



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 1 - Week 7

10 March 2011

Last Saturday, with the help of some of our wonderful parents, we completed a lot of the ground work for the restoration and placement of the tables in the area outside the canteen. They will look fantastic when they are finished and the children are really excited about having some outdoor furniture. We were able to do a little bit of cleaning and added some mulch to the playground areas. Many thanks to our tireless workers:

Karen and Martin Vella	Kathy Bourne
Michael and Max Telfer	Grant Dyer
Michael Sewell	Denine Teesdale
Simone Kugimiya	Paul Sutton
Heath and Keppel McMillin	Karen Laurent
Alice and Jackson Davies	James Whitla
Trevor and Denise Webster	Barb Sharp

Martin, Tania, Alex and Hudson Taylor

Recently some students have been arriving at school well before 8:00am. We understand that some parents have early work commitments; however our yard supervision does not begin until 8:40am. Kingston Council operates a 'Before School Care' program which some of our students access. The contact number for enquiries is 9581 4867.

Many happy, but weary faces emerged from the buses yesterday afternoon as the Year 5 and 6 students and staff arrived back from three days at Phillip Island. I have been assured that it was a fantastic camp and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to the students who were wonderful ambassadors for our school and special thanks to the staff and additional helpers Paul Cappy, Ashley Howard and Tim McEachern for their hard work.

Congratulations to **Ella McShortall** from 5/6B who was awarded the Primary School Prize in the Kingston Arts Centre's 'Artz Blitz 2011'. Ella had 24 hours to create a masterpiece based on a specific theme –her work is on display at the Arts Centre. Well done Ella!

Reminders:

- * The AGM and Election meeting for School Council will be held in the staff room on Tuesday March 15 at 6.30pm.
- * Our first Friday assembly will be held tomorrow at 3:00pm. Prep 1 will be presenting an item.

Denise Webster

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING TO EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of Edithvale Primary School's fundraising in 2011, families will have the opportunity to purchase this book with over \$15,000 in valuable offers you can use from now until 1 June 2012.



This includes offers for fine and contemporary dining, casual restaurant and family dining, takeaway, arts, sports and attractions, retail, travel, leisure and accommodation vouchers.

Stay tuned for further information coming soon—(end of March, early April).

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Mon 14th	♦ Labour Day Holiday
Tue 15th	♦ School Council AGM
Thu 17th	♦ School Photos
Fri 25th	♦ Puppet Show In-Visit Level 2

APRIL

TBA	♦ Cross Country
Mon 5th	♦ Boat Safety—Level 4
Fri 8th	♦ Term One Finishes
Fri 22nd	♦ Good Friday
Tue 27th	♦ Term Two Commences

MAY

Tue 3rd	♦ Head Lice Checks.
Sun 15 -	♦ Education Week, 15–21



Cued Articulation in the Prep Classrooms

Deb Ostojic

Since the start of Term 1, the preps have been learning a letter and sound each week. They have been participating in a variety of activities such as making alligators for the letter A, marshmallow, shaslicks for the letter M and having a teddy bears picnic for the letter T. To further assist the students when learning sounds each week, Mrs Ostojic and Miss Scafidi have been attending Cued Articulation Workshops. This involves learning a hand action related to how the sound is produced by the mouth. The children have enjoyed learning the actions and we believe this will enhance our Prep Literacy Program. So if you ever walk pass the prep classrooms and you see some strange hand movements you will know that the children are learning their sounds and having a wonderful time.



PFA NEWS

Diane Cameron

PFA for 2011 has officially opened. We had a fantastic turnout. We'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new parents who came along and look forward to a fabulous year together.



The PFA's first activity will be the Mothers' Day stall which will be held on Thursday, 5 May.

As Term 2 does not commence until Wednesday 27th April, order forms will be sent home during the second last week of Term 1. Do keep an eye out for them. Please have your orders in by the end of Term 1 to make the ordering and processing easier. However, final orders will be collected up to Friday 29 April.

Our Term 2 proposed activities (Disco & Hot Dog Day) will be discussed at our next meeting on Thursday 17th March, (in the Staffroom) to finalise Mothers' Day orders. Look forward to seeing you.



Supersavers

Tuesday is School Banking Day.

IT'S THE START OF A NEW YEAR

DON'T FORGET 5 cents! (IS THAT ALL?) and a Youth Saver account is all it takes.

KIDS, DO NOT FORGET YOUR SCHOOL BANKING, IF YOU HAVE A CAMP OR AN EXCURSION, DROP OFF YOUR BANKING TO THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU GO, AND KEEP ON SAVING FOR YOUR REWARDS-AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL.

So don't miss out - Start saving now!

