



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 5

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Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

LETTER TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Mr Martin Taylor

School Council President

On behalf of the EPS School Council

The education offered at Edithvale Primary is second to none in the area. The staff at Edithvale are truly outstanding and we are fortunate to have such great people both in teaching and administration. The environment is safe, nurturing, caring, and supportive for both the parents and the students. Our mission is not only to provide our children with an excellent, well-rounded education, but also to instill a lifelong love of learning.

The funds granted by the government only go a short way to help us achieve this and it is important that we continue to find alternative sources of income to supplement the base funding; this is why the Activities and Fundraising Committee runs a number of events throughout the year, to help the school meet its aspirations.

The money raised allows our school to continue to provide the best education possible. Edithvale Primary School, like most other state schools does not operate solely on government funding. With your support we can continue to offer not only the educational basics but also additional programs, and continue to upgrade our facilities.

This year School Council has decided to make the replacement of the perimeter fencing its number one priority. You can already see that a section of the old fencing has been replaced along the French Avenue outside of the new learning centre. This not only improves the aesthetics of the school but more importantly, the security and safety of our children. The total cost of the fence will be around \$36,000, a substantial amount of money; however we hope to be in a position to replace the fence prior to the end of 2012.

We have also commenced preliminary works on a number of other activities, including the landscaping of the new learning centre outdoor classroom, the refurbishment of the prep play area,

re surfacing of the oval, and the painting and repair of the existing buildings.

We hope to complete a number of these projects over the next two years; however this is as always dependent on the available funding, so I ask that you consider that whenever possible you continue to support the fundraising activities of the school.

As many of you are already aware, 2013 marks the centenary year of the Edithvale Primary School, we are in the early stages of planning a number of activities to mark this auspicious event. A Centenary Committee has been formed made up of teachers school councilors and members of the local community, if you would like to be involved in the committee and help us make 2103 a year to remember, please let us know, as always we welcome your input.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Mon 21st– Fri 25th	◆ Education Week.
Tue 22nd	◆ Prep 2013 School Tour—9.15 am
Wed 23rd	◆ Open Day
Thu 24th	◆ Tabloid Sports
Fri 25th	◆ Prep 2013 School Tour—9.15 am

JUNE

Mon 4th	◆ Year 6 Life Education Begins
Tue 5th	◆ School Council Meeting
Mon 11th	◆ Queen's Birthday—No School Today
Fri 29th	◆ Last Day of Term Two
Sat 30th	◆ Cheerleading Comp Geelong Arena

JULY

Mon 16th	◆ First Day of Term Three.
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SAFETY ISSUES EPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

At our recent School Council meeting a number of issues regarding the safety of our children were tabled for discussion.

- ◆ The first relates to the drop off and pick up of children in French Avenue. We acknowledge that parking is limited and, at times it becomes quite congested along this section of the street, however we urge you to take careful note of the parking zones; the relevant time limits and the direction of traffic flow. The driveway into the school grounds from French Avenue is our main entrance and must be a clearway at all times. **As this is also a high pedestrian traffic area, please do not park or pull up here even just to 'drop and run'.** Further to this, please do not park in the disabled parking area if you do not have the required and displayed permission to do so.
- ◆ The second relates to the staff car park. This area is only for the use of our staff. We also ask that parents and students do not use this area as a short cut into the school.
- ◆ We want to remind students and parents that the school crossings are consistently supervised for the protection of all members of the school community. Edithvale Road, in particular, is extremely busy and as such requires us all to be responsible and use the crossing that is provided.

If, by adhering to these few requests, we can reduce the likelihood of an accident then this is a positive move for the wellbeing and safety of our students. Thank you for your understanding and support.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM TWO

Mon 21st	Tue 22nd	Thu 24th	Fri 25th
Georgina Devereaux	Sharyn McIntosh	Kerrie Short	Kerrie Cappy
Mon 28th	Tue 29th	Thu 31st	Fri 1st
Kathy Barratt	Becky Evangelista	Mark O'Hehir	Kellie Kingsley

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

A big thanks to all parent helpers, who have given their time to help out in the Canteen. The Canteen would not function without your help!

Parents / Students please remember to enclose 10cents for a paper bag, if you have not already done so.

