



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1—Week 5

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

We are half way through Term One already. Time certainly does fly when you're having fun.

School Council Elections

It is always a great sign when we have to conduct an election to determine the make up of our School Council. This week you would have received some information about the process for electing our newest School Councillors. Voting closes on **Tuesday 3 March, by 4.00 pm**.

If you do not receive a Ballot paper, please collect one from the school office. *Note that both parents of a child are entitled to vote; ballot papers will be sent home to alternate families.* Ballot papers are due back to school before **Tuesday 3 March, by 4.00 pm** and voter's names will be recorded in a register. Votes will be counted under strict conditions on **Wednesday 4 March** and declaration of the poll will be on **Thursday 5 March**.

2020 Annual Implementation Plan

This week my boss signed off on our 2020 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) that outlines our major foci for this year. The key platforms of our plan are listed below and the decisions we make and the direction we take are guided by these goals. Having this endorsed means we can get on with the business of making our school greater each and every day.

- Further develop and implement a consistent whole school approach to collecting, analysing and interpreting student achievement data to inform planning and explicit teaching.
- Build excellence in teaching and learning through embedding consistent whole school programs and practices in the teaching of English (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics.
- Create opportunities for students to make informed decisions about their learning throughout all subjects and the school community.
- Develop, implement and embed the school's vision and values into the school's everyday practice.

Assembly

It has been a long time coming, but we're delighted to finally be able to host Year Level Assemblies in our new STEM facility.

Our students take great pride in their preparation and performance when it is their turn to lead our school assemblies. Public speaking is often a difficult job that is made even tougher when there is unnecessary noise and movement coming from the room. We have reminded our students in the audience of our expectations of them and respectfully ask that special guests, parents and toddlers refrain from talking through the assembly as well. In this way we give our student presenters every opportunity to succeed, enjoy the public speaking experience and model respect.

Safety #1

A reminder to all students and families to please enter and exit our school via the gates along Edithvale Rd, French Ave and Haig Ave and refrain from accessing our school grounds via the staff car park. The unevenness of the surface, and the traffic that moves through this space often means students are susceptible to injury at peak times of the day. This gate will be locked each morning by 9:00am and be reopened by 4:00pm.

Safety #2

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 to cross at these two designated locations when they need to cross these two busy streets.



SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

Congratulations to Amanda and James Whitla on the arrival of their daughter, Siena, this past Wednesday. Both baby and mum are happy and healthy.

Nominations for School Council have now closed. Our School Council Elections are underway; with six great candidates that have put their names forward. Please be sure that you return your ballot papers no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday 3 March. The ballot papers were sent home via purple pocket earlier this week. Good luck to all the nominated parents!

All enthusiastic parents and carers are welcome to participate on our sub-committees of School Council such as **Fundraising** and **Buildings and Grounds**. We have meetings each term or as required. We have several fundraising events throughout the year that require volunteers, and our Buildings and Grounds team organise a number of working bees throughout the year as well. Please contact me at smith.stephen.g@edumail.vic.gov.au to learn more or express your interest.

On Friday 14 February we held a Welcome BBQ. Despite the rain, we had a good turnout and it was great to see so many students, families, and staff. I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to help on the day to make the event a success: Mark Eddey, Kerrie Jowett, Kate Middleton, Bree Ryan, Stephanie Smith, Chantelle Tucker and Jodi Vuat.

Today was our last Friday morning coffee van. Adam Downes, who has been here bright and early every Friday morning for the past several years, has provided this service to our school. Over the last little while, his personal training career has evolved into a full time role and he can no longer commit to Friday mornings. We wish Adam all the best with his future endeavours. We are looking for another mobile barista and hope to have someone in the near future, please contact us if you know anyone interested in this role.

Our next School Council meeting will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 17 March. The AGM is a great chance to reflect on the year just past. 2019 was certainly a big year with the Twilight Fair, Christmas Market, and construction of our new STEM facility. EPS also received state funding for a new Art Room, a Sensory Garden, and an additional grant for an Indigenous Garden. These projects are in various stages and will be discussed as part of the plan for 2020 and the future. The AGM is also when we will welcome our new school council members, and farewell our school council members that are leaving.

DISTRICT SWIMMING Miss Whitnell

Well done to all our students who represented our school at District Swimming on the 19 February.

We are very proud of your efforts and the way you all showed great sportsmanship and a positive attitude throughout the day.

A big congratulations to Flynn Cook who came first in his age group in Freestyle and now will be representing our school and district at Division Swimming later this term.

Good luck Flynn!



Term 1:	Important Dates
9 March	Labour Day - No School
13 March	Curriculum Day - Students not required at school
24 March	Sushi Day
27 March	Last Day Term 1. 2.30pm Finish

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 2	Tue 3	Thu 5	Fri 6	Mon 9	Tues 10	Thurs 12	Fri 13
Sally James	Lisa Carter	Mel Foster	Angela Ely	LABOUR DAY	Jo Mills	Erin Cogar	Curriculum Day