



Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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TERM 4 - WEEK 4

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Friday October 30th is World Teachers' Day which was established by UNESCO in 1994. It is celebrated annually in 100 countries as an opportunity to recognise the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development supports World Teachers' Day and encourages schools and their students to celebrate the day. At Edithvale Primary School we recognise and celebrate the work of the wonderful teachers that we have at our school – your child's learning and wellbeing are at the forefront of everything that we do. *A smile and a 'thank you' go a long way – help make your teacher's day this Friday!*

A special thanks to Mrs Heather Pardoe for the excellent organisation of the swimming program. We are delighted with the progress of the students and it was great to see them so enthusiastic about this activity.

We are beginning the process of structuring classes for 2010. This process takes a great deal of time and requires careful planning. A range of factors are considered when determining a student's placement in a new grade – friendship groups, learning ability, gender balance; learning styles, previous grade placements are just a few. All decisions are well considered and the dynamics of

the class are looked at closely. Our transition program is designed to support all students as they move into the next level of their schooling.

To assist with this planning we are asking that any families who are leaving at the end of the year, please advise us in writing as soon as possible.

Every year there are a few requests from parents about classes for their child for the following year. It is often difficult to accommodate these requests because the choices are limited - there are generally only two classes at each level. If you do have a request which is based on the social needs of your child, it must be made in writing and made to the attention of the principal. In order to complete the organisation of classes any

requests must be received no later than Friday 6th November 2009.

Denise Webster

Parent Occupation Data

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

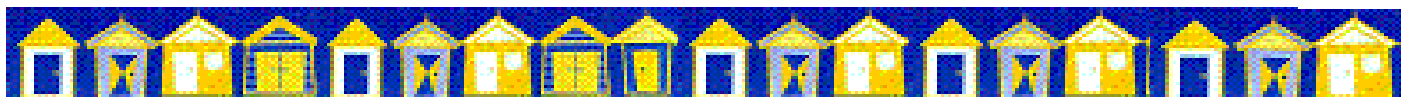
It is imperative that this information is up to date on our system, as the school's funding is based on student numbers as well as our parent occupations/employment status.

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'. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

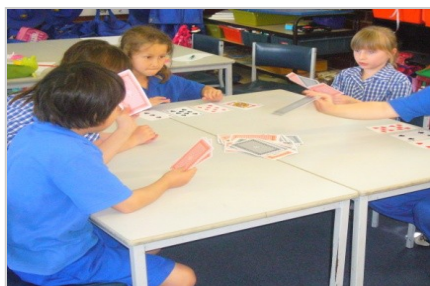
OCTOBER

November Monday 2nd	• Edithvale Primary School Melbourne Cup Maths, Literacy and Sports Day.
Tuesday 3rd	• CUP DAY—NO SCHOOL
Thursday 5th Monday 9th	• Prep Transition ~ 2:30pm to 3:30pm • Sovereign Hill Yr 3 and 4
Thursday 19th	• Prep Information Night
Friday 20th	• Community Police In-Visit Year 5 and 6



GRADE 1s ADVENTUROUS MATHS WEEK

PUZZLES FOR THIS WEEK



During maths this week in 1/17 we have been doing rotations and revising skills we have learnt this semester. We love playing these card games where we are trying to match all 4 cards to be the winner!



Grade 1/2-3 have been enjoying clock challenge championships. The grade ones can read o'clock and half past times. The grade twos can read quarter past and quarter to times.



Grade 2/15 playing Pirates Treasure. WOW! We are good at trading.



Grade 1/16 counted over \$50.00 in 5c pieces



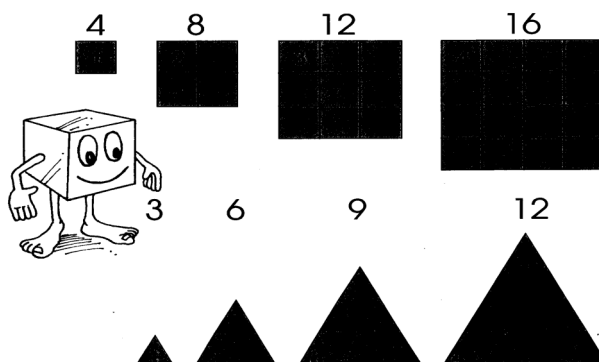
Grade 2/14 – Snakes galore! We had fun measuring them.

UPPER YEARS MATHS PROBLEM

A boy ate 100 cherries in five days. Each day he ate 6 more than the day before. How many cherries did he eat on the first day?



Look at the four squares and four triangles drawn below. The number above each square and triangle shows the number of small lines it took to draw the outside of each shape.



Write this information in the table below and continue each pattern.

	▲ ■	▲ ■	▲ ■	▲ ■	▲ ■	▲ ■	▲ ■
SHAPE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LINES	4	8	12	16			

How many lines would it take to make the 25th and 100th shape in each pattern?

