



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1—Week 6 - 8 March 2011

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

OPENING OF THE LEARNING CENTRE

Many thanks to the parents, students and teachers who joined us on Friday February 24 as the Honourable Mark Dreyfus QC, MP Federal Member for Isaacs officially opened our new building. Our learning centre provides us with a physical environment that supports the learning needs of our children in the 21st Century. We love our new facilities and greatly appreciate the funding provided by the Federal Government. We were very proud to welcome all of our visitors and show them what a wonderful learning environment we have here at EPS.



The Unveiling of the Plaque

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The second call for nominations for the School Council of Edithvale Primary School closed at 4.00pm on Tuesday February 28, 2012.

Congratulations to the following people who are now duly elected members of School Council:

- ◆ Nicole Markby (Parent member)
- ◆ Fiona Brown (Parent member)
- ◆ Kimberley Rolls (DEECD member)

As there were insufficient nominations for the parent member category, the final position became a casual vacancy. A second casual vacancy has occurred in the parent category as a result of a resignation.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. You don't need any experience to be on school council -what you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

If you would like to join us on School Council please contact Denise Webster, Principal or Martin Taylor, School Council President.

School Council of Edithvale Primary for 2012

Parent Members:

Fiona Brown
Alice Davies
Tracey Griffiths
Nicole Markby
Martin Taylor
Tania Taylor

DEECD Members:

Karen Laurent
Kimberley Rolls
Denise Webster
James Whitla

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I would like to thank all of our councillors for their interest and support of EPS. We look forward to a very productive year ahead.

School Council will meet on Tuesday 20 March.

6.30 pm Annual General Meeting

7.15 pm Election Meeting

7.45 pm School Council Meeting

All members of the school community are welcome to attend.

School Council is looking for people interested in joining a working party to develop and coordinate the celebration of our Centenary in 2013. We already have a small band of participants but would welcome anyone else who would like to join us. There are a number of people in our school community who have a long history at EPS and we would love for you to share your knowledge with us.

STAFF CAR PARK

For the safety of students and staff we request once again that parents do not use the staff car park. We also ask that you do not use the car park as a thoroughfare - please use the main entrance on French Avenue, the Haig Avenue entrance or those on Edithvale Road. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Fri 9th	◆ Level 4 Interschool Sport Commences.
Mon 12th	◆ Labour Day Holiday. No School Today.
Tue 13th	◆ Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea.
Thu 15th	◆ Young Leaders Day. ◆ Parent Helper Training.
Fri 16th	◆ Lightning Premiership—Year 5 & 6
Wed 21st	◆ Tabloid Sports Day.
Tue 27th	◆ Sushi Day. No Canteen Orders.
Thu 29th	◆ School Photos. ◆ Parent Helper Training.
Fri 30th	◆ Last Day of Term One.

APRIL

Mon 16th	◆ First Day of Term Two.
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Mr James Whitla—Assistant Principal



One of the highlights of this week was a visit from “Circus Challenge” who took all of our students through their paces in a number of disciplines.

It was great seeing our enthusiastic students and teachers determined to master the diablo, juggling sticks, poi pois and spinning plates. The visit culminated in a performance for the whole school by some very talented students who showed great skill when using the circus equipment.

One of the aims of these workshops was to provide our students with a unique and creative way to engage in physical activities that required team work, goal setting and persistence.

It was a highly enjoyable day with students experiencing success and engaging in fun learning experiences.

KIDS CAR ED

The Year 1 and 2 students had an amazing time during our road safety in-visit. We learnt all about the different types of crossings and how to cross the road in a safe manner. We also learnt how to be safe in the car by always wearing our seatbelts and not disturbing the driver so they can concentrate on the road. We had lots of fun driving and being a passenger in the mini-cars.



MEET AND GREET AFTERNOON TEA

All classrooms will be open for afternoon tea on **Tuesday 13 March**.

Come and meet the other parents and teachers from your children's year level.

If you have more than one child there will time to mingle with all.

When: Tuesday 13 March

Where: Your child's room

Time: 2:20 pm

Hope to see you there!

FUNDRAISING BBQ AT BUNNINGS, KEYSBOROUGH

On Saturday 3 March we embraced the rain and hosted a BBQ from 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, raising a total of \$621.80! New acquaintances were made, and I believe a great time was had by all. Because we had so much fun, we will have to do it again!

