



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Working Together, Aspiring Higher, Connecting with our Community & Doing

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

Twilight Fair

What a fantastic Twilight Fair we had last week. It was a truly special event and the contributions from our passionate and driven Fair Committee, combined with the hard work of our students and volunteers, helped make this an event to remember and one that we can all be very proud of. The set up on the day ran smoothly and there were still a number of volunteers assisting with the packing up well into the wee hours of the morning.

On behalf of our great school, I'd like to acknowledge and thank everyone who gave up their time and energy to create an event that our students loved 😊

The latest figure we have is that our profit was a tick over \$20,000 which is an amazing effort. This money will be reinvested back in to our students this year and help us to continue to upgrade our facilities in classrooms and in the yard to create the best environment possible and be the envy of other schools.

Attitudes to School Survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

We are planning on administering this survey in the week beginning Monday 27 May.

Student Free days

Our next **Student Free Day** for the whole school is early in Term 2 - **Friday 26 April**. On this day our staff will join with teachers from a number of our Network schools to hear from Professor Peter Sullivan on how we can regularly incorporate challenging maths tasks into our weekly lessons. This leaves us with 1 remaining student free day for the year.

Professional Learning Communities - Our School is embarking upon this initiative in 2019

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are an approach to school improvement where groups of teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve student outcomes. PLC schools start from a simple idea: students learn more when their teachers work together. Building a PLC is a proven way for schools to increase student learning by creating a culture that is:

- focused on continuous improvement by linking the learning needs of students with the professional learning and practice of teachers
- committed to professionalism
- Fueled by collaborative expertise.

Child Safe Standards

Our School Council has ratified our Child Safety Code of Conduct policy and a copy is available for viewing on our website. The policy describes the values and principles that will guide the school in developing procedures to create and maintain a child safe school environment, and protect children from child abuse.



Our **Annual Report** to the school community was tabled at our School Council AGM this week. The report reflects the great progress that we continue to make as a school and a copy of the report can be found on our website.

As this is the final newsletter prior to the April holidays, I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe holiday break and I'll look forward to seeing everyone back on deck on Tuesday 23 April.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

Earlier this week, the School Council met for our AGM, to review the **2018 Annual Report**. This document is submitted to the Department of Education and Training (DET) and summarises our successes and challenges this past year. It also compares our school's performance to other schools in the State. Overall EPS did very well. The document is available on our school website if you are interested in learning more.

Tuesday was the first meeting with our new School Council. We welcomed new and returning members who were elected by the school community: Bree Ryan, Lisa Carter, Kate Middleton, Hayden Callahan, and Jaime Rohan. We also held the election of office bearers on Tuesday, with the results included below.

The following is a complete list of the EPS School Council for 2019:

DET MEMBERS

James Whitla—Principal
Jaime Rohan—Assistant Principal
Jacqui Miller—Minute Secretary
Hayden Callahan

PARENT MEMBERS

Steve Smith—President
Breeana Ryan—Vice President
Jodi Vuat—Correspondence Secretary
Lisa Carter
Mark Eddey
Kerrie Jowett
Kate Middleton
Michael Smiths

We have formed the following sub-committees this year - Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Fundraising, Education & Policy, and Canteen. These smaller teams meet regularly to plan and provide recommendations to the School Council.

Each year we invite members of our school community to become involved with the Fundraising or Buildings & Grounds sub-committees. If you are interested in either team, please see one of the School Council members or contact me at smith.stephen.g@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Happy Easter and we wish everyone a safe school break.

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 May.

Term 1: Important Dates	
April 4	Foundation Grandparents and Special Friends Afternoon
April 5	Last day of Term 1. 2.30pm dismissal
Term 2: Important Dates	
April 22	Easter Monday. NO SCHOOL
April 23	Term 2 starts
April 25	ANZAC Day – NO SCHOOL
April 26	Curriculum Day – students not required at school
May 6–8	Year 5/6 Camp
May 10	Year 3–6 Cross Country Trials
May 14	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN starts

REMINDER:
SUSHI DAY
Tuesday 30 April
Orders due by Thursday 26 April.
Pay by QKR or see Diane in the canteen.
NO other lunch orders on this day

CANTEEN ROSTER							
Mon 1	Tue 2	Thu 4	Fri 5	Mon 22	Tues 23	Thurs 25	Fri 26
Sally James	Jo Mills	Svetlana DeSousa	Fleur Eddey	EASTER MONDAY		ANZAC DAY	STUDENT FREE DAY

TWILIGHT FAIR WRAP UP

Thank you to our school community for making our Twilight Fair an amazing success! And thank you for coming out to support our great school!

Many thanks to all our sponsors, vendors, entertainers and local clubs. A shout out to the Beach Chicken Band for rocking the Twilight Fair stage.

A big thank you to our volunteers who donated their time to help out at the Twilight Fair. A special shout out to the Year 5/6 students who so eagerly volunteered for shifts on the stalls. Not just on the stalls at the event, but during the day with the setup as well. Also a shout out to the Year 4 students as well for their help on the day! Well done.



Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and guardians for all the generous donations, plants, baking, and time on the day and leading up to the event. Edithvale Primary School has such a great school community supporting it; which was evident from the attendance last Friday and all the happy faces (on both children and adults).

Thank you to the EPS teachers and staff for their commitment to making this Twilight Fair a success. Thanks to those brave enough to go for a dunk in the dunk tank as well. The kids loved it! We hope you had a wonderful time.

And finally, we are very happy to announce that just over \$20,000 was raised for our school! We have some great ideas where these funds will be used. Watch this space, more information will be provided next term.

Sincerely, the EPS Fair Committee

Bree Ryan, Kerrie Jowett, Mark Eddey, Jodi Vuat, Alison Read, Sally Lucas, Laura Moore, Lynda Lyons, James Whitla, and Steve Smith.

Fun Fair Facts:

- 730 raffle tickets sold
- 472 litres was the amount of water we drank from the Hydration Station
- 425 potato sticks sold by Twisted Potato
- 370 lucky jars (sold out)
- 306 ride wristbands sold
- 210 bottles of wine at the Win-a-wine stall (sold out)
- 100+ donations/sponsors for the event (thanks again!)
- 90+ items in the Silent Auction
- 58 was the number of times the ATMs were used at the event
- 29 degrees was the temperature on the afternoon of the Twilight Fair
- 3 Raffle prizes won
- 1 State Member of Parliament in the dunk tank (Thanks again Tim Richardson)
- 1 assistance dog (in training) which had some impromptu training entering/exiting the community ambulance on the night ☺ (Thanks Mark Eddey)



Twilight Fair Raffle Winners:

- 1st Prize (Vuly Trampoline): Lauren Wilson
- 2nd Prize (Sports Hamper): Christian Thomas
- 3rd Prize (1kg chocolate block): Eva De Win



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL—CALENDAR—TERM 2, 2019

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