



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Education at Edithvale
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Term 1—Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2009 at Edithvale Primary School. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday and that you are well rested and keen to make a start to the school year. Teachers returned last week and we had three days allocated to curriculum planning and development. This time was very productive and allowed staff to work with their teams to develop programs for the year. We were also quietly thankful that students did not have to endure those extremely hot days that built up over the week.

A very warm welcome to our new preps and their families - there was a very excited buzz on Monday morning as they experienced their first full day at school. Parents were able to stay for a while to see their child settle in and, of course, to take up those important photo opportunities! Welcome also to our new students in other year levels -we are looking forward to the year ahead with you.

We have only a few changes to our staffing this year: Mr Nick Wilton joins us as our new, year 6 classroom teacher and has very quickly become an active member of the senior school team. We wish him well throughout the year. Mr Ashley Howard joins us for just a short while, taking PE until we appoint a new teacher in this area as Ms Lyne Barge has taken extended leave from Edithvale PS for the year.

On the issue of weather, there are a few things that I would like to remind parents:

Students need to wear their hats every day in terms 1 and 4. If they don't have a hat, then they will be expected to spend their recess and lunch times in the shaded area near the 3/4 building.

Drink bottles filled with water are able to be used in class during the hot weather. Students should ensure that these are refilled during the official breaks and not during class time.

Many students come to school with sunscreen already applied for their day at school. If your child needs more than this during the day, please send the sunscreen to school in a sealed plastic bag and let the class teacher know.

There are sunglasses for sale at the office. Please note that, like all uniform items, these should be named so that they can be returned quickly if lost. (The wearing of sunglasses is optional).

We are very lucky that every classroom in the school has air conditioning and these units are routinely inspected to ensure that they are operating correctly. On days of extreme heat we will operate on a special timetable which will reduce student time in the yard - particularly at lunchtime. Children will also be encouraged to avoid running around and playing ball games etc which use a lot of energy.

Finally, many parents will be aware by now that at the end of 2008, Parkdale Secondary College was granted a geographic zone for student enrolment. This has implications for a number of our students and their families who will be making decisions about year 7 enrolment. The zone is not based on where a child attends primary school, but rather on a student's residential address. Although our school sits outside the zone, there are many EPS families who live within the zone and students living within the zone are guaranteed a placement at Parkdale SC. However, it is expected that there also will be positions to offer some students who do not meet this criteria. These placements will be based on siblings already at Parkdale SC; Curriculum needs; and residential location closest to the zone. I have a map that shows the relevant boundaries and will be happy to discuss this issue with parents.

Denise Webster

IMPORTANT DATES—TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd	All Students Return to School.
Friday 6th	Year 6 Camp Payment Due.
Tuesday 17th	Meet Your Teacher 3:30–5:00pm
Friday 27th	EMA Applications Close.

MARCH

Monday 2nd	Swimming Sports
Wednesday 4th– Friday 6th	Year 6 Camp

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents are reminded that they are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

However, there is reasonable low cost accident insurance policies available from the commercial insurance sector.

Below are a couple of contacts for companies who provide, individual accident insurance policies which cover students at a school.

JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd

Des Purcell

JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd

Suite 807 Level 8

530 Little Collins Street

Melbourne VIC 3000

Phone: 03-9909 7480

E-mail address: dpurcell@juaunderwriting.com.au

or msolomos@juaunderwriting.com.au

Willis Australia Ltd

Wes Bailey or George Andreetta

Willis Australia Ltd

Level 10, 71 Queens Road

Melbourne VIC 3004

Phone: 03-9520 9874

E-mail address: baileyw@willis.com

or andreetta@willis.com

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 29TH FEBRUARY FOR THE FIRST INSTALMENT

If you are eligible to receive the Education Maintenance Allowance, forms are available from the school office.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2009 and Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 27 February 2009 for the first instalment and 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.

Please get your EMA forms in on time as late applications will not be accepted.

CANTEEN NEWS

Term 1

The canteen will start back next week (Monday 9th February) for lunch orders and window sales.

Most items have increased in price by 10 or 20 cents, and some items have been removed, due to irregular sales and trying to keep our menu a healthy one.

The canteen menu will be sent out this week. One side of the menu will be lunch order items and the other are window sales only. If any parents have queries regarding the menu please see me at the canteen.

Thanks to those parents who have returned parent helper forms. A temporary roster will be sent out for weeks 9/2 and 20/2, then a full one for the rest of the term will be sent out next week. Parents wanting to help out, please see me at the canteen.

Looking forward to catching up with students, parents and teachers.

Diane

GRADE 6 WINDCHEATERS

Grade 6 windcheaters Order Forms are due at the end of this week, 6th February.

Please Note that late orders cannot be accepted. So **PLEASE** get your orders in to avoid disappointment.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is open on
**Tuesdays between
3:00pm—4:15pm.**



1st BOOK CLUB FOR 2009

Reminder Note

The first Book Club orders for 2009 are due in by Friday February 13th.

Don't forget to place your orders now. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Jenny Glavis
Book Club Co-ordinator

SCHOOL SUNGLASSES

In the last few years, awareness of the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays has grown. We are well aware that they can damage our skin but they can also be harmful to our eyes. In the 80s, the Cancer Council encouraged us to 'Slip, Slop, Slap' to prevent skin cancer. This health campaign was extended in later years to 'wrap' on some sunglasses as we realised our eyes also needed protection.



