



# EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Term 1—Week 3

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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.

Congratulations to ALL of our students who have settled into their new routines so comfortably over the last few weeks. It has been terrific to see so many new students contributing so positively to our great school and receiving terrific support and guidance from our students who have been with us for a bit longer.

Information from each Year level, that outlines some of the processes and learning that our students will be doing in Term 1, has been distributed. Please take a read and seek out your child's teacher if there are any questions you have over the content. These can be found on our school website in the Purple Pocket Notice section <http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au/purplepocket>

Our dedicated staff are keen to help and support all of our students and working in partnership with you, we are confident that 2020 can be a great year for everyone at Edithvale Primary School.

### PROGRESS REPORTS

We are trialling progressive reporting in 2020 to give more frequent and timely feedback to students and parents.

Semester 1 will have 2 progress reports and an end of semester report and this will be repeated in Semester 2.

The first progress report will be made available to parents via COMPASS at the end of week 7, March 13 (6 week report)

The second progress report will be made available to parents via COMPASS at the end of week 4, Term 2 - May 8.

An end of semester report will be made available at the end of week 10 Term 2 - June 19 and this will include Achievement Levels (measured against the Victorian Curriculum) as well as statements about learning progress, behaviour and effort.

Our first **Student Free Day** for the whole school is early in Term 1 - Friday 13 March. On this day our staff will join with teachers from a number of our Network schools to hear from George Booker on how we can eliminate mathematics misconceptions through excellent teaching practices and using the right language of mathematics.

TeamKids will be available on this day..... to run a program for the kids from 7.30am until 6pm with games and activities for the children. An important note for parents is that morning and afternoon tea will be provided but not lunch

### STEM Facility

It was fantastic to have our local MP and Parliamentary Secretary for Schools, Mr. Tim Richardson officially open our STEM facility on Friday. The space enables us to run Science and Robotics programs that supports and challenges students to think differently, be creative and scratch their 'curiosity' itch.

### SUNSMART

We are a SunSmart School! Although the weather may be cooling down a bit, the UV levels are still high so please remember to use sun protection each day during the sun protection times - not just on hot or sunny days.

Information for families is available from <http://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/parents>



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

2020 School Council nominations are now open and we are seeking to fill 4 Parent representative places that are available. Information about how to vote and where to cast your votes has been distributed recently and key dates are included below.

Closing date for nominations	Wednesday 19 February 2020
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Thursday 20 February 2020
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Tuesday 25 February 2020
Close of ballot (at 4.00 pm)	Tuesday 3 March 2020
Vote count (with scrutineer)	Tuesday 3 March 2020
Declaration of poll	Wednesday 4 March 2020
First council meeting to elect office bearers	Tuesday 17 March 2020

## SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mr Steve Smith



There are some great things happening at the school this year as mentioned in the Principals' report. We were excited to open our new STEM facility earlier today. We hope everyone had a chance to check out the new building at the Welcome BBQ this afternoon after the assembly, despite the storm that decided to appear!

Welcome to all the new families joining our school community this year. You may be wondering how to become more involved at the school. There will be a lot of opportunities throughout the year to help out by volunteering at the Canteen with Diane Cameron, going

on school excursions, camps and events, and even helping out in the classroom with reading or incursions. There will also be call outs for helping on a school level with events such as BBQs, Mothers Day and Fathers Day activities, and working bees.

There is also an opportunity to join our School Council. The EPS School Council consists of eight parent members and four Department of Education members. Working together we establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school community. We also participate in the development and monitoring of the School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan. We approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure, plan and organise school fundraising activities, and have general oversight over the school's buildings and grounds.

Earlier this week, EPS sent out a call for nominations for our School Council. We have four parent member vacancies and two staff member vacancies for 2020. If you are interested in learning more, please go to the school office and they can answer any questions you may have and provide you the nomination form if you would like to apply. Nominations close on Wednesday 19 February at 4:00 pm.

If you are interested in Fundraising and/or Buildings and Grounds and would like to be more involved in either of those areas, there are sub-committees for each. These sub-committees meet as required and report back to the School Council. The sub-committees are open to all and if you are interested please let the office know or contact me at [smith.stephen.g@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:smith.stephen.g@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Earlier this week we had our first School Council meeting of the year. At this meeting we went through some housekeeping items in preparation for our AGM next month. We reviewed and approve the *Annual Finance Policy* and the *Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy*. We also discussed some of the Term 1 initiatives underway.

Our next School Council meeting will be our AGM on Tuesday 17 March.



## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students.

## Term 1 News from Team Kids

Team Kids Edithvale has started off Term 1 welcoming many new families to our Before and After School Care services. We are busy getting to know all of our new children and welcoming back many familiar faces after the holidays. We look forward to providing quality and engaging care to all of the children in 2020 and making the children's time with us as enjoyable as possible.

A major focus for us in Term 1 is to acknowledge and help those who have lost everything in the recent devastating bushfires. Our hearts are particularly heavy over the devastating loss of wildlife in the fires and we hope to make and donate a variety of items that can help to ease some of the financial pressure on our wonderful wildlife carers.

Please feel free to come by and say hello to our team at anytime and we are always happy to answer any questions about our services as well as provide booklets with detailed information about Team Kids services.

## HATS—COMPULSORY TERM 4

Hats are compulsory here at Edithvale Primary School in Terms 1 and 4.

New hats can be purchased from PSW located at 22/13 Gateway Drive, Carrum Downs.

There are a limited number of hats available in the second hand uniform shop which is open Thursday afternoons between 3:00pm - 3:25pm.

Don't forget it is always good to keep a spare hat at home. Please label with your child's name. And don't forget to check lost property!

## Reminder to use School Crossings

Edithvale Primary School is fortunate to have two school crossing supervisors to help our children safely cross Edithvale Road and Fraser Avenue.

On Edithvale Road, Cedo, supervises the Edithvale Road pedestrian light crossing. On Fraser Avenue, Andy supervises the school crossing near Haig Avenue.

Please remind your children that they should not run or ride their bikes while crossing at these two designated locations, when they need to cross these two busy streets.

### Term 1:

19 February  
21 February  
24 February  
25 February

### Important Dates

District Swimming  
Year 6 BOSCH Excursion  
School Photos - all classes  
Sushi Day  
  
Labour Day - No School  
Curriculum Day - Students not required at school  
Last Day Term 1. 2.30pm Finish

**REMINDER:**  
**SUSHI DAY**  
Tuesday 25 February 2020  
Orders due by Thursday 20 February.  
Pay by QKR or see Diane in the canteen.  
NO other lunch orders on this day

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 17	Tue 18	Thu 20	Fri 21	Mon 24	Tues 25	Thurs 27	Fri 28
Jasmin Miller	Tanja Brinkman	Erin Cogar	Jodi Vuat	Lisa Saint-Aubin	<b>SUSHI DAY</b>	Holly Smith	