



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 5

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Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

James Whitla

It has certainly been yet another hectic and rewarding couple of weeks at school.

The School Swimming program has now concluded and it was terrific to see the effort, attitude and application of all our students who participated in the lessons. The positive feedback from parents and students suggests that this was a most successful program. It was great to have the assistance of so many of our parents and their assistance was integral to the smooth running of the program.

This week the removal of the MOD 5 portable classrooms from the back of the oval has commenced. The first of the 2 classrooms were whisked away on Wednesday morning and the other is due to be removed tomorrow, Friday November 11th. This will further open up our oval area and provide our students with even more space to play in.

We also participated in W.O.W (Wear Orange Wednesday) day this week in which we celebrated and recognised the outstanding work that the State Emergency Services do. Many of our students and staff got into the spirit of the day and looked resplendent in their many different orange outfits. It was a treat to have the SES vehicle on site and a few students were fortunate to talk to the SES representatives and hear about the truck's functionalities. Thank you to all of you who donated and supported this cause and at last count we had raised nearly \$400.

Last Saturday saw a small but devoted number of parents and staff attend a working bee at school. We managed to replant some of the garden outside the office area, start the preparation needed to put in some more seating outside our new learning centre as well as carry out some general tidying and maintenance work in our school grounds. A big thank you to all of those who assisted on the day.

As part of our teachers' ongoing commitment to professional learning, all staff attended a Literacy workshop last night that looked at using conversation and thinking skills to promote and enhance students' comprehension skills.

Finally thank you to our students and who continue to be punctual to school and to those, who when they arrive late, check in to the office to complete a late pass.

VALE

Jennifer Crane

Edithvale Primary School extends to Eliza, Jack, David and their family and friends, our sincere condolences on the passing of Jennifer after a long illness.



MOVING OF PORTABLES

The last of our portable classrooms will be transported out of the school on **FRIDAY 11th**.

To ensure the safety of our EPS Community we will keep the Haig Avenue gate locked for that morning.

We also ask that you refrain from parking in French Avenue—other than in the designated drop off zones as the trucks require space to manoeuvre.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Fri 11th	◆ Remembrance Day ◆ Year 5 Transition to Mordialloc Secondary College 9:15am—11:30am
Tue 15th	◆ Head Lice Checks
Tue 22nd	◆ Prep Information Night—Staffroom 7:00—8:00pm
Tue 29th	◆ Prep Transition 11:30am—1.00pm

DECEMBER

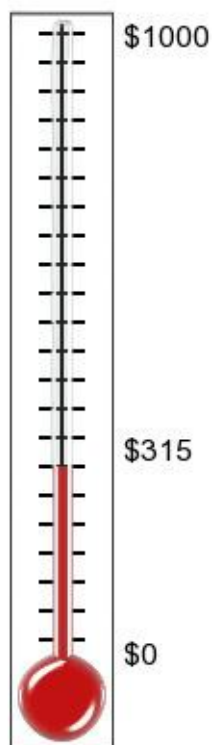
2nd—8th	◆ Life Education Incursion
Tue 13th	◆ Prep Transition / Orientation Day
Tue 20th	◆ Graduation Year 6
Thu 22nd	◆ Last day of school



THE SMALL COIN ROUNDUP IS PROGRESSING NICELY

The results so far are:

♦	Prep 1	\$60
♦	Prep 2	\$60
♦	1A	\$20
♦	1B	\$20
♦	2A	\$20
♦	2B	\$10
♦	3A	—
♦	3B	\$10
♦	4A	\$30
♦	4B	\$30
♦	56A	\$20
♦	56B	—
♦	56C	\$10
♦	56D	—
♦	Admin	\$25



All money raised will go towards, Buildings and Grounds-Landscaping. The fundraiser will run until the end of November. Other coins will be accepted too of course!

WANTED

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER

We need to find someone to take over the running of our Second Hand Uniform Shop in the hall

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday from 3:15pm to approximately 3:45pm. You could even divide the time up with a friend.

If you feel you have approximately half an hour to an hour to spare and can help us out, please come up to the office to let us know.

We would be most appreciative of your help.

Thank You.

DO YOU HAVE A CLOTHES RACK YOU DON'T NEED?

One is needed in the Second Hand Shop to display uniforms. Please contact the office if you have one.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK YOUR EMA CHEQUE UP FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

LIFE EDUCATION VICTORIA

As part of our school's proactive approach to wellbeing, students will be experiencing a visit from the Life Education van. The van is part of Life Education Victoria which is a non-profit, non-government independent organisation. Its goal is to work in partnership with schools, parents and the community to educate students about the issues surrounding legal and non-legal drugs.

The van is staffed by qualified and experienced teachers and incorporates harm minimisation principles endorsed by the government. All sessions are at an age appropriate level. Teachers are also integrating drug education into the curriculum. As part of the cost, students will receive a work book to consolidate what they have learnt and it could become part of a family discussion around the subject.

