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Term 1—Week 7

11 March 2016

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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Miss Jacqui Miller

"Why is Miss Miller writing the Principal's report?"

I hear you ask. Don't worry - Mr Whitla and Mr Schneider have not been voted off the island "Survivor" style. They are attending a Principals' conference in Lorne to learn about brain function and what education in the future might look like. From Wednesday to Friday of this week, I have **had the opportunity to sit in the 'Big Chair'!** It has given me a special insight into the hard work that Mr Whitla and Mr Schneider put into the school every day.

Students

As always, there has been a lot happening around Edithvale Primary School over the last two weeks. A number of students from Years 3-6 represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival.

The 5/6 students cleaned up our school grounds as a part of the Clean Up Australia Day Program (I hope you've noticed their efforts!).

The whole school had a free dress day and our Foundation students started their first full 5 day week - congratulations!

The fun continued with the EPS students enjoying a delicious lunch on Sushi Day and smiling big for school photos.

The Year 4s visited the local library in Chelsea and then walked to Edithvale beach as a part of their Inquiry unit.

The Year 5/6 students and teachers had a great time at Sovereign Hill over the last three days and **I can't wait to hear their stories of 'striking it rich' whilst panning for gold.**

Parents

Thanks to the Foundation parents who came along to our Welcome BBQ last Friday afternoon. It was great to see Mr Whitla and Mr Schneider cooking up a storm on the BBQ and all the students,

parents and siblings having a great time getting to know each other.

Supporting Your School

The school council election is now closed - thank you to all parents who voted. It is a great reflection on our school community to have so many parents keen to be on school council. Once Mr Whitla and Mr Schneider return on Tuesday, the votes will be counted and the announcement will be made on Wednesday 16 March.

Another big thank you to all of the families and friends who shopped at Woolworths last year over the duration of the Earn and Learn campaign. We received five big boxes of resources for our students to use from Foundation through to Year 6. The new resources include science kits, audio book sets, maths equipment (such as hand scales and logical thinking games) and more. They have been distributed and are already being used within the classrooms.

The fundraising committee has been working hard preparing hampers for our Easter raffle. The prizes are looking great! This week, you will have received a book of raffle tickets and a notice explaining how our Easter raffle will work. Please sell your tickets and then return ticket stubs and **the money to your child's teacher by Thursday 24 March.** If your tickets are selling fast and you think you could sell another book, please visit the office or send a **note to your child's teacher.**



Last but not least, have a great long weekend. I hope the sun continues to shine and everybody has a fun, safe long weekend. See you all on Tuesday for another big week.



LAST DAY OF TERM 1

School will finish at 2.30pm on Thursday 24 March. There will be an assembly on this day at 2pm and will include the drawing of the Easter Raffle. There is NO SCHOOL on Friday 25 March.

The school office will be closed on the last day of term.

CANTEEN Mrs Diane Cameron

As there are only 2 weeks of term 1 remaining, I am starting to get term 2 roster ready and also a couple of items will be added to the menu. The term 2 menu will be sent out early next week.

Tuesday 8 March was Sushi Day and a busy day it was. Firstly I must apologise to the students and staff whose orders were not completed in full. The supplier, who I have dealt with over the last nine years, did not deliver the correct amount. Those who did not receive all their order were refunded for the one roll missing. A big thanks to Claire and Kathy who helped get all the orders done and helped with those who missed out on a roll.

Another big welcome to our new Canteen Volunteers Melinda, Tarsha and Sasha.

All lunch items are now in stock and back on the Qkr menu. All items should be fully stocked until the end of term. Frozen items Calippos, Icy Twists, Ice Cream Tubs and Frozen Juice Cups (all \$1) are still available at lunch times.

