



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 10

14 December 2012

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mrs Denise Webster

As we come to the end of the year we have a chance to reflect on how we have progressed over the course of 2012. Once again there have been many opportunities for students to showcase their learning and we have had many parents help their children celebrate their achievements. There have been expos and showcase trails as well as poetry mornings; the Fun Run and the athletics carnivals drew a number of spectators as did the swimming program. The L'il Devils Circus concert in September was an outstanding success and demonstrated how much the children love performing; yesterday's Prep -2 Christmas concert was also a fine example of this. On a weekly basis the various classes took over the organisation and presentation of assembly and we were both entertained and given a snapshot of some of the learning that was occurring in their classrooms. The children love to have their parents and families come in to see what they are doing and we thank you all for your continued support of your children and our school.

The transition program has now been completed and all students have had the chance to meet with their classmates and teachers for 2013. I would like to thank the teachers for the care, professionalism and diligence demonstrated when putting the classes together.

This year there have been a number of changes in staffing. We are saying goodbye to some and welcoming some new faces to our school.

Mrs Deb Ostojic is retiring after more than 26 years at EPS. She has been the constant face of the prep program for much of this time and has been a guiding force in creating a wonderful start to learning for hundreds of new students. Students, parents and colleagues alike will miss her, but I'm sure will join me in wishing her a very fulfilling retirement.

Mrs Deb Johnson is also retiring and is very much looking forward to spending more time with her family and taking the opportunity to travel. She has

worked predominantly in the senior school and is well loved for her caring nature and the support that she offers to her students and their families. We thank her for her wonderful contribution to our school and wish her all the best.

Mrs Bronwyn Molloy has only been with us for a short time but has made some great friends amongst the students, staff and parents. Bronwyn is taking on a different challenge next year and we wish her all the best and thank her for the work that she has done this year in 2B.

Mrs Tanya Gibbon has also worked throughout the year with the 5/6 students and her genuine care for the students and commitment to their learning has been such a great asset to our school.

Finally, I would like to recognise and applaud the wonderful contribution that Anne Waller has made to EPS and, in particular, to the learning of so many students across all levels of the school. Anne, after much study, is now about to embark on a teaching career. We wish her all the best as she moves in this new direction.

In saying farewell to all of these staff members, we also get the opportunity to welcome others. Ms Catherine Arblaster will join the Prep team; Ms Jacquie Miller will be working with the Year 1s; Ms Claire Goudey is now part of the 5/6 team and Mr Phil Jones will be returning from leave to work with the Year 3s. Welcome to all.

There are a number of students and families who are also leaving us at the end of the year. We say goodbye formally to the Year 6s on Tuesday evening at the graduation ceremony. We will also recognise others who are leaving at our final school assembly next Thursday at 2.30pm.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe, relaxing and happy festive season.

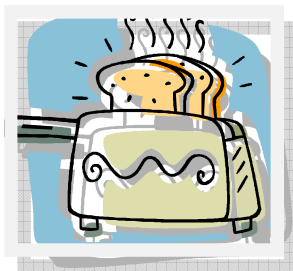
PLEASE NOTE:

OUR FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2012 WILL BE ON
THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER 2012 AT 2.30 pm.
Students will breakup on Friday 21 December
2012 at 1.15pm



CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager



Today, Friday 14 December 2012, was the last day for lunch orders and window sales in 2012.

A huge year at the canteen in 2012 with some new window sale items tried out—and they will return next year. There was some sad news late last week when ‘the toaster’ just wouldn’t toast anymore. So a new one was purchased and I’m happy to say working very well, although I am still trying to get the right amount of colour on the toast!

EPS Canteen welcomed some new parents this year and after a seven year stint we farewell Mark O’Hehir and Kerrie Cappy, as their youngest children leave for Secondary School.

Thanks to all the helpers throughout the year, your help and friendship has been most valuable to me and the students.

To all EPS families have a safe and relaxing break and I will see you all in 2013.

**The canteen will reopen on
Monday 11 February 2013**

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will re-open in 2013 on book pickup day. Hours for 24 January 2013 only are 9.00 am–12.00 pm. Normal uniform shop hours will resume on Tuesday 5 February 2013.

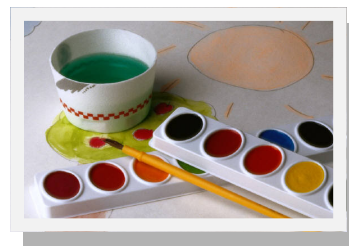
2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Many thanks to Roubina Furfaro for running the 2nd hand uniform shop for us. Roubina is leaving us at the end of the year and we wish her and her family the best of luck at their new school.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to run the 2nd hand uniform shop next year, please leave your name at the office. It only takes an hour or so, once a week.

ART ROOM NEWS

Ms Jenny Lang



During Semester 2, Prep students have explored a variety of elements and principles of art through both 2D and 3D activities which have included developing their skills and correctly using equipment. Students have been encouraged to be creative, using a variety of media including oil and dry pastels, crayons, food dye, paper, tissue, cardboard, clay, paint and adhesives in their artworks.