None of this would have occurred if we hadn't had the help of the following families and teachers:

Ellis, Mison, Busch, Pearce Sewell, Scott-Harvey, Taylor, Davies, Bond, Cawley, Griffiths, Barata, Frame (McIntosh), Vella, Mrs Ostojic, Mrs Webster, Mr Whitla, Ms Scafidi, Ms Baker and Mrs Laurent

Thank you all very much for your time, your company, and, of course, the entertainment.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THIS FORTNIGHT

Golf Clinics for Years 3-6

Kingston Council Visit

Kids Car Ed for Years P-2

Circus Challenge for the Whole School

Level 4 Urban Camp

CHOIR—Starts Next Week

Wednesday 14 March at 1.40 pm.

RUNNING CLUB

Wednesdays—8.15 AM - 8.45 AM

Anyone can join.

We had a great turn out last week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

There has been some confusion over the RE letters which were sent home in the yellow envelope and a second one with your child last week.

You only have to return the form if your child **WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING** in RE Classes. If they are participating, just send along your \$6.00 in the envelope provided.

BPAY PAYMENTS

It's wonderful to see so many parents taking advantage of BPay and paying their fees & charges that way. However, please remember that BPay payments must be for amounts of \$20 or more. You can combine several payments to reach the \$20. Anything under \$20, still needs to be paid via the office. Thank you.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARGE

Thank you to all of those parents who have paid their Community Health contribution of \$20 per child.

The Community Health Contribution is used to help support the employment and training of first aid staff and for the purchasing of supplies and equipment to attend to the immediate first aid needs of ill and injured children.

A portion of this contribution also goes towards our two Pediculosis (head lice) inspections that School Council organise during the year.

STUDENT BANKING

Apologies to all families who sent along their children's banking last week, and did not receive the bank books back.

The parent who looks after the banking for us has been away, and although we managed to get it done during the first two weeks, last week, we just didn't have time.

All banking sent along to school has now been processed and bank books returned.

We have been informed by the Commonwealth Bank Student Banking Co-ordinator, that there are no more wallets available.

All other 2011 items are still available, so keep banking, keep collecting your tokens and redeem them on something special when you are ready.

ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB AT EDITHVALE PS

Jenny Glavis (Book Club Co-ordinator)

Fiona Hefford (Parent Representative)

Welcome back to a busy, new school year.

All children should now be establishing a routine with reading a priority.

Ashton Scholastic Book Club is periodically distributed through the classroom. During the course of the year we will publish dates in our school newsletter and on posters displayed outside your classroom indicating when book orders need to be returned by.

Any special orders which need to remain a secret, such as birthday orders can be picked up from the office. Please specify this on the envelope and the office staff will call you when the books have arrived for collection.

Profits from book sales are used to purchase new books for the school library and home reader collection, so your support is much appreciated.

Ashton Scholastic Book Club pamphlets were distributed last week and need to be returned by Friday 16th March. Thanking you for your continued support.

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

Things are going pretty well at the canteen, with lunch monitors remembering what class they're in and students/teachers putting lunch orders in before 1.30 pm.

The canteen will be running a 'Sushi Day' on Tuesday 27 March (last week of term). On this day there will be no lunch orders—only sushi orders. If not ordering a Sushi Roll, please bring lunch from home. Window sales are still available on this day.

Thanks to parent helpers over the last fortnight. Welcome Kathy Barratt and Jeanette Scott-Harvey to canteen life at Edithvale Primary School—glad to have you onboard!

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM ONE

Mon 12th	Tue 13th	Thu 15th	Fri 16th
Holiday	Jill Eadie	Deb Bond	Kerrie Cappy & Kerrie Mussert
Mon 19th	Tue 20th	Thu 22nd	Fri 23rd
Kathy Barratt	Becky Evangelista	Kerrie Short	Kellie Kingsley & Christine Ozane

BERTHE MOUCHETTE COMPETITION/FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION

WHAT IS IT? The Berthe Mouchette Competition is an opportunity for students to practise the French language by participating in a competition with great prizes to be won! There are two categories, oral and an additional "nouveau" a Drawing Competition for the Primary level participants.

Years 3-6 recital of a French poem (\$5 entry fee)

WHO CAN ENTER? The competition is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 12 in all schools across Melbourne and Victoria.

Who is interested this year at Edithvale Primary School? If your child is keen, Madame Snow will enrol them for this year's competition - we must know by tomorrow - Friday 9 March!

