



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1—Week 3 - 15 February 2013

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FRENCH ASSISTANT

The past two weeks have certainly been very busy as students and teachers (and parents, I imagine) settle into the new routine. This week we welcome into our school Cecile Fouque, our French Language assistant who will be working for two days per week with us at Edithvale as well as with Mordialloc College. We are very proud of our language program and we are thrilled to have Cecile on board to enable us to further enrich our French studies.

PARENT SURVEY

Towards the end of 2012 we sent home a survey for parents in which we asked them share their ideas about some of our programs and some of the ways we do things at EPS. We appreciated the great response to this invitation and were further delighted by the very positive feedback that we received. Overall it appeared that students and parents were well satisfied with the school and its programs. One area where we saw room for improvement concerned the Extra Curricula program that has been rejuvenated over recent times. A number of parents felt that some of the junior classes were not as well catered for as others so this year we have endeavoured to put together a timetable that has a little 'something for everyone'. A program for term 1 has been developed and, as the year progresses, there will be other activities offered so that we can catch the interest of all students.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Most of the Parent Partnership meetings have now concluded and once again we have gained significant insights into the ways in which we can support the learning of your children. I hope that these sessions were very productive for you as well and served to open the lines of communication with the teachers at EPS. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions or, if indeed, you just want an update on your child's progress.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Accompanying this newsletter you will find details of the upcoming School Council Elections. We have a number of positions to be filled and I urge you to

consider whether this is something that might be of interest to you. 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 are posted outside the General Office and on the noticeboard at the front of the school. You can also find information through the school website www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au

At Edithvale the configuration of the School Council consists of: 8 Parent Category members and 4 Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employee members, including the Principal. Each year one half of all positions are put up for re-election. The program for the 2013 School Council Election is as follows:

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

Friday 15 February

Nominations Close

4:00pm Friday 22 February

List of Candidates and nominators posted

Monday 25 February

Ballot papers distributed - if necessary

Friday 1 March

Ballot Closes

4:00pm—Friday 8 March

Vote Count

Tuesday 12 March

Declaration of Ballot

Wednesday 13 March

Election Meeting of new School Council

Tuesday 19 March

FUNDRAISING

Once again our fundraising team is running a Bunnings sausage sizzle at the Keysborough store on Saturday 2 March. It would be of great assistance if you are able to contribute an hour or two of your time. We'd love to have you join us - just contact the office to let us know your preferred time and we'll add your name to the roster.



ART ROOM

Ms Jenny Lang

We are looking for recyclable materials for the art room. If you can help us out with any of the following items we would be most appreciative.

- ♦ telephone books (yellow and white)
- ♦ tubes
- ♦ yoghurt containers (small)
- ♦ meat trays (foam)
- ♦ egg cartons
- ♦ boxes (only as large as a cereal box)

All items can be left at the Art room. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY



This year, all lost property will be held at the LOTE room. Madame Snow 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.

PAYMENT ENVELOPES

This year, due to time constraints and rising costs, we won't be sending payment envelopes home with every excursion notice. Instead, you can call in to the office and collect a few to have on hand as you need them. You can also collect additional envelopes at any time.

You can of course, use any envelope you have on hand to send money along to school; just ensure that you write the information on the outside—ie: child's name, class, what the money is for and the amount included. Thank you.

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 CHARGES - BY INSTALMENTS

If you elected to pay your school charges in three instalments, the first instalment was due on 8 February. If you chose to pay by credit card, we deducted those payments on 12 February, after giving you a few days notice, via email. Receipts and statements have been sent home to those who chose to pay by this method.

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 **26 April** and the third, on **26 July**.

NEW FRENCH ASSISTANT AT EPS

The French Department is welcoming Mademoiselle Cecile our new French assistant for the year 2013.

Mademoiselle Cecile will be working with Madame Snow to enhance the French program! Oh la la!

Bienvenue Mademoiselle Cecile!

STAFF CARPARK

We have noticed a number of people have been entering the school grounds via the 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 or 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.

