



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Doing the Right Thing,
Working Together & Aspiring Higher

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FAREWELL MY FRIENDS!



Well, after 50 years of going to school, I think it's time I graduated, don't you? It's hard to believe that after 35 years of teaching with the Department of Education, I'm

actually hanging up my mortarboard.

The first week I started school, when I was 5, I said to mum, 'I'm going to be a teacher' and I'm so proud of my chosen career. I've loved my job. I love kids and I love teaching. I've also got a passion for learning. As a student I've been to Primary School, Secondary College and Teachers College, then Monash and Deakin Universities to research and learn about child development, education and constructing knowledge. (However, I'm also a qualified masseuse, nutritionist, food safety supervisor and astrologer. Yes!) I've taught PE, Art and every grade from Prep ~ 6 and been a curriculum leader, Assistant Principal, Acting Principal, and worked with Cerberus Cluster schools and Southern Metropolitan Region. I am fulfilled and I've met and worked with some outstanding educators.

My favourite roles have been classroom teaching and working with children who need support. I've thoroughly enjoyed my 10 years at Edithvale Primary School as every morning when I walk in that gate, one of our gorgeous, friendly kids waves and calls out, "Hi, Mrs Lawrence!"

I've loved working with all the parents and students here and thank you for that privilege, your friendship and support. My teaching colleagues, the staff are my friends ~ what a talented and dedicated group we have and thank you for all you've taught me.... I'll miss you. Most of all, I'll miss the kids, but I know that, in some capacity, I will always continue to work with children and young people. That is certainly a life purpose.

What will I do now you ask? Well, I intend exploring the right side of my brain further ~ drawing, painting, learning French (and travelling to places where I can practise), writing my novel, long slow beach walks, golf, yoga, swimming, singing, dancing, gardening etc;

So after 50 rewarding years as a teacher and learner in the public education sector, I believe I am now well-equipped and well-qualified enough to close this door and bravely step out into the big wide world and see what happens. An exciting adventure awaits me, I'm sure! Look out world here I come!

You all know how I love sharing my favourite quotes, so I have to leave you with this one:

Janice Lawrence

Children may be likened to a handful of seeds from many flowers. At first they may seem more similar than different in many respects. Place these seeds in the earth and nourish them. As they grow and mature their differences become marked. Some remain small and delicate while others are large and brilliant, some bloom early and some late. One thing they may have in common: Under good conditions they all bloom and have their own beauty.



Edward L Mattil

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES

I am sure that everyone will join me in thanking Jan for her outstanding contribution to Edithvale Primary School.

We wish her a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

Denise Webster



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Fri 10th	◆ Prep Excursion—Gingerbread Factory
Fri 17th	◆ Hot Dog Day—End of Term 3 ◆ Assembly at 2:15 pm, then 2:30 pm Finish

OCTOBER

Mon 4th	◆ Term 4 Begins.
Thurs 14th	◆ Whole School Headlice Checks
Wed 6th— Fri 8th	◆ Year 5 Camp.
Mon 18th _ Thur 28th	◆ Swimming Prep ~ 2 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am Years 3 ~ 6 11:00 am ~ 2:45 pm

NOVEMBER

Tue 2nd	◆ MELBOURNE CUP DAY
Thur 4th	◆ Prep Transition—2:30pm ~ 3:30 pm
Thur 18th	◆ Africa Day ◆ Prep Parent Information Night ~ Staffroom

MY DAY AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF

by Kasey Cathcart 6B



On Monday 16 August, I went in the Regional Finals for the Primary School Golf at Long Island Golf Course. Forty eight boys including me were in the competition, with only six boys going through to the next round.

After a few hours of a mixture of sun and rain, we had finished the nine holes. I had a score of 42. I came 6th overall, which was just good enough to get me through to the next round at Box Hill on 6th September. I will let you know how I go.



WORKING BEE Friday 8th OCTOBER

Whole School Working Bee

Friday 8th October, 2:30 pm.



We will be mulching play areas.

