



# Wednesday Weekly

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## From the Principal

### EDUCATION WEEK – THIS WEEK!

This week, our school has been celebrating *Education Week* and we have seen many families and visitors to our school, attending our special open morning and various classroom sessions. It was terrific to see so many parents, grandparents and visitors on Monday enjoying the open classroom sessions. This year's *Education Week* workshops will be with storyteller **Eva Jo Edwards**. Eva Jo is an Indigenous Educator who has extensive experience in presenting Indigenous storytelling, song, dance and history to school children. All students will be participating in workshops today and tomorrow with Eva Jo. There are also lots of other activities taking place across the school tomorrow and Friday. Please see the program which was distributed last week – if you have misplaced your copy, you can download it from our website, or call past the office to collect a hard copy. While lots of activities will be run at school during Education Week, there are also opportunities for you and your children to explore from home.

*The 201 Literacy and Maths Tips to Help Your Child* booklet provides handy hints and ways you can help your child develop literacy and maths skills. It provides practical activities for you to do with your child at home and questions you can ask your child to help them learn. <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/involve/Pages/literacynum.aspx>

### CROSS COUNTRY

We had a brilliant day last Friday for the Year 3-6 House Cross Country. A remarkable effort! In cold and blustery conditions, students from Year 3-6 were cheered on by their peers to participate the course AROUND Binnak Park. It was fantastic to see all children strive to do their personal best, by running, walking, and jogging to complete the course. Congratulations to Edgley House who amassed the most points. It's been over a decade since they have won the cross country, and it will be great to see their names on the shield again. We also had wonderful support from parents and teachers again who took on a variety of different roles on the day. Thank you to all for your continued support!

### PRIVACY OF STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Images of students are integral to our school magazine and publications such as our newsletter. They are also used extensively in our classroom programs and visual displays. It is understandable that parents should want to take photos or videos of their child at school during special activities and events. We certainly would encourage this and promote the opportunity to record the fantastic experiences of our students at school. However, parents are not permitted to publish photos or videos of other children in the class without the permission of their parents. It is important that we all respect the privacy of these photos and videos to ensure the safety of all of our students.

### YEAR 6 TRANSITION FORMS DUE THIS FRIDAY

Parents and guardians of Year 6 students are reminded that all *Application for Enrolment* forms for Year 7 are due this **Friday, 22 May**. Please ensure that the form is returned to your child's classroom teacher as a matter of urgency. Mr Moore will be forwarding this information to the relevant secondary schools. Families will be advised of the results of the placement applications on Wednesday 20 August.

### STAFF CAR PARK

A reminder to all parents and visitors that **the staff car park is out of bounds** for all parents and children, and should not be used as a drop off or collection point. This is necessary for children's safety and everyone's cooperation is expected in this matter. Parents and visitors should use the pedestrian gates at each side of the school when entering the school grounds.

### NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. This Friday we are encouraging all school families to walk/ride/scoot or skate to school. For more information, see the report from our Well-Being Team.

*Jamie Jaquinta* (Acting Principal)

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Hello everyone! This week's column begins with a massive 'pat on the back' to two of our students for the planning and execution of their sports session for the Prep-2 children, Monday afternoon. As mentioned last week, the boys have been meticulous in the planning, crossing their 't's' and dotting their 'i's'. With the assistance of two other students, the implementation of the afternoon was faultless. The boys had constructed a floor plan spreading out a range of activities and sporting equipment. The children rotated between table tennis, quoits, tenpin bowling, frog in a pond, bullseye and hopscotch. Educators were given a task assisting at the required activities. We all had lots of fun. The boys were very 'hands on' showing their ability to guide the younger children between 5 - 8 years of age. At the conclusion of the session, they interviewed several of the children for their reflection poster which is displayed on our "What's happening in Cool Care?" display board. Please feel free to come in and visit us - we have several new additions to the board at the moment. 'Decorate your cake' drawing challenge entries are also on display for community viewing!

