



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Assistant Principal's Report

Mr James Whitla

What a busy couple of weeks it's been!

Our new building is really starting to take shape and as I look out my window now I can imagine our new open learning spaces filled with eager, enthusiastic and excited students early next year.

Last Saturday the hard working and dedicated team of Edithvale parents and friends worked feverishly cooking the Election day BBQ and selling an amazing array of cakes and biscuits. The enormous range of delectable treats on offer was a sight to behold! I would like to take the opportunity to thank EVERY person who contributed their time and effort into supplying the cake stall with cakes of such quality and quantity.

On the previous Saturday a working bee was held where a small but dedicated group of workers tended to jobs around throughout the school that help to enhance the learning environment of our school. Some of the great work done has been listed later on in this newsletter and I'd like to thank all those who attended for giving their time to our great school.

With just two more weeks of school, and the holiday period almost upon us, I'd like to encourage you to note some important dates on the Calendar to the right. Book lists for 2011 are due to the office by Monday 6 December and on Friday 10 December student reports will be sent home. All staff has invested a great deal of time and effort into writing these reports, and it was fantastic to read of the wonderful progress that our students have made over the course of this semester.

This will complete a busy TRANSITION week when students meet their teacher for 2011. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings our 2011 students will engage in literacy and numeracy programs as well as do some Values Education in preparation for a smooth start to next year. One of our goals of the program is to foster positive relations with and between students and continue to develop learning environments that are supportive and productive.

I remind our School community that our annual Parent Helpers morning tea will be held in the Staffroom on 8 December. This is one small way that we can acknowledge all the great work that our supportive parents and friends do for our great school.

Please can you all encourage your children to be Sun Smart and wear a hat outside at all times. Although there has been plenty of rain lately, the sun (surely) will be out soon and we need to be prepared. Whilst on safety, we remind all students riding or scooting to school that they should be wearing a helmet and always using their bikes and scooters in a safe and respectful way.

On a personal note, I would just like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. My door is always open—please feel free to come in to introduce yourself and have a chat.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 2010

Mon 6th	◆ Booklists Due Back at School
Tue 7th	◆ Year 6 Orientation Day ◆ Last Prep Transition Session
Wed 8th	◆ Helpers Morning Tea—10.45 am
Thur 9th	◆ School Concert— 6.00—7.30 pm
Fri 10th	◆ Student Reports Distributed
Wed 15th	◆ Year 6 Graduation—6.15 pm
Fri 17th	◆ End Term 4 ◆ Whole School Assembly at 1.00 pm. ◆ Students Dismissed at 1.30 pm

JANUARY 2011

Thu 27th	◆ School Office Re-opens ◆ Book Selling Day—9.00 am to 1.00 pm (in the school hall) ◆ Uniform Shop Open
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FEBRUARY 2011

Mon 1st	◆ All Staff Resume
Fri 4th	◆ All Students Resume



AFRICA DAY

AT EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who supported Miss Short who has been raising money all year for The Australian Cancer Foundation for Cancer Research.

Our school helped to raise \$920.00. Well done everyone!

We send our best wishes to Miss Short and her mother for their journey to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, in December.



SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Barb Sharp

Thank you very much to everyone who made the wonderful cakes and slices for our Election Day Stall—they sold out very quickly.

While wet at times, the BBQ was a winner, especially the delicious bacon and egg rolls. Thank you to Sharon Proyn and Chelsea Meats for donating the eggs.

Thanks also goes to the soggy people who manned the stall. In particular Martin Taylor and family, Barb Sharp and Diane Cameron for their great organisation. The proceeds from this will go towards either the school boundary fence or paint for the 3-4 building.

We have one more activity before the end of the year.

As you know we have the Christmas Concert next Thursday night— 9 December. The Fundraising Committee is running a sausage sizzle and Christmas themes slice and craft stall from 5:00 pm. The Students of EPS are going to be busy making something for the stall next week. If you would contribute a small plate of Christmas slices or make some Christmas craft items they will be really appreciated. Don't forget if you are making cakes or slices, a list of the ingredients need to be included. Could all items be at school by 4:00 pm on the Thursday afternoon.

If you are a regular visitor to the school you will have noticed that the building is getting closer to completion. It is a very exciting time for the whole school community and the level 4 students are speculating where their learning spaces will be. However, to enable us to freshen up some of the other areas around the school, the fundraising committee is looking for your support. We will be looking for innovative ideas and volunteers early next year. If you can help us in any way, please don't hesitate to speak to Denise, James, Martin Taylor or any of the School Council members with your ideas.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and see you all next year.

