



# Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 3—Week 1

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Welcome back to the start of term 3 when our focus is on consolidation of learning, further exploration of curriculum goals and gaining a deeper understanding of concepts taught.

We welcome Ms Heather Pardoe to our staff in the Physical Education teacher position and we are very happy to have Ms Jessica Smith teaching Grade 6/11 while Mrs Johnson enjoys some Long Service Leave. Also, returning from LSL, are Mrs Laurent and Mrs McAllen who have lots of adventurous stories to share with their classes.

During this term we will also be developing our new EPS School Strategic Plan and welcome your input. Please write to, email or visit us to offer your suggestions about future directions you would like to see happening to enhance and improve student learning at EPS.

I'd also like to invite you to discuss any concerns you may have about your children with the teachers, Denise or myself.

If you know of any children who will be commencing school at Edithvale in 2010 who may not have enrolled yet, please inform parents to do this ASAP as our 2010 Prep Transition program commences in August.

Thank you all for your continued support in making EPS a great school

AND....very special thanks from all of us to: Martin, Tracey, Leanne, Di, Tracey, Cassie, Michelle, Denine, Joanne, Fiona, Susan and all parents who are always here, helping out in and around our school whenever you can. Your time and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Have a fantastic term!

*Janice Lawrence*



## The Power of Loving Words

Never underestimate the power of the words you use to your children. Like adults, they need to hear that the people they love most value them as individuals. Your words will stay with your children their whole lives, and help to determine not only the kind of adults they will grow into, but the kind of parents they will be to their own children. Children who are told they are loved and accepted have a head start. They know that their parent's love is unconditional. They are free to take risks and fail. Their knowledge alone can be liberating enough to set a child on the pathway to success. There are some simple ways that parents can make a difference to their children's self-image.

**Every child is unique.** Foster the individual differences among your children. Celebrate their different talents, tastes, interests and abilities. Every child has a unique personality and a unique contribution to make to the family. Without labelling, or comparing, show your children you recognise and value the characteristics that make them unique.

**Children want to feel good about themselves.** Positive self-esteem gives children confidence, the knowledge they are worthwhile, and hope for the future. Children with healthy self-esteem know they can give anything a go. They know a failure doesn't make them a failure. They know who they are and their place in the world.

**Children want to know their parents love them.** Tell them often. Give them a hug, a smile, a listening ear ~ every day of their lives. Be glad about the things they are glad about. Share their successes and celebrate them. Show them you value effort as well as achievement. Remind them of stories about themselves, special occasions and milestones in their lives.

**Children want respect.** The most rebellious children are often the ones who feel they are worthless. Involve children in the life of the family. Give them suitable chores that help the family function well. Trust them with responsibilities. Show them the right way to do things and then trust them to get on with it themselves. Be patient when they make a mistake so they can see that is how people learn.

**Children want parents.** It is a hard job growing up. Children look to parents to be their chief guides and cheerleaders. Show them you value their opinions. Discuss suitable solutions to problems. Make your own standards and values clear, not only through your words but also through your actions. Look for ways to fix problems. Not to blame or punish. Explain the reasons when you are not happy about the way they have behaved but make sure they know, whatever they do, that you love them.



## CANTEEN NEWS

A chilly start to Term 3, but all rested and ready to go.

Term 3 menus were sent out at the end of Term 2. If you have misplaced your copy please see me in the Canteen or go to the office for a new one. Prices have remained the same for Term 3.

New inclusions are:

Cup-a-soup ~ Cream of Chicken or Tomato (\$1.00)

Rosters for Parent helpers and Year 6 helpers have been sent out. Any alterations, please contact me at the Canteen.

**Diane**

NEXT WEEK'S CANTEEN ROSTER	
<b>Monday 20th July</b> Lara Sinclair Brooke Syme	<b>Thursday 23rd July</b> Sue Jackson Monica Busch
<b>Tuesday 21st July</b> Claire Stewart	<b>Friday 24th July</b> Sharon Graham

## EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN



Dear Students/Parents/Teachers...