Throughout the semester, Year 1 and 2 students have developed an awareness of texture, colour, shape and balance. They have experimented with paints to create different textures for their Celebration Inquiry Learning topic and have used a variety of materials to achieve these textures.

The Year 3 and 4 students have participated in a range of 2D and 3D activities, using a range of media and processes to achieve particular effects. They have explored the history of weaving. They had fun designing their Olympic characters. Students have used skills and techniques to effectively apply a variety of mediums, materials, equipment and technologies to their artwork. They have self-evaluated and reflected on their own work

Throughout the semester the Year 5 and 6 students designed, planned and used appropriate skills, techniques and processes to complete their art work. They further developed their understanding of textiles by making their puppet or teddy. They were fantastic. They made 3D clay heads and clay boxes. They also experimented with marbling techniques.

Finally, a big thank-you to the many parents who leave “stuff” outside the art room. We always need yoghurt, margarine and ice-cream containers, meat trays and take-away containers.

If you have any telephone books (yellow or white), could you donate them to the artroom for paper mache next year.

Happy Holidays!

EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY COOKBOOK

Now on Sale and on display in the school office. They are selling @ \$20 each OR for orders of 3 or more @ \$18 each. Please make payment at the School Office. Our Vogue-style Cookbook has arrived and orders already received will be distributed shortly. Place your orders in time for Christmas! There are delicious recipes which have been shared amongst family and friends, and passed on from generation to generation. Thank you to everyone who contributed - we have a fabulous Cookbook as a result!

THE SMALL COIN ROUND-UP Fundraising Committee

The Small Coin Roundup ends this week. Well done to everyone who has brought in their small coins—especially to Prep 1. The tally so far is over \$800, an amazing amount.

Grade totals to date are:-

Prep 1 - \$190	Prep 2 - \$80
1A - \$120	1B - \$60
2A - \$40	2B - \$60
3A - \$50	3B - \$30
4A - \$25	4B - \$30
5/6A - \$30	5/6B - \$14
5/6C - \$50	Admin - \$20

DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM

Fresh bread tastes even better when you know it's helping raise money for your school.

Edithvale Primary School has signed up to the Bakers Delight Dough Raiser Program, when you mention our school they will give a percentage of your purchase to the school.

The more of us that get involved the more money we will raise.

So pop into the Chelsea Bakers Delight bakery and mention Edithvale Primary School when you make a purchase to being raising much-needed funds for the school, it's that easy.

CITY OF KINGSTON VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Program Dates: Wed 2 January—Fri 11 January 2013 at the Mentone and Bonbeach programs only

Mon 14 January—Fri 25 January all programs

Enrolments Start: Monday 26 November.

Close: Friday 14 December 2012

It is requested children who require support for inclusion in a program, submit enrolment and payment forms as early as possible to allow time to apply for funding.

Vacation Care Brochure's are now available at the School Office or can be downloaded from Kingston's website www.kingston.vic.gov.au

For enquiries please call the Vacation Care Team on (03) 9581 4846 or (03) 9581 4875

ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Ph: 9587 5955 Fax 9587 5280

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the very best for the Festive Season and for a Happy and Safe New Year.

Our office will be closed from Friday 21st December 2012 and reopening Wednesday 30th January 2013.

For information on our activities for 2013, please visit our website www.agcsinc.org.au.

We thank you all for your continuing support and look forward to seeing you in 2013.

OUR 'VEGIE' GARDEN Mrs Karen Laurent

A big thank you to **Michael Cameron**, one of our ex-students (and Di Cameron—our lovely canteen manager's son) for spending hours in our "vegie garden" planting seeds and seedlings. The students and teachers very much appreciate the time he has spent getting our garden ready so that we have delicious fruit & vegies for our lunches next year.

**THANK YOU
MICHAEL**



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INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL? Chelsea Heights Netball Club is looking for players of all ages for our 2013 season.

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TRAINING WEDNESDAY & GAME DAY SATURDAY

Training is a Wednesday night at the Sturdee St courts from 4.30pm. Training and games times are set based on age group, teams train for one hour and games are 45mins. A schedule of all training times and court allocation is provided at the start of the year. All team fixtures are available from the Chelsea & District website www.sportingpulse.com.au at the start of each season.

TUESDAY NIGHT SENIOR COMPETITION

Games are played at Chelsea Basketball Complex, Cannes Ave Bonbeach. Junior, Ladies & Mixed Competition available. Individual players or teams accepted. Season starts early February 2013.....

All Chelsea Heights coaches are Netball Victoria accredited and must hold a current Working with Children's Check. All players and coaches must hold a Netball Victoria – VNA Insurance card each year. Prices are determined at the start of every season.

CONTACT DETAILS

For more details about CHNC contact:

President: Rachel Cox 0412 005 347 chnc@iprimus.com.au

Secretary: Leanne McNamara 0412 322 430 chnc@iprimus.com.au

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up to 5pm DAILY)

Book on Ph: 9583 1244

Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of \$150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of \$250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of \$200 and \$300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, \$62 million over four years will be redirected to the State's most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004** or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).

