



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 8

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

We are deep in to Term 2 now. Reports are almost ready to be accessed, assessments are almost complete and the mid-year break is almost upon us. To help reflect and acknowledge on the hard work of all of our students and staff we are running a Health and Wellbeing Week in the final week of the term. This will include some Qigong, Mindfulness, Yoga, Fitness, Aerobics and Art Therapy; and we will finish the week with a Wellbeing assembly on Friday and there will be some more information provided shortly.

Road Works Update - We have had word that the proposed drainage works along French Avenue have been delayed and the new starting date is (most likely) to be this coming Monday 17 June. At times during these works there will be restricted vehicle access to French Avenue, mostly between 7:00am and 5:00pm, and we encourage you to start planning ahead for this disruption. We will continue to educate our students on road safety in the lead up to these works commencing.

A further reminder that **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are coming up in the last week of term. Bookings are now open. The conferences for Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 students and the PE and French teachers will be on Wednesday 26 June. The Art and Year 4 Student Conferences will be held on Thursday 27 June. The Year 5/6 Student Led Conferences will predominantly be on Thursday 27 June, and there will be a small window of opportunity on Wednesday 26 June as well.

To streamline the process, all bookings must be made online via the **COMPASS** portal.

Your child's teacher has listed when they are available for a meeting in the last week of term.

If none of the times are suitable, please contact your teacher to organise an alternate time to meet.

Dogs left unattended - Whilst Edithvale Primary School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

Our school community is diverse, and may include people that are allergic or uncomfortable around dogs. We are also conscious of the health hazards that may be posed by some dogs. We ask that families please remain with their pet dog outside the school grounds and not leave them tied up on school grounds or left unaccompanied. Thank you for your consideration and understanding with this.

Zones - All schools are currently having their school zone enforced and this is going to impact upon our potential enrolments over the next few years. To help us manage the new zoning regulations we need to know our potential Foundation enrolment numbers as soon as possible. If you have a child of appropriate school age in 2020 who will be attending Edithvale Primary, can you please complete an enrolment form and leave this with our lovely ladies in the office.

CANTEEN ROSTER							
Mon 17	Tue 18	Thu 20	Fri 21	Mon 24	Tues 25	Thurs 27	Fri 28
Sally James	Jo Mills	Svetlana De Sousa	Sasha Dent	Lynda Lyons	Sue O'Brien	Kym Hooper Mel Foster	Fleur Eddy Bernadette Lydster



SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is an area of focus at EPS. Robotics, 3D printing, and coding have been included in the curriculum this year.

Our students have been able to enjoy these new digital technologies. EPS now has three different types of robots:



Sphero bolt - sphere shaped robots which can be programmed to navigate mazes and change colours. Our Year 4 and Year 5/6 students have been programming their robots on iPads to do some incredible tricks.



Ozobots - small robots that the Year 2 students use. The students had to draw lines and use specific colour codes to change the Ozobots speed or direction allowing it to turn a certain way or even dance.



Blue-bots - the Year 1 students are currently using these robots this term. They are learning basic directional code using arrows to manoeuvre their Blue-bot around special maps/grids. They are even starting to learn what a sequence of directional code might look like using 'tactile readers' that allow the students to place arrows in a line and then send the directions via blue tooth to their robot.

Robotics are enabling students to learn basic coding skills, expand their creativity; and discover how to turn frustration into innovation as they overcome challenges. Teamwork and inclusivity are also part of the robotics sessions as the students work in small teams with their robot.



Voluntary contributions and school fundraisers have played an integral role with the introduction of these digital technologies over the past year.

The school hosted several events last year (a Trivia Night and a few Sausage Sizzles) which raised enough to fund two 3D printers. Thank you for your continued support.

This year, our Fundraising Team approached Bosch Australia just before the Twilight Fair and they generously donated a 3D Printer to our school. Bosch also hosted our Year 6 students on 24 May for a STEM excursion at their facilities in Clayton. Thank you to Lynda Lyons for organising this donation.

Our most recent fundraising event, last month's Election BBQ, will fund the purchase of some additional iPads for the school. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this event.

In August, we will see the construction of our STEM Learning Centre, which will be part of the current library building renovations. The construction will include an extension on the south side of the library building which will enhance the overall space of the current building to include three flexible learning areas for our students.



The funds for this construction project were included in the 2018 State Budget, with \$750,000 allocated to EPS. With over a year of discussion and design with project managers and architects we are very excited that the construction will begin soon.

As James mentioned in the last newsletter, EPS was very fortunate to be included in the 2019 State Budget. The \$670,000 allocated to our school will include additional construction works. We are still in the early stages and we are awaiting more information from the Victoria School Building Authority on what the next building project will be.

It is a very exciting time to be at EPS.

Our next School Council meeting is Tuesday 18 June.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

If you are volunteering at school in any capacity, the Department of Education and Training requires that you hold a current “Working With Children Check” card. This is free for volunteers. Please visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au for further information on how to apply.

If you already have a WWCC card, please make sure you bring it to school to be copied so we can keep an accurate record of all our volunteers.

LIBRARY NEWS

A very big “Thank You” to everyone who came along to support our Annual Book Fair.

Your generous purchases have earned our school just over \$1500 in commission.

A big shout out to all the volunteers who came along to help and make the Book Fair the success it was.

We hope you are all enjoying reading your new books.

Term 2: Important Dates

June 17	Year 5/6 Swimming
June 25	Sushi Day
June 26	Kaboom Sports Day
June 26	Parent Teacher Interviews
June 27	Parent Teacher Interviews
June 28	Last Day Term 2—2.30pm finish
July 15	Term 3 begins

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

EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL—CALENDAR—TERM 3, 2019

	Week 1 15-19 Jul	Week 2 22-26 Jul	Week 3 29 Jul-2 Aug	Week 4 5-9 Aug	Week 5 12-16 Aug	Week 6 19-23 Aug	Week 7 26-30 Aug	Week 8 2-6 Sep	Week 9 9-13 Sep	Week 10 16-20 Sep
MONDAY	Term 3 Starts							Swimming 	Swimming 	
TUESDAY		School Council	Sushi Day 	AFL Roadshow 	School Council		Sushi Day  Foundation 2020 Transition	Swimming 	School Council Swimming 	
WEDNESDAY				Year 4 Camp Manyung 		French Day 		Swimming 	Swimming 	
THURSDAY				Year 4 Camp Manyung 			Fathers' Day Stall 	Swimming 	Swimming 	Concert 
FRIDAY			Footy Clinic	Year 4 Camp Manyung 	Science Day		Fathers' Day Breakfast  District Athletics 			Hot Dog Day Last day of Term 3 Assembly 2pm Early finish 2.30pm
WEEK END							Bunnings BBQ—Sat Fathers' Day—Sun			