School Banking is back for 2013

With an exciting new theme and some great new rewards to earn!



Be on the look-out for your **Savings Hunter Pack** which will be sent home soon to tell you all about it and how to claim your rewards.

Banking has now commenced on Tuesdays, as normal.

HAPPY SAVING EVERYONE

PFA

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

**Thursday 21 February, 2.30pm
Staff Room**

This year we are looking for parent helpers to organise the Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls. Without parent help, these events cannot happen.

We are getting in early for Mothers' Day, so come along and help choose the gifts.

We will also need helpers to wrap gifts and man the stall at a later date, closer to the time.

So please, come along and enjoy a cuppa.
See you there.

Younger children welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The package of permission forms that went home last week included a permission form for RE for Years 1–4 only. Prep and Year 5 & 6 do not participate in Religious Education classes, therefore the blue RE form was not included in their packs.

CANTEEN Mrs Diane Cameron

The Canteen is all go, go, go, with most items in stock. By next week all lunch and window sale items will be available.

Frozen items are only sold at lunch times.

We currently have:-

- ♦ Paddle Pops \$1.20
- ♦ Mini Callipo's \$0.80
- ♦ Vanilla Ice Cream Cups \$1.00

Thanks to those parents who have again volunteered to help out in the Canteen this year. Rosters for Term 1 have been sent out this week. If any parents are wanting to help out, please come and see me at the Canteen. Hours are normally 9am–2pm, but shorter times are also helpful!

Remember—the Canteen is only open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM ONE

Mon 18th	Tue 19th	Thu 21st	Fri 22nd
Michelle Lothian	Sharyn McIntosh	Kerrie Short	Kellie Kingsley
Mon 25th	Tue 26th	Thu 28th	Fri 1st
Shauna McMillan	Tanya Cominotto	Antonieta Butta	Christine Ozanne

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP Rachel & 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.

ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

PH: 9587 5955 FAX: 9587 5280

EMAIL: agcsinc@bigpond.net.au

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre have a number of activities for the young and young at heart. For information on what we have to offer, check out our website www.agcsinc.org.au or pop into the community centre for a copy of our brochure. Our office hours are 9.30am-3pm Tuesday to Fridays. Ph. 9587 5955

COMEDY NIGHT: A night with Marney McQueen.

Saturday 23rd March (7.30 for an 8pm show). Marney has received excellent reviews from stars including Jackie Weaver, Barry Humphries as well as Edinburgh comedy festivals. Come along and enjoy a night of hilarity and support your community centre with our major fundraiser for the year. Tickets only \$35 for single or \$30 per person if you book a table of ten. Tickets available on our website www.agcsinc.org.au. Enquiries ph. 9587 5955.

3 year old preschool program

Some spaces are available for our 2013 preschool program. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact us on 9587 5955.

Occasional Care- now twice a week.

Tuesdays 8.30am-11.30am and Fridays 12.15-3.15pm. Bookings can be taken one week in advance or you can book a permanent spot (term by term basis) SPACES ARE LIMITED. Enquiries ph. 9587 5955.

Be Tru 2 U fitness. New programs

THT - Tuesdays from 9.15am, Sizzling Seniors-Tuesdays 10.30am-11.30am (for 50+ participant). Also offers many other outdoor group or individualised sessions.

Enquiries ph. Connie on 0414 671 066

Zumbatomic- Zumba for kids.

Mondays (Lil Starz) 3.45-4.15pm, Wednesdays (Lil Starz) 3.15-3.45pm (Big Starz) 3.45-4.30pm and Thursdays (Lil Starz) 3.45-4.15pm and (Big Starz) 4.15-5pm. Enquiries ph. 0411 139 795.

EPS MEMORABILIA

With our Centenary Celebrations coming up this year, we are seeking Edithvale Primary School memorabilia such as photos, letters, old school newsletters etc;

If you have anything we could have (or borrow), please bring it up to the school at your earliest convenience.

Watch out in our future newsletters and on our website [www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au] for details of our celebration activities.



