



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3—Week 1 21 July 2011

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

I hope that everyone has had a relaxing break and that you are geared up for a busy term 3. We have many things planned for the next ten weeks and, of course, the **Art Show** will be a major focus for students in all areas of their learning. We also have Year 4 students attending camp in late August and there are a number of excursions being planned to complement the learning activities in other levels. **French Day** has been planned for September 14.

This year we are participating in **Tree Planting Day**, which is a day that is promoted by Planet Ark. Donna Bauer, State Member of Parliament for Carrum, will be here on July 29 at 9.30am to assist a group of students as they plant some indigenous trees.

Next Tuesday Edithvale Primary School is hosting a **Parent Forum on the Utranet**. We have had quite a few responses already and welcome anyone else who wishes to join us to find out what our students are learning in the area of Information Technology.

In week 8 of this term we will be holding another **Parent Forum** - this time we are returning to **Mathematics**. Last year's forum was an outstanding success and we want to keep you informed and involved in the teaching and learning that is happening in the classrooms. More details regarding this will follow later in the term.

NEW LEARNING CENTRE

As you will have noticed, quite a deal of work has been completed over the holiday period and we are all very excited about the prospect of moving in soon. We are nearly at the point of completion, however sometimes it's the last minute things that take a bit of time - let's cross our fingers that this part goes as smoothly as possible.

Once we take possession of the building we will be able to begin work on the landscaping project for the French Avenue area.

School Council has had a few discussions about this and we already have some parents who have put their hands up to help. When the time comes we will be asking for others to join us - if you have green thumbs, landscaping skills, can wield a spade or a hammer or a paint brush, or if you just love getting into the garden, then this is for you!

We are currently taking **enrolments for preps for 2012** and the final planning for our transition program is in progress. This program will begin soon with a parent meeting on August 24 and there will be a number of sessions where our new preps will attend for short periods of time to support their move into their new school environment. Information will be sent out about the program in the next week or two. If you have already returned your enrolment form then you will be on our mailing list for this.

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

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| Tue 26th | ♦ Utranet—Parent Information Session. ♦ Starting at—5.30 pm. |
| Fri 29th | ♦ Tree Planting Day. |

AUGUST

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| Fri 5th | ♦ EMA Applications Close. ♦ Raffle Tickets Due Back. |
| Thu 11th | ♦ ART SHOW—OPENING NIGHT. |
| Tue 16th | ♦ School Council Meeting |
| Mon 29th— Wed 31th | ♦ Year 4 Camp—'Camp Manyung' |

SEPTEMBER

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| Fri 2nd | ♦ Prep Gingerbread Factory Excursion. |
| Tue 6th | ♦ Parent Maths Information Session. |
| Fri 9th | ♦ Planning Day—Pupil Free Day. |
| Tue 13th | ♦ School Council. |
| Wed 14th | ♦ French Day. |
| Fri 16th | ♦ Interschool Athletics Carnival. |



SCHOOL CROSSING UPDATE

Dear Parents and Members of the School Community

The School Council is seeking your support in its push to have the school crossing on Edithvale road replaced with pedestrian lights as a matter of urgency. We believe this needs to be done in conjunction with more secure perimeter fencing with gates placed strategically in order to safely direct pedestrian traffic to and from the school.

We have been lobbying both state and federal governments, making phone calls, writing letters and seeking meetings, to garner support for this essential upgrade. It is likely that this will be a protracted process one that will require us to keep the pressure on our elected representatives for some time.

We are asking parents to contact their local members at both state and federal level and encourage them to support our request; to this end we have included the contact details below.

The Hon Mark Dreyfus MP
Federal Member for Isaacs
Shop N06
Parkmore Shopping Centre
Cheltenham Road
Keysborough VIC 3173

The Hon Donna Bauer MP
Member for Carrum
434 Nepean Highway
Chelsea 3196

I believe that as a community we can achieve our goal and hopefully glean something positive from what was a terrible accident.

The School Council looks forward to continue to work with you on this and other important issues that face our school community.

Yours faithfully

Martin Taylor
School Council President



FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Mr James Whitla—Assistant Principal

Congratulations to **Rob Deacon** (5/6A) for his outstanding effort at the State Cross Country Trials held at Bundoora last Tuesday. To get to this stage Rob competed in School, District, Division and Regional trials.

Rob represented himself and our school with great distinction finishing 28th against the best primary school cross country students in Victoria. A truly great effort.

STUDENT PUNCTUALITY

Mr James Whitla
Assistant Principal

I would like to take this opportunity, at the beginning of the school term, to confirm that our school day starts at 8:55 am. The 5 minutes extra each day provides staff with the framework to welcome, settle and organise our students so that their learning can commence promptly at 9:00 am. We are seeking your support to ensure your child is at school ready to start the day by 8:55 am.

Absence from school and lateness to class clearly affects the absent/late student, but also impacts on the teacher's ability to plan and present class work in a sequential and organised way. This can affect the progress of all students in the class, not only those missing or late, and can complicate classroom management. Obviously this is something we would like to avoid.

If students are late to school can you please fill out a late pass from the office and see that this is handed to your child's teacher. It is important that this form is completed by a parent or caregiver to ensure that students arrive in class as quickly as possible to maximise their learning time.

