

Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 3 - Week 6

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As we draw to the conclusion of our fortnight of Olympic activities it is worthwhile reflecting on some of the activities that have captured the attention of our students. All classes have been actively following the experiences of the Australian athletes as well as the success of the athletes of their chosen country. There has been great pride and support amongst the students for the champions from lesser known countries and an appreciation of how the pathway to success is more difficult for some. The children have had their own sports events (in spite of the contrary weather!) and much to our surprise, Australia won in the medal count! We have all expanded our knowledge of other cultures and have come away with a greater understanding of how other people live in our world.

Tonight we are holding a meeting for parents of our preps for 2009. This begins a very exciting journey for these families and we are looking forward to welcoming them into our school community. The new preps will have their first visit to EPS next Wednesday August 27th. If you still haven't organised enrolment for your child, please contact the office for an enrolment form so that you and your child can be a part of the transition program.

Denise Webster

Term 3 IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Friday 22nd	~	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday 27th	~	French Crepe Day
Wednesday 27th	~	Fathers' Day Gift Wrapping
Thursday 28th	~	Year 1/2's to the Zoo

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2nd	~	Grade 4 Fathers Day Stall
Wednesday 3rd	~	Year 4 Camp ~ Camp Manyung
Thursday 4th	~	Year 4 Camp ~ Camp Manyung
Friday 4th	~	All Other Grades Fathers Day Stall
Friday 5th	~	Camp Manyung ~ Home today

Saturday 13th ~ **Term 3 Working Bee**
8:30 ~ 12:30

Friday 19th ~ End Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 6th	~	Term 4 Begins
Saturday 11th	~	Term 4 Working Bee 8:30 ~ 12:30

BUILDING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

During August some members of the Student Well-Being Committee attended a two day conference for the Southern Metropolitan Region. Below is an excerpt by Professor Michael Bernard from Melbourne University regarding strategies in building Social and Emotional Well-Being (SEWB) with our children.

The actions of parents that contribute most to their overall children's SEWB include (in order of importance)

- I have a parent who talks with me about my feelings and coping with stress.
- I have a parent who spends time talking with me about how to make friends and solve problems.
- I have a "say" at home about the way we do things.
- There are interesting things to do at home with family.
- I have a parent who asks questions about what I am learning
- I have a parent who talks with me about being respectful, honest, caring, responsible and a good citizen.
- I have a parent who discusses the importance of confidence, persistence and organisation in doing schoolwork.
- I have a parent who discusses with me what is acceptable behaviour and what happens if I behave badly.
- I have a parent who shows he/she is interested in what I am studying.
- I have a parent who makes time for me and listens.
- There are things at home I have responsibility for.
- At home, I feel accepted for who I am.
- I have a parent who discusses the importance of doing my best in schoolwork.
- I have a parent who praises me when I have done a good job in schoolwork or acted responsibly.

The social and emotional wellbeing of our students is a focus for E.P.S. and further information will be available in future newsletters.

Deborah Johnson



Edithvale Primary School Olympics Week

What a start we had to Olympics Week, rain and then more rain. Thanks Mrs Hayes for getting the Junior School Olympics completed on Friday and the Upper School on Tuesday. The students all enjoyed the activities. I loved the rowing.

Today the students have enjoyed more of the non sporting aspects of the Olympics. As you are aware each of the grades has been learning about one of the countries competing in the Olympics. Today's multi age activity has immersed the students in many of the various cultural aspects of the competing nations.



YOU ARE INVITED

Tomorrow we are having a grand finale to our Olympics experience and we would like you to join us.

Between 2:00pm and 3:00pm the students are moving from room to room to experience some of the learning the grades have completed in the past few weeks. Each child has a passport and they will be answering questions about the countries as they pass through. We are inviting you to join the students as they move around the school. At the completion of our world tour we will be officially closing the Olympic Games. The Olympics fortnight has been a wonderful experience for all the students and a time in their education they will fondly remember for a long while. It would be great for you to join in and help them to celebrate their learning.

Barb Sharp for the Edithvale Olympics Committee.






Introducing the "Team" of 5/13!

Just as we have watched the many and varied sports activities at the Olympic Games in Beijing, the team of 5/13 have their own range of sports and activities that they participate in.



Please take a look at our impressive list"

SWIMMING	Including Life Saving—Imogen, Leila, Lachlan, Dion, Thalia, Nina, Luke Isobel	
CALISTHENICS	Paula, Lucy, Olivia	
NETBALL	Karley, Kristy, Chrissy, Leila, Olivia, Sophie, Lucy	
FOOTBALL	Ryan, Lachlan, Dion, Harvey, Anthony	
SOCCER	Bailey A	
INDOOR CRICKET	Ryan	
SAILING	Dion, Anthony	
T BALL	Trent	
ATHLETICS	Harvey, Adam	
BASKETBALL	Lachlan, Bailey W, Anthony, Adam	
MOTORCROSS	Luke	
GYMNASTICS	Luke	
KICK BOXING	Nathan	
DANCING	Ebony, Imogen, Isobel, Peppa, Thalia, Madeleine, Rita	
CHOIR	Isobel, Rita	
TENNIS	Tylar, Thalia	
CRICKET	Ryan	
KARATE	Nina, Savanna	
WINDSURFING	Nina	
SURFING	Ebony, Ryan	

There are even musicians in our team—

PIANO	Rita, Madelaine	
RECORDER	Leila	
FLUTE	Imogen, Nina, Sophie	
GUITAR	Dion, Adam	

TRIPLE C CLUB CELEBRATIONS MONDAY 18TH AUGUST 2008

I was so delighted to see Grant Hackett come second in the finals! I was standing in front of the TV shouting GO GRANT GO! When it was over and he had come second a big smile entered my face. Later on I watched the marathon. I can't believe how much energy they had and especially that 38 year old who won! I watched some 100m. I can't believe how far ahead that Jamaican guy won by.