Many thanks to all my wonderful volunteers and CONGRATULATIONS to Kate on a job well done **last Friday....you survived.**

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM ONE

| Mon 14 | Tue 15 | Thu 17 | Fri 18 |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Labour Day Holiday | Melinda Price | Jane Donaldson Silva Bernhard | Nicole Butcher |
| Mon 21 | Tue 22 | Thu 24 | Fri 25 |
| Shauna McMillin | Fleur Eddey | Jill Donnelly | Good Friday |

QKR & TIQBIZ

Please remember to update your child's Year & Class on Qkr & Tiqbiz

SCHOOL FEES AND CHARGES Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

All charges paid via OfficeMax have now been received by the School, and receipted against family accounts. All families should have received a copy of their statement by now. If you have not received one, please let me know and I will email one to you, or send a copy home with your child.

Please note that due to changes in the **Department's processes, Voluntary Contributions** do not show on your statements now, until they have been paid. Voluntary contributions set by School Council are:

- ◆ Curriculum Program \$100.00 per child.
- ◆ Buildings Upkeep \$ 35.00 per child.
- ◆ Student First Aid Care \$ 20.00 per child.

Voluntary financial contributions are for school facilities and equipment not associated with providing the standard curriculum program otherwise provided for through the Student Resource Program, which help to fund many programs and resources that benefit your child and that would otherwise not be offered at EPS.

If you are in receipt of CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund), we are expecting this money to arrive very soon. I will allocate it on your behalf, to your most urgent compulsory charges—such as Year 5/6 Camp, which took place over the last three days of week 8. If there are no compulsory charges remaining on your account, the CSEF funds will stay on your account as a credit until needed.

Note: CSEF funds can only be used for camps, excursions, activities and sporting events, such as interschool sport and swimming.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEAVERS

A reminder to all parents/guardians that if your child is late for school, or you are picking them up early, you are required to sign in or out at the office. Please do not go straight to the classroom. When you have signed in/out, you will be given a pass to take to the teacher. If your child comes in on their own, please direct them to the office first for a pass.

Thank you for your help with this procedure.



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND [CSEF]

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form. Complete the form and return it with a copy of your Health Care/Pension card. Applications close 3 June 2016.

Allocation of Funds: We will allocate your CSEF as it becomes available, to your most urgent outstanding compulsory charges (school camps, excursions, activities & sporting events and will then send you a statement, so you know exactly where the money has been allocated to.

CSEF can not be allocated to voluntary contributions.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

This week's theme for the Student of the Week award is 'Bravery' and Taj from Year 2 has certainly not shied away from a challenge.

Taj decided that he wanted to shave off all his hair for the **Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave**. Taj was motivated to do this in front of all of his peers for a family friend, Bridgette, who is currently going through treatment for leukaemia. The original plan to shave at assembly changed at the last minute due to chemotherapy treatment today. After school on Thursday, Bridgette and **her family came to the school and shaved Taj's long locks off.**

Thank you to all students and families who stayed around after school, at such short notice, to **watch Bridgette shave Taj's**



hair off. Also a big thank you to **Sharon (Bridgette's mum)** for sharing her **family's story with us.** Taj has raised \$1700 and counting - what an amazing effort.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

If you are one of our wonderful parents who has the time to volunteer your services at the School, this is just a reminder that you must have an up to date Working With Children Check.

We have a number of parents and grandparents with WWC cards on file, that have expired. If you think you are one of these people, and you wish to continue volunteering at the School, please renew your Working with Children Check at: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and provide us with an updated copy.

If you cannot locate the expiry date on your card, then please give me a call so I can check our records for you. Note that if you name Edithvale **Primary School as your place of 'volunteering'**, we automatically get a copy of your card sent to us also.

Please note: Working With Children Check Fees are increasing from 27 March 2016. The fee structure is:

| Service | Fee to 27.03.16 | | Fee from 27.03.16 | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | Employee | Volunteer | Employee | Volunteer |
| New Appl. | \$108.90 | Free | \$116.14 | Free |
| Renewal | \$108.80 | Free | \$85.95* | Free |
| Replace a Card | \$13.60 | Free | \$7.38 | Free |

*Renewal must occur within three months of card expiring, after this time people must complete a new application at the higher fee. (*Volunteer cards are always free*).