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Share the Contours LOVE!

This month Contours is inviting you to join with a friend and receive 2 memberships for the price of 1. The Contours 29 minute workout can help you slim down, tone up, look great and have you feeling your best ever in 2013!

Call 9587 2150 now and get

**2 one month memberships
for the price of 1**

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contours.net.au

*Not for current members. No Valid with any other offer. Both must join on lifestyle membership. Includes half price joining fee. Half price membership fee applies for the first month only. See full T&Cs in the studio.

FREE Cycling Programs

20th Feb, 27th Feb and 6th March
10am-12 noon OR 1pm-3pm

Must attend all 3 sessions

For: 16 women who live in Kingston Municipality.
Venue: A Kingston car park (free of cars!) on Beach Rd.
Time: AM (10am-noon) or PM (1pm-3pm) program,
Cost: FREE (Aust. Gov't incentive)
Bike: Yours would be best.
If you don't have one, we may be able to supply one.
Contact: Jacinta Costello 0417 311 708



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37 Dolphin Street,
Aspendale

For information contact
Trish on 0400 113 501 or
Hayley 0412 767 487



Calisthenics is a stage performance based, artistic Australian sport. It combines dancing, singing, ballet and acting.

Kingston is a fun and friendly college that welcomes students of all ages and abilities.

COME ALONG WITH A FRIEND
AND DISCOVER WHY WE LOVE CALISTHENICS
2 FREE CLASSES FOR NEW MEMBERS

Weekly Class Times

Tiny Tots 5 years and under Sat 9.00-9.45am
Tinies 7 years and under Sat 9.45-11.15am
Sub Juniors 9 years and under Sat 11.30am-2.30pm
Juniors 12 years and under Thurs 5-8pm
Intermediates 16 years and under Wed 6-9pm
Seniors 16 years and over Tues 6.45-9.45pm
Masters 26 years and over Mon 7-10pm

*Age as of Dec 2013

All welcome to 'Come & Try' or Join
our college at any time of the year

www.kingstoncalisthenics.com



REGISTRATION DAYS



CHELSEA F.C.

PO Box 74, Chelsea, Vic. 3196
H.D. Thomas Reserve, Edithvale Road Edithvale
Melways 93 C9
www.chelseafotballclub.com.au
chelseafotballclubaustralia@gmail.com



Season 2013

Male & Female Soccer players of all ages

When

- Saturday 16 February 12-4pm
- Sunday 17 February 12-4pm

Where

H D Thomas Reserve, Edithvale Road, Edithvale Melways 93 C9





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- ★ Improves flexibility, agility, co-ordination and poise
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- ★ Increases co-ordination through the use of hand apparatus, and appreciation of other cultures through foreign dance interpretation, or Folk Dancing.
- ★ Girls work towards and have the joy of performing at the end of year concert, and all the things that go with it – costumes, sets and bright lights!

When are classes?

Classes begin on February 13th and are held St Andrew's Hall,
2-4 Sherwood Avenue, Chelsea on Wednesdays.

Tiny tots (2½ - 3 yrs) & Tinies (4-6 yrs)	4.15 – 5.15 pm
Sub Juniors (7-8 yrs)	5.15 – 6.15 pm
Juniors (9-11 yrs)	5.30 – 6.45 pm
Inters (12-16 yrs)	6.30 – 7.45 pm
Seniors (16 yrs+)	7.45 – 9.30pm

Please note that class times are subject to change due to the number of enrolments each year.

Is it affordable?

Yes! Week 1 and 2 are FREE 'Come & Try' Classes. When joining, there is an initial fee to cover enrolment, working bees and fundraising. Class fees for 2013 are only \$5 per week for tiny tots, \$12 per week for Tinies and SubJuniors and \$15 per week for Juniors to Seniors. Costumes, props and equipment hire included in your weekly fee!

Enrolments for 2013 are NOW OPEN!

