



# Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week 7

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What a fantastic day we have had here at Edithvale Primary School celebrating Africa Day. The sound of the drums and people singing and the panorama of bright 'African' colours was indeed a sight to behold. There were certainly some very innovative creations! All

children were involved in drumming sessions and dance classes during the day and we certainly have some great performers in our midst. The focus was to raise money for cancer research – Ms Short and her mum, Karen are climbing Mt Kilimanjaro at Christmas time and raising money to support this great cause. It was wonderful to see that we all contributed to building our own 'mountain' with coins. It was great to have so many parents join us and enjoy the festivities. Many thanks to Ms Deb Short for organising this event –we had a great day and we hope that your African expedition is everything you wish it to be.

All of a sudden we have reached the last four weeks of the year – it seems to have arrived with a rush! Teachers are in the process of writing reports and we are also working towards putting classes together for 2011. If you have any new information that you believe is relevant to us about your child's learning needs as we begin this process, please let me know as soon as possible. Please note, however, that this is not an invitation to request particular teachers. Determining the composition of classes for 2011 is a comprehensive process and consideration is given to the needs of all students. Our goal is to develop classes where there is a balance of academic abilities and social and behavioural skills. We also talk to students and take into account friendship preferences where possible. Please support us in this process, recognise the professional judgement of our highly experienced teachers and know that we are working to provide the best possible arrangement for all children.

The students will be placed in their new classes by the second last week of term when we run our transition program. This has been a great success over the last couple of years and allows students the opportunity to meet with their new teacher and classmates over the course of three mornings. The transition program helps

to build relationships among staff and students that are vital in fostering a love of learning.

At Edithvale Primary School we have a wonderful group of parents and friends who help us in many ways throughout the year. We would like to acknowledge their contribution at a Parent Helpers morning tea to be held in the staffroom on December 8. Specific details will be sent home shortly, but please take the opportunity to mark this day on your calendar.

*Denise Webster*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Thur 18th | ◆ Prep Parent Information Night - 7:00pm in the Staffroom |
| Sat 20th  | ◆ <b>WORKING BEE</b> —8:30am                              |
| Wed 24th  | ◆ <b>Anaphylaxis Session</b> 2:30pm in Staffroom          |

### DECEMBER

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Tues 7th | ◆ Orientation Day                         |
| Thur 9th | ◆ School Concert—6:00pm—7:30pm            |
| Wed 15th | ◆ Year 6 Graduation—Wed 15th Dec., 6:30pm |
| Fri 17th | ◆ End Term 4—School dismissed at 1:30 pm. |

### JANUARY

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Thu 27 | ◆ School Office Re-Opens<br>◆ Book Sell Day 9:00 am—1:00 pm (in the Hall) |
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### FEBRUARY

|       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| Tue 1 | ◆ All Staff Return to School    |
| Fri 4 | ◆ All Students Return to School |

## A BIG Reminder to Parents

If you haven't provided us with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate, it is most important that you do so at the earliest opportunity. We are required by law to have these records for every student who is enrolled at our school. Thank you.



## Election Day

### Fundraising BBQ and Cake Stall

As you are aware the State Election is on November 27th. Edithvale Primary School is a Polling venue. As a fundraising activity, with proceeds going towards a new school fence or paint for the Year 3-4 building, the School Council Fundraising Committee is going to hold a Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall on the day. To make this a success we will need volunteers to operate the BBQ and cake stall.

If you can assist us would you please fill out the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Thank you

Barb Sharp (For the School Council Fund Raising Committee)



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### Election Day Fundraising BBQ and Cake Stall Reply Slip

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

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

| TIME                    | NAME | FOOD HANDLERS<br>CERTIFICATE<br>Yes/No |
|-------------------------|------|--|
| 7.00-8.00<br>(Set up)   |      |  |
| 8.00-9.00               |      |  |
| 9.00-10.00              |      |  |
| 10.00-11.00             |      |  |
| 11.00-12.00             |      |  |
| 12.00-1.00              |      |  |
| 1.00-2.00               |      |  |
| 2.00-3.00               |      |  |
| 3.00-4.00<br>(Clean up) |      |  |

## AEROBICS 2010

Kerrie Evans



Well done to the aerobics girls. They attended a competition at Dallas Brookes Centre on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The competition was fierce and the girls did a marvellous job, resulting in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Congratulations to the aerobics team, consisting of Samantha Turner, Breanna Keane, Emily Smith, Georgia Langenberg, Tyler Cicerale, Amy O'Hehir, Ashleigh Green, Erykah Williams, Megan Aitcheson, Emma Lockard and Tegan Miles!! Well Done!!

## Tasman "Tasties"



This term Tasman House are running our social service. They are doing this by selling ice-creams for \$1 on Wednesdays at lunchtime.



Part of the money from sales will go to support our community service this term, which is the Isabella and Marcus Paediatric Brainstem Tumour Fund.



