



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1—Week 5 - 28 February 2014

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Denise Webster

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Both the senior and junior school parent information sessions were well attended and we have had very positive feedback from a number of parents who attended. Please note that these sessions replace the Parent Partnership meetings that we have run in recent years. However, you are always welcome to make an appointment if you want to have a more specific or detailed discussion with the classroom teacher about your child's progress or learning needs.

ATTENDANCE

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has launched a new campaign which focuses on the need for children to attend school on a regular basis. You may have seen some posters around the school that highlight that 'Every Day Counts'.

"We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day... Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day - missing school puts them behind."

Last year our students were absent for a total of 3902.5 days, this is an average of nearly 13 days per student. Sometimes there are very good reasons for non-attendance; unfortunately there are still many instances (30%) where the absence is either unapproved or unexplained. You can help us by sending a written note if your child is *going to be* away or *has been* away. Please talk to your child's teacher if your child is anxious about coming to school. Being late for school also has a significant impact on your child's learning - being present at the start of the day is crucial to students' understanding of what is expected of them throughout the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Every year half the positions on School Council are up for re-election. The election process for School Council 2014 has now concluded. Four nominations were received for the four vacant positions and as a result the following parents were duly elected without the

need for a ballot. Congratulations to: Mrs Nicole Butcher, Mr Darryl Collins, Mr David Pala and Mrs Lara Sinclair. Also we welcome Ms Jacqui Miller and Mr James Whitla as DEECD representatives. We look forward to working with all of our school councillors over the course of 2014 and welcome the skills and ideas that they offer to the benefit of all in our school community. Many thanks to our outgoing School Councillors for the wonderful contribution they have made to EPS in their role on School Council: Mrs Alice Davies, Ms Nicole Markby and Ms Catherine Smith.

School Council next meets on Monday March 17. 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 School Council will begin at approximately 7.30pm. We welcome all members of the school community to join us.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Mr James Whitla

Wednesday 19 March 2014 marks the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian children, just like yours, will ride and walk to school. It is a day about celebrating riding and walking and encouraging everyone to give it a go!

Not only is riding and walking a fun way to get to school, but it also contributes to your children's daily physical activity needs. Although some of you live far away, or have conflicting commitments that makes it difficult to ride and walk every day, even going by bike or foot for part of the way, or on some of the days is still great!

Be part of the fun and pop National Ride to School Day in your calendar now.

For those who choose to participate in the National Ride to School Day there will be a light healthy breakfast consisting of fresh fruit, toast, tea, coffee and juice provided on the morning. There will also be some ball sports set up for all students and parents to enjoy before school.

We look forward to a fun and healthy way to start the day.



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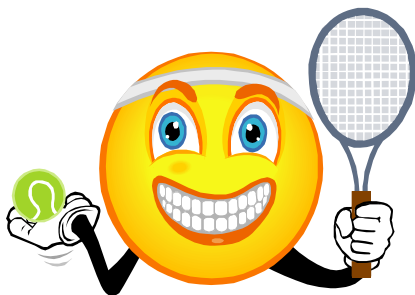
TENNIS

We are very excited to have Fit For Kids run a tennis program at Edithvale Primary School.

The lessons will begin on Thursday 6 March and run for 5 weeks
at 8am to 8.30am

This will be a great way to get the students active and engaged before school every Thursday during the term.

Enrolment can be done online....see notice on page 4 of the newsletter



ALTERNATE FAMILIES

It is important that we keep our student confidential details up to date. If your family's living arrangements have changed and the parents are no longer living together, we need to know the details of the 'alternate' family for our records. The 'primary' family is usually where the child spends the most time. The 'alternate' family is usually the other parent, who the child does not normally live with; but spends time with. If they spend half of their time at each address, we need the two 'families' listed separately.

We are aware that there a number of families in our school community who are in this situation but have not notified us, so we still have the parents recorded as being at the same address.

If you are in this situation, would you please pop into the office (or give Pru a call) and complete an 'alternative family' form, so we can update our records accordingly.

Not only does this help us understand your child's living arrangements, but it also alerts us to those parents who need an extra copy of reports etc; sent home.



FAMILY STATEMENTS SCHOOL FEES & CHARGES

All families should have now received their first statement for the year, outlining all charges and showing all monies receipted, including any charges paid via OfficeMax. If you have any queries about your statement, please give Sandie a call on 9772 1393. If you have credits that need to be allocated, please phone, or send a note along to school letting us know what to allocate the credit to.

Thank you to those who have paid all of their charges so promptly. These payments assist us in providing your children with a wider range of Curricular and Extra-Curricular programs.

If you have not made any payments yet, could you please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you. For your convenience, there are several payment options available to you:

1. BPay

This is the safest, and most convenient method of payment. Just make your payment (the BPay details are on your statement) and send an email or a note along to school, letting us know what your payment is intended for. Once the payment has been received and allocated, a statement will be sent home for your information. BPay payments should be for \$20 or more, due to the bank charges incurred.

2. Instalments

It is not too late to elect to pay your School charges by three instalments. Just pop into the office and fill out a form, include your credit card details, and we will deduct the first instalment now, the second on 28 April and the third on 28 July.

3. Scheduled Payments

Set up a scheduled payment using your banking software, and pay \$25-\$50 (*or whatever you can afford*) each week or fortnight. Sandie will then allocate this to the most appropriate charges and send you a statement so you can see where you are up to.

4. Pay by Cash or Credit Card

Of course you can still pay by cash or credit card, using the reply/payment slips provided to you. Payment envelopes are available from the School office.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Melinda

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm and is located in the School Hall.

We currently have a great range of items in stock from sizes 4-12 and all are in good, clean condition. Prices begin at \$2 for polo tops, shorts, windcheaters, skorts, etc; so come and have a look and save yourself some money.

We also gratefully accept donations of used clothes, bags or hats that are in re-saleable condition (nothing too faded or torn) and these may be handed in at the office.

Please note, sales are CASH only and we cannot change large bills.

LOST PROPERTY

This year, all lost property will be held at room 8. Mrs McAllen will place the lost property bin outside her room at the beginning of each day and return it inside at the end of the day.



Please feel free to look through the bin for any lost items. Only small items of value will be held at the office for collection.

Named items will be returned to students at our earliest convenience so please remember to name all items of clothing and personal belongings brought to school.

STAFF CARPARK

For the safety of students and parents, we ask that parents park in the street and use other entrances.

The carpark is for staff use only.

JACK IN THE BOX MUSIC

Keyboard lessons - Thursday morning
Guitar lessons - Friday after recess
Join the fun—Come learn to play and sing
Places are limited

Call Mark on 0412 591 941
Or grab a form from the office.

CANTEEN

Mrs Diane Cameron

Week 3 of the Canteen and the stock is almost at full capacity. Unfortunately there a couple of favourites that are out of stock. The mini chocolate muffins have not been available, so ... I have been baking small chocolate muffins to keep up the supply. Remember if the item a student has ordered is out of stock a replacement item is always on hand.

Many thanks to my parent helpers over the last fortnight and welcome to new parents Rachel, Fiona and Jane. Remember, any parent wishing to help out in the canteen, please call in to see me. Hours are normally 9am to 2pm but if you can only help out for 2-3 hours that's fine, I can work the roster around those times.

As mentioned, many items have had a price increase. This was passed on to me by suppliers late last year. Most increases are only 10 or 20 cents. PLEASE CHECK YOUR NEW PRICE LIST and if you haven't received one, please see the office.

Also the Canteen has some pre-printed lunch bags which are quite large, for student's lunch orders. There is an order form further on in the newsletter.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM ONE

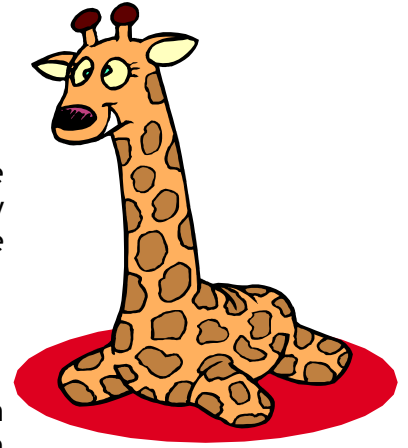
Mon 3rd	Tue 4th	Thu 6th	Fri 7th
Anna Ericcson	Becky Evangelista	Lara Sinclair	Melissa Johnstone Rachel Cox
Mon 10th	Tue 11th	Thu 13th	Fri 14th
No School	Fleur Eddey	Michelle Lothian	Bernadette Lydster Kristy Patselis

