



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 2

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

Welcome to Term 2.

It seems a long time ago that Madame Snow and I were in New Caledonia on our first ever French Study Tour with 8 wonderful students, engaging in conversations and exploring the culture of the sights and sounds of Noumea. It was a terrific experience and terrific to see how our students thrived in the environment. We will be looking to repeat this opportunity again in 2021 and make this unique tour a regular on our school calendar.

Whilst at the airport awaiting departure I received an email from the department detailing new school zones:

See our school zone online

The Department has released a new website that helps parents identify their local public school online.

www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au launched on 24 April and shows every school zone across the state. The new website highlights the choice of public schools available to the Victorian community.

If your child is preparing to enter Year 7 and you want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area, or you know someone who is interested in enrolling at our school, try www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au today

ALL schools now have a zone and ours has been updated to reflect current enrolment patterns and future demands

For our school to effectively manage enrolments and plan for the future, we need to understand:

- School zones across the state have been reviewed against the capacity of each school, local demand, projected enrolment numbers and new schools opening.
- Schools are being provided their current built capacity number to ensure no surprises in the future. Currently Edithvale's 'built capacity' lies at 450 students (current enrolment 404)
- Access to our school for families living within our school zone will not change. Children who live in our school zone are guaranteed enrolment in our school if their parents request it.
- No student currently enrolled in a school will be required to change schools.
- The capacity figures provided to schools are based on Departmental data and are intended to clarify how many students the school can accommodate in their current buildings.
- The *Education and Training Reform Act* ensures students have enrolment access to their designated neighbourhood school and the freedom to choose other schools subject to capacity.
- The Placement Policy, <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/participation/Pages/placement.aspx> which guides schools in the priority order of enrolment when their enrolments are approaching capacity, is not changing.

The Department is currently working with us to give us clarity on our school zone. Information can also be located on our school's website <http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au/enrolment/eps-school-zone> where a map of our designated zone is also included.



WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

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' (Years 4-6) perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period **Monday 27 May - Friday 7 June**. The survey only takes up to 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

With **NAPLAN 2019** - Years 3 and 5 - almost upon us, I am reminded of a tweet I read from Todd Sampson - award-winning documentary-maker and television presenter: "For all those receiving their HSC scores today it's worth noting - I've hired 100s of successful people as a CEO & not **once** have I asked for their HSC score or even their uni marks. But I did ask all of them 'what have you done in your life that has made a difference to others?'" An important reminder I think as students participate in the NAPLAN assessments this year.

NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The tests will be conducted online this year between 14 and 24 May .

For more information about NAPLAN Online, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

CAPITAL WORKS - French Avenue Drainage Works

Capital Works in streets adjacent to our school will continue over the next few months with drainage down French Avenue to start shortly. There will be limited access to school off French Avenue while these works continue and when we receive information from the Kingston Council regarding proposed starting dates and completion times, we will forward this information to our school community.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mr Steve Smith

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable school break.

EPS School Council has been busy over the past month organising the upcoming Mothers' Day events. This includes a **Mothers' Day Stall** on the morning of **Thursday 9 May** and a **Mothers' Day Breakfast** on the morning of **Friday 10 May**. Mothers' Day Stall vouchers for your children to use at the stall can be purchased for \$8 each on QKR, or at the school office, until end of day today (Friday 3 May).

Please note that this is not a fundraiser. We are asking for helpers on the day of the stall. If you are able to assist, please return the 'Stall Helpers Reply Slip' on the Mothers' Day Stall notice that went home earlier this week.

Our Buildings and Grounds sub-committee has started planning a small **Working Bee** for later this month. More information will be provided once a date has been determined. We are requesting assistance with the completion of the Bike Shed; installing plinth boards, as well as levelling and raking out crushed rock and Lilydale toppings. Then installing the bike racks.

Our Fundraising sub-committee is currently preparing for the upcoming **Election Day BBQ** to be held at our school on **Saturday 18 May**. If you are available to help out on the day please sign up using our online roster at the link below:

<https://volunteersignup.org/K9LJ8>

Next week, our new School Councillors will attend a training session at Beaumaris Primary School with Councillors from other local schools. This training provides Councillors with the necessary tools and information needed to carry out our roles in the most appropriate and effective manner. The training covers the Department of Education and Training guidelines that we operate under. And it will provide an opportunity to learn from other local schools as to how their schools operate.

Our next School Council meeting is Tuesday 14 May.

Bonjour from New Caledonia! Madame Snow

Bonjour! Over the holidays, some of our students were lucky enough to go to New Caledonia; and all had a wonderful time. It was a good experience for all, as most everyone speaks French in New Caledonia.

Some favourite highlights from the students were: learning facts about New Caledonia at the Cultural Centre, seeing animals at the Aquarium, a tour on the glass bottomed boat, having lunch at the revolving restaurant, using their French skills at a market to buy supplies for dinner, snorkelling at Amedee Island with the turtles and meeting Marion our former French Assistant from 2015.

Here are a few photos of our wonderful trip



News from Team Kids

Team Kids Before and After School Care has welcomed in term two with a bang! We are full steam ahead with our 'Team Kids Clubs' after putting the vote to the children to determine the most popular clubs. The results are in and the most popular clubs were Junior Chefs, STEM Club and Art Attack Club. On top of these weekly clubs, we will still be offering epic sports each day to ensure all the children get plenty of fresh air and exercise (weather permitting). Our aim this term is to grow our clubs bigger and better and cater to all of our children's interests and abilities. We have also been getting all the children to complete a questionnaire called 'all about me' which helps us here at Team Kids to get to know our children better. We look forward to a fun filled term two here at Team Kids Edithvale!

On a personal note, with the colder months heading our way I would like to ask if any families have unwanted blankets, sheets, doonas or towels, to drop these items off at the hall and I will personally deliver them to one of the many animal rescue/welfare organisations that I support. All items are gratefully received!

Please feel free to drop in anytime if you have any questions about our Before and After School or Holiday Programs.

Nat (Director of Service - Edithvale Team Kids).

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING! THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING! 3-6 JUNE 2019

Term 2: Important Dates		
May 6–8	Year 5/6 Camp	
May 10	Year 3–6 Cross Country Trials	
May 14	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN starts	
May 14	School Council Meeting	
May 21	Year 2 Dandenong Market Excursion	
May 22	Year 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion	
May 22	Foundation 2020 Open Learning Morning	
May 24	Year 6 BOSCH Excursion	
May 28	Sushi Day	
May 31	District Cross Country	

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 6	Tue 7	Thu 9	Fri 10	Mon 13	Tues 14	Thurs 16	Fri 17
Kate Gibbon	Kath Overton	Katie Schneider	Sasha Dent Tiffanie Labib	Lynda Lyons	Melissa Heath	Erin Cogar Mel Foster	Tarsh Warren