FOOTSTEPS

AT the footsteps concert (Tuesday 12th August) I was so excited and it sent shivers through my spine. Once I got off the stage I felt I had achieved something, something that made me feel even more confident in myself.

By Elise Jacob — 3/6

TRIPLE C CLUB CELEBRATIONS MONDAY 18TH AUGUST 2008

The Opening ceremony went off with a **BANG** but the athletes skills are most inspiring. From my point of view Australia has been great no matter what sport, we've put in 100% and their confidence has encouraged us to achieve our Footsteps Concert. Though we had to make last minute changes, it all worked out and I feel sorry for the people or students who missed out on this once in a lifetime experience. This truly is a celebration.

By Jemima Gordon — 3/6

THE PFA NEEDS YOUR HELP

The trivia night is coming up fast and the PFA team has done a great job sourcing donations from surrounding businesses. But we still need more. All money raised on this wonderful night will go towards our school oval and portable goal posts for the children. Your donations of anything of value would be very much appreciated.

Examples could be as easy as a bottle of wine, box of chocolates, hand made crafts or even a service of some kind.

There is a donation box situated in the office foyer. Please assist in any way you can to make this a fantastic, enjoyable and fruitful night for your school.



School Community Working Bees Term 3 & 4

The Buildings & Grounds Committee has scheduled 2 more working bees for 2008 and welcome participation from the whole school community. With many people pitching in to help we can provide a tidier, safer grounds area for your children. Come for one hour or the whole morning – the more assistance – the better the outcome. The 2 scheduled dates & activities are:

Saturday 13th September (8.30am-12.30pm) – This day will involve a Community Work crew & parents to help improve synthetic turf areas of the school. Lots of yard brooms and hands required! We will also be doing general tidy up & some pruning of small trees. Please return attached RSVP slip to ensure we cater appropriately for morning tea.

Saturday 11th October (morning) – Calling all parent & children helpers - Oval renovations & Kikuyu planting day (plus general tidy up). We will be topdressing areas of the oval with soil & planting Kikuyu sprigs – this will ensure we retain a greener, safer oval this year through Summer.

Should you have any enquiries – please contact the office or one of the Buildings & Grounds Committee members – Michelle Ford, Martin Taylor or Denine Teesdale.

*Help make your school a cleaner,
tidier environment!*



BIG COMPETITION French Crepe Day (Pancake) Wednesday 27th August

To help celebrate this special day, Madame Snow will be asking all the students from Grades 2-6 to create a version of the Eiffel Tower. La Tour Eiffel (the Eiffel Tower) must be made out of recycled materials.

Preps and Grade 1's will participate in a colouring competition. All art pieces will be paraded at a special French assembly on Wednesday 27th of August. We would like the whole school to dress up in the colours of the French flag which are Blue, White and Red or to



PFA MEETING

The next PFA Meeting
will be on
Wednesday 27th August 2008
at 9:30am in the staffroom.



CANTEEN NEWS



The Olympic Lunch is this Friday the 22nd August and all orders have been completed and processed. Thanks to Arielle and Bridget for helping to put the lunch bags together. Thanks also to Sharon, Jackie, Kellie, Michelle and Chris for helping out on the day. Well done teachers for collecting orders and getting them to me on time.

Thanks to my helpers for the week.

Diane

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 25th

Tuesday 26th - Claire
Stewart

Thursday 28th - Deb Wall

Friday 29th - Jill Eadie



News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

Get cosy and creative in a heated room at our Community Centre! Learn the beautiful art of "Black & White" Drawing – small workshops with big results! Or develop distinctive patterns and techniques with Silk Painting – another of our addictive classes. Be guided step-by-step into making your own quilt to hand down and treasure in our Patchwork Quilting class Wednesday mornings, or put together your own colourful masterpiece in our Mosaics sessions on Wednesday evening or Friday afternoon. We also run "Young Artist's Groups" 4 to 5.30pm of which you will be overwhelmed at the unique work your children will take home giving them an edge with school projects. Most of these classes can be arranged for a day that suits you. Our Wellness Day "Transform Your Life" - showcasing a range of alternative therapies for better health and happiness shall be happening on Sunday September 14th 10am until 4pm. There is plenty more on offer on our web site www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au or check out our Term 3 brochure. We also offer Occasional Take-A-Break childcare each week day for children under 6 years old and have a fabulous hall available to hire for that special event in your life. Drop by or ring for a copy of our brochure or to enrol in our classes on 9772 3391.

BOOK CLUB



**BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE
DUE TOMORROW
FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST.**

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO EDITHVALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Neck Warmers



The cold months are here, and as children aren't allowed to wear scarves (Uniform Policy) we have an inventive mum who makes the "Neck Warmers". These are for sale from the office for a great price of \$8.00, which some of the money goes to the school

Thank You

FATHERS DAY GIFTS



There is only one more week left to get your Father's Day forms in.

Avoid disappointment and don't Procrastinate any longer. Sit down now and fill in your form and get it to the school office as soon as possible.

Orders are due in by 28th August.

No late orders can be accepted.
PFA Committee

