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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr James Whitla

How time flies; and now there are 8 very busy school weeks remaining until the end of the school year!

Last week our School Council meeting was attended by many of our Student Representative Council (SRC), who presented their thoughts and ideas on how we could use the money raised from the school fair to better our school. All in attendance were blown away by the SRC and reacted swiftly to some of their suggestions.

The new Ga Ga Pit that resides on the oval has been a wonderful acquisition to our playground and plans are in place to upgrade our bike shed to provide students' bikes with greater shelter and protection from the sun. The freshly painted lines on the asphalt, a giant new chess set and the prospect of purchasing more iPads are a few of the ways in which some of the fair money will be spent.

We are exceptionally fortunate to have such a determined and dedicated fundraising arm of our School Council as their hard work helps to supplement the money we are allocated from the Department. Their work is becoming increasingly important as we struggle to receive voluntary contributions from some families; at last look we had received around 55% of these.

Parent Opinion Survey: at the beginning of term we received feedback from the Department of Education and Training (DET) in relation to our 2015 Parent Opinion Survey. In July, a randomly selected group of parents was invited to give their confidential responses to a wide ranging series of questions about their child's school and the quality of education that is provided for them.

We greatly appreciate the thoughts and words that formed part of the feedback for our school and we have taken on board some suggestions already.

Cyber Safety: I am proud to announce we are now officially an eSmart school. Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying. To celebrate this initiative we are getting together with Chelsea Primary school to host a Cybersafety Information Night at Edithvale Primary School in the Senior School Learning

Centre on Thursday 12 November, free of charge. This program can normally cost upwards of \$5,000. The program has been developed due to huge demand, with the intention of supporting schools along their eSmart journey.

Class Structures in 2016: Determining the composition of classes for 2016 is a comprehensive process undertaken by our teaching team each year. It involves many hours of consideration and the overriding goal is to achieve a balance of competencies across each class at each level. The factors that are analysed to achieve this balance include a spread of academic abilities as well as a mixture of social skills and behavioural characteristics.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is not attending EPS next year, as we are about to begin the process of designing our transition program for later in the term. If you have any additional information that you believe is relevant to us concerning your child's learning needs as we begin this process, please let me know in writing, as soon as possible and we will aim to accommodate them.

Please be assured that the complex process of determining next year's classes is a major undertaking by our teachers and that we all want the best for each of our students. I ask that you support and trust the professional judgements of our teaching staff on this important matter.

We look like having 3 classes of Prep/Foundation students in 2016 and their transition continued this week with a visit from students currently at the Edithvale Family and Children's Centre as we continue to support their transition into school.

Our annual FUN RUN is on again and this year we will be holding the event on Thursday 5 November. Money raised from this event will go towards the purchasing of new iPads.

Finally with Melbourne Cup Day nearly upon us, we acknowledge that there will be families taking the Monday beforehand, thus creating a long weekend. In the past we have had anywhere between 40-60% of our students at school so if you child will be absent on the Monday, can you please let us know and we can mark them accordingly on our rolls.



### PREP ENROLMENTS 2016

### We're still taking 2016 Foundation Enrolments

If you have a child starting school next year, please call in to the office and collect an enrolment form. Our Foundation/Prep transition program has started. The next session for children is Friday 13 November 11.30am -1.00pm

### MATHS OLYMPIAD

During the year, a few Year 4 - 6 students have participated in an international maths competition called the Maths Olympiad. Our students joined thousands of others to complete 5 gruelling tests that required the application of problem solving strategies. Students participating had training sessions before each Olympiad to extend their understanding of various mathematical concepts while developing a flexibility for problem solving. EPS is proud to announce that two of our students, Yue Liu and Siena Jin, have finished in the top 2%. Several of the other participants who competed also finished in the top 25% - 50%. Congratulations to all who have competed!

