



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1—Week 2 - 9 February 2011

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

Welcome back to Edithvale Primary School—I hope that you had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. The past week has seen the students settle into the daily routine of school with an amazing amount of ease - this is where we see the real value of the transition programs that run across all levels of the school at the end of each year. The students are confident and settled about where they are meant to be and who their teachers and classmates are for the coming year.

We would like to extend a particular welcome to our new preps and other students who have just joined the Edithvale Primary School community. We also welcome new staff members: **Ms Jaime Rohan**, **Ms Sharlotte Cua** and **Mrs Bronwyn Molloy**.

In 2012 we are running 13 classes:

Junior School	
Prep 1	Mrs Deb Ostojic
Prep 2	Ms Britt Baker
1A	Ms Amanda Scafidi
1B	Mrs Sharlotte Cua
2A	Mrs Kerrie Evans
2B	Mrs Jenny Glavis and Mrs Bronwyn Molloy
3A	Mrs Jane Hayes
3B	Ms Ann McAllen
Senior School	
4A	Mrs Karen Laurent
4B	Ms Jaime Rohan
5/6A	Ms Kimberley Rolls
5/6B	Mrs Nikki Howard
5/6C	Mrs Deb Johnson
5/6	Mrs Tanya Gibbon
Specialists	
Art	Ms Jenny Lang
French	Mme Sylvie Snow
Education Support Staff	
Mrs Anne Waller, Mrs Kerry Mitvalsky & Mrs Tracey David	
Administration Staff	
Mrs Denise Webster	Principal
Mr James Whitla	Assistant Principal
Mrs Sandie Wishart	Business Manager

As the year begins, we are sad to say goodbye to **Mrs Dee Greedy** who has been the smiling face of our front office at EPS for many years. She has decided to retire and was hoping to slip away unnoticed. However, it is difficult to do this when so many people are used to hearing her cheerful greetings every day - nothing was ever too much trouble. We wish her all the best as she pursues new interests and gets time to enjoy with her family.

We are pleased to announce that the Learning Centre will be officially opened by Mr Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Federal Member for Isaacs on Friday, February 24 at 10.00am. All members of the school community are invited to attend and we look forward to seeing many of you at this celebration.

2012 is The National Year of Reading and there will be a number of planned activities and events that you and your children can be involved in. This year will see amazing, fun, reading activities taking place around Australia and online, so people of all ages, from different backgrounds, can discover and rediscover the joy of reading. Have a look at the following website to see what is on offer: <http://www.love2read.org.au/index.cfm>

The first Working Bee for this year will be held on Friday 17 February 3.30pm - 5.30pm and Saturday 18 February 8.30am - 12.00pm. We have set out two sessions so that if you can't make one then it may be possible for you to make the other. Our aim is to prepare the gardens and the grounds for the opening ceremony later in the week. The outdoor learning space along French Ave will be a focal point. Please come along and join us - we'd love to have your help.

PREP PARENT EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION

Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly Prep for Parents email. You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/prepforparents/default.htm>



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Mon 13th	◆ Canteen Re-opens.
Tue 14th	◆ Street Beat Festival (Level 4). ◆ School Council Meeting.
Fri 17th	◆ District Swimming Carnival. ◆ Working Bee—3.30 pm to 5.30 pm.
Sat 18	◆ Working Bee—8.30 am—12.00 pm.
Mon 20th & Tue 21st	◆ Parent Teacher Partnership Meetings.
Tue 21st	◆ CBA Student Banking Sign Up Stall.
Fri 24th	◆ Official Opening of the BER (Learning Centre).
Wed 29th—Fri 2nd	◆ Level 4 Camp.

MARCH

Mon 5th & Tue 6th	◆ Circus Challenge.
Fri 9th	◆ Level 4 Interschool Sport Commences.
Mon 12th	◆ Labour Day Holiday. No School Today.
Thu 15th	◆ Young Leaders Day.
Wed 21st	◆ Tabloid Sports Day.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH AT EDITHVALE PRIMARY

- ◆ School Swimming Trials
- ◆ Level 4 Street Beat Festival
- ◆ Chelsea District Swimming Sports
- ◆ Year 3-6 Golf Clinics
- ◆ Level 4 Urban Camp
- ◆ Choir and Dance Club will be Starting Soon

PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS - ONLINE BOOKING SERVICE Mr James Whitla—Assistant Principal

We believe that a positive and supportive relationship between home and school is essential to maximise learning achievement. We would therefore like to extend an invitation to you to meet with your child's teacher and share any information regarding their education or welfare.

Yesterday the youngest or only child in your family will have received a notice informing you on how to book a Parent Teacher Meeting using our online service. These meetings will be conducted on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st of February with one booking time of 10 minutes allocated per student.

