



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It seems that at the moment we are either sweltering in the extreme heat or dodging puddles because of the wonderful rain that we have been experiencing. This recent change of weather has focused our attention on a couple of important issues for our school community.

Last Wednesday we held a fire drill for the whole school. This was preceded by discussions in all classrooms about fire awareness and safe practices during emergency situations. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has issued a booklet for teachers to use with their students. This resource aims to assist in raising fire awareness for children and provide age appropriate information and activities for students'. After our fire drill staff were able to offer valuable suggestions about how we might make improvements to our practice in this area. If you are lucky enough to be helping in a classroom on one of these practice days please join in so that the children see and understand that it really does involve everyone in the school at this particular time.

We are also very much aware of the need to be Sun Smart at EPS. All students must wear a wide brimmed hat if they wish to play outside. There are a number of students who are electing to wear sunglasses and sun screen as well which is very pleasing to see. On very hot days we recommend that students drink adequate amounts of water and sit or move quietly in the yard.

There is still no news on the start date for the new building. Hopefully, soon our patience will be rewarded.

Denise Webster

VALE

Kate Joy

Edithvale Primary School extends to Emily, Owen, Callum and their family and friends, our sincere condolences on the passing of Kate. Kate was a wonderful member of our school community and a friend to many of us. She will be greatly missed.



Parent Occupation Data

If you have changed employers, started working or ceased employment, please let Dee or Sandie know ASAP.

It is imperative that this information is up to date on our system, as the school's funding is based on student numbers as well as our parent occupations/employment status.

It is also very important that you choose the right 'occupation group' when completing your enrolment forms and if not currently employed, you must enter an 'N'.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Friday 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Library ~ all books to be returned for stocktake. Working Bee ~ 3:00pm
December Tuesday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sushi Day. No lunch orders, only window sales.
Monday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition Program begins P ~ 6.
Tuesday 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Day Year 6 ~ 7. Transition Prep ~ 6. School Council Dinner.
Wednesday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Helpers Morning Tea ~ 10:45am to 11:30am
Thursday 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RLSSA ~ Edithvale Beach Year 5 and 6
Friday 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen ~ Last Day for orders
Wednesday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Day Out / Graduation Year 6
Friday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 4 ends ~ Dismissal 1:30pm



SOMERS CAMP 2009

Written by: *Anthony Cameron*

At Somers Camp there were a lot of people. There were around 160 children from different schools in and around our area, such as Chelsea Heights Primary, Aspendale Gardens and a heap more. Anyway, back to the camp. There were assemblies every morning and each morning one of the groups did the weather. Evening activities were discos, plays, tabloid sports and games nights. For activities there was the giant swing, surfing, library, mini golf, rope courses, biking, spotting games and boating.

There were always good and bad bits about camp; the good bit was that you could make new friends and the bad bit was that you had to do chores by cleaning up after people or getting them a drink for breakfast, lunch and dinner. I really like this camp because of the activities that we did there. I really enjoyed the giant swing (which was 18.5 metres), because of the view and the wind that blew in my face.

The Fire Storm

Written by: *Lachlan Muir 5/12*

The fire raged, the ocean crashed, the air thundered and the rocks smashed. The fire had won for now and the humans were helping the air, rocks and the ocean. They decided what to do and it was this.....

"Air, get ready to take the fire's oxygen. Rocks make sand and put it near the fire. Ocean, make a lake near the fire. Men, get the buckets and half go to the sand and the rest go to the lake."

The men assembled for the greatest battle of their lives waiting for the word... CHARGE!

Everything worked against the fire. The humans used the sand, lake and the water to destroy the fire. It ran out of air and started shrinking but kept on fighting until finally it turned into a candle.

There was a huge celebration and the fire just watched.



The Wetlands



Written by: *Daniel MacDonald 5/12*

The wetlands are places where lots of animals and plants live and grow. The wetlands are a cooler, more open spaced habitat than swamps or mangroves. Ponds, creeks and lakes all play a part in a wetland. The wetland can be a dry walkway of trees or a wet, marshy landscape of water.

Wetlands mostly have plants suitable for damp conditions. These include: Water lilies, reeds, tall and thin trees and moss. Even fungi play a part in a wetland. When it rains, it becomes a water wonderland.

There are many species of animals in a wetland. Common creatures would be insects and arachnids. Dragonflies, flies, beetles, damselflies, spiders, butterflies and more live in the drenched landscape. Worms dig through the wet soil of the wetlands.

Frogs and possibly salamanders squirm their way through the packed area. Fish turn the water into a living sea of slimy animals. These fish can include eels, catfish, goldfish and a lot more. Swans, geese and ducks float along the water tops. Pelicans, magpies and fruit bats fill the skies, along with grebes and gulls.

