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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Term 2—Week 4

7 May 2015

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mrs Denise Webster

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN 2015 Mr James Whitla

This week School Council President, Martin Taylor, James Whitla and I met with our local Kingston Councillors, Ms Tamsin Bearsley and Mr David Evans about the traffic problem in French Avenue at school pickup and drop off times. I have also had contact with our local State member, Mr Tim Richardson about the situation and they are all working on our behalf to see if some measures can be put in place that will improve the safety of our students in this area.

In 2015, Special Religious Instruction (SRI) will be offered to students in Years 2 and 3, who have returned their consent forms, and is provided by an accredited SRI instructor. Mrs Lynn Peters has undertaken training through an accredited provider (ACCESS Ministries) which includes how to fulfil her role in Government schools, focusing on the code of conduct that instructors are required to sign up to prior to receiving accreditation.

Next week Naplan testing will be conducted over three days. Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in tests such as Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar), Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Each student will receive a report later in term 3. At the school level we receive a range of reports which allow us to identify areas of improvement and as a result set goals for future learning.

This year we only have the resources to comply with our legal requirements and ensure that our Duty of Care obligations are met, to students in Years 2 and 3. Students in those levels who DO NOT attend Special Religious Instruction will continue to be adequately supervised by a teacher and engaged in educationally valuable activities at the time that SRI is being provided to the students who have opted-in to the program. Classes will begin next week.

In Education Week - 18–22 May there will be a number of activities planned for our current students and for those who are looking to enrol at EPS. Please mark on your calendar the afternoon of Wednesday 20 May when our school will be **'Open' to all visitors to come and see the wonderful learning that is happening in all classes at Edithvale Primary School.** More details will be sent out next week.

CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to the wonderful Mums who **coordinated this year's Mother's Day stall**—as always the children were very excited as they selected that special gift for their special Mum. We wish everyone a very happy day on Sunday.



Last week we held our cross country trials for our Year 3–6 students to enable us to select a team to represent Edithvale Primary at the District Cross Country event on 22 May. Our students ran very determinedly and received great support from their peers and an enthusiastic gathering of parents. Four of the 6 races were completed and we are aiming to complete the remaining events next week. Those who make the team will be notified as soon as we have finished all of the events.



QKR ('quicker')

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

Thank you to all of those who are using QKR. The numbers have improved dramatically of late, however we still need to improve the uptake of this system, to make it more feasible for the School. The more people using it, the less we are paying in bank fees, which is important so that we can spend our funds on your children rather than spending it on these fees. Look out for a competition coming soon, where entry will be via Qkr only.

A few people have asked me whether you can use a Debit Card rather than a Credit Card on Qkr. The answer is yes, however the card must have the Mastercard or Visa symbol on it; and therefore have a CVC or CVV number on the back. Qkr will ask for this security number. *A card that is purely a Debit Card, will not work.*

If you need to delete a card, or make any changes to your account, go to the start screen and swipe to the right. Click on settings and then **'manage payment cards'** for instance.

Please download QKR from the App Store on your Smartphone and start using it next time you have a School charge, or need to order from the canteen.

A couple of points to remember are:-

- **Please ensure that you update your child's** year level and class at the start of each year, otherwise their lunches may go to the wrong class or payments may be hard to track.
- Be careful that you select the correct day when ordering from the canteen. If it is after 8.30 am, you will not be able to order on that day. It is quite easy to select the wrong date **or wrong week, so be careful, we don't want your child upset because we don't have a lunch order for them.**
- All receipts stay on your phone [if **you can't find them, pop in and see me and I will help you locate them**]. Remember, you can always email us or ring the office to ask for a copy of your statement.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM TWO

Mon 11	Tue 12	Thu 14	Fri 15
Anna Ericsson		Lara Sinclair	Bernadette Lydster
Mon 18	Tue 19	Thu 21	Fri 22
	Claire Stewart	Jane Donaldson	Nicole Butcher

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Mr James Whitla

Over the past few days the School Council's Buildings and Grounds Committee have been busy working on our school environment. We have identified and removed a couple of trees, spread some soft fall mulch around playground areas and had some weeding and gardening completed. Over the coming weeks we will be having some line marking done for safety reasons as well as to enhance the Bike Ed program we run for some year levels in Term 4. We are looking to run a Twilight Working Bee later this month, so please **keep an eye out as we'd love to have all hands on deck** to continue to beautify our school grounds

EMERGENCY DRILL

In the coming weeks, we will be conducting an EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL for every class in our school. Emergency procedure drills will continue to be held randomly throughout the year and this practice is designed to support our students to become accustomed to moving in a safe, calm and orderly fashion to designated safety points throughout the school.

