

Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Education at Edithvale
Engagement, Excitement, Expertise, Excellence

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Term 1—Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are well underway with our plans for the Art Show which will be held during Education Week in May. There is a meeting of the art committee this afternoon and we would welcome any community members who are interested in being a part of this event. There are a range of tasks that need to be carried out, so please join us if you can.

We are all looking forward to the bush dance and family picnic evening next Wednesday. All students will be participating in dance lessons with Shenanigans on Tuesday and this will be followed by the bush dance on Wednesday. Many students have already been getting in a little practice during their PE lessons so it will be great to see as many people there on the night

Congratulations to Emily Cox and Lachlan Bourne, who made us proud when they participated so well in the regional finals of the swimming.

You may have noticed that we have new steps and doors leading into the office area -if you have ever struggled with the door in the past then you will understand why it has us all smiling! The work on the ramps is well underway and will be completed very shortly. The office entrance is now able to be used again - thank you for your patience.

Finally - last week I promised a clearer map of the new zone for Parkdale Secondary College and I have included it in this week's newsletter. Please come and see me if there are any further questions about the zone. The process for applying for secondary schools for 2010 gets underway at the beginning of term 2 when all relevant information will be sent home to parents of the year 6 students.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Tracey Griffiths
Fundraising Committee

It's Hot Cross Bun time again; doesn't the time come around quickly! Do you remember how lovely it is to munch on a Hot Cross Bun on a cold morning with a warm cup of Milo? Well you can again this year thanks to Bakers Delight... isn't that wonderful!

For Term 1 as a fundraiser, our school will be selling those delicious and yummy Baker's Delight, Hot Cross Buns. Please support our children and the school, by returning the order form that has already been sent out to your child and returning it with the correct money to the School Office, by Thursday 27th March.

If you have lost your form or need another one, there are extra copies at the office. Tell your friends and neighbours and family about them. We're sure they will love them too.

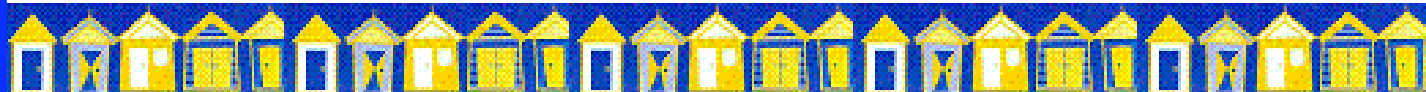
This will be our main
Fundraiser for Term 1.

♥ Thank you for your
support.



IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1—2009

MARCH Wednesday 25th	Shenanigans 6:00 - 7:30pm
APRIL Friday 3rd	Last Day of Term 1—1:30pm dismissal
APRIL Monday 20th	Term 2 Begins
MAY Thursday 14th	Art Show Opening
Monday 18th ~ Friday 22nd	Education Week



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents and Guardians are advised they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, as well as transport costs.

Student accident insurance information is available at the office.

HEADLICE

Headlice seems to be alive in several year levels within the school at the moment. Please be observant by checking your child's hair regularly. If you do detect headlice, there are many good headlice treatments available at your chemist. Once treated they are able to return to school. Headlice inspections will occur early Term 2 and Term 4.

TOO SICK TO BE AT SCHOOL?

DON'T FORGET TO LET US KNOW

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OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON OUR
ANSWERING MACHINE

IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care is available in the EPS Hall every day from 3:30pm to 6:15pm.

Curriculum days are also available from 7:30 to 6:10pm

For more information please come and see me in the school hall at 3:30pm

Paromita ~ 0439 018 059

Or call Kingston Council
Charmaine—9581 4867

If you would like information regarding Kingston Council Holiday Programs, brochures are at the School Office.



CANTEEN NEWS

Diane
Canteen Manager

A VERY successful Sushi Day was held on Tuesday this week with 256 Sushi rolls ordered. Many thanks to Sharyn, Monica and Catherine for helping me out.

As yet I still don't have a supplier for apple pies, but I am continuing to look into this for the students.

Thanks to my wonderful helpers this week.

Monday 23rd

Kris Henricks

Thursday 26th

Anne Roberts
Jo Mills

Tuesday 24th

Jill Eadie

Friday 27th

Jackie Houghton
Catherine Ashton

Top tips for healthy lunchbox eating



- Think about what your child likes to eat at home and try to translate that into a lunchbox option.
- Vegetables are often overlooked in the lunchbox. Try cutting up some carrot sticks or putting in a handful of cherry tomatoes.
- While the humble apple is a great lunchbox filler (sturdy and hard to squash), consider cutting softer fruit up and putting it into a smaller container for protection. Berries and kiwi fruit survive very well this way.
- Dairy can be hard to include, particularly in hot weather. If you can't safely get a yoghurt into the lunch box, make sure you offer dairy when your child comes home from school.
- Last night's leftovers in a container with a small spoon can make a welcome change to the parade of endless sandwiches.
- Try putting together a small picnic in your child's lunchbox - slices of tomato, ham, grated carrot, grated cheese and some bread and butter - so she can build her own sandwich.
- Stick to water in the drink bottle - most juices are full of sugar and make the drink-bottle smelly. They also don't do a very good job of quenching thirst.
- Homemade pikelets are a great snack - easy to make ahead of time, they're filling and don't require any extra toppings

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/article+130+35+Top-tips-for-healthy-lunchbox-eating.htm>

PUPPET SHOW

From the Preps

Last Friday the Prep - Year 2 students dressed up as toys.

We paraded around to show everyone our costumes and display the creativity of Edithvale students. Then we all assembled in the hall to watch a puppet show. It was very funny, especially when the fish squirted water over us.

Afterwards John, the puppeteer showed us how he puts on puppet shows and taught us how we could make puppet shows of our own. We had a wonderful time.



NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Our School Newsletter is produced weekly and distributed on Thursdays. School Newsletters are also available on our website, www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au and will continue to be online for all families to access.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AROUND SCHOOLS

The City of Kingston is committed to providing a safe road environment around our schools, but we need your help to achieve this goal. Roads outside schools can be a very busy place in the morning and afternoon and it is at these times that maintaining children's safety, and that of other road users is paramount.

**Crossing the road and dodging cars with your child in tow
may shave off 30 seconds from your day,
But isn't the safety of your child more important?**

**Encourage by example ~ use the children's school crossing
Road Rules ~ Children's School Crossings - Your Responsibility
Stopping at a Children's Crossing**

A driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which they can stop safely before the crossing.
A driver approaching or at a children's crossing must stop at the stop line if

- a. A hand-held stop sign is displayed or,
- b. A pedestrian is on or entering the crossing, this includes the crossing supervisor.

If a driver stops at a children's crossing for a hand-held stop sign, the driver must not proceed until the holder of the sign—

- a. No longer displays the sign towards the driver; or
- b. Otherwise indicates that the driver may proceed.

If the driver stops at a children's crossing for a pedestrian, the driver must not proceed until there is no pedestrian on or entering the crossing. This includes the crossing supervisor.

COMMON PROBLEMS AROUND SCHOOL ZONES

Road rules exist for your safety and the safety of other road users. Parking and Local Laws Officers along with the Victorian Police enforce the Road Rules around schools on a daily basis. The majority of infringements issued to offending motorists will be posted to the registered owner of the vehicle which is a safer and fairer system for all. The most common parking offences committed around schools in Kingston are:

NO STOPPING

No stopping means ***no stopping at all*** - even if you are only stopping to let someone out of the car, and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the car. It also means you cannot stop to wait for someone to leave a legal parking area.

NO PARKING

You must not stop in a **No Parking** area unless dropping off or picking up passengers. You must leave the car and not take longer than two minutes or the time limit on the sign.

TIMED PARKING

2, 5 and 15 minute parking around schools is designed for parents to drop off and pick up students. Overstaying these timed areas is not fair on others who also need to use them.

DISABLED PARKING

Disabled bays are for the sole use of people displaying a valid blue disabled persons permit issued by the municipal council in which they reside. Holders of green x 2 permits and all other users are not permitted to stop in disabled bays.

DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking compromises the safety of children outside schools and is illegal.

SPEED

Around Victorian schools each year more than 250 casualty crashes occur. To protect young lives, Arrive Alive! School speed limits apply outside every school to increase the safety of children and other road users. Please observe the reduced speed zones around schools in Victoria.