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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Term 4—Week 9

5 December 2014

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mrs Denise Webster

December is upon us and we certainly seem to be racing toward the end of the year at a hectic pace. The teachers and support staff at EPS have been busy in preparation for 2015 as well as putting finishing touches to the teaching program and, of course, report writing for this semester. Reports will be sent home on 12 December - if you have any **questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher** before the end of the year.

On Wednesday morning we were delighted to welcome many of our parents and friends to Edithvale Primary School for a special morning tea in order to thank them for the excellent work that they do for our students and staff. We are so lucky to have the support of a great number of people who assist us in classrooms, on excursions, in the running of special events and on camps (just to name a few). They all help us to make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow. Thank you from the staff and students at EPS.

Preparations for the Junior School Christmas Concert and the Year 6 Graduation are progressing and we are looking forward to celebrating these events with our students and their families. There will also be many other activities held in classrooms which enable students to celebrate the past year. Check tiqbiz **and your child's purple pockets** for notices which outline these extra special events.

Next week we begin our whole school transition program where all students will spend time in their 2015 classes with their new teachers and classmates over the course of three mornings - Wednesday 10 December to Friday 12 December. This has proven to be an extremely successful and valuable program for our students and for our teachers who are able to get to know their students and have that in mind when they are planning for the coming year.

On the last day of term, 19 December, students will be dismissed at 1.15 pm. Please note that After School Care will run from this time through to 6.15 pm.

eSMART
Mr James Whitla

Edithvale Primary is an eSmart School

The Summer holiday period is an important time for our students and families to think about being eSmart. As many parents search for activities for their children to do - some of these will inevitably be online. It is also a time when our young people may have received new technologies for Christmas and will be learning how to use them. Included below are some recommended links and ideas that may assist you to keep our children to be smart, safe and responsible when spending time **online, and with their new 'technology toys'**.

- ◆ Take a look at the [parents guide](#) to online safety (via ACMA)
- ◆ Offer a **'[technology contract](#)'** that could be include in a gift of technology (via Safechild)
- ◆ Read **'[The 5 myths and truths about kid's internet safety](#)'** (via Commonsense Media)
- ◆ Pull out some of these **'[online games parents can say yes to](#)'** (via Commonsense Media)
- ◆ Have a look at **'[The best movies, games, books and more of 2014](#)'** (via Commonsense Media)
- ◆ Get girls excited by looking at the **'[9 video game heroines to inspire your daughter](#)'** (via Commonsense Media)
- ◆ **Have a look at the ['12 Best YouTube Channels for Kids and Teens'](#)** (via Commonsense Media).

To access the links, right click and open hyperlink



Year 5/6 Sailing Day 2014 at Chelsea Yacht Club



Sailing Day was a blast, what a shame it went so fast. Smiles, laughs and eyes so wide because of all the different sights. Rescue boats, speed boats and sailing boats so many things to do in such a little time. The speed boats went as fast as lightning and the rescue boat went zip and zap racing all the other boats.



Sailing was such a challenge trying to get the hang of it, but once you got it everything went by like a breeze, except for when you needed to turn a corner. A little treat was at the end, sausages in bread and to wash it all down with a soft drink as well as a packet of chips!

All the smiles turned to frowns once it was time to go back to school. Overall it was an amazing day that no one would ever want to change! Holly Cox 5/6A

You climb into the inflatable rescue boat (IRB), excited to take off. Sit down and hold on tight **otherwise you're going to fall off. As fast as a flash, it takes off through the deep blue sea. All you can see are little dots in the distance when you're out in the sea. Did you hear? Drew let go and fell off the rescue boat.** All you could hear was lots of laughter, even Drew thought it was hilarious. He was **rescued quickly, so don't worry, and we all had to wear life jackets. Everyone thought that the speed boat was really good fun.** Daisie Cooper 5/6A

Sailing Day was fantastic, but it was over too quickly! When I rode on the rescue boat it went really **fast. We went far out to sea, holding our hats so they wouldn't blow off. The little yachts were awesome.** I actually fell in the water and it was really, really cold. I was very hungry after we had finished sailing for the day. I was glad that the sausages and chips were filling. Overall the day was the best and afterwards I felt I needed a rest! Bronte Martine 5/6

A short Sailing Day poem. Olivia Hampson and Lauren Bond 5/6A

Year 5/6 went to Chelsea Beach

Climbed onto a yacht, that was hard to reach

We learnt the importance of a mast, but

The speed boat went so very fast



As I went to the rescue boat I felt a bit sick. However when we went out to sea I felt better. The driver did a tight turn and I almost fell off but luckily he quickly turned the other way. We went with the others on the little sailing boats and then I swam back to shore with my best friend Aleeya. Josie Guarino 5/6 A



We hope you enjoyed sailing at Chelsea Yacht Club today.