Large paper bags are available at the Canteen for sale. Prices:- 10 bags for \$1.00

25 bags for \$2.00

50 bags for \$4.00

Upcoming Special Lunch Day on Wednesday 27th June (last week of term). This will be a Hot Dog Day. Order forms will be sent out at the start of June.

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO SEND LUNCH ORDERS ON WEDNESDAYS AS OUR CANTEEN DOES NOT OPEN ON A WEDNESDAY. THANK YOU.

LUNCH CLUBS AT EPS

HIP HOP

With Mrs Cua on Fridays @ 1.40pm in the Learning Centre (Yr 6 boys & girls).

CHEERLEADING

With Mrs Evans on Thursdays, @ 1.40 in the Learning Centre (Years 4 and 5 boys and girls).

RUNNING

With Miss Rohan, Wednesday mornings
8.15 -8.45 (Anyone can join in).

CHOIR

With Mrs Webster and Mrs Cua Wednesdays @ 1.40 pm in the learning centre (Anyone can join in).

DECOUPAGE

With Mrs Ostojic Fridays @ 1.45 in prep room.
(Only for grades 1, 2 and 3) Starting Friday May 11th. Mrs Ostojic will put an announcement over to remind interested children.

*** See Mrs Glavis or Mrs Cua for any queries ***

COME AND JOIN US FOR EDUCATION WEEK AT EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Next week is **Education Week** at Edithvale Primary School and we have a lot of fantastic events organised. Each morning come and join our 15 minutes of fun.

- ◆ **Monday** Listen to a story with your child.
- ◆ **Tuesday** Walk the Block with Mr Whitla.
- ◆ **Wednesday** Aerobics.
- ◆ **Thursday** Tabloid Sports.
- ◆ **Friday** Marvellous Maths.
- ◆ On Wednesday afternoon we will have our Edithvale Showcase Trail for details, see below:-

EDITHVALE SHOWCASE TRAIL		
Class & Location		Description of Activity
Hall	Prep 1 Prep 2	Come down to the hall and have a look at the activities that our Preps are completing each week to develop their perceptual motor skills (PMP).
In the Year 1 classrooms	1A 1B	Learn to think from different perspectives. Open your mind and use De Bono's red (emotions), yellow (benefits) and white (information) thinking hats to explore our Inquiry into Australian Animals.
In the Year 2 classrooms	2A 2B	Science activities: complete quick, hands-on science activities at stations located throughout both rooms. Some of the topics will include magnets, sound, floating and metals
Computer Lab & Library	3A 3B	Explore the different sections of the library (fiction and non-fiction). Share a book that interests your child. Explore the programs and resources on the school's intranet.
Learning Centre Northern End	4A 4B	Come and play a game and test your skills. The Year 4s will be highlighting their Maths skills and strategies by completing activities and games on the netbook computers and with hands on materials such as cards. Join us and have some fun!
Learning Centre Gallery	5/6A 5/6B 5/6C	Ever wanted to "have a go" on our fabulous Interactive Whiteboards? Well now is your chance! Come and see how much fun they make learning! The Year 5/6 will be using Interactive Whiteboards to highlight their Inquiry Studies. Parents will be able use the boards and have some learning fun.
Specialists Art Room	Art	Be creative! You will be able to make a clay tile with scratch tools. These will be dried and fired and given to the children the following week.
Specialists Room 6	French	Play French Educational Video games on the Internet - Ooh-la-la!

PFA NEWS

Rachel Hepworth & Diane Cameron

Last week the PFA ran their annual Mother's Day Stall and we had a huge response with over 350 gifts.

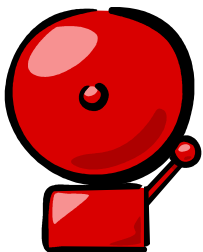
Many thanks to the Parents who helped out with the wrapping on Tuesday. The gifts were all beautifully wrapped.

On Thursday the stall ran like clockwork, each class in and out with hardly any fuss. Once again thanks to parents for working on the stall.

