

Edithvale Road, Edithvale, Victoria 3196 Phone: (03) 9772 1393 Fax: (03) 9772 7307 Web: www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au

Email: edithvale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Term 4-Week 3

24 October 2014

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher



Download Okr and register today—the easiest way to make your School payments.
See page 4 for details.

Download tiqbiz and register today—so you don't miss out on important information.
See page 4 for details.



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Denise Webster

Parent Opinion Survey: at the beginning of term we received feedback from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) in relation to our 2014 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. This year the survey data has been very positive with 17 out of 18 areas rating at or above state and primary school level. The area for future work is in 'Student Motivation' and we will be consulting with students, teachers and parents to determine the strategies we might put in place in order to achieve improvement in this variable in the coming years. Thank you to the many parents who participated in the survey. The results gave us much to celebrate and demonstrate an overall endorsement of the learning programs and environment at EPS.

Planning 2015: Thank you to parents who have informed us of changed arrangements for 2015. 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 constructing classes and designing our transition program for later in the term. If you have any additional information that you believe is relevant to us about your child's learning needs as we begin this process, please let me know as soon as possible. Please note, however, that this is not an invitation to request particular teachers. Determining the composition of classes for 2015 comprehensive process and consideration is given to the needs of all students.

Transition: The transition program for our 2015 foundation students is well underway - the next session is scheduled for 30 October. The information evening for parents of our new students will be held on Monday 17 November at 7:00pm, in the Learning Centre.

The whole school transition program will be held from 9.15am to 11.00am on Wednesday 10 December, Thursday 11 December and Friday 12 December. These sessions help prepare the students as they move from one level to the next. They have been very successful in the past and work positively towards alleviating some of the anxieties that students occasionally have about changing situations.

Cyber Safety: On Tuesday evening Edithvale Primary School facilitated a parent information evening which focused on Cyber Safety. Leading Senior Constable Sabrina Avedissian and Leading Senior Constable Sarrah O'Neill from the Victoria Police presented a range of information about social media and internet usage and potential risks for parents and students. The session was both informative and interactive and there was plenty of opportunity for parents to ask questions or have information clarified. The feedback from our audience was overwhelmingly positive:

'There were sites I was unaware of and there were good ideas for keeping an eye on my child's usage'

'I would like to have this program come again next year'

'Great concept! Shows setting ground rules helps' 'Answered all the nagging questions I had, raised a few more but they were also answered.'

Many thanks to the 5/6 team of teachers for organising this sessions for parents and the earlier one for students.



Student Leadership: Our students in Years 4 and 5 are about to embark on their introduction to 'Leadership 2015'. All students will be involved in leadership training where they will:

- learn about the skills and attributes that make a good leader;
- be given support in communicating successfully to small or larger audiences;
- develop their skills in working as part of a team; and
- become more familiar with the roles and responsibilities of leaders at our school.

At the conclusion of this program we will begin the selection process for the 2015 school leaders. The roles will include:

- 2 School Captains a girl & boy from Year 6
- 2 SRC Leaders a girl & boy from Year 6
- House Captains for each house: a girl & a boy from Year 6 and a representative from Year 5.

Elected leaders will have opportunities to represent their school at public events; celebrate our achievements and promote them to the school community; and become involved in a range of school activities. The process of selection is a democratic one where students and teachers are involved. All positions will be decided before the end of term and there will be an official 'handing over' at the final assembly of the year.

### ATHLETIC STARS at EDITHVALE PS Mr James Whitla

Over the past 2 weeks have had a number of our students competing at Athletics Carnivals at both the Divisional



Furthermore, Tom Wilcock went on to run in the 1500m Regional Carnival last week, running second in this event. This means that Tom is now off to the STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS to be held next Monday at Lakeside Stadium in Albert



Park. We wish Tom the best of success and congratulate him on his achievement.

### SCHOOL CROSSING

There have been a few incidents (and near misses) recently with some students and parents crossing Edithvale Road away from the lights. We continue to encourage and ask that the manned crossing is used at all times when crossing Edithvale Road to help keep our greater school community safe when coming to, or leaving from, school.

