



# EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1—Week 3 - 14 February 2014

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

On Tuesday evening we held the first of our Parent Information sessions in the Learning Centre. The focus was on giving parents an understanding of our Curriculum Framework and the way we structure our teaching and learning programs. Parents were then given the opportunity to connect with classroom teachers and find out information that was more specifically related to their child's year level. Our next session for parents of students in Years 1-3 will be on Monday 17 February from 6-7pm in the Learning Centre.

Earlier in the week teachers were involved in a professional learning session with Mathematics expert, Charles Lovitt, where he inspired us as he shared his love of all things mathematical. We came away with a vast array of ideas and activities to use in our classrooms as well as a greater understanding of how to assist our students as they connect with mathematics.

**School Council** Once again, we are at that time of the year when we invite parents to consider joining school council. Half of our school council members have completed their two year term and we are beginning the process for School Council Elections. Parents are greatly valued on School Council and provide us with an important community perspective for the future development of the school. They bring with them their experience as parents at the school as well as the views of the wider community. Details will be sent out next week and will be posted outside the General Office and on the noticeboard at the front of the school. You will also be able to find information through the school website [www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au)

Please consider nominating for School Council elections.

## EMERGENCY DRILL

Mr James Whitla

Next Wednesday 19 February, we will be conducting an EMERGENCY LOCK DOWN DRILL for every class in our school. Emergency procedure drills will be held randomly throughout the year and next week's practice is designed to support our students to become accustomed to moving in a safe, calm and orderly fashion to designated safety points throughout the school.



Staff will explain the expectations and requirements of our students step by step and expose them to the sounds of the alarm and loud speakers. This familiarisation will help prepare our students for a full scale evacuation FIRE DRILL that we will conduct later in Term 1.

All parents on the school premises at the time of the Lock down will be asked to join in this emergency procedure too, which will only take 5-10 minutes.

## PFA PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The first meeting for 2014 will be held on  
**Monday 17 February, 2.30 pm**  
**in the Staff Room**

We will be discussing and selecting Mothers Day gifts (already?!), so please, come along and enjoy a cuppa, and help choose this years selections!

We look forward to meeting new parents and friends wanting to be involved, and welcome back parents and friends who have helped in previous years.

See you there. Younger children welcome.



## ALTERNATE FAMILIES

It is important that we keep our student confidential details up to date. If your family's living arrangements have changed and the parents are no longer living together, we need to know the details of the 'alternative' family for our records. The 'primary' family is usually where the child spends the most time. The 'alternative' family is usually the other parent, who the child does not normally live with, but spends time with. If they spend half of their time at each address, we need the two 'families' listed separately.

We are aware that there a number of families in our school community who are in this situation but we still have the parents recorded as being at the same address.

If this includes you, would you please pop into the office (or give Pru a call) and complete an 'alternative family' form, so we can update our records accordingly.

Not only does this help us understand your child's living arrangements, but it also alerts us to those parents who need an extra copy of reports etc; sent home.

## LOST PROPERTY

This year, all lost property will be held at room 8. Ann McAllen will place the bin containing the lost property outside her room at the beginning of each day and return it inside at the end of the day.



Please feel free to look through the bin for any lost items. Only small, valuable items of lost property will be held at the office.

Named items will be returned to students at our earliest convenience so please remember to name all items of clothing and personal belongings brought to school.

## EMA APPLICATIONS—FINAL REMINDER

Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) applications are due in to school by 28 February 2013, for those holding a current Health Care or Pension Card. Application forms are available from the office.

## SCHOOL FEES & CHARGES PAYING BY INSTALMENTS

If you elected to pay your school charges in three instalments; and provided your credit card details; the first instalment was deducted on 10 & 11 February.

If you chose to pay by BPay or Cheque, and have not yet done so, would you please make the payment at your earliest convenience.

We hope that this method makes it a little easier for you to manage your charges over the year. There is still time to choose this option, just pop into the office to complete an instalment form.

The second instalment is due on **28 April** and the third, on **28 July**.

## PAYING BY BPAY

Another option when paying your school charges, is to set up a scheduled payment for \$25 each fortnight (or an amount that suits you). Let Sandie know, and then when the payments come through, she will allocate it for you. Statements will be sent home soon, once we receive the reconciliation from OfficeMax, showing all of your payments. The BPay details are on your statement. If you need the details before then, please pop in or call the office and we will provide them for you.

## STAFF CARPARK

For the safety of students and parents, we ask that parents park in the street and use other entrances. *The carpark is for staff use only.*

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A reminder that neither the School nor the Department, provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

## JACK IN THE BOX MUSIC

Keyboard lessons - Thursday morning  
Guitar lessons - Friday after recess  
Join the fun—Come learn to play and sing  
Places are limited  
**Call Mark on 0412 591 941**  
Or grab a form from the office.

## From Department of Education and Early Childhood Development EVERY DAY COUNTS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future - a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school - each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- ♦ Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- ♦ Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

## 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP Melinda

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm and is located in the School Hall.

We currently have a great range of items in stock from sizes 4-12 and all are in good, clean condition. Prices begin at \$2 for polo tops, shorts, windcheaters, skorts, etc; so come and have a look and save yourself some money.

We also gratefully accept donations of used clothes, bags or hats that are in re-saleable condition (nothing too faded or torn) and these may be handed in at the office.

Please note, sales are CASH only and we cannot change large bills.

## CANTEEN Mrs Diane Cameron

What a wonderful welcome back I received from students and staff on Monday. A few students have grown a couple of centimetres, making it a lot easier to lift the crates up to the window and there are some new faces, whose names I will need to remember. The Preps are eager to come along and see what's on offer and the Year 6s are very keen to help out in the canteen.