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 OFF SITE EVACUATION DRILL that we will conduct in Term 3.

All parents on the school premises at the time of the lock down will be asked to join in this emergency procedure too, which will only take 5–10 minutes.

CANTEEN NEWS

Mrs Diane Cameron

Sushi Day last week was a great success with over 150 students and staff putting in orders. Our Qkr orders were much higher than the manual orders. Many thanks to Monique for her help on the day.

Qkr lunch orders are increasing each week. Remember a paper lunch bag is included in the price. Please make sure orders are completed before 8.30 am on the day of order. Also please check your receipt at the end of the process that the order has been done for the correct day.

A New Canteen Menu was given out at the start of the term. Please check prices on menu as many have changed since last year. Many thanks to my parent helpers over the last fortnight. Welcome to Leah Wheatley and Nicky Hay to the Canteen helpers list.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY—FOUNDATION



As part of our Inquiry unit, 'Living in a Community' we have been lucky enough to have several guest speakers come and visit the Foundation classrooms. Amongst our families we have a nurse, vet, paramedic and a firefighter and they have been kind enough to speak to us about their jobs and teach us how they help the community.



Through these visits, the Foundation students have developed their **questioning skills by using stems such as 'How', 'What', 'Why' and 'When'**. Our next activity will be choosing a community helper and designing a scene to film a short movie about their role.



REPTILE ENCOUNTERS—YEAR 1

Wow, look what we learnt on Tuesday. We got to hold one insect each. I got to hold the scorpion and it glowed in the dark. I loved the hermit crab because I loved watching it crawling around. It was awesome. By Riley 1A

Wow, we had a great time on Tuesday. I liked holding the red back spider. I learnt that red back spiders are venomous. My favourite part was when the hermit crab was walking around. By Hamish 1A

Reptile Encounters Wow I had an awesome Tuesday. I saw a cockroach that digs under the ground. I saw a cool scorpion that glowed in the dark, it was cool. I saw a hermit crab and I held it. It was awesome. The shell was smooth. I saw a redback spider and a tarantula. I was not scared of them. It was the best day. I saw a slimy frog on Skye's head. **Mrs Rolls did not like the cockroach. It was the best day ever!** By Milla 1B

Reptile Encounters

Wow what a Tuesday I had. A girl called Kara came to our school. Kara showed us lots of mini-beasts and I got to hold a redback spider in a see-through box. Some people got frogs on their heads. There was a huge cockroach, it was smooth and hard. Everyone got to feel its slimy legs. We all saw a stick insect. It acted like a dead leaf. It even rocked like the wind. We also got to see a hermit crab, it was very funny. We got to see a soldier bull-ant. By Frankie 1B



ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE Kerry Mitvalsky

St John Ambulance visited our school on 29 April to deliver free First Aid in schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters lead students from Foundation to Year 6 through tailored sessions on the importance of first aid and what to do in the event of an emergency.



Our junior students learnt about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learnt about delivering CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.



Some students were given a special piece of homework for their parents to complete. **We encourage you to "do your homework" and go online with St John to see how much you know about first aid.**

ARE YOU FIRST AID READY?

More information about the St John First Aid in Schools Program can be found at www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools



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Sandie Wishart
Business Manager



When a Ritchies' Community Benefit Card is scanned at the checkout at one of their supermarkets or liquor stores, a donation of 0.5% of the total spend is allocated to the charity chosen by the customer.

Our school receives regular donations from the Program - for example, in March 2015 - we received \$112.82. Over the years, we have received a total of \$53,617.67.

If you have an existing card with a previous club, school or charity as your preferred recipient; and you would like to change it to Edithvale Primary School, please drop in and see me and I will give you a new card.

If you don't have a Community Benefits Card, and you shop at Ritchies, please come and collect a card and get things rolling, it's an easy way to support your school.

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Members: \$28.00 per child; \$52.00 per family (non-members \$35.00 per child);
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Cost (per session) payable upon booking:
Members: \$32.00 per child; \$60.00 per family (non-Members \$40.00 per child).

You can make a permanent booking for the term (full term fee payable to secure your place), or casual bookings can be made by contacting the office.

Bookings Essential! 9587 5955.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Hip Hop Dance Class (8-10 year olds)

We are seeking Expressions of Interest to participate in a Hip Hop Dance Class on Friday afternoons from 5pm to 6.30pm at our Centre. If you think this is something your child may be interested in, please complete your details below and hand in at our Office.

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As part of our International Student Program we are responsible for sourcing quality homestay providers for our international students.

