# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla 

## I acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet and pay my respects to elders <br> past present and emerging.

## Students in the Community

Over the last 12 months or so, we have noticed a growing trend, with our students having a strong presence in our school and wider community. Their involvement at School Fairs and Fundraisers and Community Events is viewed with great pride by our staff and it's terrific to see students making a positive difference to others by giving up their own time, effort and energy. We continue to encourage and promote student agency and voice amongst our cohort and it is terrific to see this having an impact.

## FORUM

Last week Jess McGeachin and I had the great privilege of speaking to 350 Principals at our quarterly Bayside -Peninsula Forum, on what we are doing at school to help improve our Numeracy results. We explained our journey over the last 4 years in trying to build a strong foundation for students in understanding Numbers, Place Value, Counting and Processing. With this in place we can extend and challenge students' knowledge and skills through applied mathematical tasks and the data that we were able to show confirms we are doing some terrific work and proving why we have been acknowledged as a school of INFLUENCE, in our Network.

## NAPLAN

The 2019 NAPLAN results were released to schools on Tuesday and we can be pleased with what these are showing for us. With a Network focus on Reading and Mathematics I am pleased to report that our school mean sits above the state mean in both domains AND importantly, the growth that our students have made between Year 3 and Year 5 over the last 2 years EXCEEDS the State average.
This last statistic is very pleasing and confirms that the planning and delivering of targeted lessons is helping to 'grow' our students at a greater rate than many schools.

## Maintenance Funding

All Victorian government schools will share in $\$ 515$ million investment for maintaining existing school infrastructure over the next five years; and an additional $\$ 43$ million invested on an ongoing basis, to keep Victoria's more than 1500 schools, safe and modern.
As part of this funding boost, I am pleased to advise that Edithvale Primary School will receive an additional $\$ 66,546$ in this Schools' Maintenance Blitz package. This is in addition to our existing funding allocation. Steve Smith and I met with Tim Richardson MP to hear about what this means for our school and how we can benefit from this injection of funds to address any maintenance issues that have been identified.

## SUNSMART

Hats are compulsory here at Edithvale Primary School in Terms 1 and 4. New hats are no longer able to be purchased at school as the Uniform Shop has now moved off site to PSW located in Carrum Downs. There are a limited number of hats available in the second hand uniform shop. 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

Staff Before and After School Duty times. A reminder that our teachers are on duty 15 minutes before and after the school start and end times. School days commence at 9am - and conclude at 3:30pm. Team Holiday run an expansive before and after school program for those students who require supervision outside of these hours.

## Welcome Kai Davis

Last Saturday, and quite unexpectedly, Mrs Mellissa Davis gave birth to Kai - 7 weeks early! Mum and baby are both doing well and we are looking forward to meeting them at school next term.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mr Steve Smith

Last week was a very exciting week, with our Fathers' Day activities and a Bunnings BBQ.
Students enjoyed picking out their Fathers' Day gifts at the Fathers' Day Stall on Thursday 29 August. There was a variety of gifts to choose from and we hope all the EPS Dads enjoyed their Fathers' Day on Sunday. Thank you to Laura Moore for coordinating this event.
The Fathers' Day Stall depends on a lot of enthusiastic parent volunteers to assist the students and we would like to thank those who helped out that morning:
Laura Moore, Jodi Vuat, Mark Eddey, Cara Fraser, Briony Schmidt, Sasha Dent, Erin Cogar, Mel Foster, Nathalia Fontes Machado, Tarsha Warren, Josie St.Giorgio, and Kellie Bartindale.

Our Fathers' Day Breakfast was on Friday 30 August. The weather that morning was sunny but cold, so we had the event in the Learning Centre. Photos from the Fathers' Day Breakfast are now on the school website.
Thank you to Woolworths Chelsea for donating a fruit box towards the Fathers' Day Breakfast. Thank you to Baker's Delight in Chelsea for the generous donation of bread and rolls for the event. Thank you to Dingley Village Adventure Golf for the donated hire of the mini-golf set.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with the Fathers' Day Breakfast:
Kellie Bartindale, Sarah Van Gils, Ashlee McCarthy, Mark Eddey, Ella Vuat, Jodi Vuat, Chloe Smith, Rose Marsh, and Frankie Beilby.


Last Saturday was our Annual Bunnings BBQ. We had a great day - excellent weather, a lot of hungry customers, and a great team of volunteers. This event brought in over $\$ 1,600$ which will go towards the School's three new flag poles recently installed by the French Avenue gates.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at the Bunnings BBQ:
Rachael Blake, Robert Kabbas, Blake Syme, Brooke Syme, Melissa Heath, Glenn Butcher, Jaden Smits, Noah Smits, Michael Smits, Dan Exeter, Tim Rogers, Corey Rogers, Sarah McDonald, Sasha Dent, Dan Hulme, Fleur Eddey, Mark Eddey, Stephanie Smith, Beth Mallen, Abbey Mallen, Megan Mallen, Rick Mallen, Ella Vuat, Jodi Vuat, Helen Arden, Diane Cameron, Sam Whitla and James Whitla.
Also thank you to everyone who dropped by the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday to support the school! It was great to see so many of our school community on the day.


We are starting to plan our next event - a Community Christmas Market on Sunday 17 November from $9 \mathrm{am}-2 \mathrm{pm}$. We will have more information about this event in the coming weeks.

## CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will be holding a special lunch on Friday 20 September 2019


If you would like your child to have a Hot Dog Lunch, please order via QKR by Monday 16 September 2019. Manual orders are available at the canteen

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY THIS DATE - LATE ORDERS NOT ACCEPTED. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID FOR VIA QKR
**There will be NO Canteen available for lunch orders on this day** window sales only
THIS ORDER MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2017
If you are able to help out on the day between 9.00am-10.30am OR 12 noon-1.00pm. please let Diane know, or leave a message at the office

## HATS-COMPULSORY TERM 4

Hats are compulsory here at Edithvale Primary School in Terms 1 and 4.
New hats are no longer able to be purchased at school as the Uniform Shop has now moved off site to PSW located at 22/13 Gateway Drive, Carrum Downs.

There are a limited number of hats available in the second hand uniform shop which is open Thursday afternoons between 3:00pm - 3:40pm.


Don't forget it is always good to keep a spare hat at home. Please label with your child's name. And don't forget to check lost property!

NB: There will be a price increase at PSW in October

## WANTED: Plastic Bottle Tops

We are asking everyone to bring in your clean (washed) PLASTIC caps (marked with either \#2 or \#4), from any plastic bottles, including lemonades, sports drinks, milk bottles; and pop them in the collection bin either near the office, or by the 3D printers. We will send them off to make new hands for kids that need them. Together, with Envision Hands, we will be gathering bottle tops and transforming them into mobility aids and other usable household items. As part of the e-NABLE project, Envision Hands aims to make 100 mobility aids for disadvantaged children and communities throughout India and other 3rd world countries.
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!


## Term 3:

Important Dates
September 2
September 12
September 19
September 20

Foundation to Year 4 Swimming starts
Foundation to Year 4 Swimming finishes
School Concert
Last Day Term 3 (2.30pm dismissal)

## HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Airlie \& Scarlett's Cupcake's for Charity has been another success this year, and we baked 450 cupcakes! All monies raised will be donated to Chelsea Care Works.
A big Thank You to the following businesses:

- The Cove Hotel, Patterson Lakes-for donating ingredients and the use of their kitchen

- Coles Patterson Lakes-for donating a $\$ 50$ voucher, used to buy ingredients
- Woolworths Patterson Lakes-for donating a $\$ 10$ voucher, used to buy ingredients
- Bakers Delight Chelsea-for lending trays to carry all the cupcakes

We would also like to thank Mr Whitla for allowing us to organise this fundraiser.
Thank you,
Airlie \& Scarlett Smith

## Can collection for Homelessness Week



Thank you so much to all of our generous families and teachers for supporting our Food Drive for Chelsea Care Works last week! As a school, we collected a grand total of 1017 cans and other food items to donate to this worthy cause.
Well done to the winning classes -5/6C who collected 114 cans, Foundation D who collected 117 cans and 2B who collected 125 cans. We hope you enjoyed your special treat! Tim Richardson was at our school on Wednesday and he was blown away with how many cans we had collected. Thank you all again, E.P.S. rocks!!!


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