

Edithvale Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Term 2—Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week in the newsletter we invited you to participate in a Parents' Forum in order to gain your thoughts about a range of topics relating to the school. This was another means of gathering information that will become part of our discussions in our review meeting. We know that the short notice made it difficult for some people to organise to be here, however, our small discussion group was enthusiastic and gave us some very valuable feedback about a variety of issues. We were then able to take some of this information to School Council on Tuesday and further discussion developed. Thank you to those parents who were able to contribute their ideas.

This week sees the start of our lunchtime activities program which will run over the next three terms. There are a range of activities offered such as knitting, netball, art, games and many more. Students who are interested in the French Poetry competition signed up during the week and choir members have already been exercising those vocal chords.

Mrs Karen Laurent will be taking Long Service Leave and we wish her well on her travels. We welcome Ms Jessica Smith who will be taking year 3/7 for the rest of the term.

Over the next week students in year 5 and 6 will be completing the 2009 Attitudes to School Survey. This survey provides valuable data that enables schools to better understand how students feel about their school and it assists us in developing and enhancing programs that support their needs.

Preparations are also being made for the national testing (NAPLAN) which involves students in years 3 and 5. An explanatory letter will go home shortly to the parents of students in those levels.

We are conducting school tours for prospective students and their parents during Education Week. They will run on Tuesday, May 19th and Thursday, May 21st both starting at 9.15am. If parents cannot attend either of these, please contact the office to organise an individual tour.

Denise Webster

NEWS ON NITS

Pediculosis inspections will occur on
May 7th and October 15th
this year, as part of our Community Health program.

Since introducing this program in 2001, we have had far fewer incidences of headlice, so it is really important that every student participates or, please ensure that you carefully check your own child's head on that day.

The City of Kingston is open after 4:30pm each day to provide a clearance certificate if children have had treatment. We do recommend that clearances are sought.

Janice Lawrence
Assistant Principal



WORKING BEE

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will be holding its first Working Bee for Term 2 on **Saturday 9th May**, from **8:00am to 12:00pm**. As with any school, there are regular maintenance jobs that need to be continually addressed, so if you can spare an hour or two please come along and lend a hand.



IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2—2009

MAY Friday 8th	Book Club due today
Saturday 9th	Working Bee ~ 8:00am—12:00pm
Thursday 14th	Art Show Opening 6:00pm in the hall
Monday 18th ~ Friday 22nd	Education Week





Prep to Year 2 Space Activities



On Thursday and Friday of last week all Prep to Year 2 students were involved in wide variety of 'hands-on' space activities. Throughout the days, students moved between activities and experienced Science, Drama, Visual Arts, Cooking, ICT and Physical Education sessions. The students enjoyed making space craters, doing gravity drawings, plunging fingers into flour to make craters, walking and training like astronauts and making aliens with paper bags.

The day was a great success and we would like to thank Vanessa Smith, Jaye Hampson and Fiona Hefford for assisting us on the day.



Art

SHOW

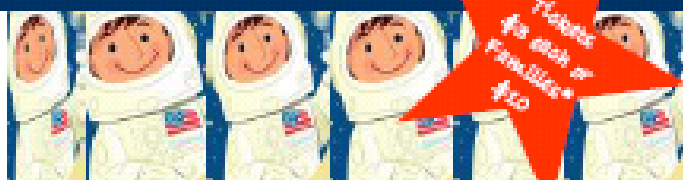


On show from
15th–22nd May
(during school hours)

Creative
student art
with an astronomy
theme.

Grand Opening
featuring artists from the community.

Thursday 14th May from 5 - 7pm.
(Official opening 6pm).
Everyone welcome.



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*Family tickets valid for 2 adults & 3 children



FUNDRAISING FOR MAY

It's term 2 already and it has started off with Meteors showering the school with rockets and stars appearing all around for our highly anticipated Art Show.

Coinciding with the Art Show, we are holding the Queensland Raffle, with some parents already returning sold books of tickets and wanting to sell more which is a great effort.

Last term we raised over \$430 with the Hot Cross Bun Drive, which is a good start to the year.

Thank you to Joanne Mills for her help in distributing them to the classes.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE





COLDS AND FLU

Term 2 is usually the beginning of the 'Colds and Flu' season. Here is some helpful advice that we should take notice of and remember, from www.health.gov.au website. If we have a cold it is very important to be considerate of others so they are not infected.

Protecting yourself and others

One of the most effective ways to protect you, your family and friends from influenza is to practise good personal hygiene.

Five simple ways to prevent the spread of influenza:

1. Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough

The flu virus can travel through the air when a person coughs or sneezes. When you cough or sneeze you should:

- Turn away from other people
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve
- Use disposable tissues rather than a handkerchief (which could store the virus)
- Put used tissues into the nearest bin, rather than a pocket or handbag
- Wash your hands, or use an alcohol hand rub, as soon as possible afterwards.

2. Wash your hands

Washing your hands regularly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based product (gels, rinses, foams - available at supermarkets and pharmacies) that does not require water - even when they aren't visibly dirty - is effective in killing the flu virus.

Always wash your hands:

- after you've been to the toilet
- after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- after being in contact with someone who has a cold or flu
- before touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- before preparing food and eating.

3. Don't share personal items

4. Avoid close contact with others if you are unwell with flu

- **People who are sick should always be encouraged to stay at home to contain the virus and help prevent its spread.** You should not go to work or school or attend other public or crowded gatherings, and avoid taking public transport.
- Do not visit people who have the flu unless it is absolutely necessary.

CANTEEN NEWS

Brrrrrrrrrr, what a chilly week this has been, with hot food very popular. Yet we still have those that buy an icy pole at lunch time.

Some students have asked to purchase a hot chocolate drink at window sales. If they wish to have a hot chocolate, they can order one at play lunch, and pick it with the lunch crates.

Thanks to my wonderful helpers for the week, your help is always appreciated.

Diane
Canteen Manager



TERM 2 CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 4th
Belinda Turner

Thursday 7th
Mark O'Hehir
Jo Mills

Tuesday 5th
Jill Eadie

Friday 8th May
Kerri Cappy
Jackie Houghton

LOST PROPERTY

Parents should check the lost property box (at the office) if their child has misplaced an item of clothing. There are a number of unnamed items in the lost property box. **Please remember to name all items of clothing, so they can be returned to your child.**



EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you haven't done so already, please come and collect your Education Maintenance Allowance cheque from the school office as soon as possible.

All unclaimed cheques will be returned to the Department.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform is open every Tuesday from 3:00pm-approx 4:15pm. Order forms are available from the school office.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due Friday May 8th.
No late orders can be accepted.

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