These changes follow the government's review of the fee structure to ensure:

- Volunteers are not discouraged
- Fees reflect the cost of the scheme, and
- Savings generated for some services are passed on.

DONATIONS FOR THE ART ROOM Ms Jenny Lang

We are in need of donations of newspapers, small boxes Eg: cereal boxes or smaller, tubing, egg cartons and small plastic containers eg: margarine, yoghurt, etc. If you can help us with any of these, please leave them at the Art Room. Thank you.



HOW TO REGISTER FOR PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL 2016

Reward your school with Active April
The health benefits of doing 30 minutes of physical activity a day are great, and so are the incentives for registering for Active April on 6.

All Victorian primary and secondary schools will go in the running to win:

- a \$500, \$500 or \$250 Sportsmart voucher if your school has the highest percentage of students to register in the small, medium or large category
- one of 14 VISA gift cards with high-profile athletes
- a \$500 Sportsmart voucher and a Goodstart school take as course for up to 10 students with the School PLUS Challenge
- a \$2,000 Sportsmart voucher for the most active school

The more students and teachers who register, the more chances your school has to win.

Registering is easy
Schools and students will have their own dedicated page on our website at activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools. Simply follow the step-by-step instructions to get started.

Creating teams
Teachers can create school or class teams and once registered, students can join the set teams and track their activity using the Activity Tracker.

When to register
We encourage schools to register their students during March (before the Term 1 holidays, commencing 25 March) and to track group activity in the weeks before and after the holidays.

Help promote Active April
Spread the word about Active April in your school community – go to activeapril.vic.gov.au/promotingactiveapril. Be a member to visit activeapril.vic.gov.au to register today and check out the Schools page to find out how to create and join teams and win. Good luck!

Get started now! Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au

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Department of Health & Human Services
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A Supported Playgroup is now running on Thursdays from 10am - 12pm at Edithvale Family and Children's Centre, 88-120 Edithvale Road, Edithvale for pre-school aged children.

The small-talk Supported Playgroup is funded by the Department of Education and Training and is available for families who have a Health Care Card or equivalent.

For more information on eligibility phone: 9581-4863 or email smalltalk@kingston.vic.gov.au

By participating in the small-talk program you will:

- Have access to a free facilitated playgroup delivered by trained professionals
- **Get tips and strategies to support your child's learning and development**
- Interact in fun and engaging activities
- Meet other families with young children who live in your local area
- Have access to one-on-one support through optional home visits



Help your child to learn and develop
Join a smalltalk playgroup





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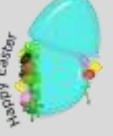



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EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL—CALENDAR—TERM 1, 2016

| | Week 1 25-29 Jan | Week 2 1-5 Feb | Week 3 8-12 Feb | Week 4 15-19 Feb | Week 5 22-26 Feb | Week 6 29 Feb-4 Mar | Week 7 7-11 Mar | Week 8 14-18 Mar | Week 9 21-25 Mar | |
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| MONDAY | | Life Ed | | | | | Interschool Swimming Carnival | Labour Day Holiday NO SCHOOL | | |
| TUESDAY | Australia Day Holiday  | Life Ed | | Parent Information Sessions School Council | | School Council election—Voting opens | Student Photos | School Council Election—Vote Count | School Council AGM Meeting 6.30pm | |
| WEDNESDAY | Student Free Day | Life Ed | | | | | Year 5/6 Camp School Council Election Voting Closes | School Council Election— Declaration of Poll | | |
| THURSDAY | First Day of Term One | Life Ed | | School Council Nominations Open | School Council Nominations close Little Athletics | Little Athletics | Year 5/6 Camp | Foundation Grandparents afternoon 2.30pm-3.15pm | Easter Raffle Drawn Last Day of Term One Assembly 2pm Early finish 2.30pm | |
| FRIDAY | | Life Ed | | Swimming Trials Years 3-6 | | Free Dress Day Easter Egg Donation Little Athletics | Year 5/6 Camp | | Good Friday NO SCHOOL | |
| WEEKEND | | | | | | | | |  | |