



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 1 - Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mrs Denise Webster

REPORTS

We have decided to issue a 'Mid Semester Progress Report' at the end of this term. These reports are one of a number of strategies used by our school to communicate with you throughout the year about your child's progress and attitude towards his or her learning. We hope that this 'snapshot' of their term's work will generate some discussion with you at home; and we offer you the opportunity to meet with teachers in relation to the report if we think it is necessary. A more detailed report and Parent Partnership Meetings will be provided as normal at the end of term 2.

YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL EXPLAINED

On Tuesday March 15th, the School Council AGM, Election Meeting and General Meeting were held. New members were welcomed, previous members farewelled and sub committees formed for 2011.

I have great pleasure in announcing your School Council for 2011:

- Martin Taylor (President)
- Tracey Griffiths (Vice President)
- Barb Sharp (Minute Secretary)
- Sharon Proy (Correspondence Secretary)
- Denise Webster
- James Whitla
- Alice Davies
- Martin Vella
- Denise Teesdale
- Michelle Ford
- Karen Laurent (new staff representative)
- Tania Taylor (new parent member)

The following sub committees were formed: Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Fundraising, Education, and Canteen Management. These committees will meet on a regular basis and report back to School Council.

We would welcome more parent representatives on both the Buildings and Grounds committee (meets on the Friday before the School Council meeting from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm) and the Fundraising committee (meets at 7.00 pm on the Thursday before the School Council meeting). Please give us a call if you would like to be involved.

SPORTS NEWS

Mr Whitla—Assistant Principal

On Wednesday March 9th, Courtney Smith swam in our Divisional Carnival in the 50m Breaststroke. Courtney finished second in her event and this was a fantastic effort.

Her result was even more remarkable as she travelled back from our Year 5/6 camp at Philip Island early on the morning of her event.

We congratulate Courtney on her achievements and wish her continued success in the years to come.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Thu 31st	◆ Twilight Easter Fun
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APRIL

TBA	◆ Cross Country
Mon 5th	◆ Sushi Day (No Other Lunch Orders) ◆ Boat Safety—Level 4
Fri 8th	◆ Term One Finishes—2.30pm
Fri 22nd	◆ Good Friday
Tue 27th	◆ Term Two Commences

MAY

Tue 3rd	◆ Head Lice Checks.
Sun 15—Sat 21	◆ Education Week, 15-21



NEWS FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

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.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY

Bank books are brought to school on Tuesday for processing on Wednesday. Forms for new accounts are available from the school office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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.

STUDENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Thank you to those families who have already filled in and returned the forms we sent out last week. It is important for us to hold at the school, current student information which includes, medical information and emergency contacts in case of an unforeseen accident or illness. Would you please send your forms back to the school office as soon as possible.

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

All EMA applications have now been processed. The 1st payment run for 2011 will occur on 15 March. Applicants who chose the EFT payment option should receive payment into their bank account by Monday 21 March; and for applicants who chose the cheque payment option, cheques should arrive at school from the end of March onwards.

MANNERS

Mrs Wishart and Mrs Greedy would like to compliment all children who have come up to the office this term, on their beautiful manners. We love having you come up to see us.

LATE PASSES

When you are late to school, you must first come to the office for a late pass. It is then taken to class to give to your teacher, where it is collected and recorded on our CASES21 attendance system.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING TO EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of Edithvale Primary School's fundraising in 2011, families will have the opportunity to purchase this book with over \$15,000 in valuable offers you can use from now until 1 June 2012.

This includes offers for fine and contemporary dining, casual restaurant and family dining, takeaway, arts, sports and attractions, retail, travel, leisure and accommodation vouchers.

Stay tuned for further information coming soon—(end of March, early April).

AFFORDABLE ACCIDENT PROTECTION FOR YOUR CHILDREN

No parent or guardian likes to dwell on the prospect of accidents or injuries to their child, but the reality is that accidents do happen and families often struggle to cope with the financial pressures that follow.

Student Cover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world*. The cover applies whether they are at school or not, and includes almost every sport*. (**some conditions apply*).

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just \$29.00.

StudentCover is available online—making it quick and easy to protect your child or children. Payment can be made by credit card at the time of application, or by BPay once you receive your invoice.

To apply online go to www.studentcover.com.au and click **APPLY NOW**.

More information is available from the school office.

PLEASE BRING CORRECT MONEY

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.

