



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN: This year there was a fairly controversial lead up to the Naplan testing, however I am pleased to report that the process itself was very smooth. Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who sat for the tests in literacy and numeracy this week. All students worked hard and gave their best.

BER Update: Last week I met with our site manager and representatives from the building company that will be constructing our new Learning Centre. There are still a few things to be put in place before we actually see a start – however be assured that there has been progress and very shortly you will start to see real evidence of a construction site.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day last Sunday. Many thanks to the parents who bought, wrapped and sold items for the Mother's Day stall last week. Thanks also to the Prep teachers who once again organised a very successful 'Pamper' afternoon for the mothers and grandmothers of our prep students.

Lockdown Practice: In an earlier newsletter I wrote about the organisation of a practice lockdown. It is important that we do this so that, in the event of an emergency, all members of the school community will know what to do. On the day that we hold the practice, all students, staff members, parents and visitors who are in the school at the time will be involved. Students will have been given

instruction on what is happening and they will know that it is a practice. In order to have a clear idea of how successful the process is, we need some extra help –we need about 7 parents to help out as observers. The information that is collected will then be used when we debrief. If you can help us, (on a morning in week 7, May 24-28) - please contact the office on 9772 1393.

Next week is Education Week and the school has organised tours for 2011 prep enrolments on Tuesday May 18 and Thursday May 20 beginning at 9:15am. Please join us if you have a child who is starting school next year. Individual tours are also available by appointment. Our very successful transition program for new prep students will begin in August and we hope that all students who are enrolled will be

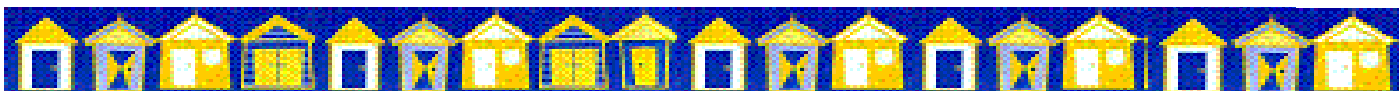
able to join us. Details of the program will be sent out to parents closer to the time. We are also holding an 'Open Afternoon' for all current students and their families. Parents are invited to come in and have a look at the work and activities their children are doing. Please join us any time from 2.30 to 6.00 on Wednesday May 19.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge Janice Lawrence and Barb Sharp who are both being presented with awards for 35 years of service to Education. We are very proud to have you as part of our school community –congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

Denise Webster

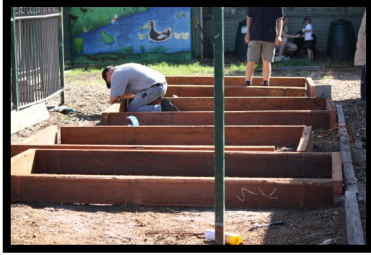
IMPORTANT DATES FOR MAY

Friday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Cross-Country Preps to the Zoo
Saturday 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Bee ~ Vegie Garden 9:00am ~ 1:00pm
Monday 17th–Friday 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDUCATION WEEK Tuesday 18th ~ School tours at 9:30am Wednesday 19th ~ Open Day Thursday 20th ~ School tours at 9:30am
Thursday 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6s to the Zoo
Friday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree Planting Morning ~ 9:30am ~ 12:30pm
June: Wednesday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Cross Country
Thursday 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFA ~ Staffroom 2:30pm
Monday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ~ PUPIL FREE DAY



GARDENING UPDATES

VEGETABLE GARDEN ~ Barb Sharp



We are now getting much closer to the completion of the vegie garden. Yippee!! Everyone is very excited, as we are looking forward to getting our vegies in and watching them grow.

There is another working bee this weekend to complete the watering system, fence, propagation house and to build a shed. At our last working bee, a number of people indicated that they would be happy to spend some extra time with the establishment of the vegetable garden. Thank you so much to the parents who have already offered help to finish this part off. We do appreciate your help. If anyone else has an hour to spare on Saturday May 15th from 9:00am to about 1:00pm and would like to come, please do. We'd love to see you there.

The gardening gloves have been bought for the kids along with 2 compost bins. We already have the large worm farm. We will set these up so we can start using them next week. The Grade 6s will use the small worm farm near the toilet block.

If you have been down there lately you will see that we have the soil in the beds. Thanks to Martin Taylor for his hour and a half yesterday and a large group of students who have worked over lunchtimes.

We're now thinking about what we would like to plant in our gardens. There is so much to choose from. We have a list of winter vegies which are suitable for our area. These are:- asparagus, garlic, shallots, horseradish, rhubarb, lettuce, onions, peas, silver-beet, spinach, broad beans, Asian vegetables and leeks. We will be planting some of these with the children in the next few weeks.

Each grade will be allocated their own area in the garden and will be learning how to care for our worm farm and what can be put into the bins for composting. What a lot of fun this will be!



TREE PLANTING MORNING ~ Co-ordinators Michelle Ford and Denine Teesdale

As part of the ongoing program to improve and beautify the school, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, are holding a tree planting morning and are seeking your support. Come for 1 hour or stay all morning – all help greatly appreciated. We will be planting along the Edithvale Road front boundary.

Date ~ Friday 28th May

Time ~ 9:30am – 12:30pm

Meet ~ Garden Shed on French Avenue



SOLVE THESE PUZZLES AND WIN!