25th

100th

YEAR FIVE CAMP

Year Fives went to a fantastic camp at Coastal Forest Lodge which is situated about two kilometres before Anglesea. When we arrived we were greeted by the camp owner Alan and his daughter Iona, who run the camp.

After we took our luggage off the bus, we were shown the recreation room. Alan asked us to sit down and pay careful attention to the camp rules and safety procedures. He explained about the animals that live on the land around the camp. At dawn and dusk many kangaroos and joeys came close to the buildings and we could see them playing and eating. Alan told us to be aware that they were wild animals and not to approach them as they have extremely large, sharp claws. He said if we left them alone they would not harm us.

Everyone was excited to go to their cabins and unpack. We divided into four groups and started our activities which were, low ropes, archery/minigolf, photo trail and bushcraft. Soon it was time for dinner and we arrived at the dining room to find the duty group had set the tables and was ready to serve us. Dinner was a delicious roast with meat, peas, corn, potatoes, carrots and gravy. For dessert there was ice-cream with sprinkles and topping. After dinner we went on a bush walk that began by walking the plank then around sticky mud pits and we had to be careful of the Drop Bears and Big Foot. Finally we made it back to camp and it was time to watch "Round the Twist". Bedtime was at ten thirty and everyone settled quickly after our busy day.

Next morning we were hoping the rain would stop because we were going to the lighthouse at Split Point and the estuary at Aireys Inlet to learn about sea creatures. We were lucky because there was a break in the weather and we got to do most activities. For lunch we had sandwiches and fruit at a park in Anglesea and played on a ship wreck, the Inverloch. We saw fish and birds in the wetlands then walked back to meet the bus in town and home to camp for more activities. Dinner was spaghetti bolognaise and frog in the pond for dessert. Our camp concert followed and was absolutely amazing because we didn't know we had so many talented magicians, singers, actors, dancers and comedians amongst us.

Delayed by rain in the morning, after breakfast, we walked through the property to see the "eagles nest" and we were lucky to see the Wedge Tail Eagles flying above us. Back at camp we tried to fit in the rest of the activities, had hamburgers and fruit for lunch and packed the bus. Sadly it was time to come home but we were glad to see our mums and dads. Our teachers told us we were the best behaved and tidiest campers they had taken away.

Special things that happened were Cameron and Thomas' birthday, feeding the animals on the farm, the surf museum at Lorne, great singing of "I'm a Little Teapot" to keep Mrs. Mac happy, Mr. Wilton leading our night walk and getting us back safely and having Mr. Bye on camp to help us.

Finally, thanks to Mrs. Hayes for organising a great camp and the special activities, including the lighthouse tour and museum, that were so much fun and taught us about the Shipwreck Coast.



EDITHVALE AEROBICS



Edicowgirls

Congratulations to the aerobic girls on a great competition. It was very exciting and there were more than twenty schools and aerobic groups represented on the day. The Edischoolgirls came fourth and the Edicowgirls did a fantastic job considering it was their first time on stage. The Edicowgirls will be working hard practising their routine to be ready for next year's competition.



Edischoolgirls

Kerrie Evans Aerobics Coach

FROM THE OFFICE ...

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFITS



If you need a card or key tag, please call in and see Sandie Wishart (Business Manager) and start earning cash for your school.



SMALL COIN ROUNDUP PROGRESS REPORT

The Small Coin Round-up is going extremely well. As at 29th October, we had raised **\$900.00**—a great effort all round.

SCHOOL BANKING



School Banking is available to all students and is done on a weekly basis. This is a great way to encourage your children to be regular savers and as a bonus; the school receives a commission from all banking done through the school.

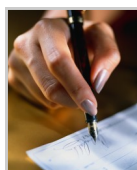
This year we have not had many students participating, but the school has still received **\$341.00** in commission so please consider school banking for your child. These funds all go towards offering the best possible programs we can.

If you need any more information about school banking, please call and see Dee Greedy at the school office. We also receive \$5.00 for each new account opened.

EMA CHEQUES

EMA cheques are now ready for collection at the school office. Please come in to collect them as soon as you can.

Also, if you have an EMA credit on your account, please let us know what you would like it allocated to—we cannot do this without your advice.



FROM DIANE IN THE CANTEEN



Juice Cups (-60¢), Mini Callipo's (-70¢) and Moo Ice-Creams (\$1.20) are currently sold at lunch times only (window sales). Please do not order these items with lunch orders.

School straps are now .60¢. There was a price rise over the holidays.

Thanks to my helpers for the last 2 weeks. 'TOP EFFORT' by all.

The canteen will be open on Monday 2nd November (Cup Eve) for Lunch Orders and Window Sales.