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

Next week [6th to 10th December] is the final week for canteen lunch orders and window sales. The only items out of stock are spinach and ricotta rolls. All other items are fine and should last the final week.

I wish to thank all parent helpers who have volunteered their precious time to assist me in the canteen each week. Your friendship and help has been wonderful.

The canteen farewells the following parents whose youngest child is finishing Year 6. They are Sharon Graham (10 years), Gordana Zaradic (6 years) and Belinda Turner (7 years).

Thanks ladies for your time over the years, we've shared many laughs, stories & recipes during that time.

I hope all students and their families have a wonderful break and have a safe and happy holiday.
See you all next year.

DECEMBER ROSTER —TERM 4

Mon 6th	Tues 7th	Thur 9th	Fri 10th
Anna Ericsson	Antoinette Butta	Michelle Custy	Sharon Graham

SPORT NEWS

Mr Howard

Golf Clinic ~ Last Monday and Tuesday children from Years 3 ~ 6 were given the opportunity to learn more about golf from Paul Boxall, the Professional at Patterson River Golf Club, Bonbeach. Children practised chipping and driving with the correct grip and swing.

If you would like to build on your child's interest, Paul coaches children at Patterson River Golf Club on:

Wednesday	4:15 pm ~ 5:15 pm
Thursday	4:15 pm ~ 5:15 pm
Sunday	10:00 am ~ 11:00 am

The cost is \$15.00 per session. All equipment is provided along with expert tuition. If you are interested, ring and book a visit on 9772 1972.

TERM DATES FOR 2011

Term 1	1 February—8 April (4 February—children start)
Term 2	27 April—1 July (26 April—ANZAC Day Public Holiday)
Term 3	18 July—23 September
Term 4	10 October—22 December

Year 3s In the School Garden

Mrs Ann McAllen

On Friday morning the Year 3s went into the school garden. We had thick gloves, sharp tools and big spades. First we measured our plants—the cabbages, rhubarb, strawberries and broad beans, to see how much they had grown.

We measured the new fruit trees and pulled the weeds out that had grown around them. We smelt the herbs and pruned them back so they will grow again next year. We picked broad beans, opened them and counted the beans inside the pods. The garden looked and smelt beautiful. We swept up the mess we had made and then it was time to put the equipment away.

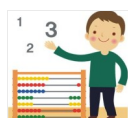
Back in the classroom we made notes about how much the plants had grown. We also made a poster and wrote a report about the garden and the changes that had taken place.



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Maths Matters @ Edithvale



Thank you to all the parents who took the time to fill out our Maths survey. We were overwhelmed with the positive feedback we received and as a result, will continue developing the Maths Matters @ Edithvale newsletter next year.

We will take on board the suggestions made to make this newsletter even more helpful for you and your child.

If you have any questions or further suggestions regarding Numeracy at Edithvale please feel free to come and speak to us. We are here to support you and your child's learning.

Edithvale Numeracy Team

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

An After School Program is conducted by Kingston Council at Edithvale Primary School hall. It was established to provide quality care for primary school aged children in a supervised, relaxed, safe and fun environment. The programs cater for parents who work, study or due to other commitments require After School Care for their children.

They also cater for parents who would like their children to play with other children or participate in the varied recreation activities after school. The program, with two staff, is open to primary aged children and the hours of operation are from 3:30 pm to 6:15 pm on normal school days with allowances for Curriculum Days as well.

Parents wishing to enrol their children are asked to contact Charmaine at Kingston Council on 9581 4867 or Paromita on 0439 08 059 for further information

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

UNIFORM SHOP 2010

The last day for placing orders at our Uniform Shop for 2010 will be Tuesday 7th December from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

Please remember to get your 2011 orders in to enable you to collect them on the 27th January, 2011—Book Collection Day. Payment is by cash or Credit Card only. No cheques can be accepted.

LATE PASSES: When you are late to school, you must first come to the office for a late pass. It is then taken to class to give to your teacher, where it is collected and recorded on our CASES21 system.

