from Prep 1 wrote last week.

I took apart a computer and it was hard. I found out how it worked.



It was dusty inside the hard drive. It needs lots of cords in the hard drive to run the computer.



TERM 3 ART NEWS

Jenny Lang

This term, Year 3 and 4 students are learning about different forms of transport. In the Art room we have been working on some fantastic hot air balloons. They will be on display in the office area next week. We then move on to looking at ships & boats from different countries and will design and make a ship in a bottle.

Year 5 students have been using sculpt-a-mold to make 3D character heads. They are now designing a costume to match their chosen theme and starting to choose different textiles for their designs before they finally make the costumes. They will look great when the sculptures are finished.

Year 6 students are making calico teddy bears. They are designing an outfit for their teddy, cutting out patterns and sewing their outfit in the coming weeks.

Preps have been very busy making a kite which is nearly finished. They will have fun running around outside flying the kites when they are completed. They have also read the big book "Outside my Window" and during class discussions, they have chosen what they are going to paint in their window.

Year 1 and 2 students have been studying 'The Dreamtime' and have been looking at different Aboriginal artists and what many of the symbols in their art mean. They have nearly finished their own dot painting using "earth colours" and added some of these symbols into their own painting.

On a different note, the Art room is in need of the following items:-

- ◆ Yoghurt containers (small);
- ◆ Ice cream containers (all sizes);
- ◆ Any plastic /foam meat trays;
- ◆ Plastic drink bottles (no bigger than 1.5 litres).

So please start recycling—wash and dry them well and send them along to school. These items would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance!

PARKING ISSUES

Please observe all parking signs around the school, particularly in Haig Avenue; as it makes it very difficult to see the children walking to and from school if you are parked illegally.

Reports have come in from parents too, that people are being booked by by-laws officers in that area on a regular basis.

Please note also, that parents are not to park in the staff carpark to collect their children.



JACK IN THE BOX Annual Performance Concert Saturday 17TH September

With our annual performance concert fast approaching, the team at JACK IN THE BOX is furiously working at perfecting our student's performances. We have decided to hold the performance in term 3 to avoid the rush of Christmas. We hope everyone can join us and look forward to meeting and catching up with all our student's families and hope all our students will 'practise practise practise' over the next few weeks in preparation for the concert.

Concert times listed below:-

[Thanks from the Team at Jack In The Box]

Edithvale: 9am - 9.15am start

Bonbeach and Carrum: 10.30am - 10.45am start

Aspendale: 12pm - 12.15pm start

Aspendale Gardens: 1.30pm - 1.45pm start

Dingley and St Josephs: 3pm - 3.15pm start

The concert will be held at **Aspendale Primary School Hall, 23 Laura Street, Aspendale**

Just a quick note. Invoices are past due please forward your payment prior to the concert to avoid disappointment. For further information please contact Mark on 0412 591 941.

CENTRAL BAYSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES—ORAL HEALTH SERVICE YOUR CHILD'S DENTAL HEALTH

Central Bayside Community Oral Health Service is currently offering dental examinations and treatment to children attending Edithvale Primary School. If your child has previously been seen by the Oral Health Services or the school dental program, you will receive a letter offering you an opportunity to make an appointment when your child is due for their next check-up. In this case, no action is required.

If your child has never visited the School Dental Program, please contact Central Bayside Oral Health Services on 8587 0350 for an appointment.

Who is eligible? Children aged 0—12 years (fees apply for non concession card holders & Young people aged 13—17 years who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders.

Where is the service located?

Central Bayside Community Health Service—Oral Health Service, 335—337 Nepean Highway, Parkdale

Phone: 8587 0350. *(The entrance is off Carrier Avenue).*

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 Charmaine at Kingston City Council on 9581 4867 or Paromita on 0439 081 059 for further information.

BPAY—PAYMENT 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

Thank you to those families who have filled in and returned the confidential student information forms we sent out earlier in the year. 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.

Would you please send any outstanding forms back to the school office urgently so we can have this up to date information at hand. And also, if you change any of your details, please let us know ASAP.

ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

We have commenced sending family statements, via email, which seems to have been a big success. In the not too distant future, we will also commence sending newsletters via email. 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 hard copies.

GOOD MANNERS

Mrs Wishart and Mrs Greedy would like to compliment all of the children who come up to the office and use their beautiful manners. We love to see you, and when you're polite and use your manners, it makes us very happy!

INSURANCE

Affordable Student Cover is available for just \$29.90 per year. To apply online go to www.studentcover.com.au and click **APPLY NOW**. More information is also available from the school office.

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!

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. If you have a camp or an excursion, drop your banking off at the office before you go. 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.

We are in need of coat hangers for displaying articles or clothing. If you have some spare, we would be very appreciative. Please leave them at the school office.

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COLES & WOOLIES VOUCHERS

Keep on collecting your Coles and Woolies vouchers when you shop at either of these chains of stores and bring them (or send them) along to school.

At the end of the program we will receive sporting equipment from Coles and educational equipment from Woolies. Thank you.

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child has had any changes to their medical conditions, would you please come along to the office and update their particulars. It is vital that we have all correct and current information recorded on our system in case of a medical emergency. If you are unable to get to the office, send your child for an 'update form' and you can return it with them the following day. Thank you for your co-operation.

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EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Some of the EMA cheques have arrived at the school office. Please enquire at the counter to see if your cheque is in, as soon as possible.

NEWS FROM CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Snuggle up in our Patchwork Quilting Class, creating your own masterpiece to treasure forever with step by step guidance plus lots of fun from our experienced tutor Evelyn, on Wednesday mornings 10 am to 12 noon.

Spring is on the way, time to eliminate clutter and simplify your life in our Decluttering class on Wednesday 31st August 7 pm to 9 pm.

For primary school children, our "Kids Art Classes" are great fun making your own graffiti name board, cartooning and lots more (materials provided) 4 pm to 5.30 pm on Thursdays.

Don't miss this affordable and excellent opportunity to get fit! Starting 7.30pm Monday 19 September and running for 12 weeks you can join the Community Weight Loss Challenge with weekly weigh ins, nutritional education, wellness evaluations and weekly prizes!

Don't forget our Occasional Take A Break Childcare Tuesday to Friday for the under 6's - bookings are essential.

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.