ROSTERS

Week 5 Roster

MONDAY 2ND

TUESDAY 3RD

Melbourne Cup

THURSDAY 5TH

FRIDAY 6TH

Deb Bond
Michelle Custy

Kellie Kingsley

Week 6 Roster

MONDAY 9TH

TUESDAY 10TH

THURSDAY 12TH

FRIDAY 13TH

Sue Jackson
Gordana Zaradic

Nicola Carroll
Jackie Houghton

Instrumental News Edithvale Primary School

The end of year Jack In The Box Music concert, (The Search For Happiness), will be held on Saturday 12th 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.

I would also like to extend an invitation to a special musical being held at Centre Stage Café in Chelsea on Saturday the 7th November. The launch of my next musical phase, "A Day In The Life Of A Bass Man". Places are limited so please call **Centre Stage Café on 9773 8959** if you wish to book.

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

INTRODUCING ...

Mrs Dee Greedy

Dee has been working at EPS for approximately 15 years. She began as an Integration Aide, then transferring to the school office and was later responsible for the school library for several years. At the start of 2008 Dee returned to the general office. She is the first point of call when you visit the school and has a 'wealth of knowledge' on all aspects of EPS.



Dee is responsible for reception, most student administration tasks, receipting and general day to day tasks which arise in the office. She also oversees the operation of the school library.

Dee was also at Overport Primary School for 5 years, working in their library, classrooms and in their office.

Mrs Sandie Wishart

Sandie is our Business Manager and has been at EPS for 15 months now. Prior to that Sandie worked at Frankston High School for 14 years and at Chelsea Skillshare—Adult Education, for 6 years.



Sandie is responsible for the administration of the finances at the school, human resources, facilities, OH&S, overseeing the smooth operation of the general office, plus many other duties as they arise.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW VICTORIAN STUDENT NUMBER

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. 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 introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria.

The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. 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.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see :-

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>



The MS Readathon would like to thank all of the students who were involved in the 2009 MS Readathon.

A number of students have reached fantastic reading goals as well as raising money for people living with multiple sclerosis. Some have already completed this year's program, but for those yet to return their sponsorship funds to the MS Readathon, there is still time. The MS Readathon will continue to send reading rewards and certificates out to those who complete the program, even after the official money due date of 31st August. Thanks again for all of the support you have given to the MS Readathon in its 30th celebration year.

If you have any questions or require further information, you can check out the MS Readathon website at www.msreadathon.org.au or phone 1300 677 323.

Happy reading!

EPS COMMUNITY NEWS

BE SUNSMART

SunSmart is our nationally and internationally renowned skin cancer prevention program. Most cancers diagnosed in Australia each year are skin cancers. Every year, more than 1600 Australians die from skin cancer. Yet it's almost totally preventable. Skin can burn in as little as 15 minutes in the midday summer sun. The longer your unprotected skin is in the sun, the greater your risk of getting skin cancer. Young skin is delicate and very easily damaged by the sun. All children, no matter whether they tan easily or not, should be protected from the sun's harmful rays.

Protecting your skin:

Whenever UV radiation levels reach 3 (moderate) and above, sun protection is required. At that level UV radiation is intense enough to damage the skin and contribute to the risk of skin cancer. In Victoria from September to April, UV radiation levels are 3 and above for most of the day. Particular care should be taken between 11am and 3pm when UV radiation levels reach their peak.

Take the following steps when the SunSmart UV Alert indicates the UV Index is at 3 or above:

1. Slip on some sun-protective clothing.
2. Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every 2 hours afterwards.
3. Slap on a sun hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on some sunglasses: make sure they meet Australian Standards like the My Chemist Designer Brand (DB) Sunglasses.



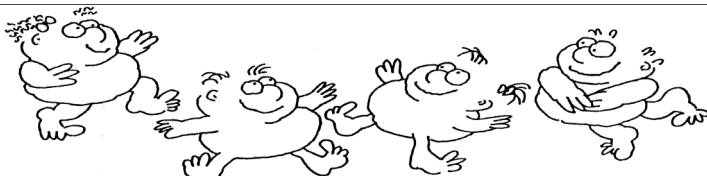
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A smile is a curve that can set many things straight.

A Great Run in a Great City

Family & Junior great australian run

Melbourne 09

Saturday 28th November

Albert Park, Melbourne

Run for fun with all the family



Enter at www.greataustralianrun.com.au

adidas ben Herald Sun Sunway parkview hotel Parks Athletics

and for your parents
The Great Australian Run 15k, Sunday 29th November

News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

Don't miss the famous Children's Market to be held Saturday 14th November, 39 undercover stalls selling pre-loved children's goods. The Centre works hard to ensure the market is always of a high standard; come and enjoy the bargains. Protect your garden from the predicted long hot summer – do a 'Drought Proofing Your Garden' class 8th November, 1:00pm to 3:30pm. Have a handmade focus this Christmas – relax and have fun learning to make Christmas Gingerbread Houses or your own gorgeous personalised Christmas cards. On Monday evenings try an Introduction to Ebay or a De-cluttering workshop. Phone us for a brochure or see our full program at:

www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au