Congratulations to the PFA Committee (Rachel, Karen, Sarah, Melinda, Kathy, Helen) for a successful event. Hope all Mums enjoyed their gifts

LOST PROPERTY

Our stockpile of lost property is building! Lost clothing is sent to Madame Snow's room, where you can collect these items before or after school. More valuable items are kept at the office. We currently have two pairs of spectacles and a number of lunchboxes. If you think you might own any of these items, please pop into the office to collect them ASAP.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DRILL Mr James Whitla Assistant Principal

During the next few weeks all staff, students and any parent helpers at school, will be participating in some Emergency Management Drills that help to ensure the safety of our entire school community. We run these practice drills throughout the year to familiarise ourselves with procedures that we can rely upon in the event of an emergency.

Staff will speak to students about what they will be expected to do, prior to our first practice drill but a comforting reminder from parents and care givers will also help to alleviate any apprehension our students may have about participating in these drills, which are a requirement of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENT FORMS

A reminder to all Year 6 Students and their parents, that the Application for Enrolment forms for Year 7 placements in 2013, were due to be returned to school by today. If you haven't returned yours, can you please do so on Monday.

These forms must be returned for ALL Year 6 students, even if they are heading off to a private school in 2013. Thank you.

YEAR 4—CAMP MANYUNG



Year 4 students will be going to Camp Manyung, which is located in Sunnyside Road, Mt Eliza from 5–7 September this year. The camp aims to improve independence and responsibility in the children, as well as to enjoy the social and physical aspects that the camp environment provides. Many of the children will be challenged by new and exciting activities such as team challenges, archery, orienteering and the exhilarating Giant Swing and Flying Fox. Trained camp staff will be assisted by our teachers. Permission notices were sent home this week asking for a deposit.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NEW FENCE

Our fundraising efforts, towards our new perimeter fence have started. It might take a while, and yes, there's along way to go, but with a bit of effort ... we can get there.

So far we stand at: \$3,483.25. This is made up as follows:

◆ Small Coin Roundup (2011)	\$1,000.00
◆ Ritchies Community Benefits	\$ 565.53
◆ Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	\$ 621.80
◆ Entertainment Books (so far)	\$ 125.00
◆ Icecream Fundraiser	\$ 230.00
◆ Newsletter Advertising	\$ 940.92

The 'Foneraiser' and the Entertainment Books fundraisers, will also contribute towards these funds.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

This promotion has now started and sticker sheets were sent home last week. Until 1 July, you can collect stickers at Woolworths. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card (which will be sent home shortly). Once the card is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School or visit the Woolworths website:

www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

MOBILE PHONE FUNDRAISER



You will have received a plastic satchel recently, to send your unwanted mobile phones along to school. You can return these to school at any time, and when our collection box is full and we send them off to 'Foneraiser', the school will receive \$3.00 per phone, which will go towards our perimeter fence.

CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Start taking back your life! At Chelsea Heights Community Centre on Tuesday 29 May from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, there will be a presentation by the Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria on OCD 'Obsessive Compulsive Disorder' and Compulsive Hoarding. This is a unique opportunity to hear Dr Scott Blair-West, Consultant Psychiatrist and Dr Christopher Mogan, Clinical Psychologist speak on these important topics and it will provide valuable information to assist sufferers and family learn to change.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website for a full program at

www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au, our Facebook page for news - or just drop in

CHOCOLATE DRIVE Fundraising Committee

As part of our plan to improve facilities and resources for Edithvale Primary School we are running a Cadbury® Fundraiser Drive—we have Freddo Frogs for sale for \$1.00 each. This represents excellent value to the buyer and our profits will go towards the new fence to be built around the perimeter of the school. One box of chocolates has been sent home with the youngest child in each family today with further information included in the box. Note: BPay and EMA payments cannot be taken for this fundraiser, as the charge will not be put on family accounts. If paying by cheque; cheques should be made out to Edithvale Primary School.

CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT INFO FORMS

Confidential Student Information Forms are being sent home to those parents who have still not returned these. It is vital that we have your up to date information on our Administration System, especially in the case of an emergency.

If you receive one of these forms, then please complete it straight away and return it the following day.

Do a SHIFT
Roundabout KIDZ

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School holiday program for
primary aged children

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th July 2012
8:00am - 5:30pm

Register online at <http://www.roundaboutkidz.com>
or for more information or registration forms, call
03 9551 7871 or contact your preferred venue.