To secure your place or for more information
please contact:

Danielle Everest 0452 214 973
 Rachel Clark 0409 772 339
 2-4 Sherwood Ave, Chelsea
 PO Box 5, Chelsea
 Email: Enquires@STAC.org.au
 Website: www.STAC.org.au



ASPENDALE STINGRAYS SOCCER CLUB 2013 REGISTRATION DAY

BROWNS RESERVE, BROWNS LANE, ASPENDALE
(MELWAY 92:H2)

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 10AM – 1PM

THE STINGRAYS ARE LOOKING FOR JUNIOR SOCCER
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GROUPS FROM U7'S TO U16'S

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www.aspendalesc.com

or contact the Club's Registrar via email on
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Chelsea Junior Football Club

REGISTRATION DAY 2013

Sunday, February 17 from 12.00 to 3.00pm



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 Jason 0425 748 966 - jasonhutchins72@hotmail.com

Chelsea Junior Football Club, Beardsworth Avenue, Chelsea
 (Corner of Catherine Avenue) Melways: 93 D12

FEBRUARY 2013

				1		2	3
4		5	6	7 Swimming Trials	8	9	10
11 Canteen opens Parent Partnership mtgs Years 1-6	12 School Council meeting Parent Partnership mtgs Yrs 1-6	13	14	15 School Council Nominations Open. P-3 Afternoon Tea.	16	17	
18 District Swimming Carnival	19 Craft Power Invisit Yrs 1&2	20	21	22 School Council Nominations Close	23	24	
25	26	27	28 EMA applications close				

MARCH 2013

				1		2 <i>Bunnings BBQ Keysborough</i>	3
4 <i>Prep begin normal timetable—full time this week</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11 <i>Labour Day Holiday</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Twilight Working Bee</i>	16	17	
18	19 <i>School Council AGM</i>	20	21 <i>Student Photos</i>	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28 <i>Term 1 Ends</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30 <i>Easter Saturday</i>	31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	



15 February 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. We ask you to give some consideration to joining us as a school councillor. Parents provide us with an important community perspective for the future development of our school. They bring with them their experience as parents at the school as well as the views of the wider community - we value greatly the contribution of all of our councillors.

SCHEDULE 4 - NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of **Edithvale Primary School**.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Friday 22 February 2013. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Friday 8 March 2013.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows -

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITONS
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2013 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015.	4
DEECD Employee Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2013 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015.	1

Yours sincerely

Denise Webster

Principal



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - FUNDAMENTALS:

ELECTORATES:

Each school council operates according to a constituting order that details the objectives, functions and powers of a council and, for each individual school council, its size and configuration.

There are two separate electorates within a school community:

Parent electorate; and

Department of Education and Early childhood Development (DEECD) employee electorate.

A: PARENT ELECTORATE OF THE SCHOOL

The Parent electorate of the school includes each parent of a student of the school, other than those who are DEECD employees engaged in work at, and for, the school. A parent of a student of the school who is a DEECD employee, but does not work at and for the school, is included in the Parent electorate.

Parent includes a guardian or person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of a student of the school.

If a DEECD employee is elected to the Parent category where their child is enrolled but where they do not work, they are counted in the DEECD employee category for school council meeting quorum requirements.

Parent members must comprise more than one third of the council's total membership.

B: DEECD EMPLOYEE ELECTORATE OF THE SCHOOL

The DEECD employee electorate of the school includes the principal of the school and DEECD employees engaged in work at, and for, the school.

'DEECD employee' means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an ongoing capacity or a fixed term of at least 90 days.

- (i) by the DEECD under the *Public Administration Act 2004* (Victorian Public Servants employed by DEECD);
- (ii) by the school council of a government school (for example, maintenance or grounds person, casual relief teacher, cleaner);
- (iii) under part 2.4 of the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (members of the teaching service including education support officers); or
- (iv) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iii) above.

C: HOW TO VOTE

- Nominations for school council election: Candidates can now choose two ways for nomination:
- Self Nomination (Schedule 5A and 5C)
- Nomination by an eligible person (Schedules 5B and 5D). There is no requirement to have a seconder.
- Where the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot is required.
- Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.