



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a wonderful effort our students and their families made towards the Bushfire Appeal. The coin trail raised **\$3,655.80** and highlights how much we, as a small community, care about the plight of others in the wider community. Thank you everyone for such a terrific contribution.

School Council met on Tuesday for the first time this year. We have many plans on the drawing board for 2009 and look forward to a very productive year. Half of our school council members have completed their two year term and we have already begun the process for School Council Elections. 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. We invite you to consider nominating for School Council elections. Nominations close on Friday 20th, February at 4:00pm.

During the next couple of weeks there will be some construction work being carried out at the school. We are having two ramps built, one leading into the main office area and the second leading into the far end of the 3/4 building. Safety fences will be erected in both areas and we are hope that the impact on the school during this time will be minimal. There will be at least one day however, when parents and students will have to access the office area via the front door (Edithvale Road). We will put out plenty of signs to guide you.

It was disappointing that we had to postpone the twilight sports but when we put our collective thinking caps on we were able to come up with something, equally as exciting. Luckily we were able to book 'Shenanagins' to work with the children on their bushdancing skills and they will organise a family night at the end of this activity. I have heard many stories from students and teachers about a similar event that was held at the school a couple of years ago - I hope you can join us for what promises to be a fantastic experience.

Denise Webster

IMPORTANT DATES—TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 24th	Connex Visit Gr 5 & 6, 9:30—10:15am—Hall
Thursday 26th	Pulleys & Levers Incursion Gr 3 & 4, 9:00am-1:30pm—Hall
Friday 27th	EMA Applications Close.

MARCH

Monday 2nd	Swimming Sports 10:00am—2:30pm
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th	Year 6 Camp
Monday 9th	Labour Day
Friday 13th	Puppet Show—P-2—Hall 9:30am-11:00am

NEWS ALERT

**Please be thoughtful and
don't park in the disabled
carpark.**

Thank You

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON
27TH FEBRUARY FOR THE
FIRST INSTALMENT**

We cannot accept late applications

Procedural Writing

Procedural Writing from Grade 3/6

Grade 3/6 have been concentrating on procedural writing. This involved writing up instructions on how to make or do something. Why don't you try one or two at home. HAVE FUN!

How To Make Pepper Jump

Materials: Salt, pepper, comb

Instructions:

1. Pour salt on a flat surface.
2. Sprinkle a little pepper on top of the salt.
1. Comb your hair several times.
2. Hold the comb above the pepper and salt.



Caution: Pepper can hurt your eyes!

How to Stargaze?

Materials: Torch, blanket, drink, clear warm night, pillow, snacks, back/front yard, binoculars, deck chair, teddy.

Instructions:

1. During the day find a spot that gives you an open view of the sky.
2. Set up before it gets dark.
3. Turn off all the lights.
4. Take your drink, snacks and relax.
5. Lay back and stargaze.



Other procedures which I have attached belong to:

Riley	How to Make Rum Balls
Lucas	How to Make a Vegemite Sandwich
Josh	How to Make a Chocolate Icy Pole
Caitlin	How to Make a Salad Sandwich
Seth	How to Make Lemonade Icy Poles

How to Make Rum Balls

Instructions:

1. Crush Biscuits.
2. Then put them in a bowl.
3. Next put some coconut in and mix it all together.
4. Next put some cocoa in and mix it again.
5. Then pour all the condensed milk in and stir until it all sticks together.
6. Make them into balls and dip them in coconut and put them on a plate.



How to Make Icy poles

Ingredients: Water, cordial, holder for 6 Icy Poles, bowl.

Instructions:

1. Put water and cordial into a bowl. Pour into 6 holders.
2. Put holders into freezer.
3. Leave it there for 24 . Hours. Then enjoy!

Supervision: Have adult supervision.

How to Make a Chocolate Icy Pole

Ingredients: Chocolate syrup, cups, ice-cream stick, measuring cup.

Instructions:

1. You get the chocolate syrup and measuring cup and pour the chocolate syrup up to 26cm.
2. Pour it in a cup and put it in the freezer for 20 minutes.
3. When the time is up put the ice-cream stick in the cup and pull it out.
4. Delicious!



How to make Lemonade Icy Poles

Ingredients: Lemonade, Icy Pole holder and a freezer and some popsicle sticks.

Instructions:

1. Pour lemonade into the Icy Pole holders.
2. Then put a popsicle stick in each Icy Pole holder.
3. Put the Icy Pole holders in the freezer, wait for about one night and 10 hours.



How to Make a Salad Sandwich

Ingredients:

Lettuce, cheese, ham, tomato, bread, mayonnaise

Instructions:

1. Spread mayonnaise on the bread.
2. Cut your tomato and place it on the bread.
3. Cut some cheese then put it on the sandwich.
4. Place some ham and lettuce on.
5. Put a piece of bread on top.
6. Cut it in half and enjoy!



Caution: Be careful with a knife.

Year 5 Reporting on the Bushfires

On Saturday 7th, February ferocious fires were burning in Marysville, Kinglake, Whittlesea and Churchill. On that day the weather was very hot, dry and windy. It was 47°C and the wind reached 120kph. There were 31 fires in Victoria. The embers were carried by the wind up to 15km and then both fires joined together. The most dangerous parts of a bushfire are the flames and the intense heat. Overall it's the worst heat recorded for bushfires since 1850.

Emily Stone 5/13

Some points to note about the fires -

- The weather conditions were very hot and very windy.
- The things that contributed to the fires were large trees, lightning, heat and strong wind.
- The bushes caught fire right where people lived.

