



# EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 10

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

A successful and progressive Term Two comes to an end today.

Swimming, Camps, NAPLAN, excursions, NAIDOC celebrations and a Health and Wellbeing week have been just a few of the events that have occurred in the last ten weeks.

**Wellbeing Week** - It has been wonderful to see our students and staff participating in **Yoga, Mindfulness, Aerobics, Art Therapy, Tai Chi, African Drumming and Sports Carnivals** this week as it has helped to create a great vibe throughout our school. Wellbeing is something we are committed to and continue to model and teach our students through the Resilience Project work and our whole school wellbeing sessions every Thursday afternoon.

**Government Funding** - There has been a steady flow of contractors through our school recently as plans to spend the recent \$672,000 allocated to Edithvale Primary in the State Budget are formed. This money has been granted as part of the Permanent Modular Building Program and has been earmarked for a new Art/Classroom. The money will be used to demolish the old Art Room - which includes removing any suspected Asbestos - and replace it with a modern Modular Building that is mostly built off site. This is an exciting development and as soon as further talks with Department of Education and Victorian School Building Authority personnel are held, we will be sure to pass on details of the next steps. This complements the STEM facility works that are scheduled to begin early next term and fits in perfectly with the upgrade to our oval and the outdoor learning spaces that these 3 new capital works programs will offer.

**Government Announcement** - On Wednesday, the Minister for Education James Merlino announced mobile phones will be banned for all students at Victorian state primary and secondary schools from **Term 1 2020**. The aim of this policy is to reduce distraction, tackle cyber bullying and improve learning outcomes for students. As part of this new policy, students must switch off their phones and store them securely from the start of the school day until the final bell. As more information becomes available, we will be sure to share this with you.

**NAIDOC celebrations** - Last week we welcomed our Koorie Education Support Officer to Edithvale Primary for a poignant assembly that centred on NAIDOC celebrations. We are eager to continue to educate our community in Aboriginal Culture and go beyond the prescribed compulsory teaching of this through the Victorian Curriculum. Please take a look at the map of different Aboriginal lands that sits proudly in our Administration Area and look out for new flags being flown proudly in the coming weeks.

**Staffing** - This week we completed interviews for the vacant Year 3 position. We are pleased to announce that Amanda Gomes will commence in Term 2, to replace Cassie Dixon who is leaving us. Amanda will be working full time, working closely with Mellissa Davis until she commences her family leave at the end of Term 3. Amanda will then stay on with 3C. Welcome aboard Amanda!

**Drainage Works** - The Kingston Council drainage works along French Avenue are in full swing now with one end of the street now blocked off. These works will continue over the next few months and we greatly appreciate the careful and safe movement along French Avenue that our families and students continue to exhibit.

**Term 3** - Another term packed with events will start on Monday July 15. Events on the calendar include our school concert (week 10), Year F-4 swimming, Year 4 Camp, French Day, Fathers' Day, District Athletics Carnival and class excursions.

On behalf of our staff, I wish you and your families all the very best for a happy and safe mid year break and we will look forward to again working closely with you and for our students to make Term 3 a GREAT one.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Mr Steve Smith

We have an exciting Term 3 ahead with some fundraising activities being planned.

Our annual **Bunnings BBQ** (Keysborough) will be on Saturday 31 August 2019. Please save the date. These sausage sizzles are a lot of fun; and with our school's date scheduled on the Father's Day weekend 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>

Did you know there are Facebook groups for each year level? These are parent forums where you can connect with other parents and learn more about school activities. These Facebook groups are private (closed groups), so you will have to request to join. You can search for your year level on Facebook (ie. searching for "EPS Class of 2024" will return the Year 1 Facebook group; "EPS Class of 2020" will return Year 5's group), and apply for access.

On behalf of the School Council, we wish everyone a safe school break.

Our next School Council meeting is Tuesday 23 July.



**REMINDER:**  
**SUSHI DAY**  
 Tuesday 30 July  
 Orders due by Thursday 25 July.  
 Pay by QKR or see Diane in the canteen.  
 NO other lunch orders on this day

Term 3: Important Dates	
July 15	<b>Term 3 begins</b>
July 19	Footy Clinic incursion
July 26	Footy Clinic incursion
July 29	Year 2 I Can Dance Incursion
July 30	Sushi Day
August 2	Footy Clinic incursion
August 6	AFL Roadshow
August 21	French Day
August 29	Father's Day Stall
August 30	Father's Day Breakfast
September 19	School Concert

CANTEEN ROSTER							
Mon 15	Tue 16	Thu 18	Fri 19	Mon 22	Tues 23	Thurs 25	Fri 26
Start Term 3		Tarsha Warren	Sasha Dent Tiffanie Labib				