

Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 1—Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Unfortunately, our Year 6 camp to Waratah Bay was unable to go ahead this week. This was disappointing for all concerned, however, the continued extreme weather conditions made this type of activity too risky for students. We are investigating other options and will inform parents as soon as we have made alternative arrangements.

School Council will meet on Tuesday March 10th at 6:30pm for the AGM and this will be followed by the regular school council meeting at 7:00pm. Elections did not have to be held this year as the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions.

A few weeks ago I wrote about the work that was going to be done on the ramps leading up to the office door and leading up to the far end of the 3/4 building. This work is scheduled to begin next Thursday.

Smartbus has put forward a proposal to the Department of Transport to introduce a new service which will have stops along Edithvale Road. Their plan shows a proposed stop situated directly outside the school, in front of the hall. School Councillors, Alice Davies and Martin Taylor and I attended a meeting with representatives from the company last week where we were able to raise a number of issues about the project. The safety of our students is paramount and we are concerned that the bus stop's proximity to the school crossing creates an unnecessary risk for students. This is in addition to the problems we already have with parking during peak times. I will keep you informed as to the outcome of these discussions.

Shenanigans is coming! You should have received a notice about this today. Please join us for what promises to be a great, family night on March 25th!

Denise Webster

PFA MEETING



The first PFA Meeting for 2009 will be held on:

TUESDAY 10th MARCH
At 2:30pm

IN THE STAFFROOM

[Accessed via Office/Reception]

The PFA is a great way to meet other parents, and become involved in the school community. By becoming involved with the PFA, you are able to play an important part in contributing to your child's school. Please come along and share your ideas and lend a hand where you can.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Cassie Hughes

MARCH BOOK CLUB No. 2

Orders must be in by Friday 13th March.

Late Orders Cannot Be Accepted

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1—2009

Monday 9th	Labour Day
Friday 13th	Puppet Show—P-2—Hall 9:30 am-11:00 am
Tuesday 17th	Sushi Day

CHUM CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Monday, as a 'volunteer' representative from Edithvale Primary School, I travelled to, and worked with the students at Chum Creek Primary School. I took lots of 'goodies' and donations to the school thanks to Rod Houghton (OfficeMax), and our generous teachers. Year 5/12 also wrote letters to the 24 students there, asking them to become pen pals and expressing their empathy towards children of similar ages.

It was humbling and touching to try to help, (in any small way), the victims of the recent bushfires. Thanks to the locals, the central school buildings were saved on Black Saturday.



The outer area of the school; the chooks and henhouse burnt, playground equipment melted and burnt through and all surrounds and neighbouring houses destroyed and charred.

Many families were evacuating again that night.

A combined sense of fatigue and fear, grief and uncertainty prevailed.

The kids at Chum Creek were like all kids: innocent, gorgeous, active, resilient, curious, sometimes anxious, sometimes withdrawn.

What was different was that they'd all survived an incredibly traumatic experience; some had lost a parent, family member or friend, their own futures still in limbo.

The staff, who had also suffered personal grief, were 'rallying on'....'for the kids'.... because we know that the greatest constant and precursor for the future stability and wellbeing of our young people is education and regular school attendance.

Sometimes we forget to value what is most important. Sometimes we forget to be grateful for how 'lucky' we are.

I have a couple of phone numbers for the Yarra Valley area if anyone would like to make contact and offer some practical assistance or respite for children/families/communities this year - possibly during any of our school holidays.

A number of EPS staff have offered their support, please let me know if you feel you'd like to help in any way and I'll provide you with further information.

Janice Lawrence



*"You find true joy and happiness in life
when you give and give
and go on giving."
Eileen Caddy.*

Simple But Wonderful Machines

By Grade 4/05

The thoughts of
Grade 4/05

Last Thursday, Level 3 students learnt about Levers and Pulleys.



I learnt how levers,
pulleys and gears worked.

Piper



We had to pull 2 children on a sled using 1 rope. We couldn't move them. With the aid of a rope and a pulley we could move them easily.

Daniel V.



We had a cool frog race with 5 cardboard frogs tied to string. We had to pull the string slightly to make the frog move. We also learnt about the mathematics involved in flight.

Elise



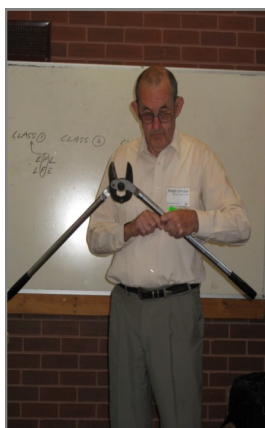
I learnt that there are three families of levers.

Class 1 Levers have the fulcrum in the middle

Class 2 Levers have the load in the middle

Class 3 Levers have the effort in the middle.

Jemima



Ralph taught us how to recognise the fulcrum, load and effort of simple machines.

Julian



PARENT CHALLENGES

Label the Fulcrum Effort and Load on each Lever

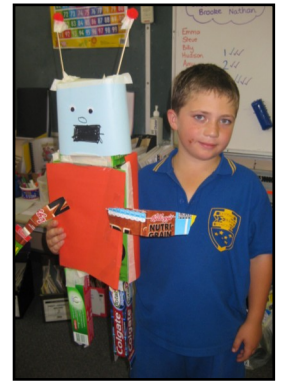
TONGS



WHEELBARROW



TWEEZERS



GRADE 2/15: On Friday the 27th of February the level 2s made toys out of boxes with moving parts. Here are grade 2/15s photos and some of their stories.



I made a toy bird. I used feathers and googly eyes and a big box. It looks cute and fluffy so does the feet. I pull the feathers up and down to make the arms move up and down.

By Emma W



On Friday I made a dog. I made it out of boxes. Its ears move and its eyes move. I used two straws for the wheels and I used two boxes.

