



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Denise Webster

Our swimmers have been having a wonderful time over the course of this week and, once again this program has proven to be highly successful. Many thanks to staff and parents who have assisted in the smooth running of the program in 2011.

There are still a few students who have not located their hats for term 4 - or perhaps have already mislaid them! Please ensure that all clothing is labelled so that we can return lost items to their owners.

The portable classrooms that have been a part of our landscape for many years are on the move. The four rooms that currently sit on the back corner of the oval area will be shifted in the next few weeks after necessary maintenance has been completed.

Teachers have now begun the process of writing reports and we are also working towards putting classes together for 2012. 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 2012 is a comprehensive process and consideration is given to the needs of all students.

Later in the term we will once again facilitate a transition program for all students as they prepare to move into the next level of schooling. This has been very successful in the past and works positively towards alleviating some of the anxieties that students occasionally have about changing situations.

A Big Thank You to a Great Neighbour

Lyn, one of our neighbours from Edithvale Road, has heard about our wonderful vegie garden and was so impressed that she has donated some seeds for us to plant. These include pumpkin, zucchini, broad beans, beans, cucumber and many more.

We would like to thank her for her kind contribution and we look forward to sampling the produce.

When these have grown, we will sell them to our community after assemblies on a Friday. The proceeds will pay for more seeds.

Many of the vegies we grow are used by the canteen in our lunches every day, thus we have lovely fresh, home grown vegies. These help keep the costs down.

We are still looking for anyone who might be able to spare an hour every so often to help in the garden.

If you can help please let Denise Webster or Karen Laurent know.

Thanks again to Lyn, our community minded neighbour.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Fri 28th - Fri Nov 4th	◆ Swimming Program Continues.
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NOVEMBER

Tues 1st	◆ CUP DAY
Thurs 3rd	◆ Prep Transition 2:30 ~ 3:30pm
Fri 4th	◆ Swimming Program Concludes.
<i>Sat 5th</i>	◆ <i>Working Bee 8:30am—12:30pm</i>
<i>Mon 7th</i>	◆ <i>Graduation and SRC Photos 9:00am sharp</i>
Tue 22nd	◆ Prep Information Night—Staffroom 7:00—
Tue 29th	◆ Prep Transition 11:30am—1.00pm

DECEMBER

Tue 13th	◆ Prep Transition / Orientation Day
Tues 20th	◆ Graduation
Thur 22nd	◆ Last day of school



THE SMALL COIN ROUNDUP ... IT'S ON AGAIN!

The Small Coin Round-up is exactly what it says; our Australian 5c coins are all but redundant - not even the parking meters want them!

But they are still valuable and add up very quickly to big dollars. Last year we raised \$1,240.00, which was used to purchase some outdoor seating made from recycled materials. The class who raised the most money were Prep 1 with \$185.00.

Just take a quick look and you will find 5c coins lying around your car, house and in all sorts of hidden places such as the bottom of the washing machine and under cushions!

So start hunting them down and send them along to school.

Each grade will have a plastic tube to fill—each tube holds \$10.00. Once the tube is filled, it will be 'redeemed' at the office and another tube given to them to fill.

The total amount raised by each grade will be recorded and the grade which raises the most money, will receive a prize.

Money raised will go towards, Buildings and Grounds-Landscaping.

So giddy-up and get started.

The fundraiser will run from now until the end of November

Other coins will be accepted too of course!

FAMILY ACCOUNTS/STATEMENTS

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

Family statements are sent out quarterly, and as most of you will know by now, we are sending them out via email where possible.

If you have any queries on your account please give me a call and we can work it out—it's important that you keep your receipts, in case of any discrepancies.

If you have an EMA credit on your account, please give me a call to let me know what to allocate it to. We can't allocate it until you notify us.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK YOUR EMA CHEQUE UP FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SPORT NEWS

James Whitla—Assistant Principal

With the help of the Year 6s

On Tuesday 12 October around 20 of Edithvale Primary School's best athletes went to compete in the divisional athletics at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve. All of the students tried their best and did very well.

It was a very long and tiring day. It was very warm at times and colder at others.

Although all students tried their best, only four students made it to the next level (regionals at Ballam Park).

After a very tiring day we were all looking forward to getting back to school. Unfortunately our bus driver was extremely late picking us up.

It was a long and exhausting but fun day .



National SES Week

7—13 November, 2011

To show our support for the 5,500 SES volunteers across the state (in particular our local members) during National SES week we are asking all students to wear something orange on

WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER

We also ask that students make a gold coin donation to support the ongoing work the SES. do in our community.