## MCDONALDS HOOPTIME REGIONAL FINALS Mr Luke McMaster

After a solid showing at the previous Hoop Time Basketball tournament, the Year 6 All Star boys team travelled to Dandenong Basketball Stadium to represent their school at the regional finals. Teams from all over the south eastern part of Victoria were there to compete, and the boys from Edithvale did us proud. Every one of our five games was a close encounter, and we managed to get a win on two occasions. In one of the games, Will Forster sank 2 consecutive free throws to put us in the lead with 7 seconds on the clock! Congratulations to the team for qualifying for the tournament; and well done on your performance on the day!

# CANTEEN Mrs Diane Cameron

A reminder to all students and parents that frozen items such as juice cups, mini calippos and ice-creams are not available with lunch order; these are lunch time window sales only.

The canteen has had a busy "Tasty Tuesday" over the last fortnight with a new record sale of sippah straws (35). Congrats to Becky. Remember to check the blackboard near the Canteen for the "specials".

Please note that Spinach & Ricotta rolls are currently out of stock.

\*\*Fantastic Noodles and Hot Chocolate will be back in term 2 next year\*\*

Thanks to my helpers over the last fortnight and to the Year six helpers your help is most appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM FOUR								
Mon 27	Tue 28	Thu 30	Fri 31					
Jane Donaldson	Becky Evangelista	Michelle Lothian	Kellie Kingsley Bernadette Lydster					
Mon 3	Tue 4	Thu 6	Fri 7					
	Melbourne Cup Day	Melissa Johnstone	Fiona Hefford Rachel Hepworth					

### Year 1—Facts and Opinions

In Year 1, we have been learning about the difference between facts and opinions. We were given an information sheet about possums that we used for our facts. We then wrote our personal opinions on possums. We typed them up on Word and added a picture. Why did we do possums I hear you ask?

Well, in 1A we have had a regular visitor on our windowsill over the last two terms. She comes and goes at her own leisure. Her name is Chocolate Thunder (child elected name) she is a ringtail possum who we recently noticed was a mum with two babies.

Lincoln Webber: Facts

They live in trees. They live alone for most of their lives.

**Opinion** 

I think their babies are on their back to keep them warm.
I think possums screech to call their mum and keep them safe.

Max Whitehead: <u>Facts</u>

All possums are marsupials. They can live for up to 14 years.

**Opinion** 

I think they are scary because they make a scary face.

Maya Johnston: <u>Facts</u>

They can live for up to 14 years. All Possums are marsupials. So just like the koala and the kangaroo they have a pouch in which they carry their young.

Opinion

I think they are caring because they look after their babies.

Andrew Ellis: Fact

Chocolate Thunder has two babies. Chocolate Thunder is a mum.

**Opinion** 

I like Chocolate Thunder because she looks cute. Also I think that Chocolate

Thunder is going to have another baby.

Nellie Waters: <u>Facts</u>

Not everyone in 1A likes Chocolate Thunder.

Chocolate Thunder lives in the window.

Opinion:

I like Chocolate Thunder she's adorable.

I like Chocolate Thunder because she looks cuddly.

Wilson Tan: <u>Facts</u>

Possums live in bushes. Chocolate Thunder is a mum.

**Opinion** 

I like Chocolate Thunder because she looks cuddly. Possums are scary because

they keep on using their whiskers and moving them.

## ART NEWS Ms Jenny Lang

Last Friday, 17 October Mordialloc College held their annual art show. They invited primary schools in the area to display art work. This year we had a variety of different art on display.

Year 6 teddies

Year 5 plastic creations

Year 4 oil pastel paintings

Year 3 weaving

Year 2 vase of flowers

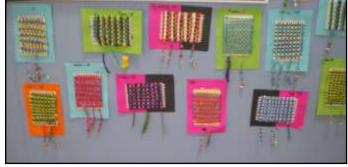
Year 1 waterlilies

Preps clay pinch pots

Thank you to all students who contributed to the school display this year.