Edithvale Primary School recognise that children's eyes are very important and have been looking at quality sunglasses for our children to wear while at school.

We have found sunglasses that comply to all the mandatory Australian/New Zealand Sunglasses Standards: ASNZS 1067:2003 and match with our school uniform, which we think fit the bill.

All sunglasses are packaged and provided with a section for parents to write their child's name as well as a protective PVC pouch and are priced at only \$10.00.

We have some samples of these glasses at the school office. If you are interested please come in to have a look and try them on to decide on a size before you place your order. Order forms will be available from the school office.

PLAYSPORTS 2009

PLAYSPORTS COMMENCES-

WEDNESDAY 11 FEB.

Prep to Year 4's get your sport shoes ready for 'Multi-Sports' as PlaySports returns to **Edithvale Primary** in Term 1 for eight weeks of **Cricket & Hockey** commencing Wednesday 11 Feb. from 3:30 to 4:40 PM. Each session includes warm up games, skill activities and modified competitions, that are fun, engaging and age appropriate. The cost is \$70.00 for eight weeks. Enrolled children are to assemble each Wednesday on the asphalt basketball court for roll call and a 3:40 PM start. Enrolment forms accompany this newsletter and spares are at the school office or phone PlaySports on 9532 5584 to enrol now. www.playsports.com.au.

EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW

**Education Week
17th to 22nd May 2009**

Watch the newsletter for
regular updates next year



PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager



To assist us in our receipting processes, parents are asked that when they bring money to the office, they complete a **DEPOSIT SLIP**. If a deposit slip is not included on your excursion form, then please complete the form below and return with your payment (these slips will also be available at the office). Also, if you would please complete excursions forms, have the correct money in the envelope, and all details on the front completed before arriving at the office, that will help us immensely. Thank you.

EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL - DEPOSIT SLIP

All payments must be accompanied by a deposit slip. If a deposit slip is not provided on your excursion form, please complete this form before handing any money into the office. Thank you.

Child's Name:		Grade:	
Payment For:		Amount:	
Payment Type:	CASH CHQ EFTPOS	Date:	
Your Name:		Signature:	



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Did you know that the Australian Society of Orthodontists recommends children have their first check-up by a specialist orthodontist at age 7?

Does your child:

- Have crooked teeth or misaligned jaws?
- Have difficulty in chewing or biting?
- Suck their thumb or fingers?
- Grind their teeth?
- Experience speech difficulties?

These may be indicators of an existing or developing orthodontic problem. Take advantage of our **free initial visit** and get some professional advice from a specialist orthodontist today. **No referral is necessary.**



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CHELSEA LITTLE ATHLETICS

Win a Nintendo DS Lite

Compete in 5 or more weekly athletics programs at Chelsea Little Athletics for your chance of winning 1 of 3 Nintendo DS Lite Games Console.

See website for details and conditions.
www.chelsea.coolrunnin.com.au

Open to existing members and new athletes. Join for as little as \$45.00 per athlete.

ART EVOLUTIONS DANCE SCHOOL

Jazz
Tap
Ballet
Hip Hop
Contemporary and more!

- Beginners to Advanced
- Expert tuition by fully qualified teachers
- Examinations (Australian Academy of Theatrical and Ballet Dancing Inc.)
- Annual concert

Term 1 begins 4th February 2009
Classes held at St Chads Church Hall
10-14 Thames Promenade Chelsea
Inquiries: Ring 0401 468 173

Play for the Tigers in 2009!



St Bedes / Mentone Tigers Junior Football & Auskick

Registration Days

Fri 20th Feb 5 pm to 8 pm

& Sat 9 am to 12 pm

Free sausage sizzle on Friday night

Free T-Shirt for U9-13 and free
training singlet for U14-17 who
register on these days.

Registration fees and merchandise orders **MUST** be paid for on registration day by either Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS.

All new U9 players and any player who has not played in the M&TJ previously must bring a copy of their birth certificate to be registered.

Mentone Oval
Brindisi St, Mentone.
New players welcome!

www.stbedementontigers.com.au

News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

Our doors are now open and our first term has begun. We have a great program with a variety of activities including singing and dancing such as a fun Choir for all on Monday evenings, Marmont School of Dance featuring beginner Hip Hop classes for 9 to 12 year olds on Tuesday after school, Line Dancing on Wednesday afternoons, Tap Classes for Adults (tap shoes not essential) on Thursday evening and our Family Music Morning for pre-schoolers shall be recommencing Friday mornings on the 20th February. To find out more, check out our web site www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au, visit us, ring for a copy of our brochure or enrol in our classes on 9772 3391.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOCANCE 2009

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2009 and Term 3 (13 July 2009)).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 27 February 2009 for the first instalment and 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$221 for primary students and \$443 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

New EMA payment option for 2009

Commencing in 2009, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will introduce a new payment option for the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to parents.

Under the new system, eligible parents will have the option to receive the 50% 'parent portion' of the EMA payment directly into the parent's nominated bank account, or as a cheque payment.

The 2009 EMA application form includes a section for you to nominate whether you would like your EMA payment to be made to your own bank account or to receive your payment as a cheque (which is the current arrangement). The banking details required will include the BSB code and the account number.

Payment Amounts

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 77.35	\$ 155.05
	School	\$ 77.35	\$ 155.05
Two	Parent	\$ 33.15	\$ 66.45
	School	\$ 33.15	\$ 66.45
	Total	\$ 221	\$ 443

EMA application forms are available from the school office.