HOT CROSS BUNS



Don't miss out on your yummy Hot Cross Buns for Easter

Closing date for orders is Friday, 1st April

SCHOOL SPORT STRUCTURE 2011

Mr James Whitla

2011 SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA COMPETITION PATHWAYS

For primary schools, the initial competition level will be a District competition against local schools. Primary schools will then progress to Division level competition, which is also the entry point for secondary schools. Division winners will then progress to Region level finals. The winners of these competitions will progress to their specific Conference final. There will be three Conference finals for each sport across the State:

- * Winning schools from Barwon South Western Region, Grampians Region and Western Metropolitan Region will participate in the Western Conference
- * Winning schools from Hume Region, Loddon Mallee Region and Northern Metropolitan Region will participate in the North Eastern Conference
- * Winning schools from Eastern Metropolitan Region, Gippsland Region and Southern Metropolitan Region (Edithvale) will participate in the South Eastern Conference

A wonderful advantage of this competition level is that we will be able to localise finals thus taking advantage of some of the superb resources available in regional centres. This means that country schools may not have to come to Melbourne for this semi final stage as had occurred previously. SSV will be able to hold Conference finals at various locations around the state.

The winners of the Conference finals will then progress to the State Finals.

INTERSTATE TEAM NOMINATIONS

Students attending schools affiliated with SSV are eligible for selection in Victorian Teams to compete in 2011 School Sport Australia National Championships. Information on national events can be found at the School Sport Victoria website, www.ssv.vic.edu.au, or the School Sport Australia website:

www.schoolsport.edu.au

One very important change has occurred in the nomination process for SSV's 12 Years and Under interstate representative teams for students attending primary schools.

For all sports other than Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball all nominations will be registered online via the SSV website (www.ssv.vic.edu.au). Parents will be responsible for registering their child and for downloading all details relating to trial dates, times, venues and costs. Nominations for 12 Years and Under Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball teams must use the form available on the SSV website.

Students who are 12 years and Under that attend secondary schools will also nominate online via the SSV website for all sports other than Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball. For these four sports students who are 12 years and Under and attending a secondary school must use the form available on the SSV website.

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron - Canteen Manager

Thank you to the parents who (last weekend) put in the new seating area near the canteen. It does look nice. Special thanks go to Trevor for putting up the Canteen chalkboard.

The chalkboard will list frozen items available, and any window sale specials for the week as well as Year 6 students on duty.

Please note frozen juice cups will not be available until April. It has been disappointing to see empty cups littered around the school. Please place your rubbish in the litter bins provided.

A BIG thanks to the parent helpers for the last fortnight. Special thanks and welcome go to our new parent helpers, **Fiona Brown, Michelle Aronleigh, Sharon Vanderwyk and Christine Ozanne.**



MARCH— TERM ONE

Monday14	Tuesday 15	Thursday 17	Friday 18
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	-	Mark O'Hehir Kerry Short	Kellie Kingsley
Monday 21	Tuesday22	Thursday24	Friday 25
Kerrie Mussert	Michelle Aronleigh	Jo Mills	Kellie Kingsley

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

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.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY

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

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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.

We are in need of coat hangers for displaying articles or clothing. If you have some spare we would be very appreciative. Please leave them at the school office.

STUDENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Thank you to those families who have already filled in and returned the forms we sent out last week. It is important for us to hold at the school, current student information which includes, medical information and emergency contacts in case of an unforeseen accident or illness. Would you please send your forms back to the school office as soon as possible.

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

All EMA applications have now been processed. The 1st payment run for 2011 will occur on 15 March. Applicants who chose the EFT payment option should receive payment into their bank account by Monday 21 March; and for applicants who chose the cheque payment option, cheques should arrive at school from the end of March onwards.

MANNERS

Mrs Wishart and Mrs Greedy would like to compliment all children who have come up to the office this term, on their beautiful manners. We love having you come up to see us.

LATE PASSES

When you are late to school, you must first come to the office for a late pass. It is then taken to class to give to your teacher, where it is collected and recorded on our CASES21 attendance system.

AFFORDABLE ACCIDENT PROTECTION FOR YOUR CHILDREN

No parent or guardian likes to dwell on the prospect of accidents or injuries to their child, but the reality is that accidents do happen and families often struggle to cope with the financial pressures that follow.

Student Cover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world*. The cover applies whether they are at school or not, and includes almost every sport*. (**some conditions apply*).

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just \$29.00.

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To apply online go to www.studentcover.com.au and click **APPLY NOW**.

More information is available from the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE



An After School Program is conducted by Kingston Council at Edithvale Primary School hall. It was established to provide quality care for primary school aged children in a supervised, relaxed, safe and fun environment. The programs cater for parents who work, study or due to other commitments require After School Care for their children.

They also cater for parents who would like their children to play with other children or participate in the varied recreation activities after school. The program, with two staff, is open to primary aged children and the hours of operation are from 3:30 pm to 6:15 pm on normal school days with allowances for Curriculum Days as well.

Parents wishing to enrol their children are asked to contact Charmaine at Kingston Council on 9581 4867 or Paromita on 0439 08 059 for further Information.

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