



# EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 3—Week 6

17 November 2017

*Working Together, Aspiring Higher, Connecting with our Community & Doing the Right Thing*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—MR JAMES WHITLA

Our school and it's people are special. Thank you for helping us to create a great environment.

**3 Foundation Classes:** It was fantastic to reveal that we will be having three very small Foundation classes in 2018 (currently classes of 17) at our information evening last Monday. It is an exciting time for us at Edithvale Primary school as we seem to be welcoming new families into our community every 1 or 2 weeks.

**Re-locatable Classrooms:** Another piece of exciting news is that we will be receiving a brand new 'Mod 5' re-locatable classroom early next month. This new structure will house 2 classes of students and comes fully renovated with heating, air conditioning, new carpet and has been freshly painted. This should arrive on site in week 9 or 10 of this term, and will hopefully be ready for our students' transition week. An added bonus of having this structure is that it will initially free up some space to allow the instrumental music and French programs to have their own work spaces in 2018.

This is a \$600K investment from the Department of Education and Training and we are rapt that they are keen to support our school and the environment we are providing to our students and families.

**Student Absences:** In a moment of quiet reflection I started crunching the numbers of our student absences over the last few years. They made for some interesting reading too. Our average number of days absent for each student at Edithvale is 14 per year (almost identical to the State average). This means that our students, on average, over their 7 years at primary school would miss close to 100 days of school. This equates to 2 terms of learning! If this trend continued throughout their secondary school years they would miss another semester's learning and bring the total to one whole year of absence between Foundation and Year 12!

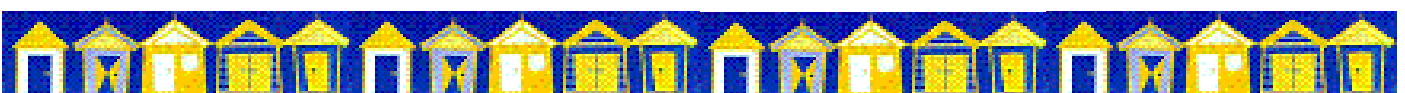
There is a strong correlation between absenteeism and performance and we encourage and urge all families to attend school as often and as regularly as possible.

**Student Safety:** We have taken a number of phone calls recently from concerned families in our community regarding parents and students crossing Edithvale Rd in seemingly unsafe places. We are fortunate to have our crossing guard - Norm - to help our families when crossing the Road at the lights and it is important that we all model safe behaviours to avoid any tragic accidents (like the one that was the catalyst for installing the lights in the first place) in the future. Thank you in advance for considering this.

**Living Chiropractic Open Day:** A huge thanks to the team at Living Chiropractic who held their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Day last week and for raising upwards of \$2,000 for our great school. It was a great day with jumping castles, an animal farm, sausage sizzle and free spinal assessments! We are fortunate to have so many thoughtful and supportive people in our broader community and it was wonderful to see our school staff, councilors, parents and students attending this event.

**Fun Run:** Thank you to all who attended our annual Fun Run last week. We are so grateful for the support our community continues to provide the school. It was another great event that has raised vital funds towards our digital technology resources. We will let you know the amount raised when all funds are received.

**Save the Date:** An amazing opportunity awaits our community on 21 March next year when **Hugh van Cuylenburg** from the Resilience Project will share his story and thoughts on the value and importance of Resilience. This forms a key component of our work next year as part of student health and wellbeing and his presentation will certainly help link you in to the Resilience workbooks referred to in our 2018 Booklists. You may wish to take a look at <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/> to find out more.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

Last Sunday, 12 November, **Living Chiropractic** hosted their annual Open Day. It was well attended by our school community and even our local MP, Tim Richardson, came out to enjoy the day. Our school benefited from this event as they generously donated all the proceeds - approximately \$2000 - to EPS. A big thank you to **Living Chiropractic** from all of us, for their continued support of our school. Thanks also to those that contributed baked items to the cake stall.

Last week's **Fun Run** lived up to its name. Thank you to all the parents and carers that came to cheer on the students and help out on the day. Please remember that the forms and funds raised are due in today.

There is a **Working Bee** this afternoon, **Friday 17 November from 3:30 - 6pm**. We hope to see you there! This Working Bee will focus on the front of the school along Edithvale Road and we will be planting, spreading mulch, painting, and continuing the brick edging along the path.