For more information go to

www.ses.vic.gov.au

YEAR TWOS' VISIT TO THE NEW EDITHVALE – SEAFORD DISCOVERY CENTRE

We all walked on the path with partners. While I was walking I found rubbish in the long, long, grass. I was not happy at all. By Maja

When we got to the wetlands we had a little bit of our snack. We played a game called 'No, Yes, I Don't Know'. It was fun. Sometimes I got it wrong. I got to look in Olivia's binoculars. By Amber

One thing I didn't like were the compost toilets because they smell and they don't flush. By Bronte

I liked the window because you saw a beautiful view but I thought I was going to fall. By Isabelle

Last Wednesday 2A and 2B went to the Wetlands' Discovery Centre at Edithvale. First we had lunch and then we played a 'Yes, No, I Don't Know' game. It was really a lot of fun and I got all the answers right. After that we looked at a Windows book to see how the Wetlands have changed over the years. Next we went into groups to draw our own picture. By Thomas

Yesterday our class went to the Discovery Centre at Edithvale wetlands. First we looked at the Windows book. It was about how the wetlands have changed. Next Gail read interesting things from 1900 to now. Sarah showed us some old photos. Later, Sarah gave us a tour, she showed us the solar panels, heaters and water tanks. She also told us about the compost toilet. By Briar

Grade 2A went to the fantastic wetlands on Wednesday at 9:00am. The first activity was an exciting activity, a game called Yes, No, I don't know. Then we looked at a Windows book. In the book the pictures were changing. After that we drew our own window picture. Imogen, Zac and I drew a hunter. By Luke

Later on Sarah and Gail took us on a tour. She showed us the cool solar panels, heaters and fans, compost toilet and the water tanks. Last we played 'Things you should do and things you should not do'. I thought it was interesting and I loved listening to the story about 1900s. by Priscilla



Write a Caption!

Year 1 students have been learning that we can gain information from pictures too. Here are some captions

“Oh bugs! I love bugs! I want to eat you!” Amy

“Come to Papa!!!” Flynn

“Flies! Flies! Flies!” Terry

“I haven’t had breakfast yet!” Will

“I think I’ve got it! No I don’t!” Heather

“Yum Yum for my Tum Tum!!” Bailey



“The walls are closing in!!” Josh

“Freedom!!!” Zac

“Tiger shark on my tail! I can’t shake him!” Tom

“Run for your life!” Ben

“Catch me if you can!!” Anni

“Oh no!!!!” Keppel

“Woo hoo!!!!!” Jordan

“Super Turtle!!!!” Meg

“I’m going to make it!

Oh no I’m not! Ahhhhhh!” Steven

“Hey, this is fun!!!” Mia

“Crash Landing!” Harry

“I’m almost there!” Brigitte

“Wee!! I love to go tree to tree!” Simone

“Wait up Magpie!” Lachie

“Monkey Jumping!!!” Jackson

“Help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” Lachlan M



Write a Caption! (cont.)



"Mayday, Mayday I'm going down!"	William
"Will you marry me?"	Kate
"Don't follow me!"	Yash
"Come fly with me!"	Abby
"Help I'm falling Mum!!!"	Chloe
"Don't worry I'll be safe!"	Bradley
"When will we eat?????"	Mark
"I'm going to get you!"	Lachlan T



"I love you. I love you too!" Kate
 Mum can we go to KFC yet???" Ella
 "Give me a hug!" Max

"Oh great! I'm stuck in the snow!!!"	Meg
"Where are you?????"	Emily
"You can't see me!!!"	Seb
"Almost got that fish! Got it!!!"	Sarisha
"My head is stuck and I can't breathe!!!"	William



CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM FOUR

MON 31 Oct	TUE 1 Nov	THU 3 Nov	FRI 4 Nov
Students Rostered	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	Mark O'Hehir	Kellie Kingsley
MON 7 Nov	TUE 8 Nov	THU 10 Nov	FRI 11 Nov
Anna Ericsson	Claire Stewart	Kerrie Mussert	Kerrie Cappy

CANTEEN NEWS

Diane Cameron—Canteen Manager

We have a new promotion starting on Friday 28 October for Lick-a-stick Paddle pops. If you win you will receive a free paddle pop.

Juice cups are unfortunately out of stock and will not be available until mid November.

Thank you to all my helpers for the fantastic efforts you have put in again this week. Your help is always appreciated. Top effort!



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PSW's online store is a quick and convenient way of ordering uniforms for your child. The PSW store will save you time and take the hassle out of trying to get to your school uniform shop during trading hours!



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Market Night

Tuesday 8th November

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Chelsea Heights Community Centre
Thames Promenade, Chelsea Heights

- Featuring hand picked fashion, bags, jewellery, food, crafts, toys, homewares and gifts
- Mini massages and makeovers
- Product demonstrations
- Tickets available at the door for only \$5 or \$7 including welcome drink & raffle ticket
- Lucky door prizes and bar operating throughout the evening

Come along for a fun night of shopping, drinks and nibbles
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Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands Discovery Centre

OPEN DAYS

Melbourne water invites you to be among the first to visit
the newly constructed Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands
Discovery Centre

When: Sun 6 and Sun 13
November

Time: 9:30am–4:00pm

Where: Edithvale Common
Cricket Ground,
Edithvale Road,
Aspendale

Melway Ref: 93 C8

Free tours of the discovery centre will depart from Edithvale Common Cricket Ground by bus on the hour from 10:00am to 3:00pm (45 mins). Spaces are limited. Please arrive early to register.

- ◆ Free sausage sizzle
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Creative art entries
- ◆ Fun hands on Water Watch activities

Please do not go directly to the Discovery Centre, as you will be redirected to the Cricket Ground. (Permit conditions allow a max of 40 people at the Discovery Centre at one time)

For more information please call Melbourne Water
on 1800 792 466

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.