Many hands make light work.

Come early to pick up your children and give us a hand to cart, shovel or rake some mulch.

Any time that you can spare, an hour or two or even half an hour, it will be very much appreciated.

We have rakes and spades but if you can bring your own please do.

Thank you.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

SPORTS NEWS

Heather Pardoe

District Athletics

All the competitors at the District Athletics Carnival showed great sportsmanship on Wednesday 8th September. Well done for representing Edithvale Primary School.

Logical Staffing Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championship

Congratulations to Kasey Cathcart who made it through to the State Finals at Box Hill on Monday 6th September. There were more than 1700 entries across the State and only 100 players made it through to the Final so this is a great achievement.

School Swimming Program

A reminder that our School Swimming Program will take place at Haileybury College in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4. This program is part of the Physical Education Program and all students are expected to participate. Students will need to come to school with bathers, swimming caps and towels and this is a good opportunity to check that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

You should have received a notice to with more information and a permission form to complete and fees will be due at the school office if you have not yet paid for the School Swimming Program.

Dates are as follows and parents are welcome to come along to watch in the spectators' area:

Monday 18 th October	Monday 25 th October
Tuesday 19 th October	Tuesday 26 th October
Wednesday 20 th October	Wednesday 27 th October
Friday 22 nd October	Thursday 28 th October

FREE Girls' Only Have a Go Cricket Program

Cricket Victoria will be running a series of 'Girls Only' Cricket sessions during the September school holidays. This program is aimed at giving girls aged 10-15 the opportunity to learn the skills of cricket, make new friends and have fun.

Friday 1st October Springvale Indoor 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Friday 1st October Oakleigh Indoor 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

For more information, contact Di Day
Mobile: 0427 314389 Email: dday@cricketvictoria.com.au

Or visit the Cricket Victoria website at:

www.cricketvictoria.com.au/page/female.html



A Reminder to Parents

The last day of term is Hot Dog Day
Wear your favourite footy colours
Lunch will be from 1:00 pm ~ 2:00 pm followed by assembly at 2:10 pm and a **2:30 pm finish**.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

EMA—2nd SEMESTER

Please be advised that the second semester EMA cheques have arrived.

If you are waiting on your cheque please come in to the school office and collect it before the end of this term.

TURN SILVER INTO GOLD

We will be holding a banking **Morning on Tuesday 12th October, from 8.30 am**, where the students can bring in 10 of their **silver** bank tokens and exchange them for a **gold** token. They can also hand their bank books in at the same time for processing.

We have some items in stock if students are ready to trade in their tokens, but at the moment the back packs and the money boxes are on back-order. So, if you are getting close to placing an order for these items, please send a note along with your banking.

When these items are in, a note will be sent home so you can redeem your tokens. If you cannot attend on this morning and would like to exchange some tokens, please just enclose your tokens in your bank book and we will exchange them on a banking day.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Coles have launched their own program to help schools receive new sporting equipment for 2011. All you need to do is shop at Coles, collect the Schools Sports Vouchers and place them in the box provided near the general office.

From **Thursday 2 September until Sunday 31 October 2010**, every \$10 spent at Coles Supermarkets will earn customers a **Coles Sports for Schools Voucher** worth 1 point. For as little as 85 points, schools will be able to get some brand new sporting equipment!

Coles have kindly donated 100 bonus points to get us started.

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS SCHEME



The Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme makes a generous donation to Edithvale Primary School every month as part of the Community Benefits Scheme.

If you don't have a card or key ring, pop into the office to get one, already set up with EPS as your nominated organisation.

So whether you shop at **Ritchies** or **Coles**, you can help our School.

YOUR STATEMENT EXPLAINED

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

We understand that the Family Statements we send out are not always easy to understand—especially when you have credits on your account, either for EMA or credits for excursions or activities, where your child was absent.

However, these are part of the CASES21 system we use, and we cannot change them.

When you have a credit on your account, that credit sits there until you notify us of what you'd like to allocate it to—we cannot allocate these amounts automatically.