### STAFF CARPARK

For the safety of students, staff and parents, we ask that you park in the street and use alternative gates to enter the School.

The carpark is for staff use only.

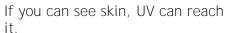
### PREP ENROLMENTS 2015

We are still taking Foundation/Prep enrolments for 2015.

If you have a child starting school next year, please call in to the office and collect an enrolment form at your earliest convenience. Our Foundation/Prep transition program has started. The next session for children is Monday 13 October 9.30—10.45 am.

### **SUNSMART**

A timely reminder ...





Between September and the end of April 2015, please ensure all children:

- Wear cool, loose fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible
- Wear a sun protective hat for all outdoor activities
- Apply SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen during the day (please see sunscreen tips below)
- Have access to shady play spaces
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses labelled AS 1067 (if practical).

#### SUNSCREEN TIPS

- Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.
- Choose SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. Make sure it is within its use-by date and is stored below 30 degrees. It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin around 20 minutes before going outdoors. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours even if the stated level of water resistance is 4 hours.
- Store sunscreen with lunchboxes and/ or hats so when children grab their lunch or hat before going outdoors, they will also be reminded to apply sunscreen. If sunscreen is kept in the cooler section of the lunchbox, it will be cold when applying -

especially nice on a hot, summer's day.



# STUDENT BANKING NEWS Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

As we are now in the last term of school for this year can we please remind all of the student bankers to start redeeming their tokens as soon as possible, but definitely by the first week of December. If you don't redeem your tokens by then, we won't have time to order your prizes before the end of the school year.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our wonderful student banking mums, Michelle and Melissa are unable to continue with student banking next year, so we are looking for two people to take over this role. It just involves coming in to school for about an hour, one morning a week (currently Wednesday morning but this is flexible), to process the bank books, enter the details onto the computer, and order and distribute the banking 'rewards'. It's easier to share the role between two, so that there is back up if one of you can't attend at any time. Pop in and see me (Sandie) if you are interested, or have a chat to Michelle or Melissa.

We have one volunteer, so would still love to hear from another asap. We need to get this sorted this year, so that Michelle and Melissa can show the new volunteers the ropes, ready for 2015.

# WIN A GOPRO OR A SLIP N SLIDE DOUBLE WAVE RIDER



To be in the running, you simply need to make a School Banking deposit between 20 October and 30 November this year, regardless of the value. You will automatically be entered into the competition. The more times you deposit, the more changes you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries each). Also, we still have some backpacks to win for NEW bankers this term.

# NEWS FROM CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Don't miss the Chelsea Heights Community Centre - Community Market which will be held on Saturday 25 October, 2015 9.00am to 1.00pm. 40 undercover stalls selling new and pre-loved children's goods, women's goods and fresh produce. A great chance to shop for bargains and enjoy delicious refreshments at our Market Café.

# Parents Victoria Online Conference

October 2014 & May 2015

First four days: 6am Monday 27 October 2014 to 11pm Thursday 30 October (Australian Eastern Standard time)

Register (for no cost) at: <a href="http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/">http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/</a>

The four one-day topics are Homework, Access, Reporting and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). The ongoing topic of Funding, an additional topic, will run for the entire four days. There will also be an opportunity for participants to raise other issues.

**DAY 1: Monday 27 October: Homework** - **how much and when?**Hosted by: Victoria Hall, DEECD & Leanne McCurdy, Parents Victoria

**DAY 2: Tuesday 28 October: Access.** How and why is it important to you for your child to have access to high quality state school education in your local community? Hosted by Catherine Hall, Our Children Our Schools & Elaine Crowle, Parents Victoria

**DAY 3: Wednesday 29 October: Reporting.** What do you really want to know about your child's progress at school? When and how would you prefer to receive this information? Hosted by Kathryn Patford, DEECD & Nicole Sweeney, Parents Victoria

**DAY 4: Thursday 30 October: BYOD (Bring Your Own Device).**BYOD is a fast-growing trend in our schools; how is this working for your family? Hosted by Peter Maggs, DEECD & Sharron Healy, Parents Victoria

**FOUR-DAY ONGOING TOPIC: 27-30 October inclusive: Funding.** What should the government pay for? What, when and how should assistance be provided for disadvantaged students?

