



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1—Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

Happy New Year and welcome to 2016 at Edithvale Primary School. It is wonderful to be back and great to see so many smiling faces - both familiar and new - back at our great school. A special welcome is extended to all of our new families and Foundation students. We hope and trust that you will enjoy what our school has to offer and will join us on our journey to becoming a truly outstanding school.

I hope that you are energised and looking forward to the year ahead as we work with you and your children to ensure that they are provided with a high quality learning program that caters to their individual needs. A vital part of the process is to establish strong connections with you so that we all have a clear understanding of the curriculum framework that we have in place as well as a general understanding of the expectations that we have of our students so that they are fully engaged with their own learning.

School is an exciting time for our students and we are keen to create a positive environment for them. We love hearing about their days and often ask questions **such as "How did you help somebody today?" or "Tell me something that made you happy today."** It can be a great way to begin a conversation and reinforce positive aspects of schooling - and I encourage you to **try asking these questions at home, if you haven't already.**

In our efforts to accommodate as many families as we can, two parent information sessions will be held on Tuesday 16 February - one immediately after school at 3:40pm and another at 6:00pm. More information will be forwarded shortly.

Our dedicated staff welcomes the opportunity to **discuss your child's progress. All staff will be involved** in a suite of professional learning meetings on Tuesdays afternoons (3:45 - 5:15 pm) throughout the year and we respectfully ask that this time be uninterrupted so that we can maximise our own learning opportunities.

This year we welcome a few new staff to Edithvale Primary. Mr Andrew Schneider, our newly appointed Assistant Principal, began work with us officially on Wednesday and I am excited to have been able to add such a vibrant, friendly and talented person to our Leadership team. Andrew brings with him a strong welfare background and an absolute commitment to ensure that we continue to provide a positive environment for all students, parents and staff.

Mrs Melinda Hatton joins us for 2 days a week in Year 5/6B. An experienced teacher and mother of 3, Melinda has recently moved to Victoria and we are fortunate to have her curriculum and sporting passions at Edithvale.

In the coming weeks, Mrs Helen Arden will be commencing work with us, both in the Library and in **the Office Administration areas. Helen's enthusiasm** and knowledge of the Edithvale Primary School culture are great acquisitions.

Over the holiday period we had some minor renovation completed in the canteen area and Mrs Cameron is rapt to have a larger oven to accommodate the increased number of canteen orders. Di is always keen for any assistance in the canteen - which is open for business from Monday 1 February.

Our school oval was top dressed, aerated and fertilised and despite the dry summer weather, the surface has maintained its green tinge.

Throughout term 1 Charisma Coffee will be setting up on our basketball courts from 8:00 am until 9:15 am every Friday. This presents a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other Edithvale Primary School parents and staff and have a casual chat over a coffee and I look forward to seeing you then.

A few reminders:

Sun Smart: Please remember that all students are required to wear a broad brimmed school hat when **outside. If your child's hat has mysteriously** disappeared over the holidays or is a little worse for wear, you can purchase a new one at the uniform shop which resumes on Tuesday 2 February from 3pm to 4pm.



Road Safety: School speed limits apply outside every school in Victoria to increase the safety for our most vulnerable road users - children. All Victorian drivers are reminded that school speed limits will apply across Victoria from Thursday 28 January 2016. Speed limits will be reduced to 40km/h outside EPS in the morning from 8am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm. For information on school speed zones visit the VicRoads website. While you're there, check out their fun and informative road safety apps.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Andrew Schneider

I am extremely excited to be part of the team at Edithvale Primary School! Over the break I spent many days at the local beach and was welcomed by a number of families who introduced themselves and I look forward to meeting many more over the next few weeks.

I come to Edithvale Primary with a passion for health and wellbeing and a strong belief that happy, healthy children learn better. Children who come to school **having had a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast** and with a positive attitude, are in a great position to **get the most out of their day. No doubt you'll hear me** spruiking this to the families, parents and teachers of Edithvale as well!

Outside of school, I work with a number of football and Netball clubs as a Fitness Coach. Locally, Frankston YCW is my club (sorry Edi Asp supporters) and the Dandenong Stingrays in the under 18 TAC Cup competition.

My wife, Katie, and I have three children, Billy who is seven, Lochie is five (a new Preppy yesterday!) and **Milla who is three. I'm sure you'll meet them at** Auskick, Little Athletics or at the beach as well.

As I mentioned at last year's assembly, I am a local resident and I can't wait to get involved in all aspects of the school and Edithvale community. Please come and introduce yourself at Friday morning coffee.

EMERGENCY DRILL

In the coming weeks, we will be conducting an EMERGENCY LOCK DOWN DRILL for every class in our school. Emergency procedure drills will be held randomly throughout the year and this practice is designed to support our students to become accustomed to moving in a safe, calm and orderly fashion to designated safety points throughout the school.

Staff will explain the expectations and requirements of our students step by step and expose them to the sounds of the alarm and loud speakers. This familiarisation will help prepare our students for a full scale evacuation FIRE DRILL that we will conduct later in Term 1.

All parents on the school premises at the time of the lock down will be asked to join in this emergency procedure too, which will only take 5-10 minutes.

CANTEEN

Mrs Diane Cameron

Canteen will re-open on Monday 1 February 2016. A new menu will come home today, with this newsletter.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open again for 2016 on Tuesday 2 February at 3pm - 4pm. Order forms are available at the office or orders may be submitted online at the PSW website.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second hand uniform shop is located in the hall. We are reliant on donations, from our families, of preloved uniform that is in good condition. There is a small fee for the purchase of any item. It is run by parent volunteers and is also open on a Tuesday afternoon, 3pm-3.25pm

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

- Complete the application form sent home with today's newsletter or contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

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.

QKR & TIQBIZ

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

This is the only newsletter that will be distributed in hard copy. As per late last year, the newsletter can now be accessed on our school website or via Tiqbiz



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Basketball Classes

Here on campus at school!

Fit For Kids Co provide basketball classes at school that are fun & convenient. Students will work on ball skills, passing, dribbling, shooting & game play. They will also learn the rules of the game in a fun and friendly environment. This is an introductory program focussed on fun and fitness as well as technical skills.

**Edithvale
Primary School**
Term 1, 2016

Lessons available
for students in
Years 3—6

Dates

Wednesday 3rd of February - Wednesday 23rd of March 2016

Times

Wednesday Morning - 8:00am - 8:45am

Cost

\$96 for 40 minute session x 8 week!

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Tennis Lessons

On campus here @ school

Fit For Kids Co provide tennis lessons using the ANZ Tennis Hotshots program. It's the official junior program of Tennis Australia and uses modified equipment, soft balls & junior racquets.

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 ANZ Tennis Australia & Nickelodeon!
Fun & Social - Tennis is a sport for life which is fun, healthy & active for both boys and girls!

Lessons available for
students in Years
Foundation - 3

Edithvale PS
Term 1, 2016

Dates

Thursday 4th of February - Thursday 24th March (8 Weeks)

Times

Thursday Morning - 8:00am - 8:40am on the Basketball Court Area

Cost

\$120 - 40 minute session x 8 weeks!



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bad weather
We will take
students for tennis
activities within
an indoor hall."



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