Please visit us again for our

TRY SAILING DAY

SUNDAY Jan 11, 2015

Bring your family down to Chelsea YC to learn more about the fun sport of sailing! Chelsea YC is a family-friendly club.

We're here every Saturday from 9am, October to April.

(Closed 14 Dec - 16 Jan)

More info: www.chelseayachtclub.com.au

OR Phone Club President: Colin Williams 0431 835 813



CANTEEN NEWS

Mrs Diane Cameron

Some important notices to all students, parents and staff.

- ◆ Last day for lunch orders will be next FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER.
- ◆ Spinach and Ricotta Rolls and Party Sausage Rolls are out of stock.

A great response to Sushi day on Tuesday 2/12 with 288 pieces ordered. Thanks to Bridget & Ant (past students) for helping out on the day. *Thank you too to those clever parents who ordered using Qkr.*

I would like to thank all the helpers who have given up their precious time to help volunteer in the Canteen this year. I have enjoyed your friendship, recipes, sharing family stories, many laughs and much more. This year I farewell four parents, two have joined the team recently and the other two have been here for seven years. To Fiona Hefford, Michelle Lothian, Antoniette Butta and Kellie Kingsley, I thank you all and hope you stay in touch and visit.

With the departure of four parents the Canteen will need some new helpers for next year. I will get in touch with my current helpers in January next year about 2015 roster. The canteen starts back on Monday 2nd Feb 2015.

Have a great break; chill out and I will see you all next year.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM FOUR			
Mon 8	Tue 9	Thu 11	Fri 12
Shauna McMillin	Kate Gibbon	Debbie Bond	Kellie Kingsley Fiona Hefford

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ms Claire Goudey

During the holidays our new gardens and trees will need to be watered.

If there is anyone who might be able to help us by coming to the school to water these plants, could you please let me know?

You can leave your name and phone number at the office and I will contact you with details.

Thank you.



WANTED IN THE ART ROOM

Ms Jenny Lang

We are running out of our supply of newspapers in the art room, so if you are able to help us out by sending your old newspapers along to school, we would be very grateful. Please bring them straight to the art room.

QKR and the CANTEEN

Mrs Sandie Wishart

Our canteen has gone LIVE on Qkr, so you can now order and pay using your Smartphone. Thank you to the families who have used this method this week, we have had a positive response and everything is working perfectly. Note: *You can still order from the canteen using cash; and window sales are still available each day (not Wednesdays).*

PREP ENROLMENTS 2015

We are still taking Foundation/Prep enrolments for 2015. If you have a child starting school next year, please call in to the office and collect an enrolment form at your earliest convenience. Our Foundation/Prep transition program has started. The last session for children is Tuesday 9 December 2014 at 9.30am.

FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION

Madame Snow

This year 13,000 students from more than 100 schools in Victoria have participated in the Year 3 to 12 French Poetry Competition organised by Alliance Française in St Kilda. Each student had to recite by memory, with their best French pronunciation, a poem suitable to their age level.

A “Grand Bravo” to Year 3 students Jacinta Gallagher and Macey Austen, who came second and third and also in Year 6 Laetitia Ah-Young who came third in the State of Victoria.

Oh la la! et Merci!



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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS
Victoria Police

BURGLARY

Almost 29,000 cases of residential burglary were reported to police in the 2013 / 2014 financial year. The most alarming aspect of these reports is that in nearly half the cases there were no signs of forced entry.

We know that most burglaries are opportunistic and occur during the day when most residents are not home. This is particularly relevant as we plan to take a vacation and leave our homes unoccupied for an extended period.

To avoid be a victim yourself, there some very simple steps you can take:

- Install good quality locks on doors and windows.
- Lock all windows and doors, even when you are at home.
- Make your house look occupied at all times.
- Ask your neighbour to bring in your mail if absent

Please report suspicious activity to police via 000.

Further information and advice sheets can be accessed on the Victoria Police website www.police.vic.gov.au

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22 December 2014 - 23 January 2015



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NEW BUSINESS HOURS IN 2015: - As of the 28th January, our new office hours will be:

Monday, 9.00am to 1.00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.00am to 3.00pm

Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.



