



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1—Week 4 - 23 February 2011

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

WORKING BEE: A huge thank you to all who helped at the Working Bees on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Armed with rakes, shovels, pitchforks and wheelbarrows our willing band of 'landscapers' transformed the area along French Ave from a lazy patch of weeds to the beginning of a wonderful outdoor learning space. Our aim was to plant out the area which runs alongside the main entrance. The rest will become part of a work in progress which we can complete in sections. The plans that we have include a variety of surfaces and seating so that students will have choices as to where and how they work in the outdoor flexible learning environment. Many, many thanks to the following people who gave us a hand:

Members from the Quenell, Sewell, Sinclair, Weatherly, Telfer, Davies, Vella, Smith, McMillan, Markby, Nightingale, Bond, Hampson, Syme and McIntosh Families as well as

Mrs Karen Laurent, Miss Sharlotte Cua, Miss Britt Baker, Miss Amanda Scafidi, Mrs Deb Obstojic, Mrs Deb Johnson, Ms Bronwyn Molloy, Miss Kim Rolls, Mrs Nikki Howard, Mrs Ann McAllen, Mme Sylvie Snow, Miss Jaime Rohan, Stephen Webster, Mrs Denise and Mr Trevor Webster and James Whitla.

OPENING OF THE LEARNING CENTRE: We are busy putting the final touches to our preparation for tomorrow's official opening of the Learning Centre. The event will be held outside (weather permitting) and all students and staff will be attending. Please come along and join us.

PANCAKES: The wonderful aroma of pancakes cooking wafted through the building earlier in the week as many classes took the opportunity to become involved in what has become part and parcel of Shrove Tuesday. We had many fine cooks who looked very pleased with the day's activities.

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP: Next Wednesday the Year 5 and 6 students will be heading to the city for their Melbourne Discovery Camp. They have a very full

itinerary and I'm sure that they will return home to regale us with tales of what they have seen and experienced. We hope they have a great time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2012: Following the call for nominations last week, one nomination was received. Tracey Griffiths is therefore duly elected.

Under the DEECD guidelines, I am extending the call for nominations for a further three school days. Nominations will now close on Tuesday 28 February at 4.00 pm.

The revised timeline for the election is listed below with the incoming School Council to be fully constituted and operational as from the declaration of the poll.

- ◆ Wednesday 29 February - list of candidates and nominators will be posted.
- ◆ Thursday 1 March - ballot papers prepared and distributed.
- ◆ Thursday 8 March - close of ballot.
- ◆ Friday 9 March - Vote count.
- ◆ Tuesday 13 March - declaration of ballot.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Fri 24th	◆ Official Opening of the BER (Learning Centre).
Mon 27th	◆ Metlink Invisit—Level 4s
Wed 29th	◆ EMA Applications Close.
Wed 29th— Fri 2nd	◆ Level 4 Urban Camp.

MARCH

Thu 1st	◆ Running Club Begins—8.15–8.45 am.
Mon 5th & Tue 6th	◆ Circus Challenge—Whole School.
Fri 9th	◆ Level 4 Interschool Sport Commences.
Mon 12th	◆ Labour Day Holiday. No School Today.
Tue 13th	◆ Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea.
Thu 15th	◆ Young Leaders Day.
Wed 21st	◆ Tabloid Sports Day.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Mr James Whitla—Assistant Principal



Last Friday I was fortunate, and very proud, to take our Edithvale Primary School Swimming Team to compete in the Chelsea and Patterson District Swimming Carnival.

All of our students swam in a determined manner and achieved some outstanding results. All team members competed enthusiastically, with great spirit and camaraderie.

It was great introducing the team to our school community at last week's assembly where we saw an amazing array of First, Second and Third placed ribbons.

Well done to all of those who gave their very best efforts on the day! A big thank you also to Mrs Nikki Howard, Mr Ashley Howard and Mrs Karen Vella for their hard work and organisation on the day.

2012 Edithvale Primary School Swimming Team Members were: -

Jayde Boyd, Holly Cox, Daisie Cooper, Claudia Carter, Nick Baker, Harry Cawley, Brooke Pearson, Bevan North, Stefan Hosi, Teagan Crighton, Emily Hawker, Amelia Vella, Samson Melatua, Steven Lawson, Samuel Hartland, Rebecca Whelan, Sharni Teesdale, Dean Cappy, William Hampson, Kirah Hard, Camille Nightingale, Philbert Lan, Caitlin Bourne, Drew Kugimiya, Megan Poole.