The remaining money will go to school improvements. So come and grab a yummy ice-cream with sprinkles on top on Wednesdays.



# Book Reviews

From Year 4s

## THE TWITS

Author Roald Dahl and illustrated by Quentin Blake

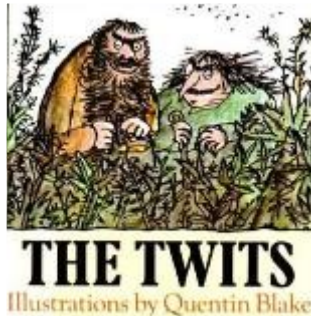
This story is about two evil people called Mr Twit and Mrs Twit who played awful pranks on each other like worms and spaghetti, eyeballs in drinks and frogs in bed.

My favourite characters are the Muggle-Wump Monkeys because they're clever and smart and The Roly Poly bird who help the Muggle-Wump monkeys and the birds.

I thought the illustrations were great because the black and white drawings have lots of detail and show the characters just as I imagined them to be.

I would recommend this book to people who like a good laugh and people who like happy endings.

By Steven Lawson



## The Magic Finger

*The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl is about an eight year old girl who, whenever she gets angry and sees red, turns the person making her angry into whatever she is angry about. This girl has had the power since she was born. While she is turning the person into something, she feels a funny, tingly sensation and a flash comes from her fore-finger on her right hand.

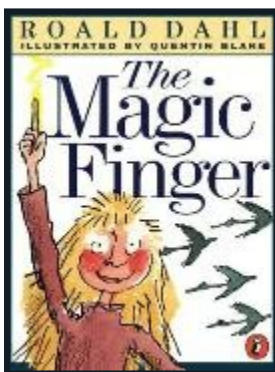
The main characters of *The Magic Finger* are the eight year old girl and her neighbours, Mr and Mrs Gregg and their children, Philip, their eight year old son and William, their eleven year old son.

A funny moment I found in the book is when the eight year old girl turns her teacher, Mrs Winter, into a cat because she told the girl that she was a stupid girl for spelling cat incorrectly, as k-a-t instead of c-a-t. Mrs Winter grew whiskers from her face and a long, bushy tail.

*The Magic Finger* was first published in 1966 in the United States of America. It has since been published in 1968 in Great Britain, by Puffin Books in 1974, reissued with new illustrations in 1995 and the edition that I read was published in 2008.

I chose *The Magic Finger* because when I first read it, I felt that I would like to read it again and again. It is funny, inspires your imagination and brings things to life.

By Garry Gabell 4B



## THE MAGIC FINGER BOOK REVIEW

"The Magic Finger" is another mind-blowing story by Roald Dahl. In this entertaining story the characters are Mr and Mrs Gregg, William Gregg, Philip Gregg and a girl with a magic finger. "The Magic Finger" was published in 2008. It was illustrated by Quentin Blake.

This hilarious story starts when the girl gets cross and sees red. A flash comes out of her like something electric. The reason she gets mad is because the Gregg family (not Mrs Gregg) went hunting and brought back a deer. The girl thinks it is not right for boys to kill animals for fun. The day after the magic finger had flashed, the whole Gregg family grew wings instead of arms. They were tiny. The four ducks the Greggs were trying to shoot the day before have arms instead of wings and were as big as men. The Greggs fly out of the window and the ducks shut all the doors and windows. The Greggs built a nest. The ducks try to shoot the Greggs. Mrs Gregg begs the ducks not to shoot because her children are with her. The duck replies you shot all six of my children. Mr Gregg is sad because of what he has done and promises never to shoot another animal again. A big wind blows and magically turns them to people. At the end the Greggs have learnt a valuable lesson and they change their name to "The Eggs".

I picked this story because the blurb on the back interested me.

By Caitlin Bourne 4B

## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE ....

### CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN HAIG AVENUE

**Please Note: No Standing signs have recently been placed in Haig Avenue.**

**A fine will be issued to people who park there.**

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop is now opening on **Mondays**. Opening times will be the same, 3:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm.

### ELECTION DAY—CAKE STALL REMINDER

Don't forget our Cake Stall on Election Day! We will be set up beside the BBQ and will need some volunteers to man the BBQ on the day. People are also needed to price cakes on the Friday 17th November after school. If you can help with this or working on the stall on the Saturday, would you put your name on the BBQ roster provided and send it back to school. For cake pricing please phone the school office and we will be happy to pass on your name.

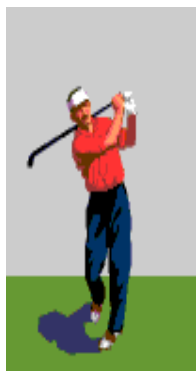
Thank you for your support. The proceeds from this will go towards either the new school boundary fence or paint for the 3-4 building.

### RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme makes a generous donation to Edithvale Primary School every month as part of the Community Benefits Scheme. If you don't have a card or key ring, pop into the office to get one, already set up with EPS as your nominated Organisation. So when you



## SPORTS NEWS Mr Howard



**GOLF CLINICS**—For children from Year 3 to Year 6 will be conducted on Monday 22nd November and Tuesday 23rd November. Those interested will benefit from tuition in technique, etiquette and rules of golf. Mr Paul Boxall, Patterson River Country Club Pro and Mr Paul Weigall, Rosedale Club Champion, will help improve the students skills.

Our thanks go to them for their time and assistance.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

With only 3 weeks of canteen left (canteen closes 10th December) some items will not be re-ordered. When items are finished I will ask students to order something else. At the moment all items are in stock.

Thanks helpers for the last fortnight, it's been a top effort.

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ROSTER —TERM 4

| Mon 22nd       | Tues 23rd       | Thur 25th       | Fri 26th         |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Kerrie Mussert | Sharyn McIntosh | Shauna McMillin | Antoinette Butta |
| Mon 29th       | Tues 30th       | Thur 2nd        | Fri 3rd          |
| Belinda Turner | Claire Stewart  | Gordana Zaradic | Kelly Kingsley   |

## PFA NEWS

Diane Cameron

A huge thanks to all the parents who helped out with the students lunches on Thursday 18th November. The day went very well with everyone very happy with their Sausage and drink.

## THE ENORMOUS CROCODILE

What am I writing about? I am writing about the enormous crocodile's secret plans and clever tricks. This story is about the enormous crocodile's enormous appetite for children and how the other jungle animals try to stop him.

I like this story because it is funny, interesting and exciting. I like the crocodile's funny poems like "*I am going to fill my hungry empty tummy with something yummy yummy yummy*". I also like this because it is about animals and I am interested in animals.

I would recommend this story for 5 to 12 year olds who are interested in animals and funny stories. 5 yr olds would love this story read to them. Ella McShortall 4B



## ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION SESSION

Anne Waller

We will be holding an

**Anaphylaxis Session**

**24th November at**

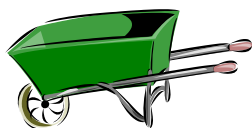
**2:30pm in the Staffroom.**

All parents and friends are invited to attend this informative session.

# Help Keep Our School Safe & Tidy!

## WORKING BEE - 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER .

Note: The previous newsletter was incorrect)



The Buildings & Grounds Committee will be holding a working bee for Term 4 and ask that you to come along and help. As many hands make light work!

Help us to carry out a general grounds tidy up, pruning, topping up oval track and moving mulch etc

**Date: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**Time: 8.30am - 12.30pm (or any time you can spare)**

**What to Bring: Rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, brooms, pruning tools etc**

-----cut here & return watering roster to school-----

### Edithvale Primary School - Garden Watering Roster

Please help keep our gardens growing over the Summer period.

Fill in your family name, phone number and date you can assist with watering gardens.  
(Stage 2 water restrictions in place until end March 2011 - this means we can water any time, any day using trigger nozzle hose.)

Please return this sheet as soon as possible to school office & further details will follow re: areas to water & access to shed.

Many thanks from the Buildings & Grounds Committee



| Month    | Nominate date(s) available | Nominate date(s) available |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| November |                            |                            |
| December |                            |                            |
| December |                            |                            |
| January  |                            |                            |
| January  |                            |                            |
| February |                            |                            |
| February |                            |                            |
| March    |                            |                            |
| March    |                            |                            |



# CARNIVAL

## Aspendale Gardens Primary School

Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens

### Sunday 21st November, 2010

★ 11am - 4pm ★

DUNKING MACHINE

CHAIR-O-PLANE

LIVE MUSIC

SPINNING WHEEL

ANIMAL FARM

LUCKY DIP

CAKE STALL

USED BOOKS

CUP & SAUCER

CROC MAN AND REPTILES

JUMPING CASTLE

SHOW BAGS

BBQ

THOMAS THE TANK TRAIN

DELICIOUS FOOD

SIZZLER

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MR ONION'S MAGIC SHOW

GIANT SLIDE

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# Fete

Saturday  
20 November  
9am until 3pm

@

St Chad's Anglican Church  
12 Thames Promenade  
Chelsea

**Indian Food**



**Jewellery**



**Mystery Parcels**



**Plants**



**Produce & Preserves**



**Sri Lankan Food**




**Toys**



**Trash & Treasure**





## Supersavers

Tuesday Is School Banking Day.

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IT'S A FRANTIC TIME OF THE YEAR....

BUT DON'T FORGET 5 cents! (IS THAT ALL?) And a Youth Saver account is all it takes...

KIDS, DO NOT FORGET YOUR SCHOOL BANKING, IF YOU HAVE A CAMP OR AN EXCURSION DROP OFF YOUR BANKING TO THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU GO... AND KEEP ON SAVING FOR YOUR REWARDS!!! AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL....