



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 8

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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.

Wednesday was a wonderful day at school as we hosted our 7th Annual Fun Run, after postponing due to the dangerous weather conditions we encountered at the end of last week. It was terrific seeing so many family members enjoying the obstacles and having fun getting fit. The money raised will go towards securing some shade sails and upgraded playground equipment.

The next few weeks are packed with different activities and events for our students. Orientation begins Tuesday 10 December for the whole school, and students will have 3 sessions over 3 days with their class for 2020. The last week of school will see lots of activity with class parties, Year 6 Big Day Out and Graduation, as well as a trip to Waves for students in Foundation to Year 2.

Please keep an eye out for new EVENTS through the COMPASS portal and refer to the school calendar available on our website to see what is on the horizon.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea - Each year our staff receive amazing support and assistance from so many members of our school community. We'd like to say thanks by providing morning tea for everyone who has helped us out in any way at all this year whether reading in classrooms, helping out with bike-ed, camps, twilight fair, sports days or canteen duty. Every bit helps us and we are very grateful for having the support from our families.

Yard Duty and Supervision - Edithvale Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:45 am until 3:45 pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students. We will regularly inform parents/carers of the precise times during which the school's grounds will be monitored (e.g. in the school newsletter each term). For Edithvale Primary, school staff will be available before and after school, to supervise the school oval and basketball/netball court areas.

Parents and carers should not allow their children to attend Edithvale Primary School outside of these hours. Families are encouraged to contact TEAM KIDS on 1300 035 000 or refer to <https://teamkids.com.au/parents/> for more information about the Before and After School Care facilities available to our school community.

Safety - Both of our crossing guards last week reported a number of unsafe behaviours that they had witnessed by students riding and scooting dangerously across our local roads. We respectfully ask that you help us to keep our students safe by reinforcing the importance of demonstrating appropriate behaviours when travelling to and from school - at all times and particularly as the Christmas period approaches.

Classes in 2020 - This week our staff finalised grade placements for 2020. Thank you to all who have followed the process of putting in writing any requests that helped us to match teachers to our students needs. All teachers at Edithvale Primary School are caring and committed educators and Edithvale Primary School strives to ensure that all students are provided with a high quality education. Our school's leadership team and teaching staff have an in-depth understanding of each teacher's strengths and will always endeavour to place our students with teachers who are best placed to suit their needs.

In 2020 no teachers will be moving from their current year level and the only changes to our teaching roster will be those who will be joining us from other schools. Next year we welcome Craig Heywood (Year 1), Belinda Ahern (Year 4) and Lisa Haines (Year5/6) to our school.

Mobile Phones - A reminder also that the Victorian Government has announced a new mobile phone policy that will require students to switch their phones off and securely store them away during the school day. The mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020.



SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

On Sunday 17 November EPS hosted a **Community Christmas Market**. It was a great morning, with lots of people wandering the stalls enjoying their coffee and egg and bacon rolls. Thank you for coming out to support our school! We hope you had a wonderful time.

A big thank you to **Lynda Lyons** and **Laura Moore** for organising the Christmas Market; they did an amazing job ensuring every detail was covered and that all the stall holders were ready on the day.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and staff who came out to help on the BBQ, or as greeters at the gates:

Alexandra Adorni, Sally Harrowfield, Katie Middleton, Anna Welsh, Melissa Heath, Karina Folkman, Stephanie Hay, Kathy Shields, Sally Lucas, Gillian Curtis, Alison Read, Shannon Carrodus, Carl Wilson, Kellie Warwick, Dana Pearce, Don Carter, Emma Harvie, Fiona Vaular, Emilia Gwyn-Aitken, Sarah McDonald, Justin Bradley, Fleur & Mark Eddey, Kel & Tom Bartindale, Luke McMaster, Diane Cameron, Bree Ryan, Jodi Vuat, Helen Arden and James Whitla.

Thank you to John Isaakidis, Back in Motion, Bakers Delight Chelsea, Funfields, Geelong Adventure Park, Woodlands Golf Club, and Evergreen Christmas Trees for their donations.

Thank you to Team Kids for their wonderful signs and banners.

The Christmas Market raised just over \$4,200 for the school. The money raised will go towards additional scooter racks in the Bike Shed.

Our Christmas Market Raffle winners are:

- First Prize: Photo Print from John Isaakidis | Winner: R. House
- Second Prize: Round of Golf from Woodlands Golf Club & Cordless Drill | Winner: C. Searle
- Third Prize: Funfields Pass & Chocolate House | Winner: T. Fletcher
- Fourth Prize: Adventure Park Pass & Fabric Bunting | Winner: G. Curtis
- Secret Prize: Grit Scooter | Winner: K. Schneider

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10 December.



Term 4:	Important Dates	CANTEEN NEWS Mrs Diane Cameron
December 6	Year 3-6 Nippers Life Saving	<p>The last day for lunch orders will be on Friday 13 December.</p> <p>Some items may run out by this time and will not be restocked until Term 1 in 2020.</p>
December 10-12	Whole School Transition	
December 13	Parent Helper Morning Tea	
December 17	Class Parties	
December 18	Yr 6 Big Day Out & Graduation	
December 18	Foundation—Yr3 Fun Day @ Waves	

CANTEEN ROSTER							
Mon 2	Tue 3	Thu 5	Fri 6	Mon 9	Tues 10	Thurs 12	Fri 13
Bernadette Lydster	Jo Mills	Lisa Carter Catherine Pietrzak	Fleur Eddey Kate Gibbon	Sally James	Tanja Brinkman	Erin Cogar Mel Foster	Nicole Butcher



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MORE SLEEPS
UNTIL SANTA
ARRIVES!

Plastic Bottle Top Collection



THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to all of the families and students who have been collecting bottle tops to help make new hands for kids. In a very short time Edithvale Primary students have donated over 800 lids which will change at least 4 other childrens lives for the better.

Envision Hands have let us know that they have far exceeded their goal of 2million bottle tops, by having had 5 million donated in Victoria alone! Because of the generosity of the state, they have asked for no more donations for the time being. Thank you again for your support of this great cause, and we will keep an eye out for when we can donate again.

Evergreen Christmas Trees

Freshly Cut

**SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL
BY PRESENTING THIS**

CODE: ED 37909



**COME DOWN
AND PICK YOUR TREE**

**SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY
10% OF TREE SALES GO TO THE SCHOOL**



Hours

Saturday/Sunday
9:00am - 6:00pm

Monday - Friday
2:00am - 6:00pm



Opening

23rd November

Cnr. Thames Promenade &
Riverend Rd Bangholme

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN!

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