Payment Amounts - 2013:

	Prep	Years 1 - 6	Year 7	Year 8 – Age 16
Instalment One	\$140	\$105	\$210	\$175
Instalment Two	\$60	\$45	\$90	\$75
Annual Total	\$200	\$150	\$300	\$250

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

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DEAR PARENTS/FAMILY OF EPS ...

I have recently started my own garden maintenance service 'Clean Cut Gardening' & I am looking for clients/ properties in the local area—Household or Businesses.

If you mention this flyer (ie: -You're a parent/ family member of EPS student) I will donate \$50 back to the school for every new client that books a regular service, prior to Term 4 2012.

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Mowing, Edging, Tree Trimming, Hedging, Weed Control, Green Waste Removal, Window Cleaning, Pre-Sale Facelift

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Regards

Nick Macmillan

Mobile: 0419 140476

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM - PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTO to complete all Contact Details and Medical Information

Booking Form

WEEK ONE		WEEK TWO													
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO									
14 January Get Active 9.00am - 1.00pm Twist, tumble, groove and move with the MCC gymnastics and dance team. And tabloid sports. \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> 1.30pm - 4.30pm Fly through the air and bounce off the walls at the coolest trampoline place - Bounce Inc in Malvern. BYO - Please wear clothing with no buckles and zips \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> All Day - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/>	15 January Reptiles, Butterfly's and Art 9.00am - 1.00pm Reptiles, Mini Beasts and Butterfly's - Learn about many different reptiles, mini beasts and butterfly's in a fascinating creature filled morning. \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> 1.30pm - 4.30pm Bring your favourite animal photos to make into special scrapbooking pages. BYO - Photos for scrapbooking \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> All Day - \$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	16 January Supreme Fun 9.00am - 2.00pm Weave your way through an Orienteering Treasure Hunt Course. Play with remote control cars and helicopters with Supreme Incursions group. Lunch break included. \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> 2.00pm - 4.30pm Throw on your bathers. Jump into Don Tathell swimming pool just next door. BYO - Bathers/towel for swimming \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> All Day - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/>	17 January The Zoo 9.00am - 4.30pm Jump on the train to see the gorillas, meerkats, tigers and seals at the Melbourne Zoo. BYO - Money for the gift shop Meet at Parkdale Station @ 8am Note: Children are to bring a bag they can carry all day. All Day - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/>	18 January Team fun & Movies 9.00am - 1.00pm Amazing Race around the streets with your team. Complete all challenges and be the fastest to reach the finish line. LUNCH PROVIDED *advise of allergies \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> 1.00pm - 4.30pm Movie time at Southland See the latest flicks. BYO - Money for the candy bar. \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> All Day - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/>	14 January Get Active 9.00am - 1.00pm - Gym/Dance 1.00pm - 4.30pm - Bounce All Day \$20 \$30 \$45	15 January Reptiles, Butterfly's & Art 9.00am - 1.00pm - Reptiles-Butfly's 1.00pm - 4.30pm - Scrapbooking All Day \$25 \$15 \$35	16 January Supreme Fun 9.00am - 2.00pm - Huntcars 1.00pm - 4.30pm - Swimming All Day \$25 \$20 \$45	17 January The Zoo 9.00am - 4.30pm - All Day \$45	18 January Team Fun & Movies 9.00am - 1.00pm - Amazing Race 1.00pm - 4.30pm - Movies All Day \$20 \$25 \$45	WEEK TWO	21 January Sports & Skate 9.00am - 1.00pm - Sports 1.00pm - 4.30pm - Bunker All Day \$20 \$30 \$45	22 January Big Day Out 9.00am - 4.30pm - All Day \$45	23 January Girls, Boys, Disco & Fun 9.00am - 1.00pm - Girl/Boy Zones 1.00pm - 4.00pm - Disco & Games All Day \$20 \$20 \$35	24 January Aussie Celebrations 9.00am - 1.00pm - Cook/Face/Art 1.00pm - 4.00pm - Aussie Games All Day \$20 \$20 \$40	Method of Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Eftpos <input type="checkbox"/> Visa/MasterCard / / / exp / CCV TOTAL

Note: All bookings are non-refundable due to pre-booked program agreements.
What School does your child attend? _____
How did you find out about this programme? _____

WEEK ONE

WEEK TWO

DECEMBER 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31					1	2
3	4	5 <i>Years 4, 5 & 6 Magic Show</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11 * Prep 2013 Orientation 9.30 am—11.30 am *Year 7 Orientation *School Council	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Parent Helper Morning Tea</i>	18 <i>Year 6 Big Day Out Year 6 Graduation</i>	19	20 <i>Final Assembly 2.30 pm</i>	21 <i>Last day of school Start 8.45 am Dismissal -1.15pm</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 <i>Boxing Day</i>	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Booklist Pickup 11am—3.00 pm Uniform Shop open	25	26 Australia Day	27
28 Australia Day Holiday	29 Student Free Day	30 Student Free Day	31 1st Day of Term 1 for Students			