



# EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

### ONE WEEK TO GO!!!

Preparations are well underway for our Art Show opening next Thursday. The focus really is on the students - their work, their participation in workshops and activities and their pride in showcasing their learning. It will also be a wonderful community event that we hope will have a little something for everyone. Tomorrow a note will go home with a request for help - early next week at different times we would love to have some parents in to help with the set up. If you could spare an hour or two (or more), we will be most appreciative.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Art Show raffle - it is going really well but please keep them coming in.

Last Friday's Tree Planting event was fantastic - the sun shone beautifully on our little corner of the school and our student gardeners had a very productive morning planting trees with Donna Bauer, State Member for Carrum.

Many thanks to Ms Sharp for organising the morning's activities and to the students who represented Edithvale Primary School with great pride and enthusiasm.

There are a selection of photos on this page and the next, of our tree planting event.

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN  
YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS AND  
ORDER YOUR ART SHOW TICKETS**



Above: Donna Bauer—Member for Carrum, assists on our National Tree Planting Day—  
See more photos over the page.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

Fri 5th	◆ EMA Applications Close. ◆ Raffle Tickets Due Back.
Thu 11th	◆ ART SHOW—OPENING NIGHT 5—7 PM ◆ Official Opening at 6.00 pm.
Tue 16th	◆ School Council Meeting.
Thu 18th	◆ PFA Meeting—2.30 pm. Venue TBC
Mon 29th— Wed 31th	◆ Year 4 Camp — 'Camp Manyung'.

### SEPTEMBER

Thu 1st	◆ Fathers Day Stall.
Fri 2nd	◆ Prep Gingerbread Factory Excursion.
Tue 6th	◆ Parent Maths Information Session.
Fri 9th	◆ Planning Day—Pupil Free Day.
Tue 13th	◆ School Council.
Wed 14th	◆ French Day.
Fri 16th	◆ Interschool Athletics Carnival.



## NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY



## STUDENT PUNCTUALITY

**Mr James Whitla**  
**Assistant Principal**

A big **thank you** to the many parents and students who have made, and continue to make, the effort to be at school ready for the start of the day at 8:55 am.

The classroom teachers and office staff have noticed the difference over the past two weeks and the effort has helped to ensure less disruption to morning tuition.

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

It is our duty to make sure we receive a record of any reason for a child's absence or lateness-in writing-from a parent or caregiver. Having this information helps maintain open communication between us all and helps to monitor the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

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 ongoing support with this important issue.

## 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.

## PFA NEWS

**Diane Cameron**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 18 August at 2.30 pm. Please sign in at the office and we will notify you of the venue.

The **Fathers Day Stall** will be on Thursday 1 September. Order forms will be going home shortly.



## MATHS OLYMPIAD

Over the last 3 months 30 students from Edithvale Primary School have been competing in The Maths Olympiad. The Maths Olympiad is a Mathematics competition throughout Australia and New Zealand that:

- \* introduces students to important mathematical concepts;
- \* teaches major strategies and develops flexibility for problem solving;
- \* fosters creativity and ingenuity and strengthens intuition;
- \* stimulates enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics;
- \* provides for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges.

The students have been attending weekly sessions and have completed a monthly test. Results are submitted to a central data base where individual students can compete against one another and schools can compete as well. At this stage **Jamie Dimos** has a perfect score with a number of our students improving with each monthly test.

Congratulations to the team:- **Jamie Dimos, Caitlin Bourne, Molly Gough, Tjala Hobbs, Garry Gabell, Sharni Teesdale, Philbert Lan, William Hampson, Jessica Butta, Jemima Gordon, Scott Kingsbury, Jess Lancaster, Daniel Vella, Jesse Davies, Ben Topham, Marcus Thong, Clare Dennis, Shikhar Dhawan, Daniel Kah, Victor Ding, Robert Deacon, Holly Cramond, Samantha Webb, Lisa Stone, Laura Tomlinson, Cameron Bateman, Iris Petropoulos, Dean Coutts, Kain Kugimiya & Ned Simm.**

Perhaps you could try this example from our last test. You have 4 minutes to do it.

What number between 104 and 140 is exactly divisible by 6 and exactly divisible by 15?