EMA can only be allocated to compulsory charges. It can be used to pay off camps, excursions, bulk supply charges etc;

When you receive your account, if you have any credits, those have already been deducted from the balance showing at the end—although as I already explained, these amounts have not been allocated to anything.

I would encourage anyone with a credit on their account, to give me a call to let me know what to allocate the money to, so we can get your account cleaned up—and issue a new statement, showing exactly what is still owing.

If you ever have any queries, please feel free to call me to discuss it (9772 1393).

OFFICEMAX—CRAFT FACTORY

Along with last week's newsletter, you received the first 'Craft Factory' brochure.

Don't forget to place your order for any of these good quality craft items. Just follow the instructions on the back of the brochure, log in, using the School's unique promotional code: **CFEP3196** (which is also printed on the back of the brochure) to place your order—you will receive great quality products and the school will receive a 7.5% donation from OfficeMax.

Start buying for Christmas—it's not that far away!

A Reminder to Parents

If you haven't provided us with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate, could you please do so at the earliest opportunity. We are required to have these records for every student who is enrolled at our school. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Mrs Wishart and Mrs Greedy would like to thank all the children who come up to the office everyday with fantastic smiles and wonderful manners. Also to the Preps who try so hard to trick us most days. You certainly make our days fun. Have a safe and happy holiday and see you next term.

Term 3 Report From the Buildings & Grounds Committee

If you wander through the library courtyard you will see the wonderful things that are happening in the Herb & Fruit Garden. Students have planted an array of herbs, vegetables and fruit trees (Apricot, Pear, Apple and Nectarine. Blossoms are now evident on the fruit trees and the herbs are ready to pick. Equally successful is the vegetable garden near the canteen.

Di from the canteen tells us that she frequently picks salad leaves & parsley for the fresh canteen salads and teachers are integrating both these gardens into curriculum activities e.g.: carrot fractions!

In May we had a number of parents



plant 80 shrubs along the Edithvale Road boundary – Bottlebrush, Butterfly Iris and Flax lilies.

Thanks to the Ritchie's Community Benefits Scheme we were able to purchase some more recycled plastic seats for the children – allowing us to gradually replace the old concrete and timber seats.

You may have also noticed that our Maintenance Man "Max" has been keeping the grounds clean & tidy every Friday afternoon – please say hello to Max as you pass by.

Finally – keep an eye out for 2 working bee dates that we will be having in term 4 – there is always plenty we can do on these days to improve the safety and amenity of the school grounds.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

Some of you may have noticed some additions to the school website lately.

If you look under PARENTS, you will see various Mathematics articles and the latest Mathematics Newsletters.

Under STUDENTS, you can find the Homework Grids for each Year Level and some Spelling Words.

We are working at updating all of the out of date information and uploading relevant items as they become available.

STUDENT BANKING

Don't forget student banking day is

TUESDAY

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

The Term 4 Roster has been sent out this week. If you haven't received your roster yet, please give me a call at school.

The Term 4 Menu will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

There are some items such as Hot chocolate and fantastic Noodles that may not be available late next week. If not available, money will be refunded.

Many thanks to all my parent helpers throughout Term 3. Farewell to Georgia, who is moving house, your friendship will be missed. Good Luck at your new abode.

The last day of Term 3 (Friday 17th September) is Hot Dog Day. There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on this day **only**.
I hope you all have a great holiday.

SEPTEMBER ROSTER—TERM 3

Mon 13/9	Tues 14/9	Thur 16/9	Fri 17/9
Antoinette	Claire	Grant	Parent Helpers
Mon 4/10	Tues 5/10	Thur 7/10	Fri 8/10
Kerrie Mussert	Sharyn McIntosh	Grant	Kellie

PFA NEWS

Diane Cameron

A "HUGE" thanks to all the parent helpers who wrapped 356 gifts for our Fathers Day Stall last week. With all those nimble fingers, the gifts were wrapped by 11:00am. Another "BIG" thanks to those who ran the stall on the Thursday. Well done to the PFA ladies, for all the behind the scenes work.