The canteen has a supply of large pre-printed paper bags on sale (free trial bag attached), which can be purchased directly from the canteen or you can order them via your student, via the classroom lunch crates.

Prices are:                      50 bags for \$4.00  
   25 bags for \$2.00  
   10 bags for \$1.00

Currently the canteen sells similar size bags (without printing) for .10c each.

If you would like to order, please complete the form below and send [along with your money], to the canteen.



Yours faithfully  
**Diane Cameron**

## CANTEEN-PAPER BAG ORDER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ bags and have enclosed my payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

## Crêpes & Grande Parade Mercredi 19 Aout 2009



## French Crêpe Day (Pancake) & Awesome Parade Wednesday 19th of August 09

As part of the celebrations for our French Day, Madame Snow invites interested students from Grades 2-6 to create a version of the Castle Versailles, with or without gardens. On the day, students may also dress up as a King or Queen of France. To make the Castle of Versailles it is suggested that a variety of recycled materials are used.

The students in Prep and Grade 1 are invited to dress up as King, Queen or Royals of France!

A parade will be taking place at 9.00 am on the Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of August 09 for a special French Assembly. We are expecting fabulous efforts from all students and the prize for each grade will be a free crepe from Robert et Jean-Pierre, our judges. Merci!

Madame Snow  
French Teacher



## IMPORTANT DATES

JULY	
Friday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DISCO</li> <li>Prep ~ Grade 3 ~1st Session 6:15pm ~ 7:30pm</li> <li>Grades 4 ~6~2nd Session 7:45pm ~ 9:00pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council—Staff Room 7:00pm</li> </ul>
AUGUST	
Monday 31st to Wednesday 2nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 ~Camp Manyung</li> </ul>
19th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French Crepe Day</li> </ul>
21st August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 ~ National Gallery Excursion</li> </ul>

## BOOK CLUB

Dear Parents,

### DELAYED BOOK CLUB

**Please Note:** There has been a delay with Book Club Issue 4, June 2009. Books will be arriving next week.



### PARENT HELPERS

We are looking for a parent that might be interested in organising our Book Order Forms for Book Club into grades. It would take approximately an hour twice a term. Please contact Mrs Glavis in Grade 3/6 or leave your name at the School Office.

### BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5

The latest Book Club Issue 5 (July) are due in on Friday 24th July.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny Glavis

## PARENT FORUM

3 AUGUST 09

After Assembly  
In the  
Staffroom

**Please join us for a coffee and a  
conversation about school and our new  
Strategic Plan**

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE SEMESTER 2

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA 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 foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

**The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (13 July 2009).**

**The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.**

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$221 for primary students and \$443 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

If you are eligible for EMA, please collect a form from the school office and return it on the first day of term 3. Thank you.

## From the Office.....

**Education Tax Refund**—The Educational Tax Refund is available for families in receipt of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A. Parents requesting a tax receipt for this purpose are asked to note the request on the levies notice, or if fees have already been paid, please forward a written request to the school office. The tax receipts for eligible expenses will be issued over the next few weeks. More information can be found on the ATO website at:

<http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/pathway.asp?pc=001/002/067/001/001>

### Class Monies

Just a reminder to parents that all monies need to be put through the class Cash Books and not via the front office.

### Uniform

It is very pleasing to see so many of the girls beginning to wear our smart new winter tunic. You do look lovely.

### Signing In

Can we remind parents that they must sign in at the office as well as obtaining a helpers badge before helping out in classrooms. If you do not sign in and there was an emergency, we would be unable to confidently state that all members of our community were safe.

### Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, it would be appreciated if you could ring the office. You are able to leave a message 24 hours a day by calling the school number 9772 1393. Please remember to leave your child's name, grade and reason for absence. If you do leave a message, you do not have to send a note with your child.

### Dogs (or other animals) In the School Grounds

Parents are reminded that the presence of unauthorized animals on school premises is a breach of school and DEECD policy. Unless permission has been obtained from the Principal or delegate, parents or students are not permitted to bring dogs onto the school grounds. This policy is in place for the health and safety of students staff and visitors.

