



# Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 3 - Week 4

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This week I would like to take the opportunity to write to you about our wonderful SSO (School Support Staff). They are integral to the successful running of our school and a number of our programs. For some of them, every day brings with it new and often unusual challenges and their ability to be adaptable is one of their great strengths. Our integration aides are Mrs Anne Waller, Mrs Jeanette Woods, Mrs Lorraine Adams and Mrs Kerrie Mitvalsky. They work to support teachers in the classroom and assist in the facilitation of the PSD program. However –you do see them at sport, on camps, and working with small groups of students to improve literacy and numeracy as well. You'll also see them involved in the background of many of the special events that occur such as the upcoming Footsteps performance. In addition, Mrs Waller coordinates the First Aid room and is active in keeping staff up to date with relevant training. This week, for example, all staff were trained in the management of anaphylaxis – gaining information about the plans that we need to have in place, how to recognise symptoms and how to administer appropriate treatment.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Most of you will know the smiling face of Ms Dee Greedy – the reception area is very often a-buzz with activity and she manages the hustle and bustle with remarkable composure. Our new Business Manager is Mrs Sandie Wishart who has only been with us for two weeks and is gradually getting to know our school and the many people who make up our school community. Coming into a new school with many different processes and procedures is not an easy task but she continues to smile and take everything in her stride. We wish her well in her new position.



As you can see, the title SSO takes into account a whole range of responsibilities and, at EPS, we greatly appreciate their contribution – they help make our school a great place to be.



## BIG COMPETITION French Crepe Day (Pancake) Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

To help celebrate this special day. Madame Snow will be asking all the students from Grades 2-6 to create a version of the Eiffel Tower. La Tour Eiffel ( the Eiffel Tower) must be made out of recycled materials.

Preps and Grade 1's will participate in a colouring competition. All art pieces will be paraded at a special French assembly on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of August. We would like the whole school to dress up in the colours of the French flag which are Blue, White and Red or to wear French outfits.



### Term 3—IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST	
Monday 11th ~	Olympics Opening Ceremony
Tuesday 12 & 7:00pm	~ Footsteps-Mordialloc Coll.,
Wednesday 13th ~ 7:00pm	Footsteps-Mordialloc Coll.,
Friday 15th ~	Olympics Art Day
Monday 18th ~	Olympics Room Visits
Thursday 21st	Whole School Olympic Events
Friday 22nd ~	Closing Ceremony
Friday 22nd ~	French Crepe Day
Wednesday 27th	~ Fathers' Day Gift Wrapping
Thursday 28th	~ Year 1/2's to the Zoo
Friday 29th	
SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 2nd ~	Grade 4 Fathers Day Stall
Wednesday 3rd	~ Year 4 Camp ~ Camp Manyung
Thursday 4th ~	Year 4 Camp ~ Camp Manyung
Friday 4th ~	All Other Grades Fathers Day Stall
Friday 5th ~	Camp Manyung ~ Home Today
Friday 19th ~	End Term 3
OCTOBER	
Monday 6th ~	Term 4 Begins

- Please note changes to Canteen arrangements in Canteen News on page 3



**GOODBYE**

# Premier's Reading Challenge

Friday will be the last day of our Premier's reading challenge for this year. In order for your child to obtain a certificate all reading lists must be returned to school by next Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge for their support - the children who have avidly read the books, the parents who have read and listened to the books and the teachers and especially Mrs M. for entering the books on the data base.

The Reading Challenge could not have gone ahead without the help of a wonderful band of parents who have manned the library every morning since the beginning of the Challenge. Thankyou so much to –

Tracey Gabell, Fiona Sewell, Sue Jackson, Fiona Hefford, Simon Fowler, Lisa Lawson, Tracey David, Vanessa Smith and Jo Bailey. We are so grateful for your help. Your happy, smiling faces have encouraged many children, who may not otherwise have done so, to take advantage of our library and to participate in the Reading Challenge.

Thanks!!

Don't forget to bring your reading lists back!!

Karen Laurent

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## The Happenings of 6/11



As for all classes, there has been a lot happening this term. For our class, we are bouncing from counting shoes (and checking them twice!!) to decorating our room and preparing for Monday's Opening Ceremony.

As our room's assigned country is Australia, this week we have made boomerangs using Paper Mache and painting them with our very own Aboriginal inspired patterns.

We have also been busy perfecting our dancing abilities for the Footsteps Concert next Wednesday. We hope that you can all come along to watch!



## Timed Writing by Tiger Katsanis

### Introduction (5 minutes)

On the 4/8/08 the grade fours and fives went to see the rock eisteddfod 'After the Thunder'. We went by bus to Mordialloc High School.

### Content (10 minutes)

After a short play outside on the grass we went inside the hall. The story was about a Japanese girl who made 1000 paper cranes to wish for peace. She was sick from the nuclear bomb that dropped on Hiroshima, Japan in WWII.

### Conclusion (4 minutes)

After the performance we went back to school for morning tea.



## CHOCOLATE DRIVE

The school has currently raised \$5019 from families who have returned their money for the sale of chocolates. Some families kindly donated money instead of selling chocolates. To those families a very BIG thank you.

There are still a number of monies outstanding. It would be much appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible so that we can finalise our accounts, and hopefully purchase the goals!

Thank you again for your great support.

## CANTEEN NEWS



The Olympic Lunch orders are starting to come in with final orders due on Monday 18th August.

On Friday the 22nd August, there will be no other lunch menu items available on this day, only Olympic Lunch orders.

Please remember the canteen will be closed next Tuesday 12th August, due to the full dress rehearsal for the Footsteps concert.

Thank you to my wonderful helpers for the week. A job well done.

Diane

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 11th - Kris Henricks  
Tuesday 12th - Jo Mills  
Thursday 14th - Anne Roberts,  
Anoinette Butta  
Friday 15th - Jackie Houghton



## Wetlands Welcome Photo Competition

Send in your very best photos of the Edithvale/Seaford Wetlands or the birds, animals & plants that live there and enter our competition

Free Entry - send in as many pictures as you like

**2 categories - a) Under 17 & b) Open**

Photos to be laminated and not larger than A4

Your name, age (if under 17) and contact details, including email address should be on the back of each photo

All photos to be kept by Friends of Edithvale Seaford Wetlands to use for display purposes - credits will be given

Send your photos to Wetlands Welcome  
PO Box 124, Seaford 3198 by 1st October 2008  
Alison - 9766 4304 - 0439 342 192  
alisonkuiteer@optusnet.com.au

All photos will be displayed at the Wetlands Welcome Day at Seaford North Primary School in Halifax Street, Seaford (Mel 97 F11) from 10 am - 3 pm on Sunday 19th October

Wetlands Welcome Day- celebrating the arrival of migratory birds  
Talks, displays, children's activities, puppet making of birds that will be flown in the "Great Migration" which takes place on the oval and begins at 12 noon



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