Complete the puzzle with your family and place your answer (along with your name and grade) into the box located at the office.

Each fortnight students with the correct answers will go into a raffle. Two names will be pulled from the box and prizes will be given to those very clever students at assembly. *IT COULD BE YOU!!!*

Prep - Grade 2

In my pocket I have 25 cents.

How many combinations could I have?

Can you draw them?

Grade 3 - Grade 6

The day after tomorrow is Monday, October 5th.

What day and date is three weeks from yesterday?

ART ROOM

Jenny Lang

The Art room needs

NEWSPAPER—URGENTLY!

Instead of throwing your newspapers out, please take them down to the Art Room and leave by the door.

All newspapers gratefully accepted

Many Thanks



Wrapperless Wednesdays

Written by:
Joel & Sean

On Behalf of Flinders

Starting next Wednesday for the rest of the term we will be having **WRAPPERLESS WEDNESDAYS**

To make this work, you must bring all your food in containers with NO plastic wrappers and NO foil.

This will help our school to be more environmentally friendly. It will also help our school to be a much cleaner place!

PLEASE help our school by supporting

WRAPPERLESS WEDNESDAYS

Thank you

LIBRARY

Our Library will be open from
Tuesday to Friday
at 8:45am to 9:00am
for children wishing to change their books.

STOP PRESS

Pictured below are Madame Snow and Gabriel Gate at the launch of Gabriel's new book 'Recipes for a Great Life' which was held at the Precinct Hotel.



CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to my parent helpers for your help over the last fortnight. A very big thank you to Renee and Maddy for helping out on a very busy Friday last week.

A reminder to all students that hot chocolates (.80¢) can be purchased at recess for lunch times.

Diane

MAY ROSTER

Monday 17/5	Tuesday 18/5	Thursday 20/5	Friday 21/5
Catherine Green	Sharyn McIntosh	Michelle Custy	Kerry Cappy
Monday 24/5	Tuesday 25/5	Thursday 27/5	Friday 28/5
Angie Clark	Georgia Julier	Gordana Zaradic	Sharon Graham Antoinette Butta

PFA

A "BIG THANKS" to the parents who helped with the wrapping of Mother's Day gifts and running the stall last week. Thank you to Lissa for organising the gifts and to PFA members Karen, Vanessa, Melinda and Sarah for collating money and orders.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th June at 2:30pm, in the staffroom. We will be discussing our next activities, School Disco (Friday 18th June) and Hot Dog Day (Thursday 24th June). All parents are welcome!

If you have any queries regarding PFA, come down to the canteen to see me.

Tuesday 10th June PFA Meeting at 2:30pm (Staffroom)

Friday 18th June School Disco

Thursday 24th June Hot Dog Day

LOST PROPERTY

There have been a number of items brought into lost property this week. Some of which are brand new Grade 6 jumpers. **Please remember how important it is to name all pieces of clothing.** Don't be tempted to send your child to school thinking they won't lose it, because chances are it will be lost.

FROM THE OFFICE ...

STUDENT BANKING

Don't forget our School Banking Day is Tuesday.

Help your child develop good savings habits—start school banking today!



FOUND

1 blue bike with training wheels left in school grounds last Friday. Please contact the office for more information

UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday from approximately 3:00pm ~ 4:15pm.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Were you aware that we have After School Care in our Hall every night and for Curriculum days? To secure a place call Kingston Council on 1300 653 356 or Paromita on 0439 081 059 for further information.



SPORTS DESK

Heather Pardoe



Interschool Sports

No Interschool sports this week as District Cross Country trials will be taking place at Seaford North Primary School.

Next week on Friday 21st May, we will be playing away versus St Louis.

Mouthguards must be worn for soccer and AFL Football and shin guards must be worn for soccer!

Friday 21 st May	Away versus St Louis
Friday 28 th May	Home versus Chelsea Heights
Friday 4 th June	No match
Friday 18 th Jun	Away versus Aspendale

Friday 25th June Home versus Seaford

District Cross Country

Good luck to all the students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 taking part in the District Cross Country on Friday 14th May 2010. Please remember to bring water bottles and a snack with you. Zone Cross Country will take place on Wednesday 9th June 2010.

Soccer Clinics

Unfortunately, the rain stopped the Soccer clinics for Grades 3 and 4 on Friday but they will continue on Friday afternoons during Weeks 5 and 6.

Cottes 5 a side Soccer Gala day for students in Grades 3 and 4 will take place on Friday 24th June.

McDonalds Hoop Time

On Wednesday 23rd June, students in grade 5 will enter teams into the McDonalds Hoop Time Basketball competition at Chelsea Stadium.

Students in Prep to Grade 4 will take part in basketball skills, fun and play clinics on Wednesday 23rd June at school organised by Basketball Victoria.

District Team Sports

Congratulations to Leroy Addison who was selected for Zone trials in Soccer.

EPS COMMUNITY NEWS.....



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Don't forget— PLANTING DAY on FRIDAY
28th May from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Kumon Edithvale Education Centre

Kumon Method

- Teaches to concentrate
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Call me on **0402065154** or email to

kumanedithvale@yahoo.com.au and book a free no obligation appointment for assessing your child's level of knowledge in Maths and English.

I will show you how your child can benefit and then you will decide if it suits your child or not

Lena Gvirtsman