Seventeen species of migratory birds from the northern hemisphere visit the Edithvale-Seaford wetlands. Most of them are protected by international treaties.

Lizards and snakes crawl and slither along the ground and turtles conquer the land and the water. Eastern Grey Kangaroos, foxes, rabbits, maybe even a platypus roam the maze of wildlife. The wetlands are teeming with life.

But the wetlands are also a home for humans, making walkways and huts for relics and sightseeing. But the wetlands are being polluted with plastic bags, food scraps and rubbish. We need to protect one of nature's great designs, and all the things inside it.

Our day at

SOVEREIGN HILL

Recently the entire grade 3's and 4's of EPS went to Sovereign Hill.

Sovereign Hill is a place in Ballarat where they have a town that is almost the same as it was in the 1850's when the gold rush was in Victoria, Australia.

To start a WONDERFUL day at Sovereign Hill we watched a show called Smelting Gold. In this they show how they melt gold to make it pure. Wayne and Nikkita were able to hold the gold once it was pure; the gold cost at least \$100,000.



All of grade 4/4 LOVED The Lolly Shop.

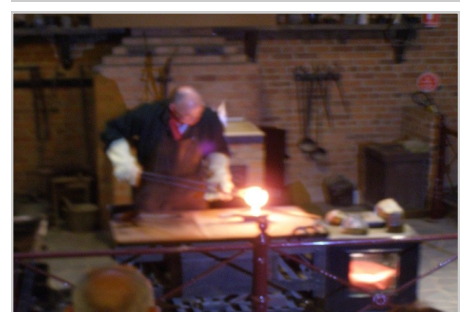
I bought a jar of mixed hard boiled for my family, 2 wish candles from the Candle shop, one for me and one for my Mum.

Everyone joined in to panning for gold, there was only one person who found gold and that was Clare.

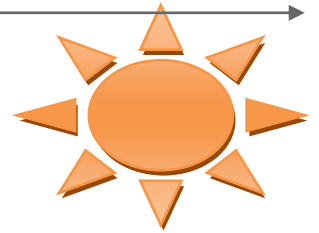


I enjoyed Sovereign Hill HEAPS!!!

By Laura Tomlinson



Sovereign Hill



On Monday 9th all the grade 3s and 4s went on an excursion to Sovereign Hill, because we are learning about gold.

First we took a tour around Sovereign Hill. Later we went to the lolly shop and I bought a lolly pop.

At the smelting, a man melted gold into a bar of gold, it was cool.

My favourite part was the tour of the Red Hill Mine. It was strange because we went in one way but came out another way even though we went in the same direction.

We also went panning for gold but didn't find any.

That's me.

By Laird



Sovereign Hill was Fun

On Monday 3/6, 3/7 and the grade 4's went to Sovereign Hill at 8:15 in the morning.

When I got to school all of us got ready to go to the bus. We got to the bus when we were finished marking the roll.

When the bus driver was driving far I was feeling sick. Then we were there. We started walking and I saw people wearing fancy clothes and I saw more people on horses. We started to walk down to a house. A man melted gold and then he steamed it. It was hot so he put it in the water to cool off. Then he said that I could hold it. It was heavy. Then Mrs. Glavis took a photo of me. Next we went to the miner's house where they lived. The kids had to sleep on the couch and the baby had to sleep in the basket.



When they're sleeping bugs lay eggs on the pillows and maggots start crawling up their ears, beds and eyes. Mozzies start to bite them.

Next we got to do gold panning. I didn't find any gold in the water but some people did. Then we had a break. We had to eat lunch. When we finished we did other stuff like shopping.

We had to go back to school. At Sovereign Hill I had a great, great, great time!! I really loved it. Wow!!

Written by Angelika Tsitsouachoili 3/6

Snippets from Sovereign Hill

On Monday Grade 4 and 3 went on an exciting gold trip. Two hours on the bus!! It got so boring. When we first got there we had yummy playlunch and we had already learnt heaps just walking through the town.

Kirah Hard



Sovereign Hill was so cool and old fashioned. The smelting room was amazing and the blacksmith was very good at his job! The temperature that gold melts at is 1045 degrees Celsius. I suddenly felt rich after that!

We also went gold panning at a creek (a.k.a. Alluvial – ell-oo-v-oo-l)

Tjala Hobbs



We went in a mine that was 10 meters deep. The mine was very noisy and dusty!! We were glad to come out of the mine!

Alex Bailey

And in the Chinese area they had Chinese pigs and hard beads made out of wood. OUCH!!!!!! Hard as! Since the other people thought that the Chinese were weird, the Chinese had to live on the side.

Anastasia King

Some of us got gold, some lollies and all of us had great fun!!!

James Hendricks



FROM THE OFFICE ...

2010 BOOK LISTS

The booklists for 2010 have been distributed this week. If you have not received yours, please check your child's school bag.

