



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3—Week 4

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

Student Voice and Agency

Our students continue to think big and make a big difference within our school community and throughout the broader community too.

The community spirit at Edithvale Primary School continues to amaze! We are fortunate to be able to work for, and with, generous and thoughtful families and teachers; and this was never more evident than at Tuesday's AFL Roadshow!

Donations to help support HEADSPACE provide support for those who might benefit from extra health and wellbeing practices. Kai in Year 3 helped to champion this cause by raising awareness through his PUSH UP Challenge. On the day he was an integral part of the warm up before each AFL session and through the generosity of our families raised \$270. A wonderful effort by all involved.

Homeless Week 2019

Homeless Week is officially 4 - 10 August. Edithvale Primary School will again be part of this important local fundraising initiative in conjunction with Homelessness Week, which we have been running throughout the local community for a number of years. Homelessness Australia coordinates an annual Homelessness Week to raise awareness of people experiencing homelessness, the issues they face and the actions needed to achieve enduring solutions.

In the last week of August we will be asking families for donations of non-perishable cans of food and, following on from last year's success, students will again be able to order 'cupcakes' with all money raised going to the outreach centre in Chelsea. This will assist the centre to stock their pantry for the next few months and help provide food and services for those less fortunate than many of us.

On August 23, Tim Richardson MP will attend our assembly to lend his support to this initiative

Chinese International Students

As part of our commitment to creating and maintaining an inclusive school and recognising and embracing diversity within our community, we have been very fortunate to work with 6 Chinese International Students for the last 4 weeks. Today marks their last day with us. Our students and staff have had a wonderful time working with these students and have learnt a few Chinese words and phrases along the way. I know that the families of these students have thoroughly enjoyed the environment our school offers and have been blown away by the community spirit that abounds here.

We continue to create inviting, safe and inclusive environments through our close connections with Yarrabah Special School (who we share 4 students with), engagement with our Koorie Education Officers and ongoing work with our Student Support team.

Year 4 Camp

Our intrepid Year 4 students and staff have braved the elements over the last 3 days down at Camp Manyung. Messages back from camp have indicated that, despite the conditions, all in attendance have had a terrific time. Camps are an integral part of the school curriculum as they enable students to explore, extend and enrich their learning and their social skills development, in a non-school setting. This camp experience helps students to develop an understanding that learning is not limited to school, and that valuable and powerful learning takes place in the real world. Sincere thanks to staff (Hayden Callahan, Amy Cain, Jaime Rohan, Michelle Lothian) and parents (Mark Eddey and Chris Fraser) for giving so much of their time to help create this enriching experience.



SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith



Our Fathers' Day activities are later this month. We have a **Fathers' Day Stall** planned for **Thursday 29 August**, and a **Fathers' Day Breakfast** planned for **Friday 30 August**.

Please save these dates and if you are able to assist with either day, please contact your year level parent rep. More information is now on the school website and notices were sent home by purple pocket earlier this week.

Just a reminder that our annual **Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings** (Keysborough) will be on **Saturday 31 August**. Our BBQ is scheduled on the Fathers' Day weekend and we are expecting a lot of hungry customers. More information was sent home earlier this week. If you have an hour to spare please sign up by returning the paper slip to the school office or using the online roster below. Thank you!

<https://volunteersignup.org/Q497Q>

The funds raised from this event will be put towards three new flag poles for our school.
Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 13 August**.

FRENCH CULTURAL DAY

Madame Snow

A reminder that on Wednesday 21 August 2019 we will be holding our French Cultural Day at Edithvale Primary School.

The French celebrations will start with an Assembly/Parade in the morning at 9.05am for students and staff. Parents are very welcome to watch the Parade in the Learning Centre!

The Foundation to Year 3 students will take part in the 'Boule/Petanque Competition' & students in Years 4 to 6 will be watching a French Movie called 'Les Choristes/The Chorus'

French crepe orders need to be ordered and paid for by **Wednesday 14 August** at the latest. You can order crepes on QKR. If you require a paper order, please collect one from the school office

We hope that everyone at Edithvale Primary School will embrace the spirit of the "French-je-ne-sais-quoi!" and dress up for the event!



Please encourage your child to dress up to make this French Day even more successful and special!

Merci! Madame Snow

CANTEEN ROSTER							
Mon 12	Tue 13	Thu 15 Aug	Fri 16	Mon 19	Tues 20	Thurs 22	Fri 23
Sally James	Melissa Heath	Kym Hooper	Jodi Vuat	Kate Gibbon		Jill Eadie Svetlana Desousa	Sasha Dent Tiffanie Labib

FLU SEASON IS UPON US

We are continuing to have confirmed cases of Influenza A and B reported at school. Please seek medical advice if your child/children are showing any symptoms.

The most common symptoms of the flu are:

- Sudden appearance of a high fever (38 degrees or more)
- A dry cough
- Body aches (especially in the head, lower back and legs)
- Feeling extremely weak and tired (and not wanting to get out of bed)
- Other symptoms can be:
- Aching behind the eyes
- Loss of appetite
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose



The flu is a highly contagious viral infection that can cause severe illness and life threatening complications, including pneumonia. The flu is spread by contact with fluids from coughs and sneezes.

Children should not attend school until they are well.

Please refer to the Better Health website for more information:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/ConditionsAndTreatments/flu-influenza>



Term 3: Important Dates

August 12	School Athletics Day
August 14	Science Day
August 14	Love Me, Love You Parent Session
August 21	French Day
August 28	Fathers' Day Stall
August 28	Year 3 Starlab Incursion
August 30	Fathers' Day Breakfast
August 30	District Athletics for Years 3-6
September 2	Foundation to Year 4 Swimming starts
September 19	School Concert
September 20	Last Day Term 3 (2.30pm dismissal)