### Manners

Thank you to all the children who come up to the office on errands for their class teacher. Your manners are impeccable and we love your smiles.

### Found

SRC badge. If it's yours, please come and retrieve it from the office.

### Art Display

Every week Miss Lang puts up a display of children's art work on the notice boards by the front door. We are always very proud of our children's ability in whatever they do. When you are in the school next time, come up to have a look, we think you will be amazed.

## News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

Our popular Children's Preloved Market will be held Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Playgroup runs each Wednesday and Thursday 9.30 to 11am and Occasional Take-A-Break Child Care sessions are available each weekday with 3 or 4 hour sessions. Create your own unique cards with new techniques and styles on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. We have exciting new classes on offer such as Indian Head Massage - learn to ease the tension in your shoulders, neck, scalp and face; Crystal Healing - awaken the deeper parts within and find inner peace; or have fun and create a freestanding dragon up to 15cm high in our Polymer Clay Workshop at only \$35 including materials. The Community garden is coming to life and veggie garden plots are now available to the public so ring our Centre and book one now. Drop into the Earth Carers meeting at the Centre each Thursday morning at 10am in Term 3.

Don't forget we have an excellent hall for hire for that special occasion in your life. Ring us now for a copy of our term 3 brochure on 9772-3391 or to enrol in any of our classes, come visit us or check out our fabulous web site at [www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au](http://www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au)

Beazley Reserve, 160 Thames Promenade, Chelsea Heights,

## Chelsea RSL

4 Thames Promenade Chelsea,  
Melways reference 97 B1

We have an Indoor craft market held in our Function centre every 3rd Sunday of the month and we thought that many of your parents may be interested in coming along therefore would appreciate a mention in your schools newsletter.

Our next market will be held on Sunday 19th July, types of stalls included are Soy Candles, Soaps, Creams, Painting's, Jewellery, Kid's Stuff and Knitted items to name a few. All of our items are handmade. Entry to the market is free with plenty of car spaces available, our location is Chelsea RSL 4 Thames Promenade Chelsea, Melways reference 97 B1

## TOO SICK TO BE AT SCHOOL?



Call the school office on  
9772 1393 to let us know



The Term 3 after-school PlaySports activities at Edithvale Primary School for Prep to Year 4s will consist of **Softball & Soccer**.

Commencing **Wednesday 22 July** and running for eight weeks, each session includes warm up games, skill activities and modified competitions, that are fun, engaging and age appropriate.

The cost is \$69.00.

Enrolment forms accompany this newsletter and spares are at the school office or phone PlaySports on 9532 5584. Enroll early to ensure a place. [www.playsports.com.au](http://www.playsports.com.au).

## Aspendale Gardens Community Service Inc

103-105 Kearney Drive  
Aspendale Gardens Vic 3195  
Ph 9587 5955 Fax 9587 5280  
Email: [agcsinc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:agcsinc@bigpond.net.au)

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre has a variety of activities for the young and the young at heart. From music, movement, art and dance to netball, karate, kids sports and even tarot and numerology classes. Contact us on **95875955** for a copy of our term 3 brochure or check out our NEW WEBSITE, [www.agcsinc.org.au](http://www.agcsinc.org.au)

**FREE Community Information night. Bedwetting and toilet training.** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009 from 7.30-9pm. Get the facts on common issues facing many parents and information on how to prevent or manage problems. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! Ph 9587 5955

**FIRST AID COURSE- "Giving First Aid to Kids"** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 9am-5pm. Gain knowledge and skills required to give rescue breathing, CPR as well as manage some life threatening emergencies common to infants and children. Topics include seizures/convulsions, asthma, choking, poisoning, soft tissue injuries and basic wound care. Cost \$110 per person. Bookings or enquiries ph 9587 5955.

**SHOPPING TOUR** - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Get organized for Christmas early this year without the stress of driving (and finding carparks) while visiting several outlets in a fun and social manner.

Enquiries ph 9587 5955

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

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