Riley & Milan 5/12

On Saturday 7th February 2009, extreme fires tore through Victoria. The towns of Kinglake, Whittlesea, Marysville and Churchill had little warning. They were terrified by the big blaze, flames and heat from bushfires coming towards them. The wind was making the fires come faster and harder for the people to get out of their houses. The heat wasn't helping at 47°C. Some people evacuated but some stayed and fought the terrible blaze. Nobody will ever forget what happened.

Madeline 5/13

Some more points to be noted -

- Fast strong winds.
- The factors involved were lightning eucalyptus trees bushland and dry grass.
- The location played a big part in the cause of the bushfire.
- Adjectives - inferno catastrophic horrible destructive.

Callum & Ben 5/12

On Saturday 7th February, a ferocious bushfire occurred. It wiped out Marysville in a matter of minutes. The weather was hot dry and windy, perfect conditions for fire. Saturday the 7th is now called 'BLACK SATURDAY' It was the hottest day for over a century.

Adele 5/13

These points were noted - :

- The fire was hot, red black smoky and dangerous.
- Tinder, lightning, sun and the wind caused the fires.
- Adjectives - fearsome hot big.
- We felt sad horrified disappointed and wanting to give.

Lachie & Breanna

On Saturday 7th February, also known as 'Black Saturday' was the hottest ever recorded in Victoria's history. 31 fires burnt through Kinglake, Whittlesea, Marysville and Churchill. The flames and the heat made it more extreme than 'Ash Wednesday'. The winds were travelling more than 124 kph which made it go so fast that people had no warning.

Thomas 5/13

Some other interesting points -

- It was very hot.
- The wind and heat caused an inferno.
- Adjectives - fierce, destructive, spectacular, horrific.
- We were sad, sorry but happy because we could do something like raise money.

Cameron A & Amy 5/12

On Saturday 7th February, the weather was ferocious with the temperature a terrible 47°C. The sky was black and hoses were coming down like dominos. So far there have been 31 fires. Some of them were purposely lit. Fires move quickly uphill because the heat rises. The most dangerous part of the fire is the middle.

Emily Smith 5/13

SCHOOL SUNGLASSES



In the last few years, awareness of the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays has grown. We are well aware that

they can damage our skin but they can also be harmful to our eyes. In the 80s, the Cancer Council encouraged us to 'Slip, Slop, Slap' to prevent skin cancer. This health campaign was extended in later years to 'wrap' on some sunglasses as we realised our eyes also needed protection.

Edithvale Primary School recognise that children's eyes are very important and have been looking at quality sunglasses for our children to wear while at school. We have found sunglasses that comply to all the mandatory Australian/New Zealand Sunglasses Standards: ASNZS 1067:2003 and match with our school uniform, which we think fit the bill. You will notice some of our students wearing the sunglasses around the school. All sunglasses are packaged and provided with a section for parents to write their child's name as well as a protective PVC pouch and are priced at only \$12.00.

Help to protect your children's greatest assets their eyes. Your children will love wearing them. We have samples of these glasses at the school office. Come in to have a look and try them on to decide on a size before you place your order. Order forms will be available from the school office.

**DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR
EMA APPLICATION IN**



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CANTEEN NEWS



Students and parents please note that the canteen no longer sells Dim Sims or Cocktail Frankfurts.

Some orders coming to the canteen are using last years price list. A new list went out the first week back. If you have not received one, please ask at the office.

New Prices

Tomato Sauce	.20¢
Lunch Bag	.10¢
Hot Dog	\$2.30

Thank you helpers for the week and welcome to new parents Lara, Sue, Deb and Nicola (Erica) this week

Diane

Monday 23rd Catherine Ashton	Thursday 26th Mark O'Hehir Jo Mills
Tuesday 24th Jill Eadie	Friday 27th Kerry Cappy Jackie Houghton

**THE WATERING ROSTER FORM IS
ON THE NEXT PAGE**
Please help if you can.



FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Thank you to those parents who came along to help us with the distribution of fruit to the classes.

We still need assistance. If you have a spare hour or so on a Friday morning, to help us put the fruit on plates for the children, please give us a call in the office and leave your name; or just come along to the staffroom on the day.

Your help will be
greatly appreciated.

Many thanks
PFA





Edithvale Primary School Garden Watering Roster

Please help keep our gardens growing

Fill in your family name, phone number, child's name and grade against the days you can assist with watering of school gardens. (Tuesdays & Saturdays 6am - 8am only).

Return this sheet to the school office as soon as possible and further details will follow re: areas to water and access to the shed.

Many thanks from the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Month/Week	Saturday	Tuesday
February	21st	24th
February	28th	
March		3rd
March	7th	10th
March	14th	17th
March	21st	24th
March	28th	31st

Thanks to those families who have volunteered to water so far.
Further information regarding watering will be distributed to you.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager



To assist us in our receipting processes, parents are asked that when they bring money to the office, they complete a **DEPOSIT SLIP**. If a deposit slip is not included on your excursion form, then please complete the form below and return with your payment (these slips are available at the office). Also, if you would please complete excursions forms, have the correct money in the envelope, and all details on the front completed before arriving at the office, that will help us immensely. Thank you.

EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL - DEPOSIT SLIP

All payments must be accompanied by a deposit slip. If a deposit slip is not provided on your excursion form, please complete this form before handing any money into the office. Thank you.

Child's Name:		Grade:	
Payment For:		Amount:	
Payment Type:	CASH CHQ EFTPOS	Date:	
Your Name:		Signature:	