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A reminder that neither the School nor the Department, provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Writer's Corner



Felix C 1B

On Monday we visited the Life Ed Van. My favourite part was when we did the Superheroes. I learnt to stay away from Smoke. I learnt to stay healthy so you have energy. By Buying healthy things like vegetables. There are all kinds of vegetables.

Lily 1B

On Monday we visited the Life Ed Van. My favourite part was when Harold played jokes on Jen. I learnt to never go near a needle and ask a grown-up to help you.

Will 1A

On Monday we visited the Life Ed Van. MY favourite part was when Harold was talking to us and Jen was talking too. I learnt how to save people and if there was a needle on the ground ask a grown up to pick it up.

Airlie 1A

On Monday we visited the Life Ed Van. My favourite part was when Harold slipped on the banana peels. I learnt that when there is something bad on the ground you don't touch it because it could be poisonous and you can get really sick. I also learnt you can't smoke or you might get sick and if an adult is smoking you have to go away so you don't get sick.



Tennis Lessons at School - On Campus!

Fit For Kids Co provide tennis lessons using the MLC Tennis Hotshots Program, the official junior program endorsed by Tennis Australia.

Each registered participant will get a **FREE Hot Shots T-Shirt & Prizes** + giveaways throughout the year. Lessons are conducted on miniature nets with softer balls! This is the only way for children aged 4 - 12 years to learn the game of tennis!

Why do lessons at school?

Convenience - On campus before school. Simply drop & go!
National Standard - Participate in the program endorsed by the Australian Sports Commission!
Value - Prizes, giveaways & promotions thanks to MLC, Tennis Australia & Nickelodeon!
Fun & Social - Tennis is a sport for life which is fun, healthy & is for both boys and girls!

Term 1, 2014
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Primary School

Dates

Thursday 6th of March - Thursday 3rd April 2014 (5 Weeks)
(No coaching on public holidays)

Times

Thursday Morning: 8:00am - 8:40am

Cost

\$75 - 40 minute session x 5 weeks!

(PLEASE NOTE, SCHOOL OFFICE DOES NOT ACCEPT FORMS OR PAY)



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120 YEARS - Berthe Mouchette Competition - 2014

- ◆ This year we are celebrating the 120th anniversary of our dearest Berthe Mouchette Competition and we would like to invite you to celebrate with us.
- ◆ Last year over 13 000 young Victorians from more than 100 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 we at the Alliance Française de Melbourne are delighted to brighten this passion through our competition.
- ◆ 2014 also marks the 100th year since World War I and to commemorate this our selection of contemporary and classic poems is primarily themed around “war and peace”. We are also paying tribute to Guillaume Apollinaire, a French poet and soldier. Included in our 2014 selection are some of Apollinaire’s Calligrammes.

FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION at EPS

WHAT IS IT?

The Berthe Mouchette Competition is an opportunity for students to practise the French language by participating in a competition with great prizes to be won!

There are two categories, oral and an additional “nouveau” a Drawing Competition for the Primary level participants.

Years 3-6 recital of a French poem **Entry fee - \$ 6.00**

THE PRIZES

Le Prix AFX Student Exchange - 5 week cultural trip to France (BEST Year 11 participant)

Le Prix Alliance Française de Melbourne - AFM course for 1 term ; FREE pass to all Ciné Club Films in 2015 ; ONE double pass to 2015 AF French Film Festival (BEST Year 12 participant)

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 12 in all schools across Melbourne and Victoria. Even students from non-participating schools and home schooled students may enter as independent candidates.

HOW CAN I ENTER?

Please contact: Madame Snow at EPS.

HI! WE ARE THE MATHS SPECIALISTS FOR 2014-2015.