LUNCH CLUBS THIS TERM AT EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HIP HOP

With **Mrs Cua** on Fridays @ 1.00 pm in the hall.
Limited to 12 Yr 6 students, boys or girls

CHEER LEADING

With **Mrs Evans**, Yr 4 & 5 girls and boys in the hall. Mrs Evans will announce day, starting this week.

RUNNING CLUB

With **Mrs Rohan**, Wednesday mornings 8.15 - 8.45 am starting next Wednesday 1st March.
Anyone can join in!

Please see Mrs Glavis (room 5) or Mrs Cua (room 3B) if you have any queries.



CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron

Canteen Manager



CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM ONE

Mon 27th	Tue 28th	Thur 1st	Fri 2nd
Shauna McMillin	Michelle Aronleigh	Mark O'Hehir	Antoniette Butta
Mon 5th	Tue 6th	Thu 8th	Fri 9th
Georgina Devereaux	Claire Stewart	Deb Bond	Kellie Kingsley

As of next week, all items on the menu will be available. Due to changes in delivery days, some items were unavailable until now.

The canteen offers a wide variety of items such as fruit salad, which are freshly made daily. Our fruit salad has pineapple, cantaloupe, apple, orange, kiwi fruit, grapes, strawberries & blueberries. The yoghurt we use is Evia.

A big THANK YOU to all the parent helpers from the last fortnight and an even bigger THANK YOU to Kellie for helping me each day while I was recovering from surgery.

Frozen items available at the moment are Paddle Pops (\$1.20) and Calippos (.80c).

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be held at the LOTE room. Madame Snow will place the bin containing the lost property outside her room at the beginning of each day and return it inside at the end of the day (weather permitting). Please feel free to look through the bin for any lost items at your leisure. No lost property will be held at the office. Named items will be returned to students at our earliest convenience.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Swimming Team Practice
CDPPSSA Swimming Carnival
Level 4 Urban Camp
Hip Hop Club
Cheerleading Club
Running Club

BERTHE MOUCHETTE COMPETITION/ FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION

WHAT IS IT?

The Berthe Mouchette Competition is an opportunity for students to practice the French language by participating in a competition with great prizes to be won!

There are two categories, oral and an additional "nouveau" a Drawing Competition for the Primary level participants.

Years 3-6 recital of a French poem (\$5 entry fee)

WHO CAN ENTER?

The competition is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 12 in all schools across Melbourne and Victoria.

Who is interested this year at Edithvale Primary School? If your child is keen, Madame Snow will enrol them for this year's competition - we must know before Friday 2 March!

Merci

Madame Snow—French Teacher



IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

BPAY PAYMENTS

It's wonderful to see so many parents taking advantage of BPay and paying their fees & charges that way. However, please remember that BPay payments must be for amounts of \$20 or more. You can combine several payments to reach the \$20. Anything under \$20, still needs to be paid via the office. Thank you.

EMA CHEQUES & 2012 APPLICATIONS FOR EMA & SCHOOL START BONUS

EMA & School Start Bonus applications are due in to school by 29 February 2012, for those parents holding a current health care or pension card.

Also, if you have a Prep or Year 7 student, and have not yet received your one-off School Start Bonus of \$300, and you are the holder of a current Health Care or Pension card, you may be eligible for this payment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S OWN RISK

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

For information about the Department's insurance arrangements, see the School Policy and Advisory Guide at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/spag/finmanagement/insurance>

SINGING AND DANCING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2012



The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre not only give young people the opportunity to develop their skills within the Performing arts under expert guidance, but the chance to make new friends and perform in exciting concerts. Our kids work as a team, develop life long friendships and have great fun. Visit our website to find out more about our programs www.niypaa.com.au

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The fundraising committee will be running a sausage sizzle at Bunnings - Keysborough on

Saturday 3 March, from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

and they need your help to cook and/or serve for as little as an hour.

Please see the flier, which was sent out with today's newsletter for more information and to sign up to help. Thank you.

READING AT EDITHVALE PRIMARY

The Literacy Team

2012 is the National Year of Reading and our aim is to have all EPS students to be involved in the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

This involves students reading books from the challenge list which are available from the school library or can be brought from home. If in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 can books can be read by the student or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can read the book to the student if they are just learning to read. Certificates will be received by students who complete the challenge.

A permission form will be sent home for parents to sign and return to school. Students will receive a sheet on which to write down the book name, author and a parent will sign to verify that it has been read.

Online books must be verified as read by a Coordinator in your school.

