



EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 11

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Working Together, Aspiring Higher, Connecting with our Community & Doing the Right Thing

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

Thank you all for your support and for helping to make us a great school.

Congratulations to all of our amazing students, their wonderful families and our talented staff for helping our school survive and thrive throughout such a tumultuous term. It has been a term unlike any other in over 150 years of education. At the time of writing, my best guess is that the current processes and structures that we have in place will continue at the start of Term 3. This means that arrangements for students entering and exiting school grounds through designated gates will remain the same and we will be keeping our staggered start and finish times. We will continue with staggered recess and lunch times and have frequent cleaning of surfaces throughout the school.

The drop off and pick up has continued to work well over the last fortnight. Well done to all the students and parents for following the social distancing procedures in place. Our students have walked into school happily and confidently and settled down to work quickly. Schools throughout our Network have experienced the same calm and orderly environment at the start of each school day as we have and we are working together to devise a plan to help this continue into the future.

Today we recognised and celebrated our students for the resilience, determination and positive attitudes they have had throughout remote learning and during recent face to face teaching. Our staff felt a strong need to say THANK YOU to all of our students and we hope they enjoyed a little extra recess, the short messages attached to a tasty chocolate treat and the staff Flash Mob at lunchtime 😊

Learning partnership meetings have concluded and we have already started work on the Term 3 Progress Reporting process. These will build upon the Term 1 & 2 reports as we seek to provide frequent updates on your child's learning. The next reports will go 'live' on COMPASS in week 6 or 7 of next term.

Positive Parenting Program - The Victorian Government has funded the online **Triple P - Positive Parenting Program** for all Victorian families, providing access to expert parenting advice during these challenging times.

Families can now access free expert parenting advice through the online **Triple P - Positive Parenting Program**.

The program is relevant to families with children between 2 and 16 years and provides strategies to deal with specific challenges, such as building children's resilience and dealing with conflict.

There are courses specifically for parents of toddlers to tweens, and for parents of pre-teens to teens.

It gives parents strategies to:

- raise happy, confident kids
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life more
- set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
- encourage positive behaviour
- take care of themselves as a parent
- feel confident they're doing the right thing.

[Sign up to the Triple P program via their website](#)

I would love to be able to give you a timeframe on when we will revert back to how things once were but at this stage I am not in a position to do so. I will send through any updates directly to you as soon as these become available.

Wishing our Great Edithvale Primary School Community a happy and safe mid semester break.



SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Steve Smith

Term 2 is coming to an end and none of us could have anticipated ever having to transition to remote learning and then return to on-site schooling in under 11 weeks. Thank you to all involved! From our teachers ramping up on the new remote learning platforms and new teaching techniques, staff organising equipment and schedules, to the parents and carers who had to balance working from home with part time teaching responsibilities, and an excellent effort to all our students who did an amazing job at adapting to the new way of learning so quickly.

We are all looking forward to the further easing of restrictions, but until then, we should be proud of our school for demonstrating remarkable leadership, responsiveness and innovation to support our response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Thank you again to the school community for doing their part with staggered drop off and pick-up times, and using the designated gates.

With the absence of social events this term, the Fundraising team are pursuing grants, and planning events for later in the school year. We have our **Annual Bunnings BBQ** event on **Saturday 17 October**, and we are organising a **Christmas Market** and **Book Fair** in November. These events will depend on COVID-19 restrictions at the time.

All enthusiastic parents and carers are welcome to participate on our School Council sub-committees such as **Fundraising** and **Buildings and Grounds**. The events above will require volunteers, and our Buildings and Grounds team is looking into a Working Bee later this year as well. Please contact us at stephen.smith2@education.vic.gov.au to learn more or to express your interest.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions our School Council meetings this term were over WebEx video conferencing. Our June meeting was last week. At this meeting we were updated on the new Art Studio which was completed at the end of May, as well as future projects such as the Sensory Garden. We discussed the upcoming excursions including the Year 5/6 and Year 4 camps, which the school was able to successfully reschedule to new dates later in the year.

We also reviewed three policies during the June meeting: Attendance, COVID-19, and SunSmart. These policies will be available on the school website soon.

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

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21 July.

Entertainment Books

Let's get behind our local community!

Entertainment Memberships directly support our fundraising & help you save every time when you dine and shop. Buy today and get a 2 months extra Membership for free, a **BONUS WISH eGift Card** & a **\$50 Discover Queensland voucher**. Offer ends 13 July 2020.

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Term 2:	Important Dates
13 July	Start Term 3
29-31 July	Year 5/6 Waratah Beach Camp

Slowing the spread of coronavirus

Stay home. Protect our health system. Save lives.

- **WASH** your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.
- **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- **PHONE** your doctor or the hotline – 1800 675 398 – if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep.
- **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60% alcohol.

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www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

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