Booklists are due back to school by Tuesday 8 December at the latest.

Stationery orders are made via our bookseller 'OfficeMax', who also collect our general curriculum payments and other school levies on our behalf.

Please read the instructions on your book list and accompanying letter very carefully, as there are certain requirements and no late orders will be accepted.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW VICTORIAN STUDENT NUMBER

Our implementation has now been completed. If you wish to find out your child's VSN for any reason, please drop into the office and we will print you out a notification letter.

The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

SMALL COIN ROUNDUP - PROGRESS

The Small Coin Round-up is going extremely well. As at 18 November, we had received **\$1,140.00**—a great effort all round.



The competition between the grades ends in 3 weeks, but you can still keep sending your 5 cent pieces in for as long as you like.

EMA CHEQUES

All remaining EMA cheques which had not been collected have now been posted.

FROM DIANE IN THE CANTEEN

Sushi Day is on Tuesday, 1st December. There will be no lunch orders on this day, just window sales.

With only 2 more weeks of canteen lunch order, stocks will be minimal in the last week. Last lunch order day will be Friday, 11th December.

Currently we have no Spinach and Ricotta rolls. All other stocks are fine.

Frozen treats available are Callippos (.70¢ and Frozen Yoghurt (\$1.20).



Thanks to my wonderful helpers for the fortnight and Year 5 and 6 students. A great effort by all.

WEEK 9 ROSTER

Monday 30th Nov Antoinette Butta	Tuesday 1st Dec Nicola Carroll
Thursday 3rd Dec Jo Mills Michelle Custy	Friday 4th Dec Grant Dyer

WEEK 10 ROSTER

Monday 7th Dec Angie Clark	Tuesday 8th Dec Sharyn McIntosh
Thursday 10th Dec Deb Bond Gordana Zaradic	Friday 11th Dec Kerrie Cappy Jackie Houghton

SRC Christmas Hampers



Christmas will soon be here, and there are those in our community who are not as fortunate as us.

To help spread some Christmas cheer the SRC have decided to collect food for hampers that will be given to people in our local community. Small cans are preferred. Please help make someone's Christmas brighter by supporting this worthy cause.

Hampers will be presented to the Chelsea Benevolent Society on 7th December at assembly.

EPS COMMUNITY NEWS

Nativity Photos



Put your family in the picture....

Come along to The Strand, Chelsea on

Saturday, 5th December
10:00am ~ 2:00pm

For your Christmas Nativity photo.

Stable and Costumes
provided.

BYO Camera and smile!!

Cost: Free



Instrumental News Edithvale Primary School

The end of year Jack In The Box Music concert, (The Search For Happiness), will be held on Saturday the 12th of December at Bonbeach Primary School Hall, Breeze Street Bonbeach, starting at 9am. I would like to extend a warm invitation to any students, parents, relatives, friends or staff members wishing to attend. Notices will be going home within the next couple of weeks.

There will also be a small performance at the Monday assembly prior to the concert.

If you would like more information regarding the end of year performance please call, or text me on 0412 591 941 or email at mbmcgurgan@optusnet.com.au.

Finally on behalf of myself and the team at Jack In The Box Music I would like to thank both the staff and parents of Edithvale Primary School for their ongoing support of the program

Mark McGurgan

Jack in the Box Music

CHELSEA DISTRICT LIONS CLUB ~ CHRISTMAS CAKE DRIVE LAST CHANCE—DON'T MISS OUT—CLOSES TOMORROW



Below is an order form for you to fill out with your child's name and grade, and the number of cakes you require. The form must be returned to the school office, with the correct money by
Friday 27th November.

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Order Form

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: Edithvale Primary School
Edithvale Road
EDITHVALE VIC 3196

Cake Size	Quantity	Unit price	Total \$
1.50 Kg		\$13.00	
1.00 Kg		\$10.00	
		Total money enclosed	

Chelsea District Lions Inc.
PO Box 129, Chelsea. Vic. 3196

Edithvale Primary School

Garden Watering Roster

Please help keep our gardens growing over the Summer period.

Fill in your family name, phone number, child's name and grade against which days you can assist with watering of school gardens.

(Tuesdays & Saturdays 6am-8am only).

Return this sheet as soon as possible to school office & further details will follow re: areas to water & access to shed.

Many thanks from the Buildings & Grounds Committee



Month/Week	Tuesday	Saturday
December	1 st	5 th
December	8 th	12 th
December	15 th	19 th
December	22 nd	26 th
December	29 th	
January		2 nd
January	5 th	9 th
January	12 th	16 th
January	19 th	23 rd
January	26 th	30 th
February	2 nd	6 th
February	9 th	13 th
February	16 th	20 th
February	23 rd	27 th

Further information regarding watering will be distributed to you once the roster has been compiled.