



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 4

1 November 2019

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.

Staffing News - Last week we commenced an internal process aimed at determining who our 2020 Acting Assistant Principal would be. Jaime Rohan, myself and another Principal from within our network, interviewed 3 highly credentialed and talented applicants and concluded that Mr Luke McMaster will fill this role. Luke brings a wealth of curriculum knowledge to the position and his ability to build strong student relationships will help us to continue to be a great school.

Jaime Rohan has decided to step back into a teaching and mentoring role in 2020.

We are currently in the process of recruiting new staff to our school and hope to have these staff in place ready for our transition week in early December. Once we have secured our staffing roster, we'll be sure to socialise this throughout our community.

Class Structures - In the coming weeks, our school leadership team will be establishing our 2020 class structures. If you have any information that you believe is relevant to us about your child's learning needs that I might not be aware of, please let me know, in writing. Staff invest a great deal of time and thought into establishing classes and I'm extremely confident that we will again, get the balance right for 2020.

Attendance - There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

An 80% attendance rate is the equivalent of missing	An 85% attendance rate is the equivalent of	An 90% attendance rate is the equivalent of	An 95% attendance rate is the equivalent of
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 day per week OR• 40 days per year OR• Over 2/12 years of school from Prep-Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 days per year• 2 years of school from Prep- Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 day per fortnight OR• 20 days per year OR• Over 1 year of school from Prep-Year12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 days per year• Over half a year of school from Prep-Year 12

Annual Implementation Review and 2020 AIP Writing - has commenced with our staff looking at our progress this year and setting direction for next year as well. Our School Improvement Team is developing our plan for continued success and working towards achieving the goals we established in our 4 year School Strategic Plan.

We have identified Key Improvement Strategies to help us achieve our targets and goals and dig in to specific actions and activities that will help us get to where we want to be in a further 12 months' time. It's a very thorough and intensive process and it is exciting to be part of such a dynamic and committed leadership team who put it all together.

Building Update - Works have commenced on our new STEM facility and the photos included here can testify to that. Our old library and lab space is now a shell and with the walls knocked down, we can start to get excited about this wonderfully open and engaging space that will be ready to use at the start of 2020.

Next week, as the building works continue, there will be some further disruption to the playground near the Foundation area. Over the course of the week the landscaping along Edithvale Rd will commence and access to the area will be restricted at certain times of the day. Foundation students



will still be able to enter and exit school via their regular route and still use the playground space but for portions of the day, access to classrooms will need to be via the Office Area. We have selected this shorter week (Cup Day holiday) as the one that should be least disruptive for our students and families.



Cup Day Holiday - School will be open as normal this Monday (before the Cup Day public holiday) but for all of those students and families taking advantage of the (almost) long weekend and getting away for a few days- stay safe and enjoy your time. **Please remember to log your child's absence on Compass if they are not attending school.**

Uniforms - A reminder that we love to see students wearing full school uniform each day. Staff have noticed of late that there have been a number of jumpers, hoodies and jewellery being worn by students that are not Edithvale Primary School branded. Please help us to uphold our Uniform Policy and check what your child is putting on in the morning. This is another way that we can continue to partner with you and encourage our students to take pride in their school by wearing their EPS uniform.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

EPS is having a **Christmas Market** on **Sunday 17 November from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**. There will be a variety of food, activities, and shopping stalls available. Follow the Christmas Market Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/epsmarket for more details.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you are interested in being a greeter or helping with the school-run BBQ, please sign up using the online roster below:

<https://volunteersignup.org/M98YH>

The annual **School Fun-Run** is less than three weeks away. Mark your calendars for **Thursday 21 November!** The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles while helping us raise funds! It's all about participation, with students treated to a great day as a reward for their fundraising efforts. The money raised from this event will be used towards shade sail and playground upgrades.

<http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au/FunRun>

Our **BeeWrappy Beeswax Wraps** fundraising drive this term is underway, with the funds to be used towards new shade sails. Beeswax wraps are an environmentally friendly substitute for plastic cling film to keep food fresh, to wrap sandwiches and even folded into cool little parcels to keep snacks in. A three pack is available for order on Qkr. More information can be found on the school website:

<http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au/beewrappy>

In the last fortnight, the Buildings and Grounds team have installed several new bike racks to our bike shed. This is just in time for the Yr 5 Bike Ed, which starts next week, and Yr4 Bike Ed to start soon after. With the warmer weather we're excited to see so many students riding to school.

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12 November.



SCHOOL FUN RUN

It's only 20 sleeps until our school Fun Run on Thursday 21 November!

So far, we have raised over \$5000 which is a wonderful effort by our community.

Students can wear their house colours and crazy hair and family members are more than welcome to attend.

Term 4 News from Team Kids

Hello everyone. Term 4 is certainly flying by so quickly! Here at Team Kids we are so excited to have Sarah from WISH wildlife rescue come to our After School Care in the coming weeks. Sarah will come along for an afternoon chat (date to be announced) about the amazing work she does in the community with wildlife. We are so proud that we were able to recently donate \$95.00 to Sarah from the High Tea fundraiser we ran in Term 3. Thanks so much to everyone who supported this event.

Our Team Kids Clubs will continue to go strong in Term 4 with our Cooking Club creating traditional Australian recipes each week and our Art Attack Club currently working on Halloween decorations to decorate the hall!

We will continue to highlight important values with the children each week such as kindness, inclusiveness, being involved and the respect of others. It is always great to see the children reflect these behaviours through their actions here at Team Kids!

If you have any questions about what Team Kids offers in our Before and After School Care and vacation programs please come by for a chat or alternatively call Nat on 0422 226 774.

Hope to see you soon!



Edithvale Primary School

Community Christmas Market

Sunday
17th November
9am - 2pm
Rain or shine

Gold coin donation on entry

Contact us:
edithvaleprimaryschoolmarket@gmail.com
@EPSMarket

Term 4:

November 5
November 6
November 7

November 11

November 17
November 20
November 21
November 27

Important Dates

Melbourne Cup Day
Year 5 Bike Ed
New Caledonia 2021 Parent Information Night
Foundation 2020 Parent Information Night
Community Christmas Market
Foundation 2020 Transition
Fun Run
Year 4 Bike Ed



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**MORE SLEEPS
UNTIL SANTA
ARRIVES!**

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 4	Tue 5	Thu 7	Fri 8	Mon 11	Tues 12	Thurs 14	Fri 15
	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	Katie Schneider	Olivia Robertson		Lisa Carter	Kym Hooper	Kate Gibbon