



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Doing the Right Thing,
Working Together & Aspiring Higher

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Term 1 - Week 2

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Back to School: Welcome back to EPS for 2011 and a special welcome to all of our new families. We hope that you have all had a very relaxing holiday and are keen to get started in what promises to be another busy year. The first three days of the year were used by teachers for planning and professional learning, with the students joining us for their first day on Friday. There will only be one further Curriculum day for the year and we will notify you about this shortly so that you can put the date in your annual planner.

Our preps also began their year on Friday and there was a noticeably calm atmosphere in the top corridor. This is one of the great benefits in having a well structured, comprehensive transition program which helps our young students become familiar with their new classrooms and teachers. They have settled in well to the routine of school and, from what I have seen, are not at all shy about meeting new people and doing new things!

Transition and Parent Partnerships: Our transition program does not conclude at the end of each year – the final part to this process occurs as we begin our new year. Teachers have been working in teams and in class to develop an overall understanding of your child and the knowledge and skills that he or she will require in order to make significant progress in their learning. We cannot do this without your help! You have the greatest knowledge of the way in which your child learns, the things that they are interested in (as well as the things that they are not interested in!), and the support that you feel that they will need in order to thrive at school. So our conversation with you is vital and we are looking forward to the beginning of a productive partnership with you over the course of the year.

Information packages from each level will go out next week and will give an outline of some of the programs and activities that relate to your child this year. They will also include details of our Parent Partnership meetings: teachers will be available on either Tuesday, February 22nd and Wednesday February 23rd for a meeting with you about your child's learning needs. If you cannot make this time and you have concerns which need discussing, please ring to make arrangements for an alternative time.

Buildings and Grounds: As you can see there has been some significant progress with the new learning centre and I have been assured that we are 'on track'. You may have noticed that three trees were removed over the holiday period – they had been deemed to be hazardous so unfortunately they had to go. We are working with the Buildings and Grounds committee to select and replant trees in these areas.

We were very lucky that over this holiday period there was very little vandalism. We are happy that many of you use the grounds during the holidays and over the weekends and it helps for others to see that, on occasions, there are people using the play equipment, the basketball rings or just kicking a football. If you are concerned that there are people around who are misusing our facilities, please let us know as soon as possible. Your vigilance is very important to us.

School Council: At the beginning of every year we go through the election process for School Council. Each year one half of the council positions are up for election. Next week notices relating to this will be sent home and we ask you to give some consideration to joining us as a school councillor. Parents provide us with an important community perspective for the future development of our school. They bring with them their experience as parents at the school as well as the views of the wider community - we value greatly the contribution of all of our councillors. That being said, the first School Council meeting will be held in the staffroom next Tuesday, February 15th.

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful first week and I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Denise Webster

2011 TERM DATES

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



VISION AND VALUES

This week teachers and students have been revisiting our Vision and our Values. Our commitment to these underpins all that we do at Edithvale Primary School.

Our vision is to foster a love of learning in our school community.

We will work together to know our students and understand their learning needs. Our aim is to ensure that learning is fun, active and meaningful in an environment where individuality, creativity and curiosity are valued.

We endeavour to prepare our students for tomorrow's world, developing their skills and knowledge, enabling them to live and work in a global community as effective, responsible and caring citizens.

At Edithvale Primary School the community is committed to working together to ensure a learning environment where the following qualities are valued and developed:

<u>Doing the Right Thing</u>	<u>Working Together</u>	<u>Aspiring Higher</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Learning and respecting others' rights to learn and feel safe ◆ Behaving and working ethically and treating others as you like to be treated ◆ Being supportive, respectful, trustworthy, honest, fair and friendly ◆ Thinking critically, showing good judgement, participating in decision-making and listening to others. ◆ Always trying to do your best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sportsmanship, encouragement, sharing, cooperation and teamwork ◆ Leading and participating in group activities and school programs ◆ Communicating and interacting with individuals, technologies, different cultural groups and with a global audience ◆ Being sensitive to our location and proactive in protecting our environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Recognising and encouraging excellence ◆ Challenging and achieving potential ◆ Fostering imagination, humour, creativity, design, risk-taking, questioning ideas and planning for the future ◆ Continually improving through learning, reflecting and adapting to different situations ◆ Having high expectations of ourselves and others