Depending on the year level, areas covered could include the definition of a drug, the safe use of legal drugs such as caffeine and medicines and the need to accept responsibility for personal health. Students also learn about values such as cooperation and that appreciating differences promotes positive human relationships. They also learn skills including how to maintain personal safety and resist pressure from peers when making decisions.

If you would like any more information on the important work being done by the Life Education staff you can go to the website or contact the school.



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PREP NEWS

THOUGHTS ON SWIMMING

By Prep 1



In the last few weeks the Preps have been going swimming at Haileybury swimming pool. They have had a great time and here are some of the stories they have written this week.

I was in colour group orange at swimming. I lost my tooth in the tyre. My Mum came to watch me at swimming. **Will D.**

I went to Haileybury pool. I was in orange group. I can do a torpedo. My group had Indiana, Giles and Will in it. My Mum came to watch me. **Charlotte**

I went to Haileybury pool and I did backstroke and torpedo. My colour group was orange. **Giles.**

I went on the bus to Haileybury pool. It was fun. I jumped off the block in the deep end. On the last day I got to have a noodle to play with. **Jess H.**

I had fun teacher. I am good at swimming. I had pink bathers on. I was in purple group. **Annabelle**

WHAT ARE THE PREPS LEARNING ABOUT?

By Prep 2



This term we are learning all about weather. Each day we look at the highest and lowest temperature on the interactive whiteboard. Then we add the information to the weather chart we made.

At the library we researched more about the weather. We have also been learning how hail, thunderstorms, floods and droughts can cause damage. We have enjoyed looking at all the different weather pictures.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM FOUR

Mon 14	Tue 15	Thur 17	Fri 18
Lissa Lawson	Becky Evangelista	Deb Bond	Kellie Kingsley
Mon 21	Tue 22	Thur 25	Fri 26
Georgina Deveraux	Sharyn McIntosh	Kerrie Short Jo Mills	Fiona Brown Antoinette Butta

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

With swimming finished, lunch orders and window sales are getting back to normal.

Good News! Pretzels are now back in stock after locating another source.

More Good News! The Canteen is running another Sushi Day on Tuesday 22 November. Order forms have been sent out this week and are due back by **Thursday 17 November.**

All orders / money are to be sent to the Canteen. Prices remain the same ~ \$2.50 per roll.

The Canteen will continue to sell Hot Chocolate (\$1) and fantastic Noodles (\$2.20) until stocks run out.

Students and parents please do not order icy poles or ice creams with lunch orders.

A **GIANT** thanks TO Kellie and Antoinette for helping out over the last 2 weeks.

To my other parent helpers a **BIG** thank you as well!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

An After School Program is conducted by Kingston Council in our Edithvale Primary School hall.

The program caters 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.

After School Care has two trained staff and is open to primary aged children, between the hours of 3:30pm to 6:15pm, on normal school days with allowances for Curriculum Days as well.

Throughout the school term, the After School Care program staff provide children with afternoon tea as well as opportunities to participate in a varied recreation program ranging from structured and unstructured indoor/outdoor games, art, craft, cooking and special events.

Parents wishing to enrol their children are asked to contact Kingston Council on 0439 081 059.

Thank you

We wish to thank local businesses who have generously contributed towards the production of the Year 6 Graduation Book.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

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PFA NEWS

The PFA will be running a sausage sizzle on Thursday 8 December. The cost will be \$2.00 per student for a sausage and Just Juice. For those wanting another sausage an extra \$1 is needed.

Details will be sent out later this term.



The PFA has received some entry tickets to the Harvest 'N' Graze festival on Sunday 5 February, 2012. Families who are interested in obtaining one free ticket please complete the form below and return to the office. The winning tickets will be drawn on 9th December at assembly. There are posters around the school for further details.

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Please cut off and return to School Office

ENTRY FOR HARVEST 'N' GRAZE FESTIVAL TICKET

Student Name:	
Class:	
Contact Phone No:	



First Class Free!

MONDAY @ 7pm Patterson Lakes Primary School

NEW TUESDAY @ 7.30 pm Edithvale Primary School

WEDNESDAY @ 7pm Carrum St Aidan's Church

KIDS Tuesday 4-4.45pm Patterson Lakes Comm. Centre

alenka_c@hotmail.com Alenka 0421 357 144

Ooops!

Have you forgotten your EMA cheque?
Come into the school office to pick it up.



Classes for all ages in 2012!!

Only \$8.00 per class!!

Thursday nights:

6.15pm Intermediates (10yrs – 14yrs)

7.00pm Seniors (15yrs +)

8.00pm Adults

Saturday mornings:

9.00am Tinies (3yrs – 5yrs)

9.45am Juniors (6yrs – 10yrs)

Please contact:

Nicole – 0407 888 171

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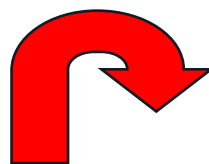
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AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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

Thank you to those families who have filled in and returned the confidential student information forms we sent out earlier in the year. 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 any outstanding forms back to the school office urgently so we can have this up to date information at hand. And also, 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)

Some of the EMA cheques have arrived at the school office. Please enquire at the counter to see if your cheque is in, as soon as possible.

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.