



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 10

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

I acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Well, we are almost there! The Christmas Tree outside our office reminds me that the end of the year is fast approaching and the number of gifts beneath the tree reminds me again of what a wonderful school community we have! Thanks to all who have donated to The Smith Family. With your generosity and support we will help them reach their goal of giving 81,000 toys and 54,000 books to over 27,000 Learning for Life students and their families.



Student Reports - Today you will have received your child's Semester Two school report. Please see the accompanying letter that was sent out on Thursday. This will explain how to access the report on COMPASS. A huge thanks to the teachers who have spent countless hours preparing these reports, on the back of numerous assessments, note-taking and observations that occur to support the reports.

Transition 2020 - Our transition program ran this week and was a huge success. Students have found out who their teacher is for 2020, as well as the other students who they will be sharing a class with - and as always, every student has at least one learning buddy that they identified earlier this term. A photo was taken of each class with their teacher to help your child remember who is in their class over the holiday period. See below for the full list of teacher's and their year level for 2020.

FOUNDATION	Jess McGeachin Sienna von Menge Bec Laver Rachael Clements	YEAR 5/6	Lisa Haines Britt Trotter and Jaime Rohan Rachael Seedsman Ryan Murphy
YEAR 1	Mel Hatton and Catherine Grimwade Troy Wood Kerrie Evans Craig Heywood	ART	Claire Harden
YEAR 2	Kerri Harridge Jacqui Miller	PE	Ash Whitnell
YEAR 3	Ashlee McCarthy Scott Chalwell	FRENCH	Sylvie Snow
YEAR 4	Hayden Callahan Amy Cain Belinda Ahern	LEARNING SUPPORT	Claire Leach, Mel Davis, Amy Lapthorne



We also farewell a number of staff at the end of this year and welcome some back from extended leave.

- Claire Leach (nee Goudy), returns from Family Leave after a stint in the Education Department's School Improvement Branch
- Mel Davis will be back in term 3 after 12 months Family leave
- Amy Laphorne returns to help strengthen our Literacy, Numeracy and Robotics programs

We wish all of our teachers who will not be with us in 2020 all the best for the future, in their retirement, travels or other endeavours.

- Amanda Gomes who is expanding her horizons at another school
- Amanda Whitla who is taking Family Leave

Year 6 Graduation - Next week we farewell our class of 2019. The Graduation Ceremony is on Wednesday 18 December at Rosedale Golf Club and I'm looking forward to a great night. The Year 6's will also sing their Graduation Song at the final assembly on Thursday from 1:00pm.

Student Leaders 2020 - This week Jaime Rohan, and our 2019 student leaders (Lily, Ryan, Airlie and Wilson) and I had the pleasure of interviewing the shortlisted applicants for student leader positions in 2020. Students from Years 4 and 5 were asked to pick one question to answer out of the 4 provided.

- What have you done in your life that has made a difference to others?
- What do you see as the biggest challenges and most exciting opportunities for you as a leader at Edithvale Primary School next year?
- Tell us about a time when you believe that you have been an effective leader. What did you do or say that showed your leadership?
- Please talk to us about a leader that you know that you look up to. What reasons can you give us for why you are inspired by that person?

They all did an amazing job and we are so proud of the articulate, passionate and mature students we have here at EPS!

On Wednesday next week, we will sit down with all shortlisted applicants to announce who the successful and unsuccessful students are.

Last Day - Thursday 19 December is the students' last day of school for 2019. Students will be dismissed following our assembly that commences at 1:00pm. At this assembly we will introduce our 2020 student Leaders and acknowledge the legacy our graduating class has left.

Friday 20 December will be a Curriculum Day, with a focus on Professional Learning Communities for teachers, where planning will continue for 2020 to ensure all students have a great start to the school year.

Thank you to all families and students for their support throughout the year.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and I look forward to working for, and with, you in 2020 to build upon the great work we do here at Edithvale Primary School.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

2019 has been an exciting year at Edithvale Primary School and it is hard to believe there is only one week left. Our School Council has been very busy this year with several successful fundraising events which has enabled us to make improvements around the school. We are very fortunate to have such a great school community that are always eager to help with our fundraising activities. Highlights from this year include:

- In March we held our **Twilight Fair**. We had an amazing turnout with children, parents, and the greater community enjoying the evening. Events like this really showcase EPS as the whole community gets involved.

- In May, our school was once again a polling station for this years' Federal Election. We hosted an **Election Day BBQ** with the funds raised going towards digital technologies for our school.
- In September, on the Fathers Day weekend, we had our annual **Bunnings BBQ**. The funds raised at this event were allocated towards our 3 new flag poles.
- Last month we held our very first **Community Christmas Market**. The funds raised at this event will be put towards additional scooter racks for our Bike Shed.
- We also had our annual **Fun Run** in November. The funds raised from this event have been allocated to shade sails, playground upgrades, and some new trees.
- Our school community also gave back to the greater community with several charity campaigns including Movember, St. Kilda Mums, Cans for the Homeless, Airlie & Scarlett's cupcakes (fundraising for Chelsea Care Works), The Smith Family and Envision Hands.

Thank you to everyone involved with the above fundraising events. Thank you to all our sponsors as well; such amazing generosity from our local businesses.

Our Buildings & Grounds sub-committee have seen several projects started and a few completed in 2019:

- At the start of the year, students came back to school to discover a **new relocatable classroom**, and **new play equipment** ready for use.
- Later in the year the **Bike Shed** was completed, and new **flag poles** were installed.
- We also broke ground on our new **STEM facility** with construction beginning in October, with the completion scheduled for January 2020. This build is the result of the funds allocated to EPS from the State Government in the 2018 Budget.
- EPS was fortunate to receive additional money from the 2019 State Budget which will fund an additional construction project; to replace our **Art Room** with a new modern, creative space. We anticipate this build to begin very soon, with its completion in the first half of 2020.
- Finally, we anticipate the start of the new **Oval upgrade project** to commence later in the 2020 school year. This is something we have been planning for quite some time and will be a amazing addition to our school.

On behalf of the School Council, thank you for making this an exciting year for Edithvale Primary School. To our Year 6 Graduates - we wish you all the best in your next step in your education. No doubt you will amaze us all with your future endeavours.

Happy Holidays! Enjoy the summer break and we'll see you next year.

CANTEEN NEWS

Mrs Diane Cameron

Farewell to those helpers who are leaving this year. Many thanks for all your help in the Canteen whilst here at Edithvale Primary School.

Next week is the last week of term, and there will be **WINDOW SALES ONLY** on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

The Canteen will re-open on
Monday 3 February 2020

The Smith Family Toy & Book Drive

Thank you to all our families for the very generous donations received for The Smith Family Toy & Book drive.

These donations will go towards The Smith Family's goal of giving over 27,000 disadvantaged children

Our Christmas tree looked wonderful with all the present overflowing underneath!



Term 4:	Important Dates
December 17	Class Parties
December 18	Yr 6 Big Day Out & Graduation
December 18	Foundation - Yr3 Fun Day @ Waves
December 19	Last Day Term 4
2020	
Term 1:	
January 28	Curriculum Day - students not required at school
January 29	Year 1 to 6 students start Term 1
January 30	Foundation students start Term 1
February 3	Canteen re-opens