By Anna Stone



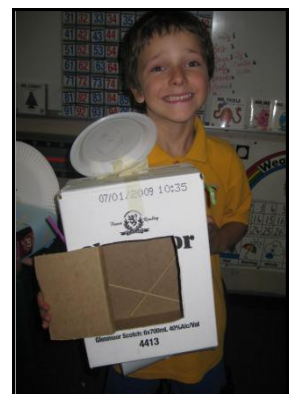
My toy is a submarine. I built it with a split pin, three plastic cups, a paper plate, cardboard and a box. The propellor moves round and round and the doors too. The safety hatch opens and closes.

By Billy K



I made a WALL-E and I showed my toy at assembly. I made it with 4 straws and 2 big boxes and 3 pipe cleaners and 2 pom poms and 2 eyes and 2 foam balls.

By Steve



DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented Edithvale in the District Sports. Your behaviour and sportsmanship was excellent and you were a delight to take out of the school. All children swam extremely well but special mention must go to the following 'Super Fish', who will swim in the Zone Finals

Emily Cox

~ 12 yr Free, 12 yr Back & 12 yr Free Relay

Emily Champness

~ 12 yr Breaststroke & 12 yr Free Relay

Lachlan Bourne

~ 12 yr Free & 12 yr Breaststroke

Isabel Cian

~ 12 yr Back

Scott Kingsbury

~ 10 yr Butterfly

Nicole Ram

~ 12 yr Breaststroke

Wayne Robertson

~ 10 yr Breaststroke

Brooke Millen

~ 10 yr Breaststroke & 10 yr Free Relay

Ashley Griffiths

~ 12 yr Free Relay

Alana Hafoka

~ 12 yr Free Relay

Sam Turner

~ 10 yr Free Relay

Maddy O'Rielly

~ 10 yr Free Relay

Molly Gough

~ 10 yr Free Relay



Thank you to Mrs Woods for your help on the day as well

Ashley Howard ~ Physical Education

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Sandie Wishart
Business Manager



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, **EBM Insurance Brokers** offer a Student Cover policy for just \$29.00 per annum.

Application forms went home this week, but you can also apply online: Simply go to **www.studentcover.com.au** and click APPLY NOW.

Watering School Gardens



Our school needs some help to water our gardens during this very dry period we are going through. Please put your name on our watering roster on the back page. Please help us if you can!

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron
Canteen Manager



Sushi order forms were handed out this week to all students. Sushi Day is on **Tuesday 17th March**.

There have been a few changes to the icy poles lately.

We are now currently selling at lunch times:

Paddle Pop "Moo"	\$1.20
Paddle Pop "Mini Fruits"	.50¢
Streets Icy Twists [lemonade]	.90¢

Any further changes will be put in the newsletter.

Thank you to School Council and Martin Taylor for organising a new fridge for the canteen kitchen.

Also thanks to Year 6 students, Alana, Karley, Lucy and Paula for helping out on Tuesday.

Another top week from my parent helpers.

Monday 9th

NO SCHOOL

Thursday 12th

Antoinette Butta
Rachel Sbalchiero

Tuesday 10th

Kate Joy

Friday 13th

Chris Topham



SUNGLASSES

To those people who ordered sunglasses earlier on in the year, they are now ready for collection from the school office.

Many Thanks
Dee Greedy

FOUND

Ladies Gold Ring—in School Corridor. Please see Mrs Wishart at the office if you think this may belong to you.

IPod on Edithvale Road, near the school.
Please see Mrs Webster if you think this may belong to you

Is it time to get your children's eyes tested ?

Come and visit our kid friendly practice



Our Optometrist is fully qualified
with special interests in
children's vision

All eye tests are bulk-billed
to Medicare

Optical Super Savers
250a Nepean Highway Edithvale
9772 3333

Parents, are you thinking about returning to work or study?

A State Government funded training course in Seaford for parents wanting help to return to work.

Course details

Seaford- every Thursday (9.45am-2.45pm) for 10 weeks starting 19 March.

No classes in school holidays.

What Next-Career Planning for Parents

Identify your current skills, knowledge, interests, values, and possibilities for the future. Explore career and life options and develop personal goals and plans. Gain assistance to apply for work or study. Develop self esteem, assertiveness, stress and time management skills and how to present confidently.

No cost for eligible parents

You need to be a parent, have been at home caring for a child, not currently working more than 6.5 hours per week and have not had more than four months paid work or the part-time equivalent, or been undertaking accredited education or training, in the past two years. You must also be a permanent resident of Australia, and have not previously had a State Government PRTE or PRTW training grant.

Other government funded training at AEIC Seaford:
Aged Care and Home and Community Care
Phone AEIC 9895 1666

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Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre
(Kearney Drive, entrance).
ASPENDALE GARDENS

STALLHOLDERS REQUIRED



WOMENS PRE-LOVED CLOTHING MARKET

Do you want to make extra cash?
Do you have clothes you don't wear?
Do you want to make space for new clothes?

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU CONTACT US
FOR STALL HIRE DETAILS

ENQUIRIES: 0417 138 125 or
loveditmaet@yahoo.com.au



Edithvale Primary School Garden Watering Roster

Please help keep our gardens growing

Fill in your family name, phone number, child's name and grade against the days you can assist with watering of school gardens. (Tuesdays & Saturdays 6am - 8am only).

Return this sheet to the school office as soon as possible and further details will follow re: areas to water and access to the shed.

Many thanks from the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Month/Week	Saturday	Tuesday
March	7th	10th
March	14th	17th
March	21st	24th
March	28th	31st
April	4th	7th
	11th	14th

*Thanks to those families who have volunteered to water so far.
Further information regarding watering will be distributed to you.*

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 are 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:	