Our next "BIG" adventure is the end of term Hot Dog Day on Friday 17th September (Yes I know, I put Thursday 16th September in the last newsletter—My mistake). Volunteer helpers are required on that day. There will be two sessions 9:00 am ~ 10:30 am and 11:30 am ~ 1:00 pm. Please no little ones for the second session.

Next term we hope to have a disco in the early part of the term. Will let you know more as soon as we can.

On the last day of term 4, you may wear your favourite footy colours (AFL, NRL, Soccer) for a gold coin donation.

TERM DATES FOR 2011

Term 1	1 February—8 April
Term 2	27 April—1 July (26 April—ANZAC Day Public Holiday)
Term 3	18 July—23 September
Term 4	10 October—22 December

PLAYSPORTS TERM 4



Prep to Year 4's get ready for spring fun as PlaySports returns to **Edithvale Primary** in Term 4 for eight weeks of **Basketball & Hockey** commencing Wednesday 13 Oct. from 3:30 to 4:40 PM. Each session includes warm up games, skill activities and modified competitions, that are fun, engaging and age appropriate. The cost is \$72.00 for eight weeks. Enrolled children are to assemble each Wednesday on the asphalt basketball court for roll call and a 3:40 PM start. Spare enrolment forms may be at the school office or phone PlaySports on 9532 5584 to enrol

Kumon Edithvale Education Centre

Is your child struggling with Maths and/or English? Join Kumon program and in several months see the difference! **Second Semester Offer - Bring your child to the Centre and try if this method of study is right for him or her.** No obligation to enroll. To make an appointment for an assessment (free of charge) call Lena on 0402065154. The Centre operates at 5, Blantyre Ave, Chelsea Church of Christ, Chelsea, every Monday and Thursday between 3:30pm and 7:00pm. You can call me on that number outside Centre hours to discuss Kumon method. Regards and keep warm this winter. **Lena**



Did you know that the Australian Society of Orthodontists recommends children have their first check-up by a specialist orthodontist at age 7?

Does your child:

- ◆ Have crooked teeth or misaligned jaws?
- ◆ Have difficulty in chewing or biting?
- ◆ Suck their thumb or fingers?
- ◆ Grind their teeth?
- ◆ Experience speech difficulties?

These may be indicators of an existing or developing orthodontic problem. Take advantage of our **free initial visit** and get some professional advice from a specialist orthodontist today. **No referral is necessary.**

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www.straightorthodontics.com.au

LOST PROPERTY



We are at the end of another term and our collection of lost property is HUGE!

Please come and check to see if some of these items could be yours. Lost property is held in Miss Sharps room.

LITTLE ATHLETICS CLINICS

On Tuesday 24 September and Friday 27 September, Andrew and a representative from the Chelsea Little Athletics Centre came to our school to conduct LAPS (Little Athletics Program for Schools) Clinics.

It was a fantastic day where students in Years Prep to 4 took part in introductory athletics sessions with modified equipment. New skills and techniques were learnt and it gave all the students an opportunity to take part in Little Athletics based activities.

Anyone interested in joining Little Athletics, please contact the Chelsea Little Athletics Centre on the following:

CONTACT: Glen Ward

PHONE NUMBER: 0403 207 217

E-MAIL: chelsea@vlaa.asn.au

WEBSITE: www.chelsea.coolrunning.com.au

VENUE: Edithvale Reserve, Edithvale Road, Edithvale (Melways Map 93 C9)

**Dancing
Open Day
Sunday 3rd October**

***3.30 pm - 5 to 7 years
Giggle Ballet & Hip Hop**

*** 4.00 pm - 8 to 10
years
Ballet, Funky Jazz &
Broadway**

Free!

Classes also available for 2
to 5 years in Fairy Ballet &
Glittery Tap!

Call for more information

**2 Lamana Road
Mordialloc**

Call Brianna ~ 0420 356 232

Places limited, bookings essential!

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