The **2018 Parent Payments Information and Booklists** were sent out this week. Please note that there are some important changes this year regarding Voluntary Financial Contributions (VFC). The Voluntary Financial Contributions are very important to EPS as they are used to provide educational services and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort. In 2017, the VFC funds were used to:

- ◆ Support our ICT infrastructure (iPads and netbooks)
- ◆ Supplement classroom programs (Art, French, and Phys Ed)
- ◆ Help improve the school buildings and grounds (soft fall mulch, painting, and new play equipment)
- ◆ Provide supplies needed to attend immediate first aid needs, staff first aid training & head lice inspections.

Know anyone wishing for an **EPS branded KeepCup** for Christmas? Good news, EPS KeepCups can be purchased on QKR for \$12 for the standard plastic version, and \$20 for the glass version. KeepCups are reusable coffee cups - a perfect stocking stuffer or gift for those



coffee drinkers in your family. They are also the gift that keeps on giving; our Friday morning coffee van and our local cafes will offer discounts when you bring in a reusable coffee cup.

At our School Council meeting earlier this week we reviewed drafts of the *School Strategic Plan* and the *2018 Annual Implementation Plan*. The *School Strategic Plan* is a document that outlines the new goals defined during the peer review we completed earlier this year, and covers the next four years. The *Annual Implementation Plan* is a more focussed set of goals for the coming year which are aligned to those in the *School Strategic Plan*. The documents will be finalised for our December meeting. Both documents will be available to the public on the school website shortly thereafter.

Our next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 12 December.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please remember to let the office know if you have ANY change of details including change of address, telephone number or even emergency contacts. If you are unsure whether you have notified us, just call the office on 9772 1393 and we will check your details.

### HEAD LICE

With the emergence of the warmer weather we are asking all parents/guardians to check their child's hair for head lice. For further information, please go to the Better Health Channel at <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/>

### 2018 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are being accepted for children starting at our school in 2018. If you are new to our school, or our community, please contact the office on 9772 1393 to book a tour.

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MORE SLEEPS  
UNTIL SANTA  
ARRIVES!



## CANTEEN

### Mrs Diane Cameron

Another busy 2 weeks have passed and certain menu items have been taken off the menu as stocks have run out. They will be back in 2018.

Out of stock items:

- ♦ Fried Rice
- ♦ Ham & Pineapple Pizza
- ♦ Steamed Dim Sims

All icy poles and ice creams sold at the canteen are \$1.00. As the canteen has only limited freezer space and deliveries are one day a week, we sometimes run out before our next delivery.

Thanks to Sarah for helping out last Friday and to Katie for swapping her day. Also thank you to all parent helpers over the last fortnight.

CANTEEN ROSTER			
Mon 20	Tue 21	Thu 23	Fri 24
Sarah Van Gils	Elisha Singh	Holly Smith	Renee Jean Alice McCarthy
Mon 27	Tue 28	Thu 30	Fri 1
	Claire Stewart	Tarsha Warren	Dana Page Melinda Price

## YEAR 6 TOPS - 2018

### Sandie Wishart Business Manager

This year we have chosen a **Bomber Jacket** for our **2018 Year 6 Students** and the order forms are being sent home with the students today.

Students have tried on sample sizes, but I am concerned that so many of them have ordered 16s & 18s, which I think will be too large; the majority of our orders are usually 12, 14 & 16.

Please **check** your child's order form, and confirm the size they have chosen, and **alter** it if required. Chest measurements are included on the order form and from **Tuesday to Thursday** next week, I will have a full set of sample garments available at the office if you would like to come in with your child to try them for size.

Once printed, the jackets cannot be returned, so you need to make sure you are ordering the correct size.

Orders need to be back to me by **Friday 24 November**.

## FRENCH POETRY COMPETITION

### Jordan Shenouda

Bonjour tout le monde,

On Wednesday 15 November, Madame Snow, my family and I went to the Berthe Mouchette Competition awards night at the St Kilda Town Hall.

The awards night was **OUTSTANDING!** The room was filled with talented & inspiring young people & students from Year 3 all the way to Year 12. I was amazed at how fluently the students recited their poems & put on a performance. One of the winners Pravan Srivatsan from Balwyn High School won three awards. The most impressive award that he received was the Prix AFX Student exchange where you get to stay in France for 6 weeks and experience what it's like to live in France as a young person. He really inspired me to keep doing the Berthe Mouchette Competition as he showed me that if you work hard it will pay off in the end.