Merci

Madame Snow—French Teacher



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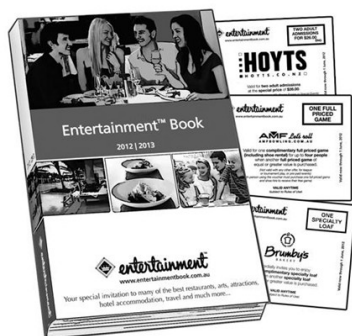
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THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER IS COMING AGAIN



They're coming on Friday 20th April 2012

The brand new 2012|2013 Entertainment™ Book features many of the area's best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities. Books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, and over \$15,000 in total of valuable offers that your family can enjoy until June, 2013!

The best part is that for only \$65, you'll be helping us fund-raise, with \$13 from every Book sold contributing to the School's Fundraising Efforts.

They're going to be sent home to families on Friday 20 April, 2012

Please take the time to look through the Book when you receive it, and take as many orders from your work colleagues, friends or relatives before they sell out!

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Leah Dyer and Ella McShortall

SRC Leaders

The Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital was started in 1931 and since then has helped sick children from all around Victoria. To provide funds for the hospital, money needs to be raised from the community.

The RCH does amazing things, such as, caring for children with broken bones to rare diseases and you can help them to make a difference. At Edithvale Primary school we have been proud to support this cause over many years. Just a simple contribution will brighten the future of many children in need.

A payment envelope will be sent home with this newsletter, for your donation. This is the first community event the SRC has organised this year and we will be grateful for your support.

Please have you envelope back to school by **Friday 23 March** so the money can be forwarded to the appeal before the end of term.



CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Our occasional childcare is running from - 9 am to 1 pm on Wednesday and Thursdays and there are also limited places in our Kinder Activity Group on Mondays 11 am to 2 pm.

Our very popular Children's Market will be on Saturday 24th March from 9 am to 12 noon, 40 undercover stalls with lots of pre-loved bargains.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please drop in or visit our website for a full program at:

www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au



Your First Class is Free!

MONDAY @ 7pm: Patterson Lakes Primary School

TUESDAY @ 7.30 pm: Edithvale Primary

WEDNESDAY @ 7pm: Carrum St Aidan's Church

KIDS Tuesday 4-4.45pm

Patterson Lakes Comm. Centre

alenka_c@hotmail.com

Alenka 0421 357 144

SOCCER REGISTRATION DAYS

NEW PLAYERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

- SUN 4TH MARCH, 2012 FROM 9:00 – 10:30AM &
- SUN 11TH MARCH, 2012 FROM 10:00 – 11:30AM
- @ MCCULLY RESERVE, BROWNS LANE, ASPENDALE (OPPOSITE BROWNS RESERVE)

Aspendale Sporting Club are looking for players (boys & girls) that want to play soccer in the following age groups:

- Skills Program (7 yr olds & under)
- U9 (Born 1999)
- U10 (Born 2000)
- U11 (Born 2001)
- U12 (Born 2000)
- U13 (Born 1999),
- U14 (Born 1998) and
- U15 Boys (Born 1997)

If you are interested in playing soccer in 2012 please contact the Club Registrar via email :

Leon Kyriakopoulos - registrar@aspendalesc.com

Or go to the clubs website www.aspendalesc.com for further details on team training nights and player registration.

ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY SERVICE INC

103-105 Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens

Ph 9587 5955 Fax 9587 5280

Email: agcsinc@bigpond.net.au

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre has a variety of activities for the young and the young at heart. From sport and fitness classes (for kids and adults), dance, kids music classes, playgroups, occasional care and more. For a copy of our activity brochure, or any enquiries, phone **9587 5955** or check out our website www.agcsinc.org.au

Fun, Fitness and the Pelvic Floor: Tuesday 20th March from 7pm -9pm. This free evening is for all women to find out more about the pelvic floor and those exercises we all know we should be doing. A light hearted look at the pelvic floor and ways of avoiding problems. Presented by the Continence Foundation of Australia. Cost: FREE!!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!! Ph. 9587 5955

Zumba: Tuesdays 7.30pm-8.30pm. Get fit for 2012 while having fun with the fitness craze that has taken the world by storm. Only \$12 per session. Contact Mel on 0414 353 827

Zumbatomic: for kids 4-12years. Big starz (8-12yrs) Wednesdays 3.45-4.30pm and Thursdays 4.15-5pm. Lil' Starz (4-7yrs) Thursdays 1-1.30pm and 3.45-4.15pm. Enquiries ph Dani on 0411 139 795.

