



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 10

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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Well, we are almost there!

Student Reports: Today you will have received your child's Semester 2 school report. Please see the letter that was sent out on Thursday. This will explain how to access the report on COMPASS. A huge thanks to the teachers who have spent countless hours preparing these reports, on the back of numerous assessments, note-taking and observations that occur to support the reports.

Transition 2019: Our transition program ran this week and was a huge success. Students have found out who their teacher is for 2019, as well as the other students in their class. A photo was taken of each class with their teacher to help your child remember who is in their grade over the holiday period. See below for the full list of teacher's and their year level for 2019.

FOUNDATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sienna von Menge• Bec Laver• Jess McGeachin• Rachael Clements
YEAR 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kerrie Evans• Troy Wood• Mel Hatton and Catherine Grimwade
YEAR 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacqui Miller• Kerri Harridge
YEAR 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Chalwell• Ashlee McCarthy• Mell Davis and Cassie Dixon
YEAR 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hayden Callahan• Amy Cain
YEAR 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rachael Seedsman• Ryan Murphy• Luke McMaster• Britt Trotter and Verona Keogh
ART	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jenny Lang
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jaime Rohan
FRENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sylvie Snow
ROBOTICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amy Lapthorne
LEARNING SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amanda Whitla and Nikki Howard

We also farewell a number of staff at the end of this year:-

- Ann McAllen and Jean Funnell are retiring
- Dinelle Bates will be taking leave to travel for 12 months
- Liz Watts' 12 month contract ends
- Tracey David is also retiring
- Nikki Howard will take some Long Service Leave in Semester 1.

We wish all of our staff who will not be with us in 2019 all the best for the future, in their retirement, travels or other endeavours.



New Relocatable

It is action aplenty in regards to where the new relocatable is going. The sheds have been demolished and the rest of the demolition will be completed early next week in preparation for the building to arrive on Thursday 20 December. There are some trees and bushes that will be removed also; but we have received a \$500 Grant for two new mature trees which will be planted in the new year. Many students were worried about the fate of their beautiful 'mop top' tree and after some research into whether it can be done, we have decided at School Council to transplant this tree to another location to the left of the GaGa Pit...student voice at its best!

Year 6 Graduation

Next week we farewell our class of 2018. The Graduation Ceremony is on Wednesday 19 December at Rosedale Golf Club and I'm looking forward to a great night. Mr Whitla will be back to share the evening with us too! The Year 6s will also sing their Graduation Song at the final assembly on Thursday from 12.45pm.

Student Leaders 2019

This week Jaime Rohan, Noah, Caity, Mia, Jackson and myself had the pleasure of interviewing the shortlisted applicants for student leader positions in 2019. Students from Years 4 and 5 were asked to pick one question to answer out of 4 provided. They all did an amazing job and I am so proud of the articulate and mature students we have here at EPS!

I remember back to when I was in Year 6; and so desperately wanting to be the Blue House Captain—especially as my older brother held that position two years before me. Sadly, I missed out and at the time; I was devastated! When I look back now, and the leadership opportunities I've had in secondary school, sport, local community and my career, missing out then added to the drive to pursue other leadership positions later in life. I also realise that you don't need a badge to lead!

Wednesday next week, James and I will sit down with all shortlisted applicants to announce who the successful and unsuccessful students are. At our final assembly from 12.45pm on Thursday, we will formally announce our School Leaders for 2019.

Last Day

Thursday 20 December is the students' last day of school for 2019. Following the assembly at 12.45pm, students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Friday 21 December will be a Curriculum Day for teachers where planning will continue for 2019 to ensure all students have a great start to the school year.

Thank you to all families and students for their support while I've been sitting in the 'big chair.' Don't worry James, I didn't get too comfortable! We welcome back James from his Acting Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) position on Wednesday.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and I can't wait to get stuck in again to the great work we do here at EPS in 2019. See you all on Thursday 31 January 2019

Andrew Schneider
Acting Principal

CANTEEN NEWS—Mrs Diane Cameron

Congratulations to Jane and Tarsha for setting a new Sipahh record of 46 in one day.

Farewell to Renee and Claire. Many thanks for all your help in the Canteen whilst here at Edithvale Primary School.

Next week is the last week of term, and there will be **WINDOW SALES ONLY** on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (no Canteen on Tuesday due to Class parties)

The Canteen will re-open on **Monday 4 February 2019**

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

2018 has been an exciting year at Edithvale Primary School and it's hard to believe there is only one week left. Our School Council has been very busy this year with several successful fundraising events which has enabled us to make improvements around the school. We are very fortunate to have such a great school community that is always eager to help with our fundraising activities. Highlights from this year include:

- In August, we held our second annual community sausage sizzle at **Tasman Butchers** in Moorabbin. This BBQ raised funds towards improving the technologies at assemblies. This was a result of a **Year 6 Project Based Inquiry** where students had to present ideas of how to improve some aspect of the school. Over Term 3 and Term 4, through additional fundraising, we raised enough funds to purchase a large screen TV for assemblies, new microphones, and blinds in the learning centre.
- In October we hosted a **Trivia Night**, which gave all the parents a well deserved night out. We raised over \$2,200 towards a 3D Printer Bundle for the school.
- In the same month, we also had our annual **Bunnings BBQ** in Keysborough, raising \$1,700 on the day, breaking our previous record of \$1,600.
- Last month we received a generous donation from **Living Chiropractic** in Aspendale Gardens as they selected EPS to sponsor on their 19th Annual Open Day.
- We hosted a very successful **Election BBQ** on 24 November, raising \$2,400 which (combined with the Trivia Night funds) was enough to complete the purchase of the 3D Printer Bundle. This has been ordered and we are expecting delivery soon!
- In November, we had our annual **Fun Run**. This event raised just over \$5,800 for the school, which has been allocated to upgrading some of our ICT/digital technology.
- And this term we have started our **weekly classroom donations** for next year's School Fair on 22 March 2019.

Thank you to everyone involved with the above fundraising events. Thank you to all our sponsors as well; such amazing generosity from our local businesses.

Our **Buildings & Grounds** sub-committee has organised several projects which will be completed over the summer in preparation for next year. The site for the **new relocatable** is already being prepared, with the demolition of the shed near the Haig Avenue gate. In January our **new play equipment** will be installed near the GaGa Pit, and our **bike shed** will be installed.

It will be an exciting first term in 2019 with the **EPS Twilight Fair on Friday 22 March 2019**. Be sure to add this date to your calendar. If you are interested in helping with the Fair please contact us at EdithvalePrimaryFair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the School Council, thank you for making this an exciting year for Edithvale Primary School. To our Year 6 Grads we wish you all the best in your next step in your education. No doubt you will amaze us all with your future endeavours.

Happy Holidays! Enjoy the summer break and we'll see you next year.

Term 4: Important Dates	
December 18	Class Parties
December 19	Year 6 Big Day Out & Graduation
December 20	Last Day—Dismissal 1.30pm
December 21	Student Free Day
2019	
January 29	Curriculum Day — students not required at school
January 30	Curriculum Day — students not required at school
January 31	Students return to school
February 4	Canteen re-opens