Yue Liu, Siena Jin, Sarisha Dhawan, Bo Johnstone, Jacinta Gallagher, Lauren Bond, Ryan Macmillan, Laura Melatua, Leroy Jean, Jack Forster, Ben Hall, Matilda Sinclair, Jye Holloway, Scarlett Sekine, Tom Wilcock, Flynn Mckenzie, Bailey Green, Phillip Park, Mark Deacon

### SWIMMING SENSE - YEAR 1s.

The Year 1s are learning about our 5 senses: hearing, sight, touch, taste and smell. We had to use our senses to describe what we thought of our swimming lessons. Here are our exciting sentences.

- I saw the waves in the pool because we were kicking. By Chanel 1A
- I heard weird noises because my ears were clogged. By Elizabeth 1A
- I felt water when I plopped into the pool. By Lucas 1B
- I smelt the chemicals when I jumped into the pool. By Evie 1B
- I tasted the chlorine water, it was yuck. By Soukie 1A







# CANTEEN NEWS Mrs Diane Cameron

The Canteen is travelling along nicely with the students enjoying the special window sale items. Tasty Tuesday is still popular and Treat Thursday is always a surprise for all. With the increase in QKR orders the canteen sometimes runs short on small change, especially on Tuesdays.

On the subject of small change, please remember that the Canteen accepts Australian currency only. Please be on the lookout for foreign coins, some students get upset when they can't buy anything for 10 euro or 50 thai baht!



During the swimming program, it was a challenge to get lunch orders out early or hold onto lunches. The challenge was accepted and we nailed it! Good work to those lucky parents who were rostered on during those days.

The last Special Lunch day for canteen will be a Sushi day on Tuesday 1 December. Orders will be sent out mid-November.

Many thanks to Nicole for helping out last Friday. I am truly lucky to have a great group of parents who give up their valuable time to help in the canteen. Many thanks to all my parent helpers during the last fortnight.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 4							
Mon 26	Tue 27	Thu 29	Fri 30				
Nonie Hare	Becky Evangelista	Diana Pagalia	Rachel Hepworth				
Mon 2	Tue 3	Thu 5	Fri 6				
	Melbourne Cup Day	Debbie Bond	Andy Johnston				

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for a volunteer to man the Second -Hand Uniform Shop. It is a only small time commitment of 45 minutes once a fortnight on a Tuesday afternoon. Without help our second hand uniform shop will have to close in 2016.

If you can help or would like to know more please let the office know or speak with Melinda (Angelo & Evie's Mum) in the school ground 🖨

### **SUNSMART**



Edithvale Primary School is a registered SunSmart school member committed to ensuring students and staff are protected from too much UV which can cause skin and eye

damage and skin cancer. Our school uniform includes covering clothing and sun protective hats and we have shady spaces for students to access. But we need your help.

SunSmart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Our school will be implementing strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen before heading outdoors.

Thank you very much to Mrs Bernhard, Soukie's mum, for donating a large bottle of sunscreen to the School recently.

Please help support this initiative by:

- ◆ Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
- ◆ Talking to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
- Ensuring your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
- Being a SunSmart role model at home with sunscreen ,hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

Sun protection is a shared responsibility. For more information about sunscreen please visit sunsmart.com.au

# SPORTS REPORT Mrs Ann McAllen

Congratulations go to Sam Hay, Priscilla Gallagher and Sophie Wilcock on their great effort with the recent athletics.

Congratulations also goes to Angelo Mavroudis. Angelo has progressed to the State Finals of Track & Field and will compete next Monday at Lakeside Athletics Centre, Albert Park.

Good Luck Angelo!

### ART ROOM NEWS

This week was the Mordialloc Secondary College Annual art show.



We had a fantastic display of artwork from some very talented students.

- Foundation: Siena, Felicia, Ruby Flynn, Poppy, Tyler, Archie, Max, Erin, Rose, Addison, Samuel
- Year 1: Calista, Jack, Evie, Abby, Skye
- Year 2: Airlie, Evie, Lachlan, Lucas, Conor, Cash, Maya, Harrison, Banjo, Maisy, Bailey, Cleo, Will, Natasha, Andrew, Shayla.
- Year 3: Owen, Noah, Oliver, Jackson, Emmy, will, Shannon, Tyler L.
- Year 4: Anna, Sophie, Verushka, Maddy, Harry H, Kane, Freya, Lily H, Jess H, Zara, Kate, Harry D, Tia, Roxy, Jye, Jacinta, Emily P, Phillip,
- Years 5 & 6:Jonte, Lachie S, Lauren, Sarisha, Alyssa, Abby, Ella C, Brigitte C, Bo, Meg, Adah, Tom, Mia, Jas, Laura, Amy, Tane.

Kids Art Works Fundraiser Each term all of our students have the opportunity to use clay, learn

about different techniques and finally, make a 3D clay piece, which is then fired and painted by the students. Sadly, our kiln was decommissioned earlier this year causing a big hiccup with our program. It would be great to once again be able to "fire" the clay in our own kiln.

## Everyone loves a souvenir of their child's artwork!

We are offering you the unique opportunity to buy 5 different items with your child's art printed on them. You can order as many items as you wish, from the same piece of your child's art, which will be done during art lessons.

These products are of a high quality; a sample of each piece will be on display in the office area soon. Payment can be made on QKR or by cash or cheque [made payable to Edithvale Primary School].

If you have any queries you can speak to Pru or Sandie in the office or Jenny Lang in the art room.

We look forward to seeing the finished articles, and being a step further towards purchasing a new kiln.



### GATEWAYS: THE CHALLENGE YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

Last Wednesday and Thursday, 3 teams from Years 3/4 and 2 teams from Years 5/6 competed in the annual gateways challenge. Phillip, Jye and Iluka have written about their experience on the day below.

What has 17 letters, 16 teams and 2 finalists? The answer is .....THE GATEWAYS CHALLENGE. For those of you who don't know what the gateways challenge is, it's an extra-curricular activity for students who want to extend their learning capabilities.

There were 3 teams from our school, they were The Denominators, MS Incorporated, and The Multinerds. These teams were invited to Aspendale Gardens Primary School on 14 October to compete against the other teams. There were 4 challenges: 'caboose on the loose' which was all about finding clues to solve the mystery, 'room of no requirements' was about using creativity to solve the problem, 'civil solutions' was about using your knowledge of structures to build a trebuchet, and cunning keyboard conundrums was about using cyphers to solve messages. Here are some quotes from other competitors:

"We loved when people were supportive when our trebuchet fell apart" - Sam Hay (MS incorporated)

**"We were great in the room of no requirements because our instructor was supportive" -** Scarlett Sekine (Multinerds)

"Our trebuchet was a catastrophe but because of our teamwork and good sportsmanship we scored extra points that helped our end results" - Phillip Park (Denominators)

We all loved going to the gateways challenge and thank them for letting us come. By Phillip Park and Jye Holloway.

Last Thursday, some students from Year 5 & 6 represented our school in the annual gateways event, 'The Challenge'. The group I was in, included: Bronte Martine, Amy Wang, Leroy Jean and myself, Iluka Hobbs. The challenge consists of four different tasks, each one to do with a certain skill: maths, problem solving, dancing and writing.

The maths challenge set us into a scene. We were trapped in a dead mathematicians' mansion and to get out, we needed to answer maths problems to get the key safe code. Leroy led us on this one and he said this "I enjoyed the way they used virtual reality with the map". The social challenge involved us getting asked a problem, and we had to brainstorm ways to fix it. Bronte was our leader here. The dance skill challenge was interesting. We had to put dance moves on a plastic map to collect music notes. Amy, our leader for this one proclaimed: "It was ridiculously hard." Finally, (my personal favourite) was the writing task. In this, we auctioned for story devices (characters, genres and specific words) and then had to write a story in 10 minutes. I was the leader for this one and have this to say. "They said my story was the best that day, why else would I be writing the article?" What an inspiration. We had an excellent time at the challenge and wish we could do it all again.

