



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week 1

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Welcome back to all EPS families - I hope that you had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the busy term ahead. Again, we have had a smooth start to the term and both students and teachers are looking forward to the many exciting things that are always a part of term 4. Congratulations to the many students who have remembered that it is now compulsory to wear hats when in the yard -even when the skies are a bit gloomy!

Denise Webster

Wellbeing Education at Edithvale Primary - Circle Time

The wellbeing of our students underpins everything we do at school. Our values program "Bounce Back" teaches students to be resilient and to respect others. One of the ways we help our students to get on well is to involve them in an activity called "Circle Time."

The class forms a circle so that everyone can be seen and their contribution valued. The students agree that what is said stays in the circle to allow them to be open and honest with each other. Discussions are non judgemental and personal responsibility is emphasised. This is an essential element when solving problems between students. This forum is then used as part of the curriculum to develop "Speaking and Listening" skills. Issues that are important to the students are discussed which are relevant to them personally and as members of the wider community. Students can explore their experiences and balance them against the experiences and views of others.

This performs the two fold task of teaching speaking and listening skills in real life situations. It also allows the students to gain self-knowledge and explore relationships, feelings and emotions in a safe and secure environment.

Circle Time brings teachers and students together in an enjoyable way where they can celebrate achievements and good times, share knowledge or work, solve problems that occur between class members or just have fun and get to know each other better. This all leads to students learning better because they feel safe, supported and appreciated at school.

Benefits include:

Increased thinking skills such as being able to concentrate, predict, question, evaluate and recount in an effective manner.

- Encouragement of an acceptance of others, openness and caring
- Development of interpersonal skills such as the ability to listen, explain feelings, encourage others in a positive way and develop public speaking skills.

Here are samples of Year Six student's feelings about "Circle Time".

Madison Klusik - In Circle Time I can give my views and express my opinion. It makes me feel good because I know people are listening to me and showing me respect, it makes the whole grade feel great.

Bridget Cameron - We reflect on what is good and also our feelings. We can express ourselves in the group, not feel lonely or that what we do is different from everyone else.

Ellie Lockard - Circle Time gives us a chance to have our say. Whether it's a game we play or a piece of work we can share our ideas and know we will be supported and respected.

Thomas Milne -Circle Time to me is all about how you feel about something and listening to other people's opinions. When we do it I can tell that other people are interested in what the class has to say and it makes our class closer because we can all see each other and everyone has a turn.

Ann McAllen & Committee —Student Wellbeing
Co-ordinator

IMPORTANT DATES—TERM 4 OCTOBER

Saturday 11th	Working Bee: 8:30 to 12:30
Tuesday 14th	School Council
Wed.15-17th	Auction preview for Trivia night - room 9
Saturday 18th	Trivia Night
Friday 24th	Disco
Thursday 30th	Police Band — 'Code1'
Monday 3rd	Is a normal school day. Curriculum day is Wed 3 December



Visual Arts Expo 2008
MORDIALLOC COLLEGE
October 14–16

Our school once again is participating . We are exhibiting a range of the student's art work from paintings to their wonderful claywork, to 3D masks and dragons. COME ALONG and have a look, not only at E.P.S. contributions but the whole exhibition—it should be very exciting. The students really enjoy seeing their art work displayed.

The official opening is TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

The exhibition will be in the Enquiry Zone. On opening night there will be wine and nibbles, and artists demonstrations. Patrons will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite works.

Entry to opening night will be \$2.00 or \$5.00 for families : this includes refreshments and a copy of the catalogue. Alternatively members of the public are able to view the exhibition on

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 15th October
during SCHOOL HOURS 9:00–3:00pm.

Hope to see you there.

Jenny Lang -Visual Arts Teacher

EDITHVALE AFTER SCHOOL

Edithvale After School Care is now taking enrolments for 2009. The enrolment form is available from the program or via the City of Kingston—
Schoolcare Administration Officer—
Charman D'Cruz on 9581 4867.

We offer many different types of activities including art / craft and sport and serve a healthy afternoon tea snack every day.

We offer care until 6:15pm. Every day.
Phone 0439 081 059 to secure a place for 2009

CANTEEN NEWS

Term 4 menu has been completed and will be sent out this week. There is a new meal deal and some winter items removed.

Icy Poles (50c) and Frozen Yoghurts (\$1.20) are now in stock. Frozen Juice cups (60c) will start Friday 17th October,. These frozen items are window sales only, not lunch order items
Muffins will not be available till Monday 13th October.

Next term there will be a Sushi Day and also a Printed Lunch Bag fundraiser. More details later.



Thanks to my helpers for the week

Diane

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 13th	Gordona Zaradic
Tuesday 14th	Claire Stewart
Thursday 16th	Antoinette Butta
	Michelle Custy
Friday 17th	Sharon Graham

**LAST ORDERS FOR
FOOTSTEPS DVDs**

Please note that the last day for ordering this DVD is Friday 10th.