Thump boxing: Thursdays 2pm-3pm with B Tru 2 U Fitness. Outdoor 30 minute express classes and personal training sessions also available. Enquiries ph. Connie on 0414 671 066

Mini Maestros: Music program for babies and pre-schoolers. Fridays from 9.20am. Enquiries ph. 9511 8689

Cartridges for Planet Ark: Do your bit for the environment and drop off your used ink cartridges, toners and even your old mobile phones to the Aspendale Gardens Community Centre reception during office hours (9.30am-3pm Tuesday to Friday). These will be collected by Planet Ark and recycled into many different items including pens and garden beds.

CLEAN CUT GARDENING SERVICE



I have recently started my own garden maintenance service '**Clean Cut Gardening**' & I'm looking for clients/properties in Edithvale & surrounding areas.

If you mention this flyer (ie: You're a parent/ family member of EPS student) I will donate \$50 back to the school, (which will go towards school funding for the kids) for every new client who books a regular service, prior to April 2012.

Services include mowing, edging, hedging, tree trimming, green waste removal, weed control, pre-sale facelifts, window cleaning. Quotes available.

Regular maintenance or a once off 'Clean Cut' for summer, it's up to you?

Nick Macmillan (Ryan's Dad—Year 1)

Ph: 0419 140476 or E: nickmac9@bigpond.com



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Something for Everyone

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Worthing Road

St Patrick's Day FETE



Saturday March 17, 2012
11 am - 5 pm

LOTS TO DO, BUY, WIN and EAT!

• Rides	• Craft Market	• Show Bags	• Face Painting
• Animal Farm	• Plants	• Devonshire Tea	• Fairy Floss
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HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians

On Thursday 29 March, School photos will be taken at our school. Order envelopes have been distributed to all students today. It is important that the instructions are followed in order to save confusion and disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE: All orders received after photography day will incur a re-order fee.

1. Select your preferred package from the options printed on the flyer (which is enclosed in the order envelope). Note: A class photo is included with all packages.
2. You must complete a separate order envelope for each purchasing child. Clearly mark the package and gifts you wish to purchase, in the space provided, using a black or blue ball point pen. Complete all of your contact details and enclose the correct payment using one of the options listed below.

CASH: Please enclose exact monies as no change is available. If paying for additional siblings in one envelope, please make a note indicating in which envelope the payment was made.

CHEQUE: Please print name, address and telephone on the rear of your cheque. If payment is declined by your bank, dishonour fees will apply. Please allow 60 days for your cheque payment to be finalised. **PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: ADVANCEDLIFE**

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: Can only be made on-line. An order envelope must be completed and returned to your school prior to photo day.

If paying for more than one student or additional family photos, one transaction can be made by adding up the total of all order envelopes and recording the receipt number on all ordering envelopes.

ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to: www.advancedlife.com.au

Click on online payments and re-orders, click on proceed

Enter the three letter online payment code (ie: SCH), then click OK

Enter your information and payment details

Click on next to process payment

Check your payment details, then click on submit payment. A confirmation page will appear, record receipt number on order envelope where indicated under payment details: "online receipt number".

****Please note that a \$1.00 surcharge will apply to the transaction.**

SIBLING ORDER ENVELOPES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND NEED TO BE RETURNED BEFORE PHOTO DAY

Kind Regards

ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

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 Kingston City Council on 9581 4867 or Dylan on 0439 081 059 for further information.

BPAY 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 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

A yellow envelope was sent home to all families recently, with several forms which need completing and returning to school. These forms were to be returned to school by **29 February**. 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. If you haven't returned your forms, would you please send them back as soon possible and if you change any of your details throughout the year, please let us know ASAP.

ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

We are now sending quarterly family statements out via email, which has been a big success. We are also sending electronic copies of newsletters. At present, we will still be sending a hard copy, but at some stage this will stop, unless you specifically request a hard copy.

In time, we will commence sending newsletters via email every fortnight and eliminate the number we need to print. 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 a hard copy.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

EMA applications have now closed, so unfortunately, if you have not submitted your application, you have missed out on this round. You may still be able to apply in the second half of the year though, if you have a current Health Care Card.

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!

PARKING ISSUES

Please observe all parking signs around the school, particularly in Haig Avenue. Reports have come in from parents, that people are being booked by by-laws officers in that area on a regular basis. Please note also, that **parents are not permitted to park in the staff car park**.

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.

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.