This is a great opportunity to provide a culturally enriching experience. Homestay hosts are required to provide full board and care. Remuneration will be available from \$280 per week (non-taxable).

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School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their Youthsaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It's a fantastic result that's seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items

To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we've released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.



Invisible Ink Martian Pen

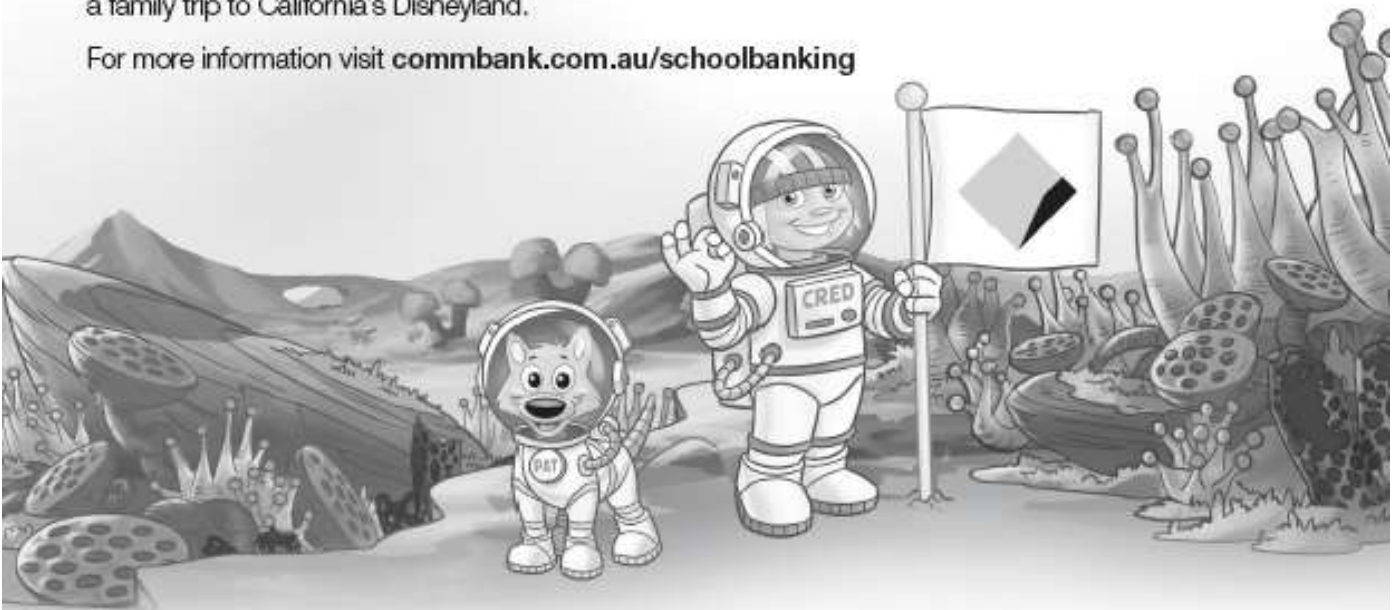


Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 nights' family trip to California's Disneyland

Don't forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California's Disneyland.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things to know before you Care: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 27/11/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 15/12/15. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in Commbank's School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEST on 12/1/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California's Disneyland valued at \$22,345. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 25/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. NSW Permit No LTP5/14/09857; ACT Permit No TP14/04345; VIC Permit No 14/5966; SA Permit No T14/2327.



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL—CALENDAR—TERM 2, 2015

	Week 1 13—17 April	Week 2 20-24 April	Week 3 27April-1 May	Week 4 4-8 May	Week 5 11-15 May	Week 6 18-22 May	Week 7 25-29 May	Week 8 1-5 June	Week 9 8-12 June	Week 10 15-19 June	Week 11 22-26 June
MONDAY						Education Week		Family Life Session Yrs 5&6 and Parent/Guardian	Queen's Birthday Holiday		
TUESDAY			X-Country Trials	SEDA Basketball Clinic	NAPLAN						SEDA AFL Clinic
WEDNESDAY	Digger for a Day Year 6's		St John's First Aid In Schools Program Foundation—6		NAPLAN	2016 Foundation Tour & Information Session 9.15-10.45am 'Open Afternoon'			Foundation - Zoo Excursion		
THURSDAY	Junior Mayor				NAPLAN			Author Visit Years F-6			
FRIDAY	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Curriculum Day NO Students required at school	SEDA AFL Clinic Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Assembly 3pm	Last Day of Term Finish 2.30pm Assembly 2pm
WEEKEND		ANZAC DAY								<i>Fundraising Bunnings BBQ</i>	