### **UN-NAMED LOST PROPERTY**

Please name all of your children's clothing especially school jumpers; or <u>rename</u> them if they've been handed down or purchased from the second hand uniform shop.

Any un-named (and unclaimed) uniform items, will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.

WEEK	DAY	Extracurricular Activity	Who	When	Where
3- 10	Monday	SRC	Year P - 6	1:35 - 2:00	Prep A
	Wednesday	Choir	Year P - 6	2:00 - 2:30	Learning Centre
	Thursday	Art	Year P - 6	1:45 - 2:15	Art room
		Lego	Year P - 2	1:35 - 2:00	1B
		Environment Club	Year P - 6	1:35 - 2:00	Learning Centre (5/6B)
	Friday	Hip hop	Year 3 - 6	1:45 - 2:30	Learning Centre (Gallery)
		Library	Year P - 6	1:40 - 2:00	Library
11	LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL	NO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES			

#### Environment



Our garden is coming along to beautifully! This term, we will need all the help we can get to water the garden and plant more seeds. We will also need some artists to paint patterns and pictures to really make this garden glow. If you feel like adding a little magic to our school grounds, come to Environment Club!



The Student Representative Council have had a fun-filled year with all the fundraisers and activities we have organised! Stay based for more events coming up this term.



Hip Hop will be open for students in Year 3 – 6 this term. If you feel like sharing your love of dance, and want to learn new grooves and skills, come and join us?



Get lost in a good book, we have plenty! If you want to be transported into the mystical, majestic mindboggling world of books and movies, this is the place for you?



This term, the choir will be practising a medley of songs to celebrate the holidays. We have had a fantastic year and loved learning about singing. If you like to perform, make sure to come and join us for our end-of-year performance!





Once again, it is time for you to unleash your creative mind! Come to Art club and explore different ways of creating breathtaking pieces of art. See you there!



















Aquatics & Recreation Victoria (ARV), through its VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program has been teaching children to Play it Safe by the Water with swimming & water safety lessons, since 1976. The VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is offered to all Victorians, with nearly one million having

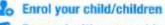
participated over this time. This long standing, proven program is offered for one, two or three weeks during the January school holidays, at pools and open water locations throughout Victoria.

VICSWIM Summer Kidz is coming to a pool or beach near you. For dates, locations & times go to www.vicswim.com.au





Visit www.vicswim.com.au for locations





Proceed with payment by credit card





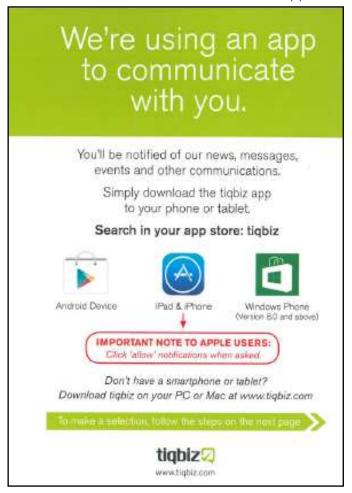
Check email for confirmation of enrolment (for assistance call ARV 9271 3800)

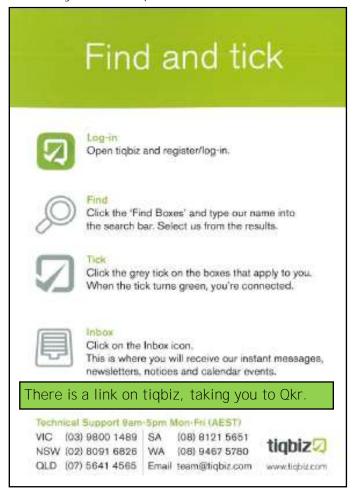
Did you know that you can send through your <u>absence notes</u>, using tiqbiz?

It's quick and easy and lets us know straight away if your child will be absent.