Presently the Canteen is gradually re-stocking all items, some items are currently not available, but there is always an alternative. By mid next week all menu and window sale items will be available.

Many thanks to all parents who have offered to help out this year in the canteen. I have a few new parents happy to lend a hand and I will always welcome new parents to the school. Hours are normally 9am to 2pm but if you can only help out for 2-3 hours that's fine, I can work the roster around those times.

Parents/Students from last year will have noticed that many items have had a price increase. This was passed on to me by suppliers late last year. Most increases are only 10 or 20cents. Also some items have been deleted. Please check your Canteen price lists. If you haven't received one please see the office.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM ONE			
Mon 17th	Tue 18th	Thu 20th	Fri 21st
Nonie Hare	Fleur Eddey	Shauna McMillin	Kellie Kingsley Fiona Hefford
Mon 24th	Tue 25th	Thu 27th	Fri 28th
Jane Donaldson	Claire Stewart	Debbie Bond	Christine Ozanne Christine Rolfe

## Mentone Girls' Grammar School 2015 SCHOLARSHIPS

Mentone Girls' Grammar School is pleased to offer Academic, General Excellence and Music Scholarships for girls entering Year 7 in 2015. Applications close: **Friday 21 February 2014.**

Apply online: [www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](http://www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au)

Phone: 9581 1200



## ...Kids Cooking Classes...



### Term 1 - 2014 Programme

**TUESDAY: 4pm to 5pm or WEDNESDAY: 4.30pm to 5.30pm**

Week 1: 4th/5th Feb ....Crunchy Noodle Salad  
 Week 2: 11th/12th Feb ....Strawberry Cake  
 Week 3: 18th/19th Feb ....Club Sandwiches  
 Week 4: 25th/26th Feb ....Choc Banana Crepes  
 Week 5: 4th/5th March ....Bruschetta  
 Week 6: 11th/12th March ....Waffle Creations  
 Week 7: 18th/19th March ....Baked Beans  
 Week 8: 25th/26th March ....Spring Rolls  
 Week 9: 1st/2nd April ....Easter fun

...Classes are great for children aged 5 - 12 years...

**- TERM FEES \$125 - CASUAL CLASSES \$15 -**

Term Dates 4th/5th Feb - 1st/2nd April 2014



**BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES** 0487 427 398  
 Tutor: Maddie Race

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## ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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103 - 105 Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens

Email: [enquiries@agcsinc.org.au](mailto:enquiries@agcsinc.org.au)

Or visit us on Facebook

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Tuesday to Friday, 9.00am to 3.00pm

**\*\*NEW\*\***

### ZUMBA FOR KIDS (for 4-12 year olds)

Starting Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 3.45pm to 5.00pm. Join the Party!! This crazy-cool dance-fitness work out for kids set to hip-hop, salsa, reggaeton and more is back! If your child wants to join the party, please contact Dani Bosnacic on either 0411 139 795 or email [dbosancic@bigpond.com](mailto:dbosancic@bigpond.com)

### ART CLASSES

Weekly art classes are coming! For more information, contact Michele Cleaver on 0417 425 116 or email [paintedpatch@hotmail.com](mailto:paintedpatch@hotmail.com)

## SUNSMART

A timely reminder.... If you can see skin, UV can reach it.

From *September to the end of April*, please ensure all children:

- Wear cool, loose fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible
- Wear a sun protective hat for all outdoor activities
- Apply SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen during the day (please see sunscreen tips below)
- Have access to shady play spaces
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses labelled AS 1067 (if practical)

### SUNSCREEN TIPS

- Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.
- Choose SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. Make sure it is within its use-by date and is stored below 30 degrees. It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin around 20 minutes before going outdoors. Sunscreen should be reapplied every **two** hours even if the stated level of water resistance is 4 hours.
- Store sunscreen with lunchboxes and/ or hats so when children grab their lunch or hat before going outdoors, they will also be reminded to apply sunscreen. If sunscreen is kept in the cooler section of the lunchbox, it will be cold when applying - especially nice on a hot, summer's day.

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  - Concentration skills
- Listening and following instructions

### **Session Times:**

Monday: 9:30-10:30am & 11:00am-12:00pm  
Wednesday: 9:10-10:10am & 10:30-11:30am

[www.readingrockets.com.au](http://www.readingrockets.com.au)  
[leonie@readingrockets.com.au](mailto:leonie@readingrockets.com.au)  
Phone Leonie 0478 773 135



# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Isabella and Marcus Fund Classic Car Day



ALL proceeds go to research  
Brainstem Tumours in children  
Gold coin donation on entry



Sunday, March 2, 2014  
10 am – 3 pm  
at Bonbeach Sports Reserve  
Oval 5, Bondi Rd, Bonbeach

\$20 car entry fee. Gates open at 8:30am  
Stall holders welcome. Contact Tony: 0412 581 691



Featuring 'Fletch' from Classic Resto's, who will be filming  
at the event. Come and be a part of the show!

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TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS EACH TERM BREAK

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## FEBRUARY 2014

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10	Canteen Opens	11 Senior School Information Night	12	13	14	15	16
17	Junior School Information Night	18 School Council Meeting	19	20 Life Ed	21 Life Ed	22	23
24	Life Ed	25 Life Ed	26	27 Grade 3-6 Basketball Clinic	28 EMA Applications Close *Interschool Swimming Carnival		

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# MARCH 2014

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31							1 <i>Bunnings BBQ Keysborough</i>	2	
3		4	5	6	7		8	9	
10 <i>Labour Day Holiday</i>		11	12	13	14		15	16	
17		18 School Council AGM	19	20 Student Photos	21 Working Bee 3.30–6pm		22	23	
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