By Iluka Hobbs

Year 3 and 4 competitors: Matilda Sinclair, Samuel Hay, Simir Dhawan, Sophie Wilcock,

Madeline Hall, Madeline Hare, Noah Martine, Scarlett Sekine, Jackson Mould, Jordan Shenouda, Jye Holloway and Phillip Park.

Year 5 and 6 competitors: Amy Wang, Bronte Martine, Iluka Hobbs, Leroy Jean, Ella Sewell,

Jack Mogensen, Sarisha Dhawan, Will Vicendese.

Congratulations to all those who competed on the day, you all did a great job!









# CYBERSAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT

Edithvale Primary School and Chelsea Primary School are getting together to host a 'Cybersafety Information Night.' The program has been developed due to huge demand, with the intention of supporting schools along their eSmart journey.

WHEN: Thursday 12th November, 6.00pm for a 6:15pm start

WHERE: Edithvale Primary School, in the gallery

The program aims to Educate, Protect and Empower the community They will cover things such as:

- What do we mean by 'digital literacy' and 'digital safety.'
  - What are kids doing online/popular sites.
    - Technology from a teens perspective.
- Creating home rules/boundaries/acceptable use; making informed decisions
- Where to seek help/advice.
- What legalities are involved with online behaviours

For more information about Cybersafety and eSmart click here:

https://www.esmartschools.org.au/Pages/default.aspx



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Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October  2pm to 3pm  FREE  RACV & City of Kingston	Seniors Festival RACV Years Ahead - Awareness session for older drivers "Years Ahead" is a one hour discussion based presentation on road safety awareness by RACV especially designed for older road users. An RACV representative will present road safety information to assist you to remain safe on the road. The presentation covers the following areas:  Driving and road safety tips for drivers, passengers and pedestrians; The importance of choosing a safe vehicle and being fit to drive; The impact of health and medications on driving; How to assess your own driving ability; Information about alternative transport options and how to plan for future mobility. RACV believes that all drivers should continue to drive for as long as they are safe to do so. They encourage: all drivers to take responsibility for their own driving ability and they are fit to drive; older drivers to have regular checkups and discuss their fitness to drive with their health professionals. Bookings essential - Contact our office on 9587 5955
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November  2pm to 4.30pm  \$35.00	Wellness Workshop with Carolyn Gray Food as Medicine Carolyn will be teaching the basics of eating a healing Whole Foods based diet. Cooking demonstrations of turmeric and beetroot cauliflower rice and guacamole and a green smoothie (with lemon and ginger). The workshop is based on Paleo Nutrition principles free of dairy and gluten. The session is 1 hour theory, 30 minute cooking display and 1 hour recipe review. The best part is you will get to taste the freshly cooked foods! Bookings essential - To register: carolynlgray@bigpond.com or 0419 139 755
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November  Arrive at 6.45pm for a 7pm start  \$5.00	Autism Discussion  Donna Williams "Autism: Alternative Approaches"  Donna has been an autism consultant since 1996, is an accomplished speaker, author and lecturer who has gained post graduate qualifications as a sociologist and teacher, written ten books in the field of autism, is an international public speaker and an accomplished artist and musician.  As a person with autism, Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of autism as someone who has actually been there and worked with hundreds of children and adults on the autism spectrum.  Bookings essential - Contact our office on 9587 5955

### CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Beazley Reserve, 160 Thames Promenade, Chelsea Heights 3196

Positive Mind Positive Future Course - this course offers you opportunity to reassess the quality of your life. 'You are what you think' is a simple and yet very accurate statement. Course dates are: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November and two lessons cost \$20.

Occasional Care on a Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 1pm offers 4 hours of quality care for children - from babies to five year olds. Cost \$35 per child and bookings are essential.

Cooking with a Twist classes on Fridays 11.30am to 1.30pm - fun and inspiring lessons focusing on fresh affordable produce and followed by a delicious shared lunch.

Cost \$15 per person and bookings essential.

Junior Karate- Traditional Okinawan Karate suitable for 5-16 yrs Fridays 4.30pm-5.30pm \$75 per term.

Bookings Contact Tom Olsen ph. 9786 3962 Christmas Gingerbread House Our popular Workshops are back with Thursday evening or Friday afternoon

classes available.

Transparent Mosaics - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 4pm Make something unique and special for yourself, family and friends. This is a six hour workshop where everyone can choose a blank transparent shape - heart,

circle or rectangle then make their own transparent mosaic mobile. Cost \$95 - \$55 for workshop, \$40 for materials to be paid to Tutor on the day. Bookings essential.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website at <a href="https://www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au">www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au</a> for a full program or just drop on by.



We would love for you and a friend/s to join us at the

# IMF Annual Ladies Morning Tea

When: Saturday 21st November @ 11am

Where: 6 Williams Grove, Bonbeach

(Daniela's home)

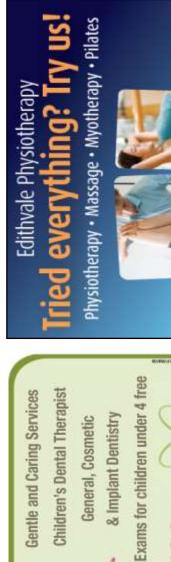
RSVO: 16th November

the following are very welcome 55, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 or lots of Gold bullion donations!!! This event is a **gold** coin donation entry, however

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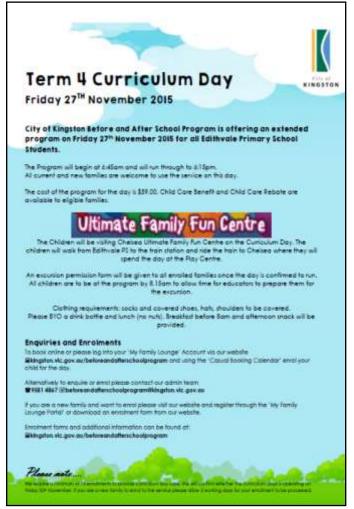
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<b>Week 11</b> 14-18 Dec		Year 6 Big Day Out & Graduation The Trees to Conquer			Last Day of Term Four 1.30pm Dismissal	
<b>Week 10</b> 7-11 Dec		2016 Foundation Transition 9.30- 11.15am Year 6—7 Orientation School Council Meeting 2015—2016 Transition	2015—2016 Transition	2015—2016 Transition	Year 3—6 Nipper Program	
<b>Week 9</b> 30 Nov-4 Dec		Sushi Day				
Week 8 23-27 Nov				Concert	Curriculum Day No students required at school today	
Week 7 16-20 Nov	2016 Foundation Parent Information Session 7.00- 8.00pm Bike Ed	Bike Ed Year 4	Bike Ed Year 4	Bike Ed Year 4	Bike Ed Year 4	
<b>Week 6</b> 9-13 Nov		School Council Meeting		eSmart/ Cybersafety Information Night 6pm	2016 Foundation Transition session 11.30am-	
<b>Week 5</b> 2-6 Nov		Melbourne Cup Holiday No School Today		Fun Run		Masters BBQ
<b>Week 4</b> 26-30 Oct		Swimming program ends				
Week 3 19-23 Oct						
Week 2 12-16 Oct		School Council Meeting Years 5 & 6 Lawn Bowls Coaching	Years 3 & 4 Lawn Bowls Coaching		Swimming program starts	
<b>Week 1</b> 5-9 Oct	First Day of Term Four		Year 6 Graduation Photo Cricket Clinic Foundation—2	2016 Foundation Transition session 2.30— 3.30pm	NEWSLETTER GOES ELECTRONIC!	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND