



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Term 4—Week 2

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

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.

Welcome to Term 4.

Term 4 has commenced with great excitement and fanfare. It will be a great term to be around Edithvale Primary as we have a myriad of special events on the horizon. Planning for 2020 has well and truly begun. We are preparing for our next Foundation transition, commencing Graduation rehearsals and starting to set the structures and systems that will continue to make our school great.

Buildings - Last week we received a visit from Premier Daniel Andrews and our local MP, Tim Richardson, who came to launch the new STEM facility-building project. They were joined by some of our student leaders, our architects and newly appointed builders for a walk around the school and a chat with some of our students - many of whom were shocked to see someone they usually only ever see on the TV!



We discussed the new building works that will kick off next week and what Stages 2 and 3 of our School Master Plan looks like. It is great knowing that we are on the right path and are engaging with those who can have a positive impact on our school environment.

The Library/STEM facility building works are scheduled to commence on Wednesday 23 October and it is hoped that it will be completed by the start of Term 1 next year. This will cause some disruption along the Edithvale Rd side of our site and I am sure it will all be worth it when we have our new facility up and running next term.

Emergency Evacuation - Due to the changes to pedestrian traffic around our school, we will be holding an On-Site Emergency Evacuation Drill prior to the commencement of the building works. We do these regularly throughout the year to help maintain a safe environment and ensure our students and staff are well versed in how to respond in the event of an emergency.

SUNSMART - Hats are compulsory here at Edithvale Primary School in Terms 1 and 4. We are a Sunsmart School! Although the weather may be cool, the UV levels are still high so please remember to use sun protection each day during the sun protection times - not just on hot or sunny days.

Information for families is available from <http://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/parents>

Class structures in 2020 - We are currently in the process of setting up our 2020 class structures. We will not know for certain what these will look like for a few more weeks and it is most likely that our classes will be in this formation. A number of staff who are currently on extended leave have expressed a desire to return to Edithvale Primary next year, and this means juggling teaching roles to ensure the best possible environment and learning experiences are afforded to our students.

Foundation	4 classes of 18-20	Year 3	2 classes of 23-25	
Year 1	4 classes of 18-20	Year 4	3 classes of 22-24	
Year 2	2 classes of 24-25 with support teacher	Year 5/6	4 classes of 25-27	
Art	French	Physical Education	Robotics	Science

*Again, this is dependent upon our 2020 enrolments and the number of students exiting. The numbers listed are approximations only. The number of classes equals the number of classrooms we have available.



Class Placement - The process that Edithvale Primary School works through to plan each student's class placement begins months before the end of the school year. We understand that in certain situations, parents and carers may like to request that their child be placed with a particular friend or in a particular class.

Edithvale Primary School recognises the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests.

If you would like your child be grouped with a particular friend or friends, please discuss this with your child as we will be asking the students to nominate a short list of friends they would like to be with the following year. We will not always be able to accommodate class placement requests, but we will endeavour to take our students' wishes into consideration where possible.

Requests for placement with certain teachers - 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.

Whilst we appreciate that you may wish that your child would benefit from being placed in a class with a particular teacher, we are generally unable to accommodate these requests. 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. Each year a limited number of teachers move into different year levels to help them grow and develop professionally and a number of staff will also 'share' classes as they opt to work part time when returning from extended leave. We do not re-allocate students to different classes during the school year.

Mobile Phones - As you may be aware, 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 policy is designed to support teaching and learning in an environment that is free from unnecessary distractions, disruptions and student inattention caused by the urge to check their phones. At recess and lunch times, students will be better placed to communicate with each other face to face and/or be involved in activities rather than being focused on a device or on social media.

Key elements of the mobile phone policy include:

- A new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020
- Students will be required to switch off and store phones securely during school hours. Families should contact the school office should you need to pass an urgent message to your children

Lateness - Being 30 minutes late to school each day from Foundation to Year 10 adds up to missing the equivalent of one FULL year of school.

Being late to class can have a negative effect on the education of not only those students who are late, but also the other students in the class.

Students who are late miss out on many instructions and information about what is happening, not to mention important learning situations. This means that they have to catch up somehow. It is like being late to see a movie and not being able to understand what's happening because you don't know who the characters are and what the plot is.

Students can feel unsettled, disorganized and unhappy for the rest of the day and it can take them some time to complete and understand the work that they have missed.

We are all human. Cars can break down and unexpected situations can occur. We know that family morning routines are not always straightforward and they certainly are not in our household ☺ . If you are experiencing problems, speak to us, as we may be able to offer suggestions to help.

We are happy to accept that students will be late on the odd occasion because of unforeseen circumstances. However, arriving late on a regular basis has an adverse impact on students' learning and we should not accept this.

CANTEEN ROSTER							
Mon 21	Tue 22	Thu 24	Fri 25	Mon 28	Tues 29	Thurs 31	Fri 1
	Sue O'Brien	Erin Cogar Mel Foster	Sasha Dent	Lisa Saint-Aubin		Kate Gibbon	Jane Donaldson

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith



It's the start of Term 4 and our Bike Shed is now open. Over the school break, the Buildings and Grounds team relocated the bike racks to our new bike shed. We plan to install additional bike racks over the next two weeks just in time for the Year 5 Bike Ed, which starts on 6 November. We are thrilled to see so many students riding to school this term.

EPS is having a **Christmas Market on Sunday 17 November from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**. We have 60 stall holders interested in participating in our market. 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.

The annual **School Fun-Run** returns this term on **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>

The school Fundraising sub-committee has introduced a new fundraising campaign featuring **Bee Wrappy Beeswax Food Wraps**. The 3-pack includes 1 small, 1 medium, and 1 large food wrap, which is an environmentally friendly alternative to plastic wrap. The 3-pack is now available on QKR! for \$25.00. More information can be found on the school website:

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

At the School Council meeting this week, we discussed the upcoming construction of our STEM facility, which will be part of the library building renovations. Construction will begin next week. We also reviewed the Parent Payments/Booklists, the Mobile Phone policy and Child Safe Standards information.

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

BEE WRAPPY®
Beeswax Food Wraps

\$25 for a 3-Pack

Now available on **Qkr!**

Term 4: Important Dates		REMINDER: SUSHI DAY Tuesday 29 October Orders due by Thursday 24 October. Pay by QKR or see Diane in the canteen. NO other lunch orders on this day
October 23	Foundation 2020 Transition	
October 28	Year 6 Graduation Photo	
October 29	Sushi Day	
November 5	Melbourne Cup Day	
November 7	New Caledonia 2021 Parent Information Night	
November 11	Foundation 2020 Parent Information Night	
November 20	Foundation 2020 Transition	



CASEA will be in our school in Term 1 & 2 2020

As part of our Wellbeing Program at Edithvale Primary School, CASEA will be joining us at school EVERY Tuesday. This is a massive fillip for us as only very few schools in our Region are offered this rare opportunity to work with experts in the field of Mental Health

CASEA is a joint program run by Alfred Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

The program helps children enhance their self esteem and develop better skills in

- Understanding and expressing feelings
- Building self-esteem and resilience
- Getting on with others

We will be running a small group program with some Foundation to Year 3 students and their families in term 1 & 2 next year. In this way we hope to help children who have problems in these areas to improve their skills and prevent their problems from getting bigger.

The program also involves working with the school, classroom teachers and education support staff and some families across the school from Foundation to Year 6.

The program, including participation in the small groups is free of charge but places are limited. Parents will receive a letter soon explaining the program in more detail. There will also be a questionnaire for parents and teachers to complete.

If you have any queries please contact James Whitla or Jaime Rohan

Reminder to use School Crossings

Edithvale Primary School is fortunate to have two school crossing supervisors to help our children safely cross Edithvale Road and Fraser Avenue.

On Edithvale Road, Cedo, supervises the Edithvale Rd pedestrian light crossing. On Fraser Avenue, Andy supervises the school crossing near Haig Avenue.

Please remind your children that they should not run or ride their bikes while crossing at these two designated locations, when they need to cross these two busy streets.

ALPHA GREEK SCHOOL

Alpha Greek School is a caring community with high ambitions for their children. We have qualified teaching staff, follow the Ethnic School Association Program and thrive on speaking the Greek language. We teach the customs, traditions, culture, songs, theatre and dance.

Greek School is held at Edithvale Primary School every Monday night from 5pm to 8.30pm and every Saturday 9am to 12.30pm

Please contact us on: 0402 770 757



WANTED: Plastic Bottle Tops

We are still collecting clean (washed) PLASTIC caps (marked with either #2 or #4), from any plastic bottles, including lemonades, sports drinks, milk bottles. These can be put in the collection bin near the office.

Together, with Envision Hands, we will be gathering bottle tops and transforming them into mobility aids and other usable household items. Envision Hands is an incredible environmental and humanitarian project supported by Coca Cola, Rotary, Lions Clubs and so many people in the community.

Thank you for your donations so far!