In the very near future you will receive a letter regarding BPay being available at the school.

This will mean you can make most payments online and will not have to send cash along to school, which should make it easier all round.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Run by Kingston City Council

The After School Program is conducted by Kingston Council in our hall. It was established to provide quality care for primary school aged children in a supervised, relaxed, safe and fun environment.

The programs cater for parents who work, study or due to other commitments require After School Care for their children and so that your for children can play with other children & participate in the varied recreation activities provided.

The program is open to primary aged children and hours of operation are 3:30 pm to 6:15 pm on school days with allowances for Curriculum Days as well.



Parents wishing to enrol their children are asked to contact Charmaine at Kingston City Council on 9581 4867 or Paromita on 0439 08 059 for further information.

CANTEEN

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

Rainbow Paddle Pops will be on sale again on Thursday 24 March. Unfortunately there are no juice cups in stock.



On Tuesday 5 April, the canteen is having a Sushi Lunch Day. Order forms have been sent out this week. Please note that there are no lunch orders on this day, only window sales.

If you have any concerns, please see me at the canteen.

Thank you to my helpers for the last fortnight, a great effort on those busy days.

Welcome to new parent, Kerrie Short.

MARCH—APRIL ROSTER

Mon 28	Tue 29	Thu 31	Fri 1
Anna Ericsson	Sharyn McIntosh	Shauna McMillin	Antionette Butta Christine Ozanne
Mon 4	Tue 5	Thu 7	Fri 8
Georgina Deveraux	Claire Stewart	Michelle Custy Mark O'Hehir	Kelly Kingsley

BPAY—COMING VERY SOON

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

You will all be receiving a letter in the next week or so, notifying you of your BPay References, so you can (if you wish) start paying your excursions and other charges, via internet banking.

The payment options will be set out on all curriculum based excursion/activities notices sent home that require permission to attend and a payment. **BPay will only be available when indicated on notices sent home.**

For ALL BPay payments, we will need to be notified of what your payment is for. You can do this in several different ways. One is via the reply slip on your excursion form, you can use one of the reply slips which will be provided of the back of the letter, or you can email us on edithvale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with BPay in the subject line.

It is imperative that you use your correct BPay reference number and return the notices so that payments can be correctly matched to your family.

We hope this will make it a lot easier for you to pay for excursions and activities and it will be far safer than sending cash along to school with your children.

If you have any queries, please phone me on 9772 1393.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Don't miss out on your yummy Hot Cross Buns for Easter

Closing date for orders is

Friday 1st April



Supersavers

Tuesday is School Banking Day.

IT'S THE START OF A NEW YEAR



DON'T FORGET 5 cents! (IS THAT ALL?) and a Youth Saver account is all it takes.

KIDS, DO NOT FORGET YOUR SCHOOL BANKING, IF YOU HAVE A CAMP OR AN EXCURSION, DROP OFF YOUR BANKING TO THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU GO, AND KEEP ON SAVING FOR YOUR REWARDS-AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL.

So don't miss out - Start saving now!

YEAR 5/6 CAMP



LAURA TOMLINSON—5/6D: Camp the best time of year, camp filled with lots of cheer! Phillip Island is where we went, where we spent the time having fun and even getting wet.

Capsizing canoes and some successful raft making, flying fox that was so high, high high up in the sky, and giant swings that were very scary. There were lots of things at camp to do!

Amaze n' Things was real amazing with drop slides, puzzles and mazes to solve, mini golf was awesome too!

Camp was fun, we all had a blast, and we had lots of laughs and stories from camp.

So thank you to Phillip Island Adventure Resort staff and to the teachers who came, for making this camp the best!!

JEMIMA CLEAVER—5/6D: On a very sunny, pleasurable day, the 5s and 6s left school and were on our way to Phillip Island, there were a lot of fashions parading around! When we arrived, everyone was eager to jump in the stunning pool. On the first day we had two activities, the activities included giant swing, raft making, team rescue, archery, low ropes course, canoeing and boulder wall.

Every time you participated in an activity, adrenalin rushed through you, you had an awesome time and you had a massive smile on your face.

The staff were very nice and kind and the food was magnificent!

We also went to Amaze n' things, which was fantastic, everyone enjoyed it, it was a camp like no other. I rate it 5 stars!!



LEAH HAMILTON—5/6B: Phillip Island Adventure Resort was an awesome camp. All the activities were fantastic, especially the raft making, as it allowed us to show our excellent leadership and teamwork skills. We all had a great time and would love to go back.