SPORTS NEWS

James Whitla—Assistant Principal

On Monday we held our Edithvale Primary School swimming trials in ideal conditions at the Noble Park Swimming pool, from which we will assemble a Swimming Team to represent our school at the District Carnival next Friday February 18th.

I am constantly amazed, and always very excited at the exemplary behaviours our students displayed during competition. All students provided great support and encouragement to each other and helped to make the trials a great success. I would like to acknowledge EVERY student who attended our trials and applaud them for their efforts

The drive, passion and determination of all students to do their best ensured that the competition in the water was close.

We were also fortunate to have many parents turn out to support, judge races and assist with the running of the day. We cannot run events such as this without parent involvement and I thank all of those who attended for their input and involvement.

Good luck to all students who are heading off to the District Carnival next week.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Tue 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Year 3 & 4 CSIRO Incursion. ◆ School Council Meeting—7.00 pm.
Fri 18th	◆ District Swimming Carnival.
Tue 22nd & Wed 23rd	◆ Parent Partnership Meetings.

MARCH

Mon 7th—Wed 9th	◆ Year 5 & 6 Camp—Phillip Island.
Mon 14th	◆ Labour Day Holiday.
Tue 15th	◆ School Council AGM
Thu 17th	◆ School Photos

APRIL

TBA	◆ Cross Country
Fri 8th	◆ End of Term 1
Fri 22nd	◆ Good Friday

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm–4:15pm. It is located in the Prep corridor between Prep 1 and Prep 2. Payment can be made by EFTPOS or cash.

SCHOOL BANK DAY

Bank books are brought to school on Tuesday for processing on Wednesday. Forms for new accounts are held at the school office.

LATE PASSES—SIGN IN—SIGN OUT

If you are late to school it is important that you come to the office for a late pass before your child goes off to class.

If your child is leaving the school early it is necessary that you first come up to the office to fill out an early leave pass, which is then taken to your child's teacher on collecting your child.

EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the EMA:

1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; **and**
 2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, **28 February 2011** for the first instalment and **5 August 2011** for the second instalment; **and**
- You must be a parent or legal guardian of the student; **and**
 - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder **or**
 - be a foster parent.
4. Submit your application to the school by the due date:
- *28 February 2011 for the first instalment**
 - *5 August 2011 for the second instalment*
- * Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS—EDITHVALE ROAD & HAIG AVENUE

Please remember 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. All our children at EPS undergo road safety lessons and understand how important it is to use the crossing when going to and from school. We ask parents to cross with their children at the school crossing to reinforce this.

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

The canteen re-opened this week and will be fully stocked by the beginning of next week.

Thanks to Mark and Kellie for helping out this week and welcome to the new parent volunteers.

Our Term 1 roster has been done and will be sent out today (Thursday). If there is anyone wishing to volunteer, please come and see me at the canteen. Hours are 9:00am to 2:00pm, or if you only wish to do a half a day that's fine.

Also the Term 1 menu will have been sent out with this newsletter. Please note the increase in prices of many items.



FEBRUARY —TERM 1

Mon 14th	Tues 15th	Thur 17th	Fri 18th
Kerrie Mussert	Sharyn McIntosh	Michelle Custy	Antoinette Butta
Mon 21st	Tues 22nd	Thur 24th	Fri 25th
Lara Sinclair	Jill Eadie	Jo Mills	Kellie Kingsley Christine

ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB at EPS

Jenny Glavis—Book Club Co-ordinator

Fiona Hefford—Parent Representative

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a busy, new school year. All children should now be establishing a reading routine.