I've been doing the Berthe Mouchette Competition since Year 3 & made it through to the finals in Year 4,5 & 6. This year I was lucky enough to be a state winner & place 2<sup>nd</sup> in the whole state out of around 800 year 6 students from all over Victoria. For my award I received a certificate & two French storybooks.

On behalf of myself and the students who participated in the Berthe Mouchette Competition, I would like to thank Madame Snow for all her hard work in helping us recite and practise our poems & for allowing us to take part in this wonderful competition.

Merci



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The year continues and along with it our exceptional extra- curricular activities program here at EPS. Thank you to all the staff, parents and friends of our school community who have volunteered to run an activity. The students have absolutely enjoyed trying out new things, developing skills and having fun during the extra- curricular activities program last term. Here is a short description of each activity with a timetable below:

#### TERM 4      *EPS Extracurricular Activities*

##### Art

Let loose with your creativity and artistic skills, come and have a go at making something spectacular in the art room.

##### Just Dance/Sing Along club

Come along and request a song to "just dance" or test your singing skills and sing along, and have lots of fun!

##### Backgammon

Come along and try your luck at one of the oldest board games! The best part is, you play with a friend.

##### Gardening Club

Have a green thumb? Or do you simply want to help keep our beautiful gardens clean and pristine? Come and learn some useful tricks to keep a garden fresh and healthy.

##### Cheerleading

**Here's a great way to get fit and have lots of endless fun. Come and join Mrs Evans and her amazing cheer team.**

##### Lego Club

**Do you like being creative with Lego? Here's your chance to show Miss Rowan how clever you are. Come along and join in the fun.**

##### Box Club

**Boxes boxes everywhere...I wonder what that means?!**

##### SRC

The Student Representative Council meets once every fortnight to discuss events and activities for the whole school. We are currently preparing fun activities and fundraisers for this term

##### Jewellery Making

Why not put your imagination to work and try out jewellery making using beads? If this sounds like something you would like to do, then here is your chance!

##### Christmas craft

What a great way to end the year, Christmas craft! YES PLEASE

##### Paper Mache Pinatas

WOW now this sound different! Paper Mache Piñata fun!

##### Missing Mapathon

Come along and see what this exciting activity is all about!

##### Computer Club

Computer fun with Miss Miller!

#### *TERM 3 EPS Extracurricular Activities Timetable*

<u>DAY</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extra- curricular Activity</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>With</u>
Monday	November : 13, 20, & 27 December: 4 & 11	Art	F – 6	1:35 – 2:10	Art Room	Jenny Lang
	November : 13, 20 & 27 <sup>th</sup> December: 4 & 11	Jewellery Making	F-6	1:35-2:15	Room 8 Miss Laver	Kim Noetzel Bec Laver
Tuesday	November: 14, 21, & 28 December: 5, & 12	Cheerleading	2-6	1:30-2:25	Hall	Kerry Evans
Wednesday	November: 15, 22, & 29 December: 6 & 13	Paper Mache Piñatas		1:45-2:20	3A Miss Seedsman	Chantelle Burgess Rachael Seedsman
	November: 15, 22, & 29 December: 6, & 13	Gardening Club	F-6	1:45-2:15	Garden	Dana
Thursday	November: 16, 23 & 29 December: 7 & 14	Just Dance/Karaoke	3-4	1:30-2:00	5/6	Melinda Hatton
	November: 16, 23 & 29 December: 7 & 14	Computer Club	F-6	2:00-2:20	ICT Lab	Jac Miller
	December: 6 & 13	Christmas Craft <u>TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER</u>	F-6	1:35-2:15	FB	Laura Moore Jaime Rohan
Friday	November: 17, 24 & 30 December: 8 & 15	Table Tennis	Year 5/6	1:35-2:15	Hall	Mr Scott Chalwell
	November: 17, 24 & 30 December: 8 & 15	Missing Mapathon	Year 5-6	1:35-2:15	Room 8	Patricia Schwerdtte Bec Laver

ENJOY AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN! 😊😊😊😊





Don't be a taxi all over town!