Any time you'd like to order **Village Cinema Movie Tickets**, the order forms will be available at the general office.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

#### CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 3

Mon 8th	Tue 9th	Thu 11th	Fri 12th
Shauna McMillin	Claire Stewart	Mark O'Hehir	Kellie Kingsley
Mon 15th	Tue 16th	Thu 17th	Fri 18th
Kerrie Mussert	Jill Eadie	Kerrie Short	Mark Weatherley

'BIG NEWS' ... lasagnes are back on the menu at last! Unfortunately the pizzas are still not in stock—I will advise you all when they are back in.

Due to a number of items that have had a price increase over the last few weeks, some window sale items have increased in price. Please note the following changes on your menus at home.

Ginger Kids \$1.20

Jay Jays \$1.00

Fruit Straps .70

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all my helpers over the past fortnight.

### ART SHOW 2011

A reminder that we will be holding our second art show; opening on **Thursday 11 August** and we're looking for parents, guardians and grandparents to join the working committee.

If you'd like to be involved, please come along to our last meeting—tonight—in the staffroom at **3.40 pm**.

The theme of this year's art show is 'Carnivale'.

In conjunction with the Art Show, we are running our own fundraising raffle, with the prize being a Gold Coast holiday.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of ten tickets was sent home to all families on the first day of term.

We trust you will all support this raffle and sell your book of tickets.

**RAFFLE TICKET STUBS & MONEY ARE DUE BACK TO SCHOOL BY TOMORROW FRIDAY 5 AUGUST.**

## WHEN TENTACLES ATTACK

By Dean Coutts 5/6 B

After eating one more dish of cheap and disgusting cat food and in desperate need of a bath, James the badly treated cat had finally had enough. He began to think of an elaborate plan to take Jen (his owner) out!

Suddenly it comes to him - she LOVES jelly. This thought led him to a horrifying plan...

As Jen, who was looking to satisfy her craving for some milk, is in the messy kitchen, she smells the scent of jelly - her favourite!

She frantically opens the fridge as a terrifying jelly monster jumps out and grabs her. While screaming and trying to break free, James scurries in to see his plan in action. Seeing Jen's frightened face made James feel quite guilty. He came to her rescue with his piercing claws and sliced through the monster's tentacles, setting Jen free.

Now regarded as a hero by Jen, James is treated with respect.



## WRITING CONFERENCES IN LEVEL 4

We had a look at a picture on the Interactive Whiteboard and we tried to create a narrative or a newspaper article. I wrote a description of the scene and 'conferenced' with my teacher. We looked at using more descriptive words, changing the beginnings of sentences and looking up the thesaurus for better words. I found this quite challenging, but I have learnt to improve my writing and look at different ways to expand my vocabulary.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

As the Premier's Reading Challenge is coming to a close, could we please have all list of books read, handed in to classroom teachers by Friday 26 August.



## 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.

## Education Tax Refund

Claim everything you are entitled to



The Government has changed the Education Tax Refund to include school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011.

Items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012.

So from 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

Go to

[www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

for more information.

## COLES & WOOLIES VOUCHERS

A notice went home to all families last week, informing you of the Coles and Woolies Voucher programs we are registered for this year.

Start collecting your 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.



Help Woolies to help our school.  
Start collecting Woolworths  
Earn & Learn Points today!

## NEWS FROM CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Learn to still your mind with Meditation on Monday 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm, mastering simple breathing and focus techniques.

Our new card making/scrapbooking group "Inspirational Papercrafting" commences Sunday 7th August and runs fortnightly 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm - materials provided.

Beginning Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August is our exciting Sustainable Homes Program providing you with over 50 fact sheets on a huge range of actions from the very simple and cheap to complex renovations, 1 to 3pm over five weeks.

Our Kinder Activity Group has commenced 11.00 am to 2.00 pm on Mondays for 3 and 4 years old led by Jenny, our qualified Kindergarten teacher, and if this doesn't suit, there's our ever-popular Occasional Take A Break Childcare Tuesday to Friday for the under 6s offering three or four hour sessions - 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](http://www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au).

## CHELSEA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION SUMMER SEASON



Junior U10, 12s, 14s, 16s, 18s and senior Mens, Womens and Mixed

Forms available at Bonbeach Stadium or Patterson River Secondary College Stadium

We can email or send via mail if you need.

Season starts September 5<sup>th</sup> and registrations must be in by August 22<sup>nd</sup>

For more information call Peter on 9776 1895 or 0448 557 323 or email [manager@chelseabasketball.com.au](mailto:manager@chelseabasketball.com.au)

10% Discount for any team entering before 15 August.

## 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.





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## 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](mailto: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](http://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!

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### 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.