Amanda Scafidi & Sharlotte Cua

EPS has been very fortunate to be chosen as part of a government initiative in a Maths Specialists Program across the state. We have been given the chance to further develop and extend student outcomes in Maths. For the next two years, we will be working closely with students, teachers and parents in creating a positive attitude towards learning Maths. We would love it if the whole school community got involved, so be prepared to participate in some fun maths activities with your kids! Here is a list of upcoming events:

Maths Olympiad: Every year, EPS participates in the Maths Olympiad, a maths competition that enables our students to extend and challenge their mathematical thinking and reasoning. The Maths Olympiad competition will run from Term 2 to Term 3.

Maths Newsletter: Every term, each year level will be handing out a maths newsletter. This will give you information about the language we use in the classroom, as well as a fun activity that you can try at home. It will also give you an outline of what concepts will be covered during the term. You can refer to the newsletter when talking about maths with your child at home.

We hope to see you all get involved in our Maths program.

Remember, Maths is exciting here at EPS!

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2014 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN:

Information/Registration day: Sunday 2nd March 2014 10am-1pm at Glen Street Oval

All welcome to come along and meet the coaches and committee.

EAJFC merchandise will be available and there'll be a sausage sizzle and AFL activities for the kids

Sportsafe Australia will be in attendance to custom fit mouthguards. Information about the mouthguards can be found on the website under 'Club Forms'. Payment is required on the day by EFT or CASH.

Special Football boot sale:

Quality AZUMA Boots low low prices start at \$10!!

Also AFL Vic Country Football shorts (a League requirement for 2015) will be on sale in all sizes, just see Geoff on the day!!

go to: [2014 Registration Information](#)
[Sportsafe Australia - Mouthguards](#)

Senior Club Memberships will be available for purchase
Go Eagles!!!!



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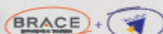


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SUPPORT GROUP TO HELP OUR KIDS WITH
LEARNING DIFFERENCES (e.g. Dyslexia, dyscalculia,
dysgraphia, C.A.P.D.)



21 Bay Rd. Sandringham
7.00pm -9.00pm

Next meeting: March 12, 2014

Strategies to help LD kids succeed in school (this will
include assistive technology).

Presenter: Ann Williams

Future meeting: May 14, 2014

Bookings essential, [contact awilliams@deakin.edu.au](mailto:awilliams@deakin.edu.au) Tickets \$5.

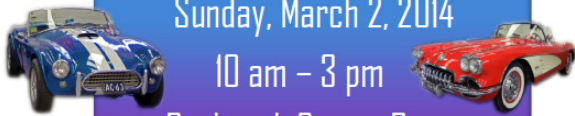
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Sunday, March 2, 2014
10 am - 3 pm
at Bonbeach Sports Reserve
Oval 5, Bondi Rd, Bonbeach

\$20 car entry fee. Gates open at 8:30am
Stall holders welcome. Contact Tony: 0412 581 691



Featuring 'Fletch' from Classic Resto's, who will be filming
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Dear Students/Parents/Teachers, ..

The canteen has a supply of large pre-printed paper bags on sale (free trial bag attached), which can be purchased directly from the canteen or you can order them via your student, via the classroom lunch crates.

Prices are:
50 bags for \$4.00
25 bags for \$2.00
10 bags for \$1.00

Currently the canteen sells similar size bags (without printing) for .10c each.

If you would like to order, please complete the form below and send a copy with your money, to the canteen.



Yours faithfully

Diane Cameron
Canteen Manager

CANTEEN-PAPER BAG ORDER

Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

I would like to order _____ bags and have enclosed my
payment of \$ _____. Thank you.

MARCH 2014

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10 <i>Labour Day Holiday</i>		11	12	13	14	15 <i>Bunnings BBQ Keysborough</i>	16
17 School Council AGM		18	19	20 Student Photos	21 Working Bee 3.30–6pm	22	23
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APRIL 2014

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	22 Grade 5/6 Camp	23 Grade 5/6 Camp	20 Grade 5/6 Camp	21 ANZAC DAY NO SCHOOL	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		