



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 8

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

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What an exciting 3 weeks we have left of the 2018 school year! Our Year 4 and 5 students are in the thick of Bike Ed, our Year 6 students are preparing for Graduation and transition into secondary school, our Foundation to Year 2 students are looking forward to a water fun day at Waves... then there's the teachers who have been busy completing school reports! It's all happening. As I recently mentioned to the senior students, our focus at the end of each year is to 'sprint to the line' and finish off with a bang. Everyone at EPS will certainly be doing that!

As you may be aware we have been allocated another relocatable classroom for 2019. The department has recognised our growing numbers and we have been working with the construction company to ensure it is ready for the start of the new school year. The relocatable will be placed next to the existing building we received last year. This is consistent with the DET masterplan of our school, but more importantly, it maintains a great line of sight for teachers on yard duty while maximising the play space for our students. Over the coming weeks you will see the storage sheds demolished and other work being done in preparation.

With our enrolments expected to be around 400 next year, we will be having 18 classes. This means; four Foundation, three Year 1, two Year 2, three Year 3, two Year 4 and four Year 5/6. Today (Friday) we conducted the final interviews for classroom teachers for 2019 - and can I say, the depth of talent was outstanding. Pending acceptance of these positions and fulfilling the recruitment guidelines, we will be able to announce where teachers are teaching next year. We have such a great mix of experience and youth and I know that we will get the balance just right for every child at our school.

As you can imagine, the process for class placements is complex. They are created on the back of a rigorous process to get the best possible balance of meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of every child in every class. While we recognise the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups, we also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests. As for allocating teachers, I know that all teachers at EPS are caring and committed educators (that's why my three children come here! ☺) and we will always endeavour to place our students with teachers who are best placed to suit their needs.

As you've seen in previous correspondence, students have had the opportunity to select 5 'learning partners' for next year and we will aim to ensure your child is placed with at least one of their selected students in 2019. Based on these many complexities, classes will remain as they are when announced and I thank you for your trust and support during this process.

Our Transition Program will run on December 11, 12 and 13 between 9.30am and 11.00am. It will be during these times that students will get to know who their teacher and classmates are for 2019.



Finally, a huge thanks to all families who attended our bi-annual Movie Night on Thursday. Watching the students' confidence grow during the preparation of each movie was certainly a highlight for me. Big thanks to Kerrie Evans, who coordinated the night, Jaime Rohan and Jacqui Miller, who assisted with the editing of the movies, and most importantly, the classroom teachers, who pulled the scripts and budding actors together to create such creative movies. A great job by all involved.

Good luck with the Santa photo queue this weekend ☺

Andrew Schneider
Acting Principal



SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

Last Saturday, the school hosted an **Election BBQ, Cake Stall and Plant Stall**. We had a great day - with a lot of hungry voters, and a great team of volunteers. This event brought in over \$2,400 which will go towards digital technologies at our school. We have now raised enough funds through the last few events to cover the purchase of a 3D printer bundle for our school! This will include two 3D printers and the curriculum to incorporate this technology into the classroom.



A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on the day:

Laura Moore, Lynda Lyons, Bree, Sophie, Annie, Sam & Damian Ryan, Kerrie Jowett, Sally Lucas, Jodi Vuat, Alison Read, Rachael Blake, Ashley Sturgeon, Jordan O'Meara, Ashley Burgess, Louise Eacott, Katrina Humphreys, Ellen & Fraser Boyle, Jacqui Miller, Katie Miller, Brooke Mills, Tessa & James Wilson, Nicole & Glen Butcher, Fleur, Nicholas, Josh Eddey, Stephanie, Chloe & Liam Smith, James & Sam Whitla, Andrew Schneider, and Helen & Bridget Arden.



We are now in the fifth week of our **weekly family donations** for the **School Twilight Fair on 22 March 2019**. Thank you to all the families who have donated items. **Foundation A** brought in the most bottles of soft drink two weeks ago. And last week, **1B** collected the most novelty items winning **Zooper Dooper** icy poles from the Canteen. This week we were collecting cans of soft drink; the winning class will be announced at assembly today.

Next week we will be accepting donations of **stationery items** which will be used in our Lucky Dip stall and as prizes at a few of the other stalls. All donations are voluntary and we appreciate any donation that we receive.

Our **Buildings & Grounds** sub-committee has organised several projects which will be completed over the summer in preparation for next year. We have **new play equipment** being installed near the GaGa Pit, a **bike shed** being built, and a **second relocatable** being installed in January.



Term 4: Important Dates

December 7	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
December 7	Year 3-6 Nippers SLS @ Chelsea Yacht Club
December 11	Foundation 2019 Transition; Year 6-7 Orientation
December 11-13	Whole School Student Transition 9am-11.30am
December 13	Foundation-Year 3 Christmas Concert
December 14	Foundation-Year 2 Fun Day @ Waves
December 14	Year 3-6 Nippers SLS @ Chelsea Yacht Club
December 18	Class Parties
December 19	Year 6 Big Day Out & Graduation
December 20	Last Day-Dismissal 1.30pm
December 21	Student Free Day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 3	Tue 4	Thu 6	Fri 7	Mon 10	Tue 11	Thu 13	Fri 14
Kym Hooper	Melissa Heath	Amanda Smith Tarsha Warren	Katie Schneider	Kate Gibbon	Alice McCarthy	Jill Donnelly Bernadette Lydster	Renee Jean Tanja Brinkman