



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 7

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Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

Thank you to the parents of our new Preps for 2012 who attended the information evening on Tuesday. We were able to outline the program we have for our prep students and talk about many of the experiences and procedures new parents will encounter when their child begins their school life. Most importantly, it gave us the chance to begin our partnership with our new families so that together, we can support the learning and development of each child.

Our Whole School Transition program will be held this year on the 14th, 15th and 16th of December. Over 3 consecutive mornings, students work in their classes with their teacher for the following year. The format of these sessions is designed to:

- ◆ Allow teachers and students the opportunity to begin establishing positive relationships
- ◆ Eliminate the feeling of trepidation that some students experience when faced with new people and environments. Give them the opportunity to get to know their classmates.
- ◆ Engage the students in a variety of activities incorporating both oral and written skills.

This program has proven to be of great benefit to both students and teachers over the past couple of years and assists everyone in a seamless transition into the next level of schooling.

Booklists were sent home this week which give details of the materials needed by students and the payments which assist in providing the curriculum programs we run during the year for all students. If you haven't received your copy please contact the office to arrange for one to go home with your child.

This year's 'Parent Helpers Morning Tea' will be held at 10.45 am on Wednesday December 7th. This event allows us to thank parents who have supported us in a variety of ways, throughout the year. More information will be sent home next week but in the meantime mark the date in your diary so that you can come along and join us.

Please note that there will be no whole school assembly this Friday as the senior students will be 'Sailing' at Chelsea Yacht Club and a number of teachers will be participating in a Professional Development day. Years 1 and 2 will be presenting assembly on 2nd of December.

FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION Madame Snow



A 'Big Bravo' to our French Poetry Competition Winner Laetitia Ah-Young from Year 3 who came Second in the State of Victoria, Oh la la!

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Fri 25th	◆ No Assembly this week. Next assembly will be Friday December 2nd
Tue 29th	◆ Prep Transition 11:30am—1.00pm

DECEMBER

Fri 2nd	◆ Assembly 3:00 pm (approximately)
2nd—8th	◆ Life Education Incursion
Tue 13th	◆ Prep Transition / Orientation Day ◆ School Council
Thur 15th	◆ Prep to Year 3 Christmas Carols
Tue 20th	◆ Graduation Year 6
Thu 22nd	◆ Last day of school



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

An After School Program is conducted by Kingston Council in our Edithvale Primary School hall.

The program caters for parents who work, study or due to other commitments require After School Care for their children. They also cater for parents who would like their children to play with other children or participate in the varied recreation activities after school.

After School Care has two trained staff and is open to primary aged children, between the hours of 3:30pm to 6:15pm, on normal school days with allowances for Curriculum Days as well.

Throughout the school term, the After School Care program staff provide children with afternoon tea as well as opportunities to participate in a varied recreation program ranging from structured and unstructured indoor/outdoor games, art, craft, cooking and special events.

Parents wishing to enrol their children are asked to contact Kingston Council on 0439 081 059.



Supersavers

IT'S A FRANTIC TIME OF THE YEAR....

BUT DON'T FORGET 5 cents! (IS THAT ALL?) & 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 SAYING FOR YOUR REWARDS!!! DON'T FORGET 10 TOKENS AND YOU CAN REDEEM A REWARD! MAYBE YOU CAN USE SOME OF THOSE REWARDS AS XMAS PRESENTS FOR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR COUSINS :->....

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP SAYING

OPENING OF THE EDITHVALE-SEAFORD WETLANDS DISCOVERY CENTRE

Scott and Laura enjoying the view from the Wetlands Discovery centre last week
Last week our school captains- Laura Tomlinson and



Scott Kingsbury attended the official opening of the Edithvale-Seafood Wetlands Discovery Centre by Donna Bauer MLA, State Member for Carrum. They were joined by other local school students and were treated to a brief information session about the features of the discovery centre and had the opportunity to hear about its importance to our local wildlife.

This new education centre has been designed to provide school students, special interest groups and the general community with the opportunity to participate in practical, fun, and hands-on activities that show:

- how the wetlands work;
- the plants and animals of a wetland;
- the area's indigenous and European history;
- The sustainable building design.

As well, it is estimated that at any one time, as many as 7000 birds make Edithvale-Seafood Wetlands their home, some from as far away as Siberia!

WE ARE CURRENTLY COLLECTING MONEY FOR:

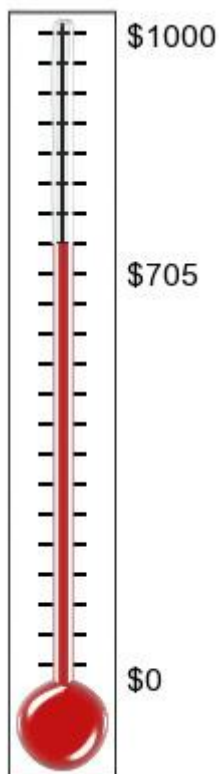
Life Education (Whole School)	Year 6 - Big Day Out
Year Prep/1/ - 2 Coach Approach	Year 5/6 - Chelsea Yacht Club

Payments may be made at the school office window on from 8:30 am - 9:00 am every morning.
For your convenience, Eftpos and Bpay are now available.

THE SMALL COIN ROUNDUP ENDS NEXT WEDNESDAY—SO GET YOUR COINS IN QUICKLY

The results as at Wednesday 23 November are:

- ◆ Prep 1 \$100.00
- ◆ Prep 2 \$120.00
- ◆ 1A \$41.50
- ◆ 1B \$40.00
- ◆ 2A \$54.90
- ◆ 2B \$57.60
- ◆ 3A \$18.00
- ◆ 3B \$20.00
- ◆ 4A \$50.00
- ◆ 4B \$70.00
- ◆ 56A \$40.00
- ◆ 56B \$21.05
- ◆ 56C \$20.00
- ◆ 56D 10.00
- ◆ Admin \$42.70
- ◆ **TOTAL: \$705.75**



Well done to everyone who has brought in their unwanted coins—and especially to Prep 1 and 2, you're doing an amazing job. All money raised will go towards, Buildings and Grounds—Landscaping. Other coins will be accepted too of course!

PSW

Our PSW Retail Stores will be closed between the following dates for Christmas:

From **Wednesday 21 Dec 2011 – Monday 2 Jan 2012**
(Inclusive)

Re-Opening Tuesday 3rd January 2012

On Campus Stores will be closed between the following dates for Christmas:

From **Monday 19 Dec 2011 – Sunday 22 Jan 2012**
(Inclusive)

Re-Opening Monday 23 January 2012

These closure dates are on our website and signage in store for your convenience.

Thank you

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM FOUR

Mon 28	Tue 29	Thur 1	Fri 2
Lissa Lawson	Becky Evangelista	Deb Bond	Kellie Kingsley
Mon 5	Tue 6	Thur 8	Fri 9
Georgina Deveraux	Sharyn McIntosh	Kerrie Short Jo Mills	Fiona Brown Antoinette Butta

With only 3 weeks of canteen left, our stocks will not be replenished after next week. All items are currently well stocked, but when items are not available, the students will be asked to choose an alternative.

Sushi Day was a huge success, with 272 rolls ordered. Thank you to Claire and Sharyn for the wonderful help they gave on the day.

Thank you also to all my helpers who worked tirelessly in the canteen over the last fortnight. We have had many busy days with the warmer weather, selling ice-creams and juice cups. Thank you also to those students who waited so patiently in the queues.

I am currently asking parents about their availability for next year's canteen roster. If you would like to help out next year, please come into the canteen and leave your name.

BOOKLISTS for 2012

All Booklists have gone out now.

We encourage you to place your order on-line. Those who are returning their orders to the school please return them by

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2011

Book Collection day is on Friday 27th January, 2012
between 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Please note: unpaid parcels not collected on book collection day will be returned to OfficeMax

WANTED FOR

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

DO YOU HAVE A CLOTHES RACK YOU DON'T NEED?

One is needed in the Second Hand Shop to display uniforms. Please contact the office if you have one.



Summer Reading Club for Children: The Amazing Read

All children (up to the age of 16) who can read independently are invited to become members of the Summer Reading Club. The Club, a popular annual event, is free to join at any library in Kingston. Children are asked to write down the names of the books they read and they can then go into the draw to win prizes. The more books children read the more times they can enter the draw.

The Summer Reading Club program encourages young people of all ages in reading, writing, sharing books and other fun and engaging literature based activities over the summer period.

Kingston Libraries will launch the Club on 1st December and it will run through until January 25th, culminating in a big party where prizes will be drawn. You must attend the party to be eligible to win a prize.

This year for the first time we will also have a weekly prize draw. To enter, simply tear off the bottom of your date due slip when you borrow and pop it in the competition box at your local branch.

Summer Reading Club packs will be available for collection from your local library branch from 1st December.

The Summer Reading Club is organised by the Kingston Information and Library Service and Australian Library and Information Association. It will run in most public libraries across Australia over the summer break.

Kingston Information and Library Service also wishes to acknowledge the generous support of the Mordialloc-Mentone Lions Club with this program.

LOST PROPERTY

There is an abundance of lonely jumpers and other assorted clothing in lost property at the moment. Many of these articles have been sitting by themselves in the box for many weeks. Those with names are returned to their grateful owners but those without a name just stay in the box.

To alleviate this problem, lost property without names will be kept for four weeks and then given to the second hand shop where they can find a new owner.

Lost property will be displayed on the seats in the area in front of the office before and after assembly.

BOOK CLUB

Our last Book Club for the year is due back tomorrow, Friday 25th.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support.

Money raised has been used to purchase more books for our library

Thanks again
Jenny Glavis and Fiona Hefford



PFA NEWS

Remember the PFA are running a Sausage sizzle for students on Thursday, 8th December. The cost is \$2 per student for a sausage and Just Juice. An extra sausage (if available) will be \$1.

We will need Parent Helpers to assist us on the day. If you can help would you please fill out the form below and send it to the School Office.

Also, don't forget to enter the draw for free tickets to the Harvest 'N' Graze' festival.



Please cut off and return to School Office

SAUSAGE SIZZLE PARENT HELPER FORM	
Time 11:30 am to 1:30 pm	
Student Name:	
Parent Name:	
Contact Phone No:	



First Class Free!

MONDAY @ 7pm Patterson Lakes Primary School

NEW TUESDAY @ 7.30 pm Edithvale Primary School

WEDNESDAY @ 7pm Carrum St Aidan's Church

KIDS Tuesday 4-4.45pm Patterson Lakes Comm. Centre

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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 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 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)

Some of the EMA cheques have arrived at the school office. Please enquire at the counter to see if your cheque is in, as soon as possible.

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.