KYLIE MARTELLO—5/6B: Camp was a time of amazing experiences. It was full of excitement, teamwork and new activities. Some were challenging like the beach walk, but it was all fun.

SARAH MCCORMACK—5/6B: It was a hot summer day as we set off for Phillip Island Adventure Resort. It was funny on the giant swing because Mr McEachern screamed. I loved it and I wish I could go back.

ASHER HEFFORD—5/6B: Phillip Island adventure Resort was wonderful. The giant swing was 18 - 20 metres high. My favourite activity was the twin flying fox.

JESS LANCASTER—5/6B: Camp started with a squawk with pelican feeding. Most people loved the giant swing, but our group loved the raft making as we saved the boys and were singing with joy! We all had a great time and want to go back.

CAMERON BATEMEN—5/6B: Phillip Island was awesome. The giant swing was cool. Most of us went to the top. It was really freaky! The twin flying fox blew me away! It was great when rowan went on it as he is scared of heights.



YEAR 5/6 CAMP CONTINUED

GARRY GABELL 5/6D: Phillip Island Adventure Resort has been the best camp I have been to. Amaze n' Things was awesome, especially the maze. The gravity room is wonky just like the chair. Puzzle Island was the best part of all—even the teachers went on the drop slide.

There were three surfboards with a screen in front but only two people knew how to use them. Finally we walked back to camp. Everyone was tired! The next day we had breakfast. WOW—there was a lot to choose from! There was toast, Weetbix, Cornflakes, multigrain cereal and Rice Bubbles.

The teachers chose the quietest table to get their breakfast first and the teachers had their breakfast last.

Lunch was beautiful. You got to choose what you wanted on your wrap. We had chicken, rice and vegetables for dinner. I went crazy with the pepper so it didn't taste that good!

We had a concert after dinner and our act was 'silly star wars'. It was time to go the next morning and we had to say our goodbyes. I wish I could go back again.

KACEY QUENNEL 5/6D: Two weeks ago on a beautiful sunny day the Year 5s & 6s waved goodbye to our families and left for Phillip Island. When we got there everyone was desperate to see their cabins, except we suddenly saw the giant swing, the flying fox and the lake. Everyone started to realize how big the giant swing was.

After an hour of settling in, we did our first activity. Some of the activities include: giant swing, twin flying fox, raft making, canoeing, low ropes and boulder wall—and many many more!

Mine, and I'm sure many others' favourite activities were the giant swing and raft making. The food was magnificent. We had three main meals and three snacks daily.

So as you can see, Phillip Island Adventure Resort was a brilliant camp. The cabins were amazing, the activities were great and the food was delicious. I loved it!

TWILIGHT EASTER FUN

Thursday 31 March

Celebrate the end of Daylight Saving and Easter by joining us on 31 March at 5.00 pm at the School

WHERE AND WHEN?

5.00 pm: Starting in your children's classrooms to try some of their scrumptious cooking. While you are eating, check out the fantastic work that has been completed during term one.

5.15 pm: Join us for an Easter Parade. There will be prizes for the best dressed Easter family, Australiana, bonnet, brightest costume and the 'eggiest' costume.

After the parade your family can join in activities such as:

- * **5.45 pm:** Egg hunt for Prep-2
- * **6.00 pm:** Egg hunt for Years 3-4
- * **6.15 pm:** Egg hunt for Years 5-6
- * Making Easter egg wrappers, Easter baskets, Easter egg under the cup, Boules, Twister, egg on the hand, egg painting, mosaic eggs, Pin the tail on the bunny, throw the bean bags into hoops, balloon between the knees relay, balloon tunnel ball.



Mrs Webster and Mr Whitla will be manning the BBQ at the canteen, so why not go down and buy a sausage or grab a tea, coffee, icypole or a cordial at the canteen.

At 6.30 pm the raffle will be drawn and the person who has guessed the most eggs will receive the jar of eggs.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the raffle. One of the prizes is on show near the office. The more eggs donated the more prizes we will be able to make up. (There will be some non-chocolate prizes too).

We are still looking for baskets or containers to put the prizes in. If you can help us out in any way; all donations will be really appreciated.

Please send the raffle money to your class teacher. More tickets are available at the office if you want them.

The staff and students are looking forward to seeing you all next Thursday night.

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