All bookings must be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Please insert the code **8DR23** into the School Event Code space, click the 'GO' button, and follow the prompts. A computer will be available in the office area during school hours if you do not have internet access at home. Please take the time to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

BOOKINGS OPEN THIS FRIDAY MORNING—10th FEBRUARY—SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME.

LOST PROPERTY

This year, all lost property will be held at the LOTE room. Madame Snow will place the bin containing the lost property outside her room at the beginning of each day and return it inside at the end of the day (weather permitting).

Please feel free to look through the bin for any lost items at your leisure. No lost property will be held at the office.

Named items will be returned to students at our earliest convenience.



CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron

Canteen Manager



CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM ONE

Mon 13	Tue 14	Thu 16	Fri 17
Kellie Kingsley	Kellie Kingsley	Kerrie Short	Antoniette Butta
Mon 20	Tue 21	Thu 23	Fri 24
Kathy Barratt	Sharyn McIntosh	Jo Mills	Christine Ozanne

The canteen will be up and running from Monday 13th February. [Thank you for being patient while I recover from some minor surgery].

The term 1 roster will be sent out this week and if there are any changes please contact me as soon as possible. If any parents want to help out in the canteen, even if it's for a couple of hours, pop by and see me and I will put you on the roster. Extra helpers are required for Thursdays and Fridays.

Term 1 menu has been done and will be sent out this week. There have been some price changes as costs of most items have increased. I have tried to keep changes to a minimum. Please make note of new changes.

Also some items have been removed from the menu due to minimal sales.

Looking forward to catching up with students, staff and parents next week.

NEWS FROM CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

We will be running 2 childcare sessions starting 6th February 2012 - 9am to 1pm on Wednesday and Thursdays @ \$35, and also our Kinder Activity Group on Mondays 11am to 2pm @ \$23 all payable in advance. Bookings are being taken now and spaces are filling up fast.

Lots of new classes to choose from - Digital Single Lens Reflex Basics Photography, Pastries and Desserts Cooking, Organising Your Space classes, and Understanding your iPad.

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

www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au

or just drop on by.

YEAR 6 COMMEMORATIVE JUMPERS (RUGBY TOPS)

Order forms were sent home on Friday and need to be returned by tomorrow, along with full payment (cheque, cash or credit card), so we can get them ordered and delivered as early as possible this term.

The rugby tops are \$47 each. **(No orders will be placed without full payment).**

2012 BOOKLISTS

Anyone who has not ordered their booklist for 2012, will need to place their order online with OfficeMax and arrange home delivery.

If you need another booklist, with all the details, please collect one from the office. There is no extra charge for late orders.

Those who ordered and paid for booklists and did not collect them, please come to the office to arrange collection at your earliest convenience.

EMA CHEQUES & 2012 APPLICATIONS FOR EMA & SCHOOL START BONUS

EMA & School Start Bonus applications are due in to school by 29 February 2012, for those parents holding a current health care or pension card.

Also, if you have a Prep or Year 7 student, and have not yet received your one-off School Start Bonus of \$300, and you are the holder of a current Health Care or Pension card, you may be eligible for this payment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

DISABLED CAR PARK IN FRENCH AVENUE

There have been a few times recently that the disabled car space in French Avenue has been inaccessible to those who need it most.

Can you please consider the wellbeing of those who regularly use this space and keep it clear for cars that clearly display a **Disabled Parking Permit**.

SCHOOL BANKING—SIGN UP DAY TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY—9.00 AM

Near the Prep Entrance

CBA School Banking is free, it's fun and banking day is every Tuesday!

Hi everyone, exciting news, the Commonwealth Bank is back in 2012 with lots of new rewards!

Karen Johnson, School Banking Specialist, will be at Edithvale Primary School on Tuesday 21 February, from 9.00 am for anyone wanting to open an account or for any school banking questions.

Mums, dads and carers, do not forget to sign up your new prep children so they can participate in this fantastic program. Please remember to bring a drivers license (or some other form of identification with you).

Don't forget, every new school banker who joins the program and starts banking, earns our school \$5.00. School banking encourages a regular savings habit and we also receive commission with every deposit made !

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE BANKING MORNING PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN OPEN AN ACCOUNT VIA YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM FROM www.commbank.com.au and return it to your school along with your identification.

SUN SMART

It is important to have a healthy balance of ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure. Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor in determining future skin cancer risk. Too little UV can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy bones and muscles, and for general health.

At Edithvale Primary School:

- ◆ Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- ◆ Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.
- ◆ All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, ie: legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside in the Summer months. Baseball or peak caps are not considered a suitable alternative.
- ◆ Students may provide their own SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. Please liaise with their classroom teacher if necessary, regarding application.

Collect your tokens, then swap them with your School Banking Co-ordinator for cool rewards.

CommonwealthBank 

Money Box 10 Tokens



Release Date: February 2012

Wallet 10 Tokens



Release Date: February 2012

Drink Bottle 10 Tokens



Release Date: February 2012

Lunch Box 10 Tokens



Release Date: February 2012

Watch 10 Tokens



Release Date: February 2012

Handball 10 Tokens



Release Date: February 2012

Booklight 10 Tokens



Release Date: May 2012

Pen Pod 10 Tokens



Release Date: May 2012

USB 10 Tokens



Release Date: October 2012

TENNIS MUMS' PROGRAM VICTORIA

A tennis club in your area will be running a 5 week subsidised Mums Tennis Program beginning **Monday 20 February - Friday 23 February 2012** co-ordinated by Tennis Victoria.

The program is designed to give Mums in the local area an opportunity to get active by playing tennis, meet and socialise with other mums in the local area. We also coordinate a Tiny Tots program for children between the ages of 3 - 5 which allows mothers to participate along with their children and not have to worry about the burden of childcare.

The program is a Tennis Victoria initiative which is a non for profit organisation.

For more information:
Contact Tennis Victoria on 8420 8420
or email them on
tvreception@tennis.com.au

FREE GOLF CLINICS FOR KIDS

WHERE: Patterson River Country Club
The Fairway
Bonbeach Vic 3196

WHEN: Saturday, 18th Feb and Sunday, 19th Feb 2012

FORMAT: Individual & Group Skills Coaching
Fun Activities & Games

EQUIPMENT: Provided
*Own equipment can be used

WHAT TO WEAR: Neat Casual

BOOKINGS: (03) 9772 1972



Free open day - soccer skills program for U7s and meet the coaches
Sunday 19th Feb, 2012
From 10am - midday @ McCully Reserve
James Avenue, Aspendale
Next to ASPENDALE SCOUTS HALL
Opposite BROWNS Reserve.

ASPENDALE STINGRAYS SOCCER CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS, BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS FOR, THE U7's SKILLS PROGRAM (BORN AFTER 2004) AND THE FOLLOWING TEAMS, U9's (BORN 2003/2004). U10's (BORN 2002), U11's (BORN 2001) AND U12's (BORN 2000)

If you are interested in playing soccer in 2012 please contact the Club Registrar or Coaching Co-ordinator via email or mobile

Leon Kyriakopoulos

Registrar@aspendalesc.com

Kevin Griffiths (Coaching Coordinator)

coach@aspendalesc.com

or mobile: 0438526719

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

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Dear Families of Edithvale Primary School ...



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.

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

Regards

Nick Macmillan (Ryan's Dad—Year 1)

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

SERVICES:	*Edging
*Mowing	*Hedging
*Tree Trimming	*Green Waste Removal
*Weed Control	*Pre-Sale Facelift
*Window Cleaning	Quotes Available...



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Melway 93 C-9
www.Chelseafootballclub.com.au
email: chelseafootballclubaustralia@gmail.com



2012 Season

**Junior Soccer Players
Girls & Boys, 5 yrs & Over**

Registration Days

- Saturday 18th Feb 2012: 12pm – 4pm
- Sunday 19th Feb 2012: 12pm – 4pm

Where

HD Thomas Reserve, Edithvale Rd EDITHVALE 3196 Melways 93 C-9

Free Sausage Sizzle for all registered players on both days between, 12pm & 1pm

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Ph **9512 0902** or Mob **0401 263 044**

Address: **1/4 Laura Street, Aspendale**

STUDENT INSURANCE

Unfortunately many parents and guardians mistakenly believe accidents happening to their children whilst at school will be compensated for by the school or government and in most cases this is simply not the case. However, Student Accident Insurance is available, backed by Chartis Australia, for a small annual cost of \$29 per year. Student Cover gives parents and guardians peace of mind whilst insuring their children not only during school activities but 24 hours per day, including almost all sporting activities. Application forms are available from the school office or visit www.studentcover.com.au

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 Charmaine at Kingston City Council on 9581 4867 or Paromita 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

Shortly a package will be sent home to all families, with several forms which need completing and returning to school. This pack will include a print out of the details we have recorded on your Confidential Student Information. These forms need to be returned to school by **29 FEBRUARY** at the latest. 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. Would you please send the forms back as early as possible and if you change any of your details, please let us know ASAP.

ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

We are now sending family statements out via email, which has been a big success. Our first lot newsletters were also sent electronically late last term (as well as providing the usual 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 are closing soon, so if you have not completed your application, please collect a form from the school office and return ASAP. This also applies to School Start Bonus, for parents of prep students, who hold a Pension or Health 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 to park in the staff car park to collect their children.

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.