All information will be completed online before 10 September 2012. This means that student lists must be returned to school by Friday 1 August.

Year level	Number of books	Number from the Challenge book list
Prep	30 books	20 or more
Year 1	30 books	20 or more
Year 2	30 books	20 or more
Year 3	15 books	10 or more
Year 4	15 books	10 or more
Year 5	15 books	10 or more
Year 6	15 books	10 or more

If you would like more information on either the Premiers' Reading Challenge or The National Year of Reading please see the links below.

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

www.love2read.org.au/index.cfm

We would like everyone to take up the challenge during this National Year of Reading.

Looking forward to seeing your child involved in the Challenge.

MEET AND GREET AFTERNOON TEA



All classrooms will be open for
afternoon tea on Tuesday 13 March.

Come and meet the other parents and teachers
from your children's year level.

If you have more than one child there will time to
mingle with all.

When: Tuesday March 13th

Where: Your child's room

Time: 2:20 pm

Hope to see you there!

CLEAN CUT GARDENING SERVICE



I have recently started my own garden
maintenance service '**Clean Cut Gardening**' &
I'm looking for clients/properties in Edithvale &
surrounding areas.

If you mention this flyer (ie: You're a parent/
family member of EPS student) I will donate \$50
back to the school, (which will go towards
school funding for the kids) for every new client
who books a regular service, prior to April 2012.

Services include mowing, edging, hedging, tree
trimming, green waste removal, weed control,
pre-sale facelifts, window cleaning. Quotes
available.

Regular maintenance or a once off 'Clean Cut'
for summer, it's up to you?

Nick Macmillan (Ryan's Dad—Year 1)

Ph: 0419 140476 or E: nickmac9@bigpond.com

ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

103-105 Kearney Drive, Aspendale Gardens 3195

Ph 9587 5955 Fax 9587 5280

Email: agcsinc@bigpond.net.au

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

Fun, Fitness and the Pelvic Floor. Tuesday 20th
March from 7pm-9pm. This **free** evening is for **all**
women to find out more about the pelvic floor
and those exercises we all know we should be
doing. A light hearted look at the pelvic floor and
ways of avoiding problems. Presented by the
Continence Foundation of Australia. Cost: **FREE!!**

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!! Ph. 9587 5955

Zumba- Tuesdays 7.30pm-8.30pm. Get fit for
2012 while having fun with the fitness craze that
has taken the world by storm. Only \$12 per
session. Contact Mel on 0414 353 827

Cartridges for Planet Ark- Do your bit for the
environment and drop off your used ink
cartridges, toners and even your old mobile
phones to the Aspendale Gardens Community
Centre reception during office hours (9.30am-
3pm Tuesday to Friday). These will be collected
by Planet Ark and recycled into many different
items including pens and garden beds.

Zumbatomic for kids 4-12years. 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

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schoolers. Fridays from 9.20am. Enquiries ph.
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CHELSEA BASKETBALL CLUB

WINTER SEASON 2012

U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, MIXED, MEN & WOMEN

STARTS APRIL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE IN BY
MARCH 10TH

JUNIOR ENTRY \$140, SENIOR ENTRY \$160

CONTACT PETER ON 0448 557 323

EMAIL manager@chelseabasketball.com.au

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through Saver Plus.

Jewish Care is looking for new
participants in your local area.

You may be eligible if you or your partner have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work.

Contact Deena Elmakeas, your local Saver Plus Worker:

8517 5670 / 0488 069 627 or

delmakeas@jewishcare.org.au.

*Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and
is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.*

Aspendale Tennis Club

OPEN DAY

Launch of new 'Aus Open'
plexicushion courts
Sunday March 4th 2012
11.30am



- Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting
- Wii tennis
- Prizes and Raffles

Come along and
join our club!
Competition &
Social tennis

For further information
contact:
Dayle Brown on 0458 977 426

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 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

Shortly a package will be sent home to all families, with several forms which need completing and returning to school. This pack will include a print out of the details we have recorded on your Confidential Student Information. These forms need to be returned to school by **29 FEBRUARY** at the latest. 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 the forms back as early as possible and if you change any of your details, please let us know ASAP.

ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS AND NEWSLETTERS

We are now sending family statements out via email, which has been a big success. Our first lot newsletters were also sent electronically late last term (as well as providing the usual 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.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

EMA applications are closing soon, so if you have not completed your application, please collect a form from the school office and return ASAP. This also applies to School Start Bonus, for parents of prep students, who hold a Pension or Health Card.

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 parents are not to park in the staff car park to collect their children.

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. 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.