



# EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1—Week 1 - 31 January 2013

Doing the Right Thing, Working Together & Aspiring Higher

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Denise Webster**

*Welcome Back!* I hope that you have all had a fantastic holiday and are relaxed and ready for the year ahead. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and their families - we have a wonderful community here at EPS and we are very happy to have you join us. Welcome back also to our staff, particularly those who are joining us for the first time this year, Miss Claire Goudey, Ms Jacqui Miller and Ms Catherine Arblaster, and also to Mr Jones who is returning after 12 months leave.

Our newsletter is published every fortnight and is one of our major avenues of communication with parents. As well as containing important information about what is happening at school, there is a calendar in which you will find brief details regarding future events. All students will have a purple pocket and these are used regularly for notices and relevant documentation that need to go home. Please check both of these so that you can keep up to date with what is happening at school. Next week there will be a number of forms sent home - we are required to reissue these forms each year and we try to send most of them home at the one time so that it does not become a never ending process for you.

Together with this newsletter you will receive information on how to book a time for our Parent Partnership meetings. We are committed to developing strong and productive relationships with parents so that, together, we can provide the best possible learning opportunities and support for your child. In addition, a questionnaire will be sent early next week and we ask that you fill it in and bring it with you when you meet with your child's new teacher.

The process for School Council elections will also begin very shortly and will be completed in time for our Annual General Meeting which is held in mid-March. Being a member of School Council is a

great opportunity to become more involved in your child's education and build a greater understanding of how our school operates. You have a chance to be part of the decision making process which supports the learning of all students in the school. We welcome anyone who would like to join us - if you cannot commit to being on Council, you may like to join one of our sub committees.

You may have noticed this morning that the Bristol classrooms have finally gone; this is a wonderful thing! While we think about how we might utilise this space, we are going to level the area and put in some lawn seed - hopefully it won't be too long before we can see an area which is much more pleasant to look at. As well, we have some new bench seats and a revitalised watering system for the oval thanks to Martin Taylor (and family!) who spent a large amount of time on these projects over the holidays.

2013 is our Centenary year and plans for our celebrations began well over 6 months ago. It is going to be a great occasion for our school, and community members, both past and present, will be joining in the festivities on May 25. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee please contact the office or catch up with me if you are in the school.

## EMA

Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) applications are due in to school by 28 February 2013, for those holding a current Health Care or Pension Card.

Application forms are available from the office

**The Canteen  
will re-open on  
Monday 11 February, 2013  
A new menu will be sent home with  
students next week.**



## **FIRE DRILL PRACTICE**

### **Mr James Whitla-Assistant Principal**

Next Friday- February 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting a FIRE DRILL practice for every class in our school. Emergency procedure drills will be held randomly throughout the year and next week's practice is designed to support our students to become accustomed to moving in a safe, calm and orderly fashion to designated evacuation points. 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 in week 4.

## **BOOK CLUB**

### **Mrs Jenny Glavis**

Welcome to an exciting new year.

We would like to thank the parents of Edithvale Primary School for their support of Book Club.

It is a great opportunity to capture your child's interest in books and purchase books geared at your child's reading ability and interest. Through this club we also have the chance to order books to enhance our library.

We are also very happy to keep your purchase a secret if you label your envelope "to be picked up at the office".

Term one order forms for Bookclub have arrived but we have decided to withhold these as the beginning of the school year is a very expensive time, however, if anyone is interested in placing an order, please collect an order form from the office and return the completed form by Wednesday 13 February.

Bookclub will resume as usual with the next issue.

## **ART ROOM**

### **Ms Jenny Lang**

We are looking for recyclable materials for the art room. If you can help us out with any of the following items we would be most appreciative.

- telephone books (yellow and white)
- tubes
- yoghurt containers (small)
- meat trays (foam)
- egg cartons
- boxes (only as large as a cereal box)

All items can be left at the Art room. Thankyou.

## **PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS - ONLINE BOOKING SERVICE**

### **Mr James Whitla-Assistant Principal**

We believe that a positive and supportive relationship between home and school is essential to maximise learning achievement. We would therefore like to extend an invitation to you to meet with your child's teacher and share any information regarding their education or welfare.

Today the youngest or only child in your family will have received a notice informing you on how to book a Parent Teacher Partnership Meeting using our online service. These meetings will be conducted on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of February with one booking time of 10 minutes allocated per student.

All bookings must be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) . Please insert the code **KJDLW** into the School Event Code space, click the 'GO' button, and follow the prompts. A computer will be available in the office area during school hours if you do not have internet access at home. Please take the time to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

**BOOKINGS OPEN THIS FRIDAY MORNING- 1<sup>st</sup> of FEBRUARY -at 8:30 am SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME**

## **2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are in need of someone to help out with our 2nd hand uniform shop. If you think you may be able to give us 1/2 an hour of your time once a week, would you please see Pru in the school office.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

This year, all lost property will be held at the LOTE room. Madame Snow will place the bin containing the lost property outside her room at the beginning of each day and return it inside at the end of the day.

Please feel free to look through the bin for any lost items at your leisure. Only small, valuable items of lost property will be held at the office.

Named items will be returned to students at our earliest convenience.



# FEBRUARY 2013

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 <i>Swimming Trials</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>Canteen opens Parent Partnership mtgs Years 1–6</i>	12 <i>School Council meeting Parent Partnership mtgs Yrs 1–6</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>District Swimming Carnival</i>	19 <i>Craft Power Invisit Yrs 1&amp;2</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>EMA applications close</i>			

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# MARCH 2013

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4 <i>Prep begin normal timetable—full time this week</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Labour Day Holiday</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Twilight Working Bee</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>School Council AGM</i>	20	21 <i>Student Photos</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Term 1 Ends</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30 <i>Easter Saturday</i>	31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>