OCCASIONAL CARE - CASUAL OR PERMANENT BOOKINGS

We are offering 2 occasional care sessions per week in 2015: **Tuesday** first session - Tuesday 10 February (to 24 March)

12.15pm to 3.15pm Cost: \$224 for one child (\$32 per session - 7 weeks)
\$420 for 2 or more children (\$60 per session - 7 weeks)

Thursday first session is Thursday 5th February (to 26th March)

8.30am to 12.30pm Cost: \$256 for one child (\$32 per session - 8 weeks)
\$480 for 2 or more children (\$60 per session - 8 weeks)

To book a permanent place in Term 1, 2015 please contact our office. As spaces are limited, your booking will only be secured once payment is received. If you wish to book your child(ren) on an occasional (casual) basis, the office take bookings one week in advance.

OPEN DAYS will be held on Thursday 29th January (9.30am to 12.30pm) and Tuesday 3rd February (1pm to 3pm) to give you the opportunity to meet the staff and ask any questions.

If you any queries, please contact us on 9587 5955.

NEW IN 2015:

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After downloading the app and registering, simply type EDITHVALEPS after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Edithvale Primary in future to make payments even easier. Qkr is now our preferred option for all payments.

Why not download it today and be ready for 2015 - all feedback to the school office is very welcome.

School charges will be added as they arise so you can get started using this quick and efficient technology.

New features are always being added to Qkr, and you need to ensure that your phone keeps up to date in order to have the new feature-rich versions working correctly.

Apple claim that over 95% of iPhones are now using iOS 7 or 8, but clearly there are still some people **using old versions of Apple's operating system and this will limit your ongoing ability to use Qkr.**

It doesn't necessarily mean you need to go out and buy a new phone, as even an old iPhone 4 can support iOS 7, but for those who ignore Apple's free updates, it means you will have to use the website version of Qkr if your phone operating system does not keep up with the new feature rich versions of Qkr being released.

Apart from potential problems with Qkr, not updating your operating system will limit your ability to use a wide range of new apps, and it even exposes you to security flaws or bugs from Apple that have since been fixed.

Did you know that you can send your absence notes through to us using tiqbiz? **It's quick and easy** and lets us know straight away if your child will be absent. We have 192 people signed up for tiqbiz so **far and we're aiming for every family.** Please take the time to download the app and install it on your smart phone now. Generic instructions are included below but we have specific instructions for [Windows](#), [Apple](#) and [Android](#) available at the office.

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EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL—CALENDAR—TERM 4, 2014

	Week 1 6-10 Oct	Week 2 13-17 Oct	Week 3 20-24 Oct	Week 4 27-31 Oct	Week 5 3-7 Nov	Week 6 10-14 Nov	Week 7 17-21 Nov	Week 8 24-28 Nov	Week 9 1-5 Dec	Week 10 8-12 Dec	Week 11 15-19 Dec
MONDAY	First Day of Term Four	Year 6 Graduation Photo 2015 Foundation Transition 9.30-10.45am	Hoottime Basketball 			SEDA Cricket Clinic Yr F-3	Little Athletics Yr F-4 Bike Ed 2015 Foundation Parent Information	Curriculum Day No School today			
TUESDAY	Divisional Athletics	School Council	Cyber Safety Parent Information Session 6-7pm		Melbourne Cup Holiday No School Today	School Council <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Bike Ed			School Council 2015 Foundation Transition 9.30-11.30am 2015 Yr 6-7 Orientation Day	Yr 6 Big Day Out Graduation Ceremony
WEDNESDAY		Regional Athletics			Yr 5 & 6 Country Appreciation Day		Bike Ed	Yr F-2 Responsible Pet Program (am)	Parent Helper Morning Tea	F-3 Xmas Concert 2.30pm 	
THURSDAY				2015 Foundation Transition 2.30-3.30pm	FUN RUN Yr F-2 10-10.45 Yr 3-6 12-1pm		Bike Ed Yr 5- Mordialloc College	2015 Foundation Transition 11.30am-1pm		Year 5/6 Writing Expo	Final Assembly 2.30pm
FRIDAY	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm 	Assembly 3pm 	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm Bike Ed	Sailing Program Year 5/6 9am-3.30pm Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Last Day of Term Four Start 8.45am Finish 1.15pm
WEEKEND								State Election			