UPDATING OF CONFIDENTIAL FORMS, BIRTH CERTIFICATES & IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES:

Thank you to the parents who have sent back these forms. There are still a lot of families who have forms outstanding. We are required by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to have these forms on file for the duration your child is at school. It is important for us to hold at the school, current student information which includes, medical information and emergency contacts in case of an unforeseen accident or illness. Would you please send your forms back to the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks .

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR...

- ◆ [Helpers Morning Tea Reply Slips](#) by Friday 3 December
- ◆ [Book Lists](#) by Monday 6 December.
- ◆ [Graduation Ticket Orders](#) by Tuesday 7 December.
- ◆ [Year 6 Jumper Orders](#) by Friday 10 December.
- ◆ [And to pay any outstanding charges](#) before Friday 17 December.

THANK YOU!

WORKING BEE THANK-YOU



Many thanks to the following families for assisting at the working bee on Saturday 20 November: Sewell, Bourne, Telfer, Vella, Hepworth, Taylor, Davies, Ford, Teesdale & special thanks for morning tea from the Ferreira family from [Edithvale Fish & Chips](#).

Thanks also to the staff who helped out: Mrs Webster, Mr Whitla, Ms Sharp & Mrs Laurent. The school gardens & grounds look a whole lot better & safer!

-----cut here & return watering roster to school-----

Edithvale Primary School - Garden Watering Roster

Please help keep our gardens growing over the Summer period.

Fill in your family name, phone number and date you can assist with watering gardens.

(Stage 2 water restrictions in place until end March 2011 - this means we can water any time, any day using a trigger nozzle hose.)

Please complete and return this sheet to school office as soon as possible & further details will follow regarding your areas to water & access to the shed.

Many thanks from the Buildings & Grounds Committee



Month	Nominate date(s) available	Nominate date(s) available
December		
January		
February		
March		

Watering School Gardens

Our school needs some help to water our gardens during the school holidays. Even though we have had a lot of rain, we still need to keep our gardens happy. Because of the rain a lot of our plants have had a growing spurt and are now beginning to look nice. To keep them looking nice we need to keep the watering going around the gardens. We can now water any time during the day and we are in need of some help to keep this up. It should only take an hour to do, which isn't a lot of time. Please put your name on our watering roster above, we'd be very grateful for the help. **Please help us if you can!**



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The NEW Bicentennial Park Playground is NOW OPEN!

Come and enjoy the Official Launch!
Corner Thames Promenade &
Scotch Parade, Chelsea (93 D12)
Thursday 9th Dec 2010
11.00am – 12.30pm

Free BBQ, Face painting and Clown!



There will also be a special celebration for
Kingston's Certificate II Horticultural graduates.



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Supersavers

Tuesday is School Banking Day.

IT'S A FRANTIC TIME OF THE YEAR....

**BUT DON'T FORGET 5 cents! (IS THAT ALL?) And a Youth Saver
account is all it take's...**

**KIDS, DO NOT FORGET YOUR SCHOOL BANKING, IF YOU HAVE
A CAMP OR AN EXCURSION DROP OF YOUR BANKING TO THE
OFFICE BEFORE YOU GO... AND KEEP ON SAVING FOR YOUR
REWARDS!!! AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL....**

So don't miss out - Start saving now!



Hello everyone. Just a quick note to invite all our Auskick families to the Chelsea YCW Sports Club Xmas Party this Sunday, 5 December from 12:30 pm until 4:30 pm.

The YCW Sports Club includes cricket, netball and football, including Auskick. Food and drinks will be provided for the children. Parents will need to bring chairs, umbrellas, eskies (with drinks in them) and nibbles to enjoy a great day for the whole family.

There will be jumping castles, a dunking machine and lots of fun activities for the children as well as a visit from Santa!

All children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

Come along and have a fantastic day amongst friends.

I will have certificates and medals from Auskick which have not been collected, to hand out. Please spread the word to anyone you know from Auskick or YCW as it would be fantastic if everyone was there.

Stable on The Strand

Chelsea Uniting Church Parish

invites you to come along to

The Strand, Chelsea

(Chelsea Shopping Strip)

To share our stable and costumes for your

FREE Christmas Nativity Photos

Saturday 4 December

10:00 am—2:00 pm

BYO Camera and lots of Smiles

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS SCHEME

The Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme makes a generous donation to Edithvale Primary School every month as part of the Community Benefits Scheme.

If you don't have a card or key ring, pop into the office to get one, already set up with EPS as your nominated organisation.

Then when you shop at a Ritchies store you can help our School.