\$65.00 per child for the week (or \$15.00 per child per day)
Concession: \$40 for the week (or \$10 per child per day) for
Pension and Healthcare Card holders

Venues:

Christ Church Dingley Intercross Christian Centre Noble Park
Dave: 0409 693 234 Laurie: 0401 171 294



WHO WILL BE THE NEW DOLLARMITTE!

As part of the Commonwealth Bank's centenary celebrations we want to find Australia's best School Banking Saver! As such between 16 April and 30 June 2012, we are running a fun and exciting School Banking competition with the winning child being transformed into their very own Dollarmite character.

Being part of the competition is easy. A student simply needs to make a minimum of 5 deposits at school during the competition period and then provide us with their best savings tip.

The winning school/class will receive **25 iPads** and a **\$1,500 excursion!** For the winning student, as well as being 'Dollarmized', they will receive an annual movie pass for their family.

There are also 50 runner up prize packs that include iPads, excursions, movie tickets and thousands of Dollarmites consolation prizes for the students.

DOLLARMITES LUNCHBOX AND DRINK BOTTLE OFFER

Throughout May 2012 when a Dollarmites Lunchbox is ordered as a reward item, the child will receive the **Dollarmites Drink Bottle free.**

The offer is for the *month of May only.*

PARENTS VICTORIA ONLINE CONFERENCE 2012

Parents Victoria will run its sixth online conference between 20 and 26 May 2012.

The conference will feature hosted 'live' daily discussions on seven key educational issues, with one issue - school payments/school funding - open for discussion all week. Registration is free.

Member and non-member schools with parents correctly registered and actively engaged in the conference are eligible to win prizes for their school. The conference is sponsored by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

CRITICAL DATES: The conference opens at 6 am on Sunday 20 May and closes at midnight on **Saturday 26 May 2012.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All participants are required to register at: <http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/>

An email confirming registration will be provided as well as participation guidelines.

Further information and updates will be available in the coming week on the Parents Victoria website at: <http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/>

BEYOND PRIMARY FOR PARENTS

Is your child starting secondary school next year? Would you like hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly Beyond Primary email.

Every Thursday during school term you will receive an email that will include tips, advice and information on supporting your child to make the transition from primary to secondary school.

Subscribe to Beyond Primary at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepair/beyondprimary/default.htm>

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER By Hosting a Short Term Exchange Student

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for a short term of only 3 months. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

PARENT TO PARENT DYSLEXIA SUPPORT GROUP SOUTHERN

Moira Training Room

920 Nepean Highway, Hampton East

(Opposite Moorabbin rail station)

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Next Meeting: 23rd May 2012

Yael Clark, Child and Family Psychologist will offer suggestions and strategies to help our kids deal with stress and anxiety.

Future meeting: 27th June 2012

Please e-mail if you can attend

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ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Ph 9587 5955 Fax 9587 5280

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre has a variety of activities for the young and the young at heart. From sport and fitness classes (for kids and adults), dance, kids music classes, playgroups, occasional care and more. For a copy of our activity brochure, or any enquiries, phone 9587 5955 or check out our website www.agcsinc.org.au

Fair Ladies Market Night-Friday 22nd June from 7.30-9.30pm. Get the girls together for a night of fun at our Ladies' Market Night. Enjoy some nibbles and a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival while discovering what our various stalls have to offer. Entry only \$5 and bookings are essential. Enquiries ph. 9587 5955

NEW! Slime Lab- Science Workshops for kids aged 4plus. Wednesdays 4-5pm. Kids can enjoy science in a safe, fun and educational way creating their own colourful slime. Only non-toxic and environmentally safe products used in activities. Phone Linda on 0413 338 658 or email slime.lab@hotmail.com

Sustainable Homes Program. 5 week program Wednesdays 1pm-3pm (starting 23rd May to 20th June). This course will focus on different aspects of sustainability in the home. Join the many households who have begun the journey to transform their homes to save energy, water, waste, food and their hip pocket. Cost \$50. Bookings Phone 9587 5955

Heart Link Network - Meets first Tuesday of each month 10am-12pm. The Heart Link Network is an amazing opportunity for professional business women to connect, build relationships and grow their businesses in an inviting atmosphere. Spaces are limited. For further enquiries contact Lee Cummins on 0400 862 793 or email lee.cummins@bigpond.com

Zumba-Tuesdays 7.30pm-8.30pm. Get fit and toned while having fun with the fitness craze that has taken the world by storm. \$12 per session. Contact Mel on 0414 353 827

Zumbatomic for kids 4-12yrs. Big starz (8-12yrs) Wednesdays 3.45-4.30pm and Thursdays 4.15-5pm. Lil' Starz (4-7yrs) Thursdays 1-1.30pm and 3.45-4.15pm. Enquiries ph. Dani on 0411 139 795.

Thump boxing Thursdays 2pm-3pm with B Tru 2 U Fitness. Outdoor 30 minute express classes and personal training sessions also available. Enquiries ph. Connie on 0414 671 066

THE A–Z OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The After School Program is conducted by Kingston Council in our school hall from 3.30 pm to 6.15 pm on school days. After School Care was established to provide quality care for primary school children in a supervised, relaxed, safe & fun environment. The program caters for parents who work, study or due to other commitments require After School Care and to allow children to play together, participating in the varied recreation activities provided. Parents wishing to enrol their children are asked to contact Kingston City Council on 9581 4867 for further information.

BPAY OPTION

You can pay your excursions and other charges, via internet banking. Your BPay reference will be printed on your statement. *Please only use BPay for payments of \$20 or over. You can of course, combine several outstanding charges to make the \$20 minimum.*

For ALL BPay payments, we need to be notified of what your payment is for. The easiest way is to email us on edithvale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with BPay in the subject line. Or of course, tick the BPay option on your payment envelope or excursion notice. If you have any queries, please phone Sandie Wishart on 9772 1393.

CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT INFORMATION

A yellow envelope was sent home to all families early in the year, with several forms which need completing and returning to school. These forms were to be returned to school by **29 February** and there are still a number outstanding. It is important for us to hold current student information at school, which includes medical information and emergency contacts, in case of an unforeseen accident or illness. If you haven't returned your forms, would you please send them back as soon possible and if you change any of your details throughout the year, please let us know ASAP. If you need a new form, please let us know.

ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

We are now sending quarterly family statements out via email, which has been a big success. We are also sending electronic copies of newsletters. At present, we will still be sending a hard copy, but at some stage this will stop, unless you specifically request a hard copy.

In time, we will commence sending newsletters via email every fortnight and eliminate the number we need to print. This should make things easier for everyone and will make us a much 'greener' school! If you don't have an email address, then of course, you will still receive a hard copy.

LATE PASSES

If you are late to school, you must come to the office for a late pass. It is then taken to class and given to your teacher, where it is collected and recorded on our CASES21 attendance system. This is a legal requirement—not just a requirement of the school.

MONEY ISSUES

Please note that we do not have money readily available at the office to give change. The day's takings are banked every day and we do not hold a 'float' for the next morning. Please endeavour to bring the correct money when making payments or use BPay where possible, which will save you a trip to the office—and save us a trip to the bank!

PARKING ISSUES

Please observe all parking signs around the school, particularly in Haig Avenue. Reports have come in from parents, that people are being booked by by-laws officers in that area on a regular basis. **Please note also, that for safety reasons, parents are not permitted to park in the staff car park.**

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Our school crossings are an important part of our school. They enable both children and adults to cross the roads that bound our school in safety. Please use the crossings correctly to ensure everyone's safety and to set a good example for our students.

STUDENT BANKING DAY

Bank books are brought to school on **TUESDAY** for processing on Wednesday. Forms for new accounts are available from the school office. With as little as 50 cents and a **Youth Saver Account**, you can become a super saver! Don't forget your school banking. Keep on saving for your rewards—and help raise funds for your school at the same time as we receive a commission on all deposits made via the school.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is located in the Prep corridor between Prep 1 and Prep 2 and is open every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 pm–4:15 pm. Payments can be made by EFTPOS or cash.

UNIFORM SHOP—SECOND HAND

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