**Our extra curricular classes  
are now running in your school!**

Limelight Drama is more than just a fun activity; Our programs are designed by qualified teachers and performers to lift confidence and aid the social skills of every child as well as nurturing aspiring performers for work in film, tv, theatre and musicals.

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## Skills for life

- Build confidence, creativity and empathy
- Improve presentation and reading whilst learning to shine
- Make new friends and develop social skills

Limelight students have starred on screen including

**Neighbours, Tangle, Jyndabyne and  
Where the Wild Things Are**



**Call now for a free trial class Ph: 0477 442 493**

January Performing Arts School Holiday Program At Edithvale Primary

Monday 22nd-Wednesday 24th January 9am-3pm

\$70 a day - \$50 concession and sibling rate

Ph 0407 537 305 to Book ASAP as places are limited

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guaranteed to arrive before school starts.

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## SUNSMART

A timely reminder ...

If you can see skin, UV can reach it.



Between **September and the end of April 2018**, please ensure all children:

- Wear cool, loose fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible
- Wear a sun protective hat for all outdoor activities
- Apply SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen during the day (please see sunscreen tips below)
- Have access to shady play spaces
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses labelled AS 1067 (if practical).



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A reminder that the Canteen's next Sushi Day will be on Tuesday 28 November. Orders via Qkr will close on Thursday 23 November. For those who don't have Qkr, please see me at the canteen, and I will accept cash orders only.

**\*\* There will be no other lunch orders available on this day \*\***

### Chelsea Heights Community Centre

Return of our popular **Christmas Gingerbread making** classes. Make and take home a delicious Gingerbread house. Friday 24 November 1pm-3pm cost \$42

#### NEW-Yoga in the afternoon.

Wednesday's 2pm-3pm your first class **free**.

Phoebe teaches a variety of yoga styles, suitable for all levels.

Cost \$15 per class

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website at [www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au](http://www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au) for a full program or just drop on by.

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Parkdale Secondary College Presents



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23rd, 7PM

TICKETS: [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

\$16 Seniors/Kids U12, \$20 Adults, \$25 @ The Door

@PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE THEATRE

## KEEPCUPS ARE HERE!

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Reusable coffee cups help reduce the impact from EPS

Order your keepcups on QKR (under payments).

They will be delivered to classrooms.

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Kids can save 20c on hot chocolates at the canteen. Bring your clean, labelled keepcup to the canteen with \$1 at recess, pick it up at lunch.

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The EPS Sustainability Club and the EPS Fundraising Sub-Committee



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Marketing might seem like the way forward for many of the world's SMEs, but it's not the way forward for everyone. In the case of the self-employment survey, which is only a pilot, 331 actually drove from the survey, with the primary reason being nervous and the secondary being no idea. Among those providers we did not contact through including, Education, Health and Welfare, Home Work, NHS, Call Centre and E-mail.













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# EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL—CALENDAR—TERM 4, 2017

	Week 1 9-13 Oct	Week 2 16-20 Oct	Week 3 23-27 Oct	Week 4 30 Oct- 3Nov	Week 5 6-10 Nov	Week 6 13-17 Nov	Week 7 20-24 Nov	Week 8 27 Nov-1 Dec	Week 9 4-8 Dec	Week 10 11-15 Dec	Week 11 18-22 Dec
MONDAY	Term 4 Starts  Hats to be worn this term					Year 5/6 Science at Mordialloc SC  Melbourne United Basketball					
TUESDAY		School Council	2018 Foundation Transition 2.30-3.20pm	SUSHI DAY 	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	School Council		SUSHI DAY 		School Council 2018 Foundation Transition 9.30-11.15am Whole school transition 9-11am Yr 6-7 Transition	Class Parties
WEDNESDAY						Little Devils 	Little Devils 	Little Devils 	Foundation Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion	Whole school transition 9-11am	Big Day Out & Graduation 
THURSDAY				Graduation Photo	Fun Run 	Little Devils 	Little Devils 	Little Devils 		Whole school transition 9-11am F-2 Xmas Concert	Last day of Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal
FRIDAY	Year 6 Interschool sport starts 2018 Foundation Transition Trivia Night		Year 5/6 Economics Excursion			WORKING BEE 3.30 - 6.00PM	Year 2 Immigration Museum Excursion				Curriculum Day 
WEEK END			Bunnings BBQ								