Late orders will not be accepted



PLAYSPORTS: SUMMER SPORTS -TERM 4



DAY: Wednesday (After School)
TIME: 3:30 to 4:40pm
VENUE: School grounds & classroom if wet
COST: \$68.00 for 8 weeks

Commences: Wednesday 15th October
Concludes: Wednesday 3rd December

Prep to Year 4's get ready for 'Summer Sports' as PlaySports returns to **Edithvale Primary** in Term 4 for eight weeks of Softball & Basketball commencing Wednesday 15th Oct. from 3:30 to 4:40 PM. Each session includes warm up games, skill activities and modified matches, that are fun, engaging and age appropriate. The cost is \$68.00. Enrolment forms are in this weeks newsletter with spares at the school office or phone PlaySports on 95325584 to enrol now. www.playsports.com.au.

Additional Information...

- Staff are uniformed & trained in delivering quality sports clinics.
- Children are covered by personal injury & public liability insurance.
- PlaySports is a registered child care provider; receipts e-mailed.
- On wet or cold days, activities are held in the French room.
- Staff to child ratio. 1:14. All equipment supplied
- Children meet on the asphalt basketball court at 3:30pm
- Session starts at 3:40pm. Bring your runners, water bottle & hat.
- Limited places so enrol now to ensure a place.



FREE ARROWS INFO BAG

FUN DAY

NEW COACHES WELCOME

NEW TEAMS FOR 2009 - OR JOIN ONE OF OUR EXISTING 10 TEAMS
NEW U/10 GIRLS AND BOYS - MINIMUM AGE - 8 AS AT 1/1/09

Is your child interested in playing netball in 2009? Please come along and join in some fun netball activities and training drills. Meet our committee who will be available to answer any questions. There will be free Arrow's show bags to give away and information for you to take home. If you are unable to attend the Fun Day but would like information please contact a committee member. All "ARROWS" netball games are played on Saturday mornings at the Dingley Netball Centre (off Westall Road). Training sessions held at St Louis de Montfort's Primary School or Aspendale Primary School.

Where: Aspendale Gardens Community Centre
103 Kearney Dve, Aspendale Gardens.
When: Sunday 12th October, 2008.
Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Committee Members
President: Carmel Longshaw
9530 6857
Secretary: Lisa Gray
9537 9551
Registrar: Mary Hutchinson
9537 2774



We Need Your Help! School Community Working Bee Term 4

The Buildings & Grounds Committee has scheduled 1 more working bee for 2008 and welcome participation from the whole school community. With many people pitching in to help we can provide a tidier, safer grounds area for your children. Come for one hour or the whole morning – the more assistance – the better the outcome.

Tools Required:

BYO tools, blowers & wheelbarrows is always helpful – however owner onus applies

Saturday 11th October (morning)

Calling all parent & children helpers

- Oval renovations & Kikuyu planting day (plus general tidy up). We will be top dressing areas of the oval with soil & planting Kikuyu sprigs – this will ensure we retain a greener, safer oval this year through Summer.

Should you have any enquiries – please contact the office or one of the Buildings & Grounds Committee members – Michelle Ford, Martin Taylor or Denine Teesdale.

*Help make your school a cleaner,
tidier environment!*



School Community Working Bee - Term 4 Reply Slip

To assist us in catering for morning tea will you please indicate how many adults and children will be attending.

☐ Adults ☐ Children I am able to attend on Saturday 11th
October

Name:

Contact Phone No.:

Child(ren) Name:

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Semester 2 EMA cheques are now ready
for collection at the school office.

Please Note: All uncollected cheques must be
returned to the Department at the end of the year.





Wetlands Welcome Day

Celebrating the Great Migration Story

Thousands of Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Latham's Snipe, Eastern Curlew and other species have flown from Siberia, China and Japan to spend summer on our Edithvale/Seaford Wetlands.

Help us re-enact this Great Migration story on the Seaford North School oval. Hundreds of bird puppets made on the day and at local schools will be flown by their makers along a map of the East Asian Australasian Flyway and into our Wetlands.

Other activities include -:

Talks about Edithvale/Seaford Wetlands and the East Asian Australasian Flyway

Displays by Melbourne Water Active Catchment Education trailer and Frog Bog activity,

Waterwatch, Bird Observers Clubs, Friends of Edithvale/Seaford Wetlands
Fantastic food Stalls and information from our local environmental groups

Photo Competition entries will be displayed

Sunday October 19th 10 am - 3 pm

Seaford North Primary School

Hallifax Street, Seaford (Mel 97 F11)

Every family who cycles to the event will receive a gift. Parking is limited, Patterson River Secondary College has a large car park in Eel Race Road, Seaford

Information and details - Alison 9766 4304 - 0439 342 192



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