



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Denise Webster

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015 at Edithvale Primary 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 you 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. To this end we have organised some opportunities for you to develop this understanding and meet the teachers who will be teaching your child. Firstly, an information session has been scheduled for parents of senior students (Years 4-6) on Tuesday, 10 February. Parents of junior students (Years 1-3) will have their session on Monday 16 February. Both of these sessions will begin at 6pm and teachers will give an overview of the program for their levels and discuss some of the important events that will occur throughout the year. As well as this, any parents who wish to have a scheduled discussion with their child's teacher about his/her learning progress or any wellbeing issues is invited to book a time to do so. A note with further details about this is included with this flyer.

This year we welcome two new teachers to our school. Ms Dinelle Bates and Ms Amy Syme-Ross are looking forward to working with the students in 5/6A and 5/6B over the coming year. Mr Phil Jones has also recently informed us of his retirement from teaching. He has been a member of the teaching profession for 34 years and has been at EPS for 20 of those years. We thank him for his great contribution to our school and wish him all the best in the coming years.

Over the holiday period our technicians were busy in the resource centre ensuring that everything was ready for us to take delivery of 28 new computers. These have been installed and I'm sure the students will be very excited to see and use these new machines. In addition to this, funds raised last year from the Fun Run and from the Election Day BBQ enabled us to purchase a number of iPads to add to our collection. They should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

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 3 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 29 January 2015. 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.

EMERGENCY DRILL

Mr James Whitla

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.

ART ROOM

WANTED : We need newspapers & egg cartons. If you can help with these, please leave them at the art room. Thank you.

CANTEEN

The Canteen will reopen
Monday 2 February
2015.

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



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL-CALENDAR-TERM 1, 2015

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