We have 158 people signed up so far, and need to aim for the whole school.

Please take the time to download the app and install it on your smart phone. Instructions below.







The new Qkr app is now live for families of students at Edithvale Primary. Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply type EDITHVALEPS after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Edithvale Primary in future to make payments even easier.

Why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr - all feedback to the school office is very welcome.

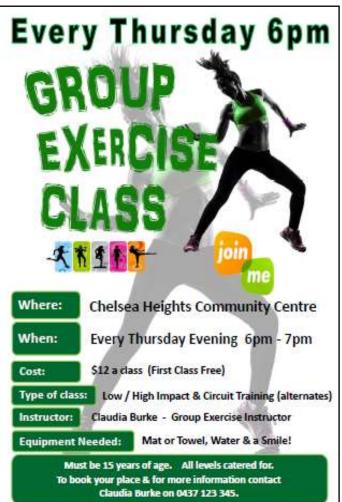
School charges will be added as they arise so you can get started using this quick and efficient technology.



























SAFER-FASTER

#### NO 12 months Contract!!!!

www.kingswim.com.au

Memberhip for less than cup of coffee a day. Call 9587 2150 for a FREE trial.

Contours Aspendale Gardens 95872150



4
<u>_</u>
0
7
_
7
>
$\overline{\mathbf{Z}}$
世
œ
1
Z
щ
$\forall$
×
Y
- 1
=
0
000
$\cup$
CHOOL
$\cup$
$\cup$
$\cup$
RY SCHC
SY SCHC
RY SCHC
<b>IMARY SCHC</b>
<b>IMARY SCHC</b>
PRIMARY SCHC
E PRIMARY SCHC
PRIMARY SCHC
E PRIMARY SCHC
E PRIMARY SCHC
E PRIMARY SCHC
<b>HVALE PRIMARY SCHC</b>
ITHVALE PRIMARY SCHO
<b>HVALE PRIMARY SCHC</b>

<b>-</b> 0	***************************************	ay nc Yı		nbly	of ur ppm	2-1
Week 11 15-19 Dec		Yr 6 Big Day Out Graduation Ceremony		Final Assembly 2.30pm	Last Day of Term Four Finish 1.30pm	<b>F</b>
<b>Week 10</b> 8-12 Dec		School Council 2015 Foundation Transition 9.30- 11.30am 2015 Yr 6-7 Orientation Day	F—3 Xmas Concert 2.30pm 1.14		Assembly 3pm	
<b>Week 9</b> 1-5 Dec			Parent Helper Morning Tea		Assembly 3pm	
<b>Week 8</b> 24-28 Nov	Curriculum Day No School today		Yr F-2 Responsible Pet Program (am)	2015 Foundation Transition 11.30am—1pm	Assembly 3pm	State Election
Week 7 17-21 Nov	Little Athletics Yr F-4 Bike Ed 2015 Foundation Transition Parent Information 7-8pm	Bike Ed	Bike Ed	Bike Ed Yr 5— Mordialloc College	Assembly 3pm Bike Ed	
Week 6 10-14 Nov	SEDA Cricket Clinic Yr F-3	School Council Remembrance Day			Assembly 3pm	
Week 5 3-7 Nov		Melbourne Cup Holiday No School Today	Yr 5 & 6 Country Appreciation Day	<b>FUN RUN</b> Yr F—2 10— 10.45 Yr 3-6 12—1pm	Assembly 3pm	
Week 4 27-31 Oct				2015 Foundation Transition 2.30- 3.30pm	Assembly 3pm	
<b>Week 3</b> 20-24 Oct	Hooptime Basketball	Cyber Safety Parent Information Session 6-7pm	de la companya de la	A STATE OF THE STA	Assembly 3pm	
Week 2 13-17 Oct	Year 6 Graduation Photo 2015 Foundation Transition 9.30- 10.45am	School Council	Regional Athletics		Assembly 3pm	
<b>Week 1</b> 6-10 Oct	First Day of Term Four	Divisional Athletics			Assembly 3pm	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND