



# EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

Thank you to those people who nominated to be on School Council.

Nominations have now closed for our School Council Elections. For the first time since joining this great school I am delighted to announce that we received more nominations than there were positions available, and we will need to hold a Ballot.

The desire of our wonderful parent community to be involved in our school and our Council is exciting and will help us to become a truly great school.

The 6 nominations we received came from: Nicky Hay, Darryl Collins, Kathy Barratt, Jodi Vuat, Nicole Butcher & Michael Smits.

Candidates have been asked to provide a short written statement to help our community to gain some background about all those standing for election. Ballot papers, nominee statements and return envelopes will be distributed on Tuesday 1 March. **Please look out for these in your child's purple pocket.**

If you do not receive a Ballot paper, please collect one from the School office. Ballot papers are due back to School on Wednesday 9 March, **and voter's names recorded on a register that will be available at the office.** Votes will be counted under strict conditions on Tuesday 15 March and declaration of the poll will be on Wednesday 16 March. The lag in time is due to the absence of key staff from 9–11 March and the Labour Day public holiday. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

We look forward to working with all of our school councillors over the course of 2016 and welcome the skills and ideas that they offer to the benefit

of all in our school community.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March. The Annual General Meeting will begin at 6.30pm and will be followed by the election meeting where office bearers are elected. The general meeting of the 2016 School Council will begin at approximately 7.30pm. We welcome all members of the school community to join us.

### Professional Learning for all of us

Our dedicated staff continues to develop their skills and knowledge of what high quality instruction looks like, by engaging in professional learning opportunities. Our focus this year is on fostering curiosity in our students (and staff). We are part of an extensive network of schools all committed to providing excellent education for our students. As we endeavour to involve parents in this partnership of learning, we are excited to announce that there is a parent session being held at Mentone Primary School on Thursday 17 March, from 7:30 - 8:30pm.

This event is open to all parents of schools in Kingston involved in this work. The presentation will be delivered by Wayne Craig, former Regional Director in the Education Department, who developed the Powerful Learning and Teaching framework. Wayne is a wonderful, passionate speaker and will give you a solid understanding of the framework and how education is changing to meet the needs of our ever-changing world.

To book a place at the information session, follow this link:

[Curiosity and Powerful Learning Parent Session](#)

### Emergency Evacuation Drill

Yesterday our staff and students participated in an off-site Emergency Evacuation Drill as we aim to refine our plans and processes in the event of



any unwanted emergencies. Pleasingly our students acted in a manner that made us all very **proud and it's comforting to know that if there** was a real emergency or threat we have a strong plan to keep all of our school community members safe.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Mr Andrew Schneider

#### Active April

On Thursday 24 March we will be having a special **breakfast to launch Premier's Active April. This is** a great, free initiative designed to get families more active and healthy together. The aim is to complete 30 minutes of physical activity every day for 30 days in April. Luckily, the first two weeks are in the school holidays so there is plenty of opportunity to make this happen! It would be great to see as many families signing up for Active April, not only for the health benefits, but so that we can be in the running for some amazing prizes including a \$2000 Sportsmart voucher for the most active school. For more details on how to register, please see the flier later in the newsletter and be sure to include Edithvale Primary School when you register.

#### Extra-curricular Activities

The extra-curricular activities program is well **and truly under way. Not only are the teacher's** giving up their lunch times to lead wonderful sessions, the buy-in from our parents has been outstanding! This week 13 students passionate about all things to do with technology had a blast learning about and pulling apart pieces of a computer. We are so lucky to have parents like Cliff Wheatley offer their time to share their knowledge and craft with our students. Each week until the end of the term, students will **'Build a Computer' and:**

- learn about an operating system and types of software
- build a network
- make our own internet
- learn about the future (virtual reality goggles)



Reminder- Naomi Newton Psychology Information session

Next week, on Wednesday 2 March, Naomi Newton will be holding an Information Session at 9.10am in the Staffroom for interested families. Naomi Newton Clinical Psychology provides psychological services to children, adolescents and their families.

This service is provided at no cost to parents, as the service is bulk billed to Medicare for eligible families. Naomi will see children and adolescents at school who have a referral from their GP under **Medicare's Better Access to Mental Health Care Initiative**, which allows up to 10 sessions per calendar year.

I hope to see you there on Wednesday 2 March.

## CANTEEN

### Mrs Diane Cameron

Thanks to all my parent helpers over the last few weeks and welcome to Monica, Jill and Nicole, who are new this year. Over the next few weeks we have another four new parent helpers.

Currently there are some items out of stock (actually they have been out of stock since the start of term—sorry) - Ginger Kids, Popcorn and some other window sales.

Due to my large report in the last newsletter, I **failed to mention the canteen's new oven.** Many thanks to Darryl and School Council for the purchase, and to Ray and Colin for installing and connecting the Canteen to the 21st Century. It is working a treat!

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM ONE			
Mon 29	Tue 1	Thu 3	Fri 4
Anna Ericcson	Melinda Price	Jane Donaldson Tarsha Warren	Kate Gibbon
Mon 7	Tue 8	Thu 10	Fri 11
Nonie Hare	Claire Stewart	Sharon Vanderwyk Sasha Dent	Bernadette Lydster

OKR & TIQBIZ

Please remember to update your child's Year & Class on Qkr & Tiqbiz

## FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION Madame Snow

Last year over 15,000 young Victorians from more than 106 schools across the state brought French poetry to life through recitals, proving that French has a strong presence in our schools. Students and teachers alike are clearly passionate about it and staff at the Alliance Française de Melbourne are delighted to brighten this passion through their 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, an oral and an **additional “nouveau” a Drawing Competition** for the Primary level participants. Years 3-6 recital of a French poem

### THE PRIZES

Le Prix Alliance Française de Melbourne - AFM course for 1 term ; FREE pass to all Ciné Club Films in 2016 ; All our other winners will receive **beautiful French books, CD's, DVDs and dictionaries**, while all participants will receive a certificate.

### WHO CAN ENTER?

The competition is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 6.



### HOW CAN I ENTER?

By collecting an entry form from Madame Snow or the Office by Tuesday 1 March.

Entry fee - \$ 6.20

## FRENCH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

We welcome into our school Emilie Dimek, our French Language assistant for 2016, who will be working for two days per week (Wednesdays & Thursdays) with us at Edithvale as well as with Mordialloc Secondary College. We are very proud of our language program and we are thrilled to have Emilie on board to enable us to further enrich our French studies.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Just a reminder that we are participating in the Keysborough Masters School promotion again this year. This term a minion has been hidden somewhere in the store. Once you find him fill in an entry form and place in our schools bin located at the front of the store. The school with the most entries over the course of the term will receive a Masters voucher. Also remember if you spend more than \$30 in store and place your receipt (or a copy of) in our Edithvale PS bin we also are in the running for some vouchers which can then be used to purchase items for our school.



## EASTER RAFFLE AND FREE DRESS DAY

The School Council Fundraising Subcommittee is always looking for new ideas to raise money for our wonderful school. This term we have decided to hold an Easter raffle. In order to make this event a success we are holding a free dress day on Friday 4 March. On this day students are able to wear casual clothes rather than school uniform and rather than providing a gold coin donation (as we have done in the past with free dress days), we are requesting that a donation of an Easter related item be provided by each student. These items will then be used as prizes for our Easter raffle. Easter related items could be an Easter egg(s), chocolate bunny, soft toy bunny, Easter story book, Easter activity book, bunny ears - the ideas are endless.



We will be collecting all the items on this day and then putting together some major hampers and also various smaller prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent home to each family the week following the free dress day (on Monday 7 March) and the raffle will be drawn on the last day of term (Thursday 24 March).

Thank you for your ongoing support of our fundraising efforts.





## WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

Hi my name is Taj Dix.  
I am in 2A.

I am raising money for the Leukaemia foundation  
**by doing the World's Greatest Shave.**

I have been growing my hair for a year but  
at assembly on Friday 11 March, this will all be  
gone!

If you would like to sponsor me  
you can do so online at  
worldsgreatestshave.com

Just type in my name (Taj Dix).  
Otherwise there will be a money  
box at the office.

Thanks for your support.



## DONATIONS FOR THE ART ROOM Ms Jenny Lang

HELP!



We are in need of donations of  
newspapers, small boxes e.g cereal boxes or  
smaller, tubing, egg cartons and small plastic  
containers e.g margarine, yoghurt, etc.

If you can help us with any of these, please  
leave them at the Art Room.

Thank you



## SUNSMART



If you can see skin, UV can reach it. For  
all skin not covered with clothing,  
please remember to apply SPF 30 or higher broad-  
spectrum sunscreen during the daily sun  
protection times. 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. Don't**  
forget a sun protective hat that shades the face,  
neck and ears and look for a shady place for to  
play.

- Further information about sunscreen is available  
from <http://www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/slop-on-sunscreen>

## CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure  
that no student misses out on the opportunity to join  
their classmates for important, educational and fun  
activities. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to  
cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting  
activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are  
a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for  
CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use  
towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or  
sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for  
primary school students

How to Apply

- Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF  
application form. Complete the form and return it  
with a copy of your Health Care/Pension card



Did you know that one in every three people in the  
world live in poverty? But what can you do to help?  
Well, on April 8-9, Miss Goudey will be walking 100km  
(for the third time!) in under 48 hours with her sister  
and two friends in order to raise much needed funds  
for Oxfam Australia. Last year, Oxfam helped around 5  
million people in 30 countries who had been affected  
by natural disaster, war and poverty. Over the last 2  
years, our team have raised over \$6000 for Oxfam  
through the kind donations of our friends and families  
– and we are hoping to raise even more this year.

Last year we finished the walk in under 30 hours and  
we have been training hard so hopefully we will be  
able to do it again!

If you would like to support Team Walrus, you can  
donate online here: <https://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/my/team/22572> or give cash donations directly to Miss  
Goudey.

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**Under 9's and under 10's Wednesdays**

**Under 11's to Under 14's Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Pre-season times 5pm to 6-6.30pm**

**Tom Johnston Pavilion, Beardsworth Avenue, Chelsea.**

**2016 is the beginning of some exciting, new happenings at  
the club. Starting the year is a pre-season academy run by**

**Syked for Sport**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of March and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of March 5-7pm for**

**U11's-U14's**

**So come on down and bring your friends.**

**Free of charge for 2015 and 2016 Chelsea members.**

**\$10\* per session for visitors.**

**ALL WELCOME!!**



\*deducted from membership fees if joining CJFC.



## HOW TO REGISTER FOR PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL 2016

### Reward your school with Active April

The health benefits of doing 30 minutes of physical activity a day are great, and so are the incentives for registering for Active April 2016.

### All Victorian primary and secondary schools will go to the running towns:

- a \$500, \$500 or \$250 Sportsmart voucher if your school has the highest percentage of students to register in the small, medium or large category
- one of 14 VISY to go with high-achieving athletes
- a \$500 Sportsmart voucher and a Goodstart school site at choice to go to an students with the **School PLUS Challenge**
- a \$2000 Sportsmart voucher for the most active school.

The more students and teachers who register, the more chances your school has to win.



### All-new Trophy Cabinet for 2016!

This year, students can now achieve online trophies with our a new Trophy Cabinet, accessed via the Active April Activity Tracker.

When you and your students log on, or 30 days with 30 minutes of activity more a day during April, you'll achieve the Active Age 8 Bronze, Silver and Gold Trophies, available to print as rewards. There are loads of other trophies across a range of your favourite activities too. Once registered, log into your activity tracker to start collecting trophies. For more details on incentives and other benefits for your school, visit [activeaprilvic.gov.au/schools](http://activeaprilvic.gov.au)

### Registering is easy

Schools and students will have their own dedicated page on our website at [activeaprilvic.gov.au/schools](http://activeaprilvic.gov.au/schools). Simply follow the step-by-step instructions to get started.

### Creating teams

Teachers can create school or class teams and once registered, students can join the set teams and track their activity using the Activity Tracker.

### When to register

We encourage schools to register their students during March (before the Term 1 holidays, commencing 25 March) and to track group activity in the weeks before and after the holidays.

### Help promote Active April

Spread the word about Active April in your school community - go to [activeaprilvic.gov.au/promotingactiveapril](http://activeaprilvic.gov.au/promotingactiveapril) Be member to visit [activeaprilvic.gov.au](http://activeaprilvic.gov.au) to register today and check out the Schools page to find out how to create and join teams and win. Good Luck!

Get started now! Visit [activeaprilvic.gov.au](http://activeaprilvic.gov.au)

### Premier's Active April

Sport and Recreation Victoria  
Department of Health & Human Services  
Level 25, 501 Collins St, Melbourne, VIC 3000 | GPO Box 4037, Melbourne, VIC 3000  
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**Edithvale Fire Brigade  
Fun Run**

**April 3rd 2016**  
5km & 10km events for men, women,  
under 16's & teams  
Registration opens 1/11





Register online: [www.wedonthaveawebsite.com.au](http://www.wedonthaveawebsite.com.au)

## Seaford Wetlands Awareness Day

Friends of Edithvale Seaford Wetlands Inc

**Celebrate a World Recognised Wetland  
Say Farewell to the Migratory Birds**

Sunday 6th March 2016  
Seaford North Primary School  
Hallifax Street, Seaford  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Lots of displays and free activities for the whole family  
Learn about the importance of wetlands  
Discover its hidden treasures**

- Life Cycle Activity
- Water Bugs
- Colouring and Migratory Birds Activities
- Frogs Activities
- Guided Walking Tour
- Indigenous Plants Information Displays and Brochures
- Tree Plantings
- Fact Finding Treasure Hunt
- Connies—Bird Cards
- Clean Up Australia
- Wetland Express Train Rides
- Sausage Sizzle

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