

Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 2—Week 6

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At School Council last month we discussed adding another item to the uniform list. There have been a few requests from parents about having a winter tunic or skirt for the girls. We are able to offer a tunic which has a removable top which will retail for approximately \$46.00. This is an optional item and is being offered as an alternative to the current range of clothing. We will let you know as soon as they arrive at the Uniform shop.

We are now taking enrolments for 2010 and have conducted a number of tours for prospective families. If you have a child who will be beginning prep next year, please come up to the office and collect an enrolment package. We encourage you and your child to be a part of our transition program which begins in term 3 and provides wonderful support for our new students as they begin their journey into primary school.

All schools in Victoria are having a reporting day on Friday June 12th and students will not be required at school for classes. At EPS we will be conducting our parent/teacher interviews on this day. A note about this will be going home with students tomorrow. We believe that a positive and supportive relationship between home and school is essential to maximise learning achievement. We would therefore like to have the opportunity to meet with you and discuss any questions you may have regarding your child's progress.

Denise Webster

IMPORTANT DATES—TERM 2—2009

JUNE	
MONDAY 8th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 9th	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY 12th	STUDENT FREE REPORTING DAY
MONDAY 22th	GRADE 2 EXCURSION—TO SCIENCEWORKS & PLANETARIUM
FRIDAY 26th	END OF TERM 2
JULY	
MONDAY 13th	TERM 3 BEGINS

ART SHOW RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle. The winner is **JANINE JACKSON** of Frankston—ticket number **1437**.

Janine and her husband are pictured here, receiving their prize and are looking forward to their four days at Sea World on the Gold Coast. Congratulations.



Congratulations also, to the **Pearson Family** for selling the largest number of tickets; they received two Billabong back packs—a great effort!

ART SHOW—ART SALES

Anyone who purchased a work of art at the art show, would you please collect your item at your earliest convenience. Thank you to those who already have.

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

THE PRESENT ECONOMY

By Brady Slot & Gagandeep Gill

Last Thursday, **Mr Rob Bredin** came to our school to talk about the economy and shares. He explained to us how the stock market works and how the economy went downhill. He also told us, in his experience the best time to buy and sell shares.



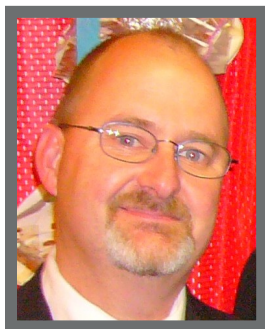
He printed out a sheet for everyone with a graph, showing when a crisis happened on Wall Street and when the last crash happened. They both shocked the shareholders.

The reason he came was to help us for Earn 'n' Learn and for when we might want to buy shares in the future.

We would like to thank Mr Bredin for coming to our class and sharing his expertise.



SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



A number of parents have recently asked me about the role of School Council, so I thought it best to write a brief article for the school newsletter to clarify things.

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. It is a group made up of parent and staff representatives who govern the school.

The School Council is given the power to set the key directions for the school, and is a legal entity in its own right. It directly influences the quality of education that a school provides to its students.

Three of the critical roles of School Councils are; developing the strategic plan, approving the annual budget, and setting and reviewing policies.

Other equally important roles include:

- Community engagement.
- School maintenance
- Fundraising, in partnership with the PFA
- Canteen & Uniform Shop Management
- Developing, reviewing and monitoring the Student Code of Conduct and the School Dress Code

The School Council also has a number of sub-committees. These are advisory bodies to the School Council and assist council in all the work that needs to be done. They report regularly at school council meetings and provide advice and make recommendations to the school council, which has the final responsibility for decisions. Sub-committees are open to non-school council members and therefore provide opportunities to involve many people in the school who are not members of council.

For school councils to operate effectively, school councillors need to hear from both the school and the wider community, on issues that relate to council decisions.

I encourage all parents to express any ideas or concerns they have which they believe can be dealt with at school council. We are elected representatives and, as such, are there to represent the entire school community and their views.