As part of our duty of care, we must obtain a record of the reason for a child's absence or lateness in writing from a parent or caregiver. Having this information helps to ensure open communication between us all and helps to monitor the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

Attending school every day is crucially important for a student's education and social skills. Non-attending students are placed in disadvantage both socially and academically. They miss out on critical stages of interaction and development with their peers and at the same time minimise the likelihood of academic progress and success. If you know that your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher who can provide work for them to complete at home so that their learning opportunities are not compromised.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

PFA NEWS

Diane Cameron

The **Fathers Day Stall** will be our main activity this term. Stay tuned for more information in next week's newsletter.

ART SHOW 2011

A reminder that Edithvale Primary School will be holding their second art show; opening on **Thursday 11 August** and we're looking for parents, guardians and grandparents to join our working committee.

If you'd like to be involved, please come along to one of our meetings—in the staffroom each **Thursday from 3.40 pm**. Meetings will be held every Thursday until the week of the show.

The theme of this year's art show is 'Carnivale'.

In conjunction with the Art Show, we are running our own fundraising raffle, with the prize being a Gold Coast holiday.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of ten tickets was sent home to all families on Monday.

We trust you will all support this raffle and sell your book of tickets.

SOMERS CAMP

Late last term, thirteen Year 5 and 6 Edithvale Primary school students were fortunate to get the opportunity to attend this year's Lord Somers Camp.

Our students mixed and mingled with 150 students from other schools in our region and the feedback received from all parents and students has been exceptionally positive.

The nine-day Outdoor Education program, with emphasis on Environmental Studies and Sustainability, provided a variety of activities such as bush cooking, boating, drama, orienteering, indoor rock climbing, ropes courses, flying fox and the challenge swing.

NEWS FROM CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are proud to present over 5 weeks an exciting new Sustainable Homes Program. This will provide you with fundamental living information and guide you through practical actions you can take to reduce your energy and water usage and save you money! Each participant will receive a resource kit developed in conjunction with the CSIRO. The program commences Wednesday 10th August 1 to 3pm. Places are limited so book quickly.

Our Centre's NEW Kinder Activity Group for children 3 and 4 years old has commenced on Mondays and is filling up fast. This group is led by an experienced, qualified Kindergarten teacher - Jenny Jacobsen. She offers 3 hours of quality care structured specifically to interest and challenge the Kinder age child. Bookings are essential.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 3

| Mon 25th | Tue 26th | Thu 28th | Fri 29th |
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| Lara Sinclair | Michelle Aronleigh | Kerrie Short | Kellie Kingsley |
| Mon 1st | Tue 2nd | Thu 4th | Fri 5th |
| Lissa Lawson | Becky Evangelista | Deb Bond Sharon Vanderwyk | Fiona Brown Antoniette Butta |

Welcome back to everyone after what was hopefully a lovely holiday for you all.

This terms special is Soup & a Roll for \$2.00—available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Lastly, a big thank you to this week's helpers.

Education Tax Refund

Claim everything you are entitled to



The Government has changed the Education Tax Refund to include school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011.

Items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012.

So from 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

Go to

www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

for more information.



Sports Uniforms



USB Flash Drives



Stationery



Stationery

School Shoes



Summer Uniforms

A sum of money was handed in to the office on Wednesday. If you think this is yours, please call Sandie Wishart on 9772 1393.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE INSTALMENT TWO

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid into bank accounts from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2011 will need to submit a new EMA application form.

Applications close on **5 August 2011**.

Eligibility information can be obtained from:
www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

KEY DATES

- ◆ Eligibility day - **18 July 2011**
- ◆ Parent applications close - **5 August 2011**
- ◆ EFT payments - **Mid August 2011** onwards
- ◆ Cheque payments - **Late August / Early September 2011**

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

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Grab a friend and come along on a fun filled day through Bayside's best kept op shops.

You will be guided by a personal stylist and seasonal op-shopper who will help you find what you're looking for and offer honest advice on your purchases.

Cost: \$35 per person

Tour runs for approximately 4-5hrs and we aim to visit 6-8 op shops, stopping for lunch along the way (lunch not included)

Dates: Wednesday August 3rd 9.30-2.30

Saturday August 13th 9.30-2.30

Wednesday August 17th 9.30-2.30

For bookings and enquiries please email:

baysideopshoptours@hotmail.com

Or phone Amy on 0402992322

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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 Charmaine at Kingston City Council on 9581 4867 or Paromita on 0439 081 059 for further information.

BPAY—PAYMENT 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

Thank you to those families who have filled in and returned the confidential student information forms we sent out earlier in the year. 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.

Would you please send any outstanding forms back to the school office urgently so we can have this up to date information at hand. And also, if you change any of your details, please let us know ASAP.

ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

We have commenced sending family statements, via email, which seems to have been a big success. In the not too distant future, we will also commence sending newsletters via email. 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 hard copies.

GOOD MANNERS

Mrs Wishart and Mrs Greedy would like to compliment all of the children who come up to the office and use their beautiful manners. We love to see you, and when you're polite and use your manners, it makes us very happy!

INSURANCE

Affordable Student Cover is available for just \$29.90 per year. To apply online go to www.studentcover.com.au and click **APPLY NOW**. More information is also available from the school office.

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!

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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. If you have a camp or an excursion, drop your banking off at the office before you go. 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.

We are in need of coat hangers for displaying articles or clothing. If you have some spare, we would be very appreciative. Please leave them at the school office.