Ashton Scholastic Book Club is periodically distributed through the classroom. During the course of the year we will publish dates in our school newsletter where 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 so your support is much appreciated.

Ashton Scholastic Book Club pamphlets will be going home on Thursday. All orders will need to be back at school by **Friday 18th February**.

Thank you for your continued support.



PLEASE NOTE: There is an outstanding, unnamed order from September which has not been collected. If you are missing an order please see myself or Fiona.

SINGING AND PIANO

All Ages & All Levels

Fun and experienced teacher in Herbert Street,
Parkdale



Piroska 0416 254 697



CHELSEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 13th and 20th February, 12:30am—2:30pm

Chelsea Football Ground, Beardsworth Avenue, Chelsea

For more information contact: Registrar Sharon Martin 9782
9404 or 0439 389 900

Auskick is also running on Friday nights—phone for more
details

Under 9's – Under 16's Female players welcome to U14

Accredited Coaches / 1st Aid trainers Weekly Coaches
Corner / Awards

Show Bags for new players (Birth Cert required)



Edithvale Rovers Junior Football Club

The Family Club

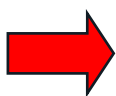
"Most Diligent Club 2009"

Awarded by Frankston District Junior Football League

Registration will be available at local schools. Check our
newsletter or Edi Rovers website for details

For all enquiries and registration for 2011 visit our website

www.edithvaleroversjfc.vcfl.com.au



JOIN NOW

Bonbeach—Chelsea Heights Auskick

AUSKICK REGISTRATION is now open for 2011. To register
visit www.aflauskick.com and re-register. Fees are still \$60
and can be paid online. Bonus tickets will be given for those
who register online. We will email details soon about kit
collection

Paul Smith—NAB AFL Auskick Co-ordinator

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ASPENDALE SPORTING CLUB – JOIN US FOR THE 2011 SOCCER SEASON!

After a successful 2010, Aspendale
Sporting Club (ASC) would like to invite
boys and girls to join our **Soccer teams** for
season 2011. Games will be played on
Sundays and we will be fielding teams up
to and including the under U14 age
group.

Not only are we looking for boys in all age groups from 7-14
to play in teams, we are especially looking to further grow our
Girls Only teams, so if there are any girls out there looking to
play come along to the Aspendale Sporting Club.

The club will be running a weekly skills program for children
from ages 5 to 7. This program is co-ordinated by qualified
coaches and provides an excellent introduction to the game of
soccer.

Registration can either be done by making direct contact with
one of the people listed below, via the club's website, or by
attending one of the club's 2011 registration sessions.

The registration session will be held on Friday 18th February
from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. The venue for these sessions is the
Aspendale Scouts Hall at McCully's Reserve which is in Browns
Lane, Aspendale (Melways Ref 92:H2)

For further information on the club, 2011 registration and
fees, please visit our website www.aspendalesc.com.

For enquiries, please contact our Registrar, Ian Carmichael via
email registrar@aspendalesc.com.

GOLDEN BOOT FOOTBALL ACADEMY

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS 5 TO 8 YEAR OLD...

- » Experts one on one coaching
- » Soccer specific program
- » Fully qualified coaches
- » All coaches have working with kids certificates
- » Fun & Enjoyable environment to learn in
- » Both indoor and outdoor locations right across Victoria
- » Holidays clinics will be held through school holidays

Current Locations:
 Ashwood - Parkhill Primary School
 Williamstown - Williamstown North Primary School
 Bundoora - Parade College
 Box Hill - Aqualinks Complex

New Locations opening up in April (Term 2) -
 Aspendale/Mordiallo
 Casey/Parwick
 Wyndham/Werribee
 Knox
 Taylors Lakes/Sydenham
 And many more...!!

Visit www.goldenbootfa.com
 or call 1300 074 586
 email: info@goldenbootfa.com.au
 for more information
 and to register today...!

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 when you shop at a **Ritchies store** you
can help our School.

