



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Working Together & Aspiring Higher

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Monday of this week was 'Ultraset Day' – teachers at schools across the state participated in professional development to better acquaint themselves with the scope and the workings of the Ultraset. It would be naïve of us not to expect a few teething problems when a project as vast as this is introduced; and indeed there were a few on Monday – however everyone had the opportunity to get onto the system and begin to navigate their way around. Many thanks to the ICT team, led by Brittany Baker, who put together a comprehensive series of activities designed to engage our staff as they began their journey.

Recently I included a link for parents to use, so that you could begin to develop an understanding of what the Ultraset is all about: www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet. Some of you may have had a chance to look at the information but for those of you who haven't – 'in a nutshell', the Ultraset is an online student centred learning environment that supports high quality learning and teaching and connects students, teachers and parents. For teachers it will provide access to curriculum resources; it will enable them to plan, deliver and assess curriculum online; it will allow them the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and provide students with the high quality instruction and learning to which they are entitled. For students it will mean they will have online access to resources; they can collaborate with their peers and develop greater responsibility for their own learning. They will have access to a range of applications that will take their learning into the 21st century. For parents it will mean that they will be able to access up-to-date information about their child and his or her learning progress.

This innovation is an exciting one—it opens the door to the future for us all. Its introduction into our school will happen in stages and over this period of time we will continue to explore and build our skills. We are also planning a Parent Forum so that you too can see what a wonderful educational opportunity we have at hand. As soon as a date has been set, we will inform you through the newsletter.

BER UPDATE: After a fairly slow couple of weeks, today we have a machine that is compacting the soil. Once

this is done we may be able to see a little more action. On Tuesday I had a chance to walk through a completed building at Moorabbin PS which is very similar in design to the one that is being built at EPS and I must say that it looked fantastic! Further to that, yesterday afternoon a few of us went to a furniture and equipment expo to get some idea of what might be suitable for our setting. The building is actually starting to take shape in our heads – and I'm sure that very shortly we'll be able to see the 'bricks and mortar' as well!

Denise Webster

* Our Sincere Sympathy *
* Our thoughts go out to Janice *
* Lawrence on the sad loss of her *
* mother last week. *



IMPORTANT DATES ~ August / September

Wed 18th	◆ Prep Parent Evening 7:00pm ~ 8:00pm
Thurs 19th	◆ PFA Meeting ~ 2:30pm ~ Staffroom
Fri 20th	◆ Athletic Trials ~ Year 4–6
Tue 24th	◆ Year 3–4 Tree Potting Afternoon ◆ Graduation Committee Meeting 3:40pm ◆ School Council 7:00 pm
Wed 25th	◆ First Prep Transition Afternoon 2:30pm ~ 3:30pm ◆ Jump Rope Day
Thur 26th	◆ Maths Games night 6:00 ~ 7:30pm
Fri 27th	◆ Year 3 Excursion ~ Melbourne Aquarium
Tues 31st	◆ Grade 4 Fathers' Day Stall
SEPTEMBER	
Sept 1st–3rd	◆ Year 4 Camp
Thurs 2nd	◆ Father's Day Stall
Wed 8th	◆ District Athletics
Fri 10th	◆ Prep Excursion—Gingerbread Factory





Come and Join Us

If you have a special talent in any of these areas and would like to share it with us, we would love to have your input during the week. Just see your child's teacher.

Tuesday, 31st August

2:00pm – 3:30 pm

We are celebrating our learning in all areas at Edithvale! Come and join us while we learn more about English, Maths, Science and Art.

The students are preparing to show you their learning! You can wander through the school looking at all the different activities throughout the grade levels.

Literacy/ Numeracy Week



CANTEEN NEWS—FROM DIANE

Just a reminder to parents that the canteen still has lunch order bags for sale. Order forms are available at the office or at the canteen. Prices are:

10 bags—\$1

25 bags—\$2

50 bags—\$4



Many thanks to my wonderful helpers for the week and to the Year 6 students Joel, Rhys, Renee and Maddy. Thank you for your assistance on busy days.

AUGUST ROSTER

Mon 16th	Tues 17th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th
Anna Ericsson	Georgia Julier	Mark O'Hehir Michelle Custy	Sharon Graham
Mon 23rd	Tues 24th	Thurs 26th	Fri 27th
Kara Sinclair	Claire Stewart	Gordana Zaradic	Kellie Kingsbury Antoinette Butta

PFA NEWS—FROM DIANE

Our next meeting is on :
Thursday 19th August, 2:30pm in the Staffroom.

- ◆ Disco dates will be finalised at this meeting. All parents are welcome.
- ◆ Father's Day notices have been sent out this week.
- ◆ Money and order forms to be returned by Thursday 20th August.
- ◆ Helpers are required on Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30pm to process orders.
- ◆ If you can help contact Diane at the canteen.
- ◆ Fathers' Day stall is on Tuesday 2nd September

SPORTS DESK Heather Pardoe

Netball Clinics

Our complimentary ANZ Vixen Netball Clinics run by Vixens player, Wendy Jones will take place for Grade 4 students on Wednesday 18th August between 10-11am and 11.30-12.

Volunteers Requested for Athletics!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with measuring and recording results for our Inter House School Athletics Carnival for Grades 4-6 on Friday 20th August 2010. No experience required as we will give you guidance on the day. We will meet at the Edithvale Athletics Track at 9am.

Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Off day will be on Wednesday 25th August 2010 for the whole school. Please come along to offer your support and encouragement to students.

The Gutsy Challenge

Eating healthily can be a real challenge. So get your friends and family to sponsor you to eat your fruit and vegetables for seven days during September. The aim is to get healthy, win prizes and raise money for digestive cancer research. If you are interested in finding out more, have a look at www.gutsychallenge.com



HELP!

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We are looking for adult helpers to assist us with measuring and recording results at our Grade 4/5/6, Athletics Carnival between 9am - 1.30pm on:

Friday 20th August 2010

(weather permitting!)

Look out for the notice coming home this week and return the slip to school if you are available to help.

Please meet at the Athletics track at 9am on Friday 20th August

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Kerry Mitvalsky

The Premiers Reading Challenge is coming to an end. Please ensure your child hands in their reading sheets by Monday 16th August to enable us to complete the data by the end of the month. If we do not receive your sheets by this date, your child will not be able to receive a certificate or have their name published in the newspaper. Thank you.

LE MAGNIFIQUE FRENCH DAY



RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT SCHEME Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

The Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme has donated \$36,000,000 to thousands of local community groups in Victoria. Edithvale Primary School is one of them—we normally receive around \$350 per month from the scheme.

Each month we receive this donation, because of the EPS families and community who shop using a Ritchies Community Benefit card or key ring, with EPS as their nominated organisation.

As of 1 September this year, Ritchies are changing their donation rate to 0.05% to enable them to offer cheaper prices in their stores. (Previously this was 1%).

You can elect to be notified by SMS, directly to your phone, of special in-store specials—just ask about this next time you are in your Ritchies store.

It will take 20 people spending \$25 per week, for us to qualify for the minimum monthly donation of \$10 (0.5% of \$2,000.00), so the more people nominating our school the better.

If you don't have a card or key ring, pop into the office and see me and I will give you one, already set up with EPS as your nominated organisation.

ART ROOM Miss Lang

Miss Lang needs lots of egg cartons for our Art Room. Save them up and bring them to school and leave them in the cage at the Art Room door. Thank you.



ELECTION DAY Fundraising BBQ

As you are aware the Federal Election is on 21st August and once again Edithvale Primary School is a polling venue. The School Council Fund Raising Committee is going to hold a Sausage Sizzle on the day and the proceeds will go towards a Buildings and Grounds project. To make this a success we will need volunteers to man the BBQ throughout the day.

If you can assist us, would you fill out the form below and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Barb Sharp
(For the School Council Fund Raising Committee)



ELECTION DAY Fundraising BBQ—Reply Slip

TIME	NAME	FOOD HANDLERS CERTIFICATE Yes/No
7:00 ~ 8:00 (Set up)		
8:00 ~ 9:00		
9:00 ~ 10:00		
10:00 ~ 11:00		
11:00 ~ 12:00		
12:00 ~ 1:00		
1:00 ~ 2:00		
2:00 ~ 3:00		
3:00 ~ 4:00 (Clean up)		

EPS COMMUNITY NEWS.....



Did you know that the Australian Society of Orthodontists recommends children have their first check-up by a specialist orthodontist at age 7?

Does your child:

- ◆ Have crooked teeth or misaligned jaws?
- ◆ Have difficulty in chewing or biting?
- ◆ Suck their thumb or fingers?
- ◆ Grind their teeth?
- ◆ Experience speech difficulties?

These may be indicators of an existing or developing orthodontic problem. Take advantage of our **free initial visit** and get some professional advice from a specialist orthodontist today. **No referral is necessary.**

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w straightorthodontics.com.au

PARENTING PROGRAM

Do you have a child aged 10—14 years?

Do you want to learn to :

- ◆ Understand your teen
- ◆ Improve communication
- ◆ Negotiate boundaries
- ◆ Solve problems together
- ◆ Set limits
- ◆ Deal with risky behaviour
- ◆ Look after yourself

We will be conducting a 4 week Parenting Program on Tuesday evenings commencing on the 24th August—14th September at 7:30—9:30pm at the Maternal Health Centre, cnr. Como Parade and Herbert Street, Parkdale. The cost will be \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. For further information on booking and payment details and how to register, call:

Kingston Youth Services on 1300 369 436

Long-term commitments sound scary? Get flexible with our month by month memberships

- ✓ 3 x one-on-one workouts
- ✓ Healthy eating advice
- ✓ Access to our fun, fast 29 minute workouts and so much more...

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Bayside Area

Kumon Edithvale Education Centre

Is your child struggling with Maths and/or English?
Join Kumon program and in several months see the difference!

Second Semester Offer -

Bring your child to the Centre and try if this method of study is right for him or her.

No obligation to enroll.

To make an appointment for an assessment (free of charge) call Lena on 0402065154.

The Centre operates at 5, Blantyre Ave, Chelsea Church of Christ, Chelsea, every Monday and Thursday between 3:30pm and 7:00pm.

You can call me on that number outside Centre hours to discuss Kumon method.

Regards and keep warm this winter.

Lena

TERM DATES FOR 2011

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| 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 |

STUDENT BANKING

Don't forget student banking day is

TUESDAY