I am passionate about our children's education and I am more than happy to make myself available to discuss any ideas and issues you may have. There are many great things happening at our school and we love to hear about these as well. You can contact me either personally or via email, taylor.martin.z@edumail.vic.gov.au

I am generally floating around the prep area most mornings before school and I am happy to chat should you like to catch up.

Kind Regards
Martin Taylor
School Council President

Parent Members of Council:	Staff Members of Council:
Martin Taylor- President	Denise Webster - Principal
Brendan Cian - Vice President	Janice Lawrence– Assistant Principal
Fiona Brown	Barbara Sharp
Alice Davies	Brittany Baker
Michelle Ford	
Tracey Griffiths	
Sharon Proy	
Denine Teesdale	

Lunchtime Activities

Deb Ostojic



Over the past few weeks, Edithvale Primary School students have been involved in a variety of activities during the lunchtime break.

If you walk around the school during lunchtime, you will see groups of students learning to knit; playing games in the classroom; learning Backgammon; using the ICT centre; working on art displays for the art show; choir; French poetry competition and playing netball.

The students are keen to try new challenges and it has been wonderful to see multi-age groups playing happily together.

Thanks to the teachers for providing different opportunities for the students at lunchtime.



EPS School Aerobics

Kerry Evans ~ Aerobics Coach



Last Saturday, 23rd May, the girls aerobic team competed at the Preliminary Finals at Camberwell Civic Centre.

It was an extremely strong competition and although they didn't get through to the State finals, they all did a wonderful job on the night and are to be commended on how well they behaved during the competition.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are all practising hard for our next competition in October.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Go-Gurts (.80c), have been very popular and will be re-ordered this week. Unfortunately the covers have all gone, hopefully some will come in with the next order.

The Primas will be phased out this week and replaced by Just Juice tetra packs. Flavours available are orange, apple. Paradise punch and apply & blackcurrant. The Just Juice are the same quality, (220ml) and the same price (.80c), the only difference is that they have 100% juice (9 Primas have 25% juice).

Many thanks to my parent helpers this week, your help is always valued.

Diane
Canteen Manager

NEXT WEEK'S CANTEEN ROSTER	
Monday 1 June Angie Clark	Tuesday 2 June Jill Eadie
Thursday 4 June Anne Roberts Jo Mills	Friday 5 June Jackie Houghton Nicola Carroll



Did you know that the Australian Society of Orthodontists recommends children have their first check-up by a specialist orthodontist at age 7?

Does your child:

- Have crooked teeth or misaligned jaws?
- Have difficulty in chewing or biting?
- Suck their thumb or fingers?
- Grind their teeth?
- Experience speech difficulties?

These may be indicators of an existing or developing orthodontic problem. Take advantage of our free initial visit and get some professional advice from a specialist orthodontist today. No referral is necessary



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UV PROTECTION—SUNSMART'S MAY TO AUGUST 'VITAMIN D' MESSAGE



SUN Smart has issued a message that with lower UV levels in the Winter months, it is important to increase sun exposure to maintain levels of Vitamin D.

Vitamin D is naturally created by the body when skin is exposed to direct sunlight and is essential for general health and wellbeing, particularly for development and maintenance of healthy bones, muscles and teeth.

In Victoria from May to August, average UV levels are low (1 or 2) and therefore sun protection is not required (unless you are in alpine areas or near highly reflective surface such as snow or water).

High UV levels (3 and above) require sun protection measures, as the sun's UV can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer.

ANZAC TOKEN SALES

On behalf of Aspendale-Edithvale RSL, I wish to thank you most sincerely for your generosity and support with the sale of our ANZAC tokens. I am pleased to advise, that with your help, we raised \$3,313.00 overall. Once again, my sincere thanks.



Des Connor—Welfare and Appeals Officer
Aspendale-Edithvale RSL

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property has become a HUGE problem over recent weeks—we have had a huge amount of lost clothing coming into the school office.

Parents, can you please check the lost property box (at the office) if your child has misplaced an item of clothing. There are a lot of unnamed items in the lost property box.

**Please remember to name all items of clothing,
so they can be returned to your child.**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Curriculum Day ~ Friday 12th June

All day care is available only at Mentone Primary School for Curriculum Day on Friday 12th June

For more information please call
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