



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3—Week 2

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

Welcome to Term 3. What was once affectionately called 'the teaching term' by teachers throughout the country, Term 3 is now equally packed with exciting opportunities and events outside the classroom as every other Term. Footy Clinics have already started, ahead of the AFL Roadshow in a few weeks and there is a Concert, F-4 Swimming, French Day, Science Day and a Maths/English Open Family night—to name but a few ☺

Over the last fortnight and again for the next 2 weeks we will be providing an Australian school experience for 6 Chinese International students. This is the first time that we have done this on such a scale and it has been wonderful to see the interactions between these students and ours as they break down any language barriers and interact with great respect and enthusiasm. Parents of our international visitors have been blown away with our school community, the teachers and our students. Thank you to all for helping to create such a terrific environment.

Attitudes to School Survey. The annual student opinion survey data came across my desk this week and there continues to be many good news stories included within. We really value the voice that our students are given and aim to work hard to address any of the areas in the survey that the students perceive we can improve upon. This year's data that leapt from the page included:

- My teacher gives me extra help when students need it—88%
- High expectations for success - 93%
- My teacher cares how I am feeling - 85%
- I want to learn new things - 91%
- I feel proud about being a student at this school - 87%
- I can recover in a short time when something bad happens to me (Resilience) - 75%
- Students at this school treat teachers with respect - 52%

Parent Survey. Around 130 families will have received an invitation to participate in the annual Department of Education and Training Parent Survey. The sample is randomly selected from our enrolments and needs to be 30% of our total population. This survey helps us to measure our progress, teaching, events and the environment we provide against ALL other Primary Schools in the past.

Staff Survey. The last piece to the survey puzzle is for the staff to complete their survey. This again ranks our learning environment against all other Primary Schools and usually once all of these data sets are available we get a pretty clear picture of the strengths and areas for improvement we can focus on for our great school.

COMPASS. In the next few weeks we will start to roll out 'EVENTS' through COMPASS. This functionality will help us streamline processes for payments and permissions sought for activities and excursions. On Tuesday our office and teaching staff undertook professional learning in how to use this tool effectively and shortly information will be forwarded to families to support the transition to this way of doing things. Conversations I have had with some of our staff who access this at other schools that their own children attend has been very positive and they believe that it is a real step forward.

Roadworks. Thank you for your patience with this. It has been terrific to see our students arriving safely to school each day, crossing at the lights and being escorted by adults across French Avenue.



School Hours. A reminder that staff are officially on duty from 15 minutes before the start of the school day at 9:00am. We will continue to direct students who are unsupervised to the TEAM KIDS Before School Care program if they arrive any earlier at school.

Foundation 2020. Our enrolments for 2020 continue to grow. If you have a child starting with us next year and have not already picked up an enrolment pack from the office, can you please do so when time permits. This will assist us with our forward planning for next year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

Construction will soon commence on our library building which will transform it into a vibrant and exciting learning space for our children. The funding for this project was awarded to the school in the State Budget in 2018. The process has been moving along behind the scenes for the past year with discussions and designs by our architects, project managers, the Victorian School Building Authority, and our school.

In preparation for the upcoming construction, we have already relocated most of the plants in the court yard between the library and the toilet block to other areas around the school. This court yard will be removed as part of the construction to extend the library building.



Above: The old court yard - where did the plants go?

Some hints...



Just a reminder that our annual **Sausage sizzle at Bunnings** (Keysborough) will be on Saturday 31 August.

Our BBQ is scheduled on the Father's Day weekend and we are expecting a lot of hungry customers.

The online roster is now available, if you have an hour to spare please sign up. Thank you!

<https://volunteersignup.org/Q497Q>

Our next School Council meeting is Tuesday 13 August 2019.

EPS Social Group

Edithvale Primary School welcomes all parents, grandparents and carers to come together to catch up with each other over a cuppa each month. This is a great way to meet other families within the school community, to catch up and socialise.

Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month during term times in the staff room. The first meeting of the year will be **Thursday 8 August, 2.45pm - 3:15pm**. Hope to see you there!



FRENCH CULTURAL DAY Madame Snow



Let's add a "French Touch" to Edithvale at EPS!

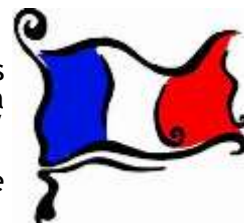
Wednesday 21 August 2019 will be our French Cultural Day at Edithvale Primary School.

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

On the day, a roster will be drawn up for the students to attend a 'Boule/Petanque Competition' (Foundation to Year 3) & a French Movie 'Les Choristes/The Chorus' (Year 4, 5 & 6) and for students to collect their French Crepe from our French Chef 'Karine' (order forms will be sent prior to the day). 'Miaaaaaaaaaaam'

We will run a competition throughout the whole school and the theme is 'Les Vacances/The Holidays' Students can be dressed as French tourists, going on a winter holiday or a Mexican holiday ... or with a touch of French (bleu/blue, blanc/white, rouge/red).

A panel will be selected to judge the most original outfit per class, as a reward the winners will receive a free crepe.



The categories are:

- The best student outfit as a tourist, and
- the best staff member outfit as a tourist!

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

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

Merci! Madame Snow

TEAM KIDS - EDITHVALE NEWS

Wow already term three! We are beginning this term with some brand new additions to our space including new couches, rugs, soft toys and games. We are committed to providing an engaging, clean and inviting space for all the children that attend our service.

A super exciting new event has been created for term three which involves our children putting together a dance routine that will then be recorded and submitted for judgement by Team Kids Head Office staff. All Team Kids Before and After School Care programs across Australia are welcome to be involved with the winning team getting a foam party for the ENTIRE SCHOOL!! We are super excited and can't wait to get on our dancing shoes!!

We also look forward to continuing our Team Kids clubs this term especially our Junior Chefs Cooking Club which is always well received by the children. Not only do they get to make some yummy food to enjoy but they also gain some important life skills of preparing healthy and delicious meals for their families.

If you have any questions about our Vacation Care or Before and After School Care programs please feel free to drop by for a chat anytime.

See you soon!

FLU SEASON IS UPON US

We have had a few confirmed case of Influenza A 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 wanted to get out of bed)
- Other symptoms can be:
- Aching behind the eyes
- Loss of appetite
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuff 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	
July 29	Year 5/6 PBI Launch
July 29	Year 2 I Can Dance Incursion
July 30	Sushi Day
July 30	Math & English Open Night
July 31	100 Days of Foundation Celebration
August 2	Footy Clinic incursion
August 6	AFL Roadshow
August 7-9	Year 4 Camp Manyung
August 12	School Athletics Day
August 14	Science Day
August 14	Love Me, Love You Parent Session
August 21	French Day
August 28	Father's Day Stall
August 28	Year 3 Starlab Incursion
August 30	Father's 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)

CANTEEN ROSTER							
Mon 29	Tue 30	Thu 1 Aug	Fri 2	Mon 5	Tues 6	Thurs 8	Fri 9
Lisa Saint-Aubin	Patricia Raimondi	Erin Cogar Mel Foster		Lynda Lyons	Sue O'Brien	Kate Gibbon	Bernadette Lydster