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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Term 3—Week 3

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Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Denise Webster

As I walked around the school on Tuesday I was aware of 'space' - it appeared that there were fewer children in the yard; certainly not as many as the day before. When I investigated further I found about 30 students in the library enthusiastically involved in *Computer Club*; a similar number were in the hall participating in the *Fun Fitness Club*. There were children climbing ropes; skipping; doing sit-ups and burpees and all with big smiles on their faces! Over in the Learning Centre I saw *Glee Club* in operation where students were participating in drama activities designed to build their acting skills and their confidence. While there I also happened upon *Music Jam* which invited children from Prep-2 to 'jump, clap and chant' whilst learning about different instruments. Every day at EPS there is something extra for the children - some activities require a little bit of energy and others are more serene, such as *Relaxation*, *Library* or *Legotronix*. All of these groups are run by our teachers and are an important part of what we offer to our students so that they have the best possible learning experience at Edithvale.

This month we begin our 2014 Prep Transition Program. We have almost concluded our enrolment process and the next step is the presentation of our first Information Evening for the parents of next year's Prep students. The focus of this meeting will be on providing background information about our school and then looking at the transition program in more detail so that parents have a clear understanding of what we are trying to achieve over the next few months. Students will then begin a series of 5 visits to EPS where they will experience school in 'small doses'. We welcome all our new preps and their families to our school as they begin their learning journey with us.

I would like to express our thanks to all students who arrive at school ready for the start of the school day at 8:55 am. We have found that the 5 minutes extra each day provides staff with the framework to welcome, settle and organise our students so that their learning can commence promptly at 9:00 am.

Absence from school or lateness to class clearly affects the absent/late student, but also impacts on the teacher's ability to plan and present class work in a sequential and organised way. This can affect the progress of all students in the class, not only those who are missing or late; and can complicate classroom management. Obviously this is something we would like to avoid.

If students are late to school can you please fill out a late pass from the office and see that this is handed to your child's teacher. It is important that this form is completed by a **parent or caregiver** to ensure that students arrive in class as quickly as possible to maximise their learning time.

As part of our duty of care, and under the guidelines provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, we must obtain a record of the reason for a child's absence or lateness in writing from a **parent or caregiver**. Having this information helps to ensure open communication between us all and helps to monitor the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

Attending school every day is crucially important for a student's education and social skills. Non-attending students are placed in disadvantage both socially and academically. They miss out on critical stages of interaction and development with their peers and at the same time minimise the likelihood of academic progress and success. If you know that your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher who can provide work for them to complete at home so that their learning opportunities are not compromised.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.



FUN RUN

Mr James Whitla

Not long to go now!

On Thursday 22 August, as you will be aware, we will be conducting a whole school FUN RUN.

Students in Years Prep–2 will be asked to run, walk, skip or move in any way that they wish for 1 hour between 9:30 am and 10:30 am on the day. Students in Years 3–6 will run from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Hopefully students have been eagerly seeking sponsors with the dual aims of raising money for our school oval redevelopment AND being rewarded with individual incentive prizes.

We are looking to add some FUN elements to the running by including music being played as well as encouraging students to wear house colours or have ‘crazy hair.’ We are also trying to include some challenging obstacles that students may wish to try to get over, through or under, on their way around our running course.

We would love to see as many parents as possible at the FUN RUN either running with the students or helping on the day.

STOP PRESS!!!

EDITHVALE PHYSIOTHERAPY WILL SPONSOR ANY STUDENTS WHO GO IN AND ASK FOR SPONSORSHIP.

A BIG THANKYOU TO JACK DIX AT EDITHVALE PHYSIOTHERAPY.

FUN FITNESS CLUB



Every Tuesday in Term 3 we will be running a Fun Fitness Club in the Hall from 1:40 pm to 2:15 pm for students in Years 3–6. The sessions aim to develop the fitness of our students in a term that has a strong athletics focus.

This will be run by James Whitla in conjunction with two of our former students, from Patterson River Secondary College (Sean McIntyre and Rhys Graham). There will be a mixture of running, balancing, climbing, skipping and strength work that will be conducted in an enjoyable and supportive environment.

CANTEEN

Mrs Diane Cameron

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM TWO

Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 8	Aug 9
Shauna McMillan	Becky Evangelista	Antoinette Butta	Kellie Kingsley
Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 15	Aug 16
Kathy Barratt	Tanya Cominotto		Kellie Kingsley

A REMINDER

Please do not send your child with a lunch order on **Wednesdays** as the **Canteen is CLOSED**.

A reminder that there has been no change from Term 2 menu (except there are NO HOT APPLE PIES). All frozen icy poles are available:-

Callippos	- .80c
Paddle Pops	- \$1.20
Ice Cream Tubs	- \$1.00

Thanks to all my helpers over the last fortnight, a great effort.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Kerry Mitvalsky

A reminder to all students who are participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge to please hand your completed forms/records to Mrs Mitvalsky (Years Prep–3) and Mrs Hayes (Years 4–6) by 30 August, to ensure that the data can be entered by the closing date. **PS:** Don't forget that you are allowed to read books above your level.

Years Prep–2:

30 Books in total, 20 from the Reading Challenge List.

Years 3–6:

15 Books in total, 10 from the Reading Challenge List.

SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Envelopes went home to parents of our school captains, house captains and SRC reps who are in the special photographs displayed in the general office. If you wish to order these photos, please return your completed order/envelope & payment, by Friday, 9 August. Any orders after this date will incur an additional late order charge. If you missed out on the 100 year photo and would like to order one, you can pick up a special order envelope at the office. There is an additional late order charge of \$8.00 for these photos.

FRENCH DAY 2013 AT EPS

Let's put the "French" in Edithvale Madame Snow & Cecile



Wednesday 14 August 2013 will be "Oooh-la-la Day" at Edithvale Primary School.

The French celebration will start with Assembly/Parade in the morning at 9.05/9.10 am.

A roster will be done during the day for the students to collect their beautiful French Crepe from our French Chef "Robert" (order forms have been sent home) and also another roster will be done for the "French Show Monsieur Zarnok".

We will run some competitions:

Whole school:- "The best French Magic Mask"! : Students can use either handmade or real mask or makeup, wigs, props etc. We will select a panel of 2 students, 2 special guests & 2 teachers to be judges.

The categories are:

The best mask fitting with the theme of illusion & sparkles/glitters and a "magnifique" French touch! One winner per grade judged by the panel, will receive a free crepe!

The Best Staff member's French mask: Edithvale PS staff will hopefully embrace the spirit of the "French-je-ne-sais quoi!" and dress up to the event!

We will have a French Assembly/Parade (9.15 am).

French National Anthem



French songs and dances :

- ♦ La tête, les épaules (Head, shoulders, knees and toes) by Preps & Year 1
- ♦ Gouzi-gouzi by Year 3 & 4

Students and Staff awards for the best mask (Big Parade).

PUSHBIKE FOUND

Chelsea Police Station have asked us to let you know that a girls' 24 inch pushbike was found in Clydebank Road last week. It is quite new, perhaps a Christmas present. If you think this might belong to your child, ring Chelsea Police Station on 9772 1344. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is stored outside the LOTE room. (Room 6). Please look through it for any lost items. Named items will be returned to students ASAP.

STAFF CARPARK

A number of people have been entering the school grounds via the staff carpark. For the safety of students and parents, we ask that parents park in the street and use other entrances. **The carpark is for staff use only.** Thank you.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS

A reminder to keep your receipts when you pay your school charges, excursions etc; Your receipt shows what they payment was for, your name and your child's name. Please check receipts upon receiving them and let us know immediately if there are any discrepancies. If you can keep your receipts, at least until the excursion/event has passed, these can be invaluable in the event of any discrepancies.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP TEMPORARILY CLOSED Melinda & Rachel

Unfortunately, the second hand uniform shop has had to close due to lack of stock and will re-open on 13 August.

Please have a look at home for any items you no longer need and bring them in to the office. There are a large number of items in lost property and if not claimed by the end of the term, these may be passed on to the uniform shop for sale. Named items will always be returned to your child.

SCHOOL BANKING!



It doesn't matter how much you bank each week; a single coin will do—even .5c.



For your convenience, BPay is available to all families. The BPay codes are shown on your Family Statement—which is sent to you each term, or just phone the office for details. Please only use BPay for amounts of \$20 or over; (you can bundle several payments together) and please email or send a note to school, so we know what to allocate your payment to.

MAKING A VEGETABLE GARDEN

By Year 1

The Year 1 students, as part of their Science unit on changes to natural and man-made objects, are observing the growth of plants. They have planted vegetables in our school vegetable garden and will watch them over the next few weeks to observe the changes.

As part of our Literacy program the students are learning about procedural texts and have compiled a text for you to use if you wish to make a vegetable garden.

What you need :

- ♦ A weeded vegetable garden area with some new soil, seeds, water, compost, worms, fertiliser, gloves, shovel, rake, bees.

Method:

- ♦ Put on gloves
- ♦ Dig a hole
- ♦ Put seed in the hole
- ♦ Cover the hole with dirt
- ♦ Water it when finished and every few days if it hasn't rained
- ♦ Wait and watch it grow
- ♦ Hopefully all the plants will grow and you will be able to eat them.
- ♦ We will put some pictures of our vegies in the Newsletter before we pick them and give to the canteen to go in our lunches.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Environment

Our school is looking cleaner and greener everybody! Let's make sure it stays that way, come and join the Environment club and help keep the school beautiful.

SRC

The Student Representative Council meets once a week to discuss events and activities for the whole school. We are currently preparing activities and fundraisers for this term.

Music Jam

Get ready to jump, clap and chant! Come and join Music Jam and learn about different instruments, rhythm and beat.

Legotronix

Are you a master at building and creating? Do you feel up to the challenge? Legotronix is for you! Learn how to manipulate and explore different kinds of Lego and more.

Relaxation

Relaxation is back! Come and relax to soothing and calming music while finding your inner Zen.

Glee Club

Are you an aspiring actor/actress and need some helpful tips to make it to the big screen? Come along and participate in games and activities that will build your confidence and drama skills!

Choir

Choir is back! We will be practising our singing and exercising our vocal chords to present yet another medley of songs for the end of term. Come and sing with us!

Cheer/Stunt/Hip Hop

We had a blast during our last competition in June and are really looking forward to the next competition in September. We are having so much fun learning new ways to move our bodies to the beat. Wish us luck!

Library

Let your imagination take you to magical places, come and open your mind to fantasy, fiction and suspense at the library!

Computers

Have a go at playing some games and learning new ICT skills!

Fitness

Train up your fitness skills! Come and join us in the hall on Tuesdays.

PLANT A TREE DAY Ms Jaime Rohan & Rhiannon and Tom S 4B.



Last week, our school took part in Planet Ark's Plant a Tree Day.

We chose the area near the 4-square courts. First we cleared the area of any rubbish and got rid of all the weeds.

We planted lots of native plants such as Wallaby Grass, Sweet Wattle and Black Sheoke.

We loved the chance to use garden tools and work together to create a new garden area. It was so much fun working with students from Years 1 - 4 and we can't wait to plant more!



HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY? Ann McAllen

This term in Wellbeing the Preps are exploring the book "Have you filled a bucket today?"



The book and companion program focus on developing empathy in children. They give children in primary school simple strategies to show them how we can all look after one another and fill each other's invisible buckets with positive thoughts and feelings.

Each student in Preps has their own small bucket in the classroom to fill with "warm fuzzies". When they fill other students' buckets by doing or saying something nice about them, they in turn fill their own bucket.

If you would like to find out more about the program or you are interested in trying it at home please visit the Bucket Filling website or come and ask. <http://www.bucketfillers101.com/>

PREP ENROLMENTS 2014

We are currently taking prep enrolments for 2014. If you have a child starting Prep next year, please call in to the office and collect an enrolment form at your earliest convenience.

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING (Mrs Jane Hayes)

Can you help?

We need people to help us conduct the sales before and after school during Book Fair week.

When: Monday 19 August through to Friday 23 August.

Where: in the Library

Time: 8.30 am—9.10am & 3.20 pm—4.00 pm .

If you can help us, please fill in the slip below and send it back to your child's teacher.

✂ _____

Book Fair Return Slip

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dysgraphia, C.A.P.D.)



Moirra Training Room

920 Nepean Hwy, Hampton East
(Opposite Moorabbin rail station)

7.00pm -9.00pm

Next meeting: August 7th 2013

Come and meet parents that understand and learn about
Being twice-exceptional, the fun and the games!

Future meeting: 11 September 2013

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AUGUST 2013

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5	6	7	8	9 Parent Opinion Surveys Due Back.	10	11
12	13 School Council Meeting	14 French Crepes & French Performance	15	16	17	18
19 Book Fair Begins 2014 Prep Parent Info Session 7-8 PM	20 Book Fair	21 Book Fair	22 Book Fair Adidas Fun Run	23 Book Fair Ends	24	25
26	27 Year 1 & 2 Excursion to Lego Educ. Centre	28 Camp Manyung Year 4	29 Camp Manyung Year 4 Fathers Day Stall.	30 Camp—Year 4 Premier's Reading Challenge Closes.	31	

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