The girls have commenced their drawing challenge with their chosen theme being 'Your Favourite Animal' - a bit of a twist this time with the opportunity for the children to create their own creature - many a strange looking character already appearing. Our little library is slowly being updated with huge thanks to the families that have kindly contributed over the last couple of weeks following our requests. Any books sitting idly on your shelves at home would be appreciated if you find your children may have out grown out of them and they are too good to throw out. We love to recycle where we can!

The art and craft area is an extremely imaginative area this week - Donna's Delights are on the go! Feeling creative? Come and have a go!

The 'Gardening Gurus' are excitedly watching their little plants pop their heads up. The Sweet Peas and Broad Beans are on the move! Their sprouts are beginning to travel up the trellis loving the autumn weather we have recently been experiencing. We are currently resourcing a Worm Farm with the intention of becoming

completely self-sufficient with our fertilisation processes. As we are finding our Compost Heap a little difficult to maintain, our endeavours are to continue with our composting whilst promoting natural practices through our worms and their excretions. Sounds charming I know, but great when it all works!

Have a wonderful Education Week - great to see all the hard work showcased. Stay Cool, Jenny



We have plenty of oversized Polar Fleece beanies (possible adult size). To clear them out, we are selling them for **\$5.00 each!**

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**Jodie Park (Uniform Shop Coordinator)**



Do you like walking? Do you like scooting? Do you like riding your bike? Do you like to scoot, skate, ride, and walk all at once? Well, this Friday (22 May) is the day to do that. Can you scoot and ride your bike whilst walking? Wow you are absolutely amazing! Please walk, ride, scoot or skate to school this *Friday for Walk Safely to School Day*. Even if you live in Africa, just get dropped off at the milk bar or Binnak Park to get to school, but remember to always hold an adults hand when you cross the road. Remember kids .....

Stop. Look. Listen. Think.

*From the Well-Being Team*



## CURRICULUM SURVEY

School families would have received a survey last week. If you are completing the survey, please return by **TOMORROW**.

Thank you.

# PE & Sport News

## LAST WEEK – ROUND 4

Last Friday's Interschool Sport was cancelled due to the weather. This round will be played on Friday, 12 June.

## THIS WEEK – ROUND 5

WNPS v Watsonia PS (home): AFL Football at Binnak Park, Soccer at Loyola, Netball A and B at WNPS (NO SOFTBALL THIS WEEK).

## HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday, our 2015 House Cross Country was held at the Binnak Parklands area. Luckily the weather stayed dry for the event to go ahead.

We had some outstanding results throughout the morning and a **BIG congratulations** goes to all students who completed the course. This year, I was very pleased to announce the winners (YELLOW HOUSE) **EDGLEY**, as our 2015 Champions. Edgley has not been successful in any event since 2002! Well done to all!

### FINAL SCORES:

|                 |           |     |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | EDGLEY    | 345 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | McCONNELL | 312 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | GRAY      | 280 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | BATESON   | 249 |

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all of the parents and friends who supported the day and assisted at checkpoints. Your help is very much appreciated!

Students who made the District Team will receive information shortly on the District Cross Country which will be held on Wednesday, 27 May at Banyule Flats from 12.30-2.30pm.

A BIG thank you also to **CRAIG MARTIN** who supplied the medals for our placegetters.

## SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to some of our students who have successfully progressed to School Sport Victoria Northern Region Sports Trials. Good luck to you all!

Trent O'Sullivan (PE & Sport Coordinator)



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## Nominations now open

Banyule Sports Achievement Awards  
and Club Recognition Night



Nominations close 29 May 2015

Celebrating the great achievements of local community sports people. Be a sport and nominate individuals or a club!



Awards host  
former AFL player  
Luke Darcy

Awards night  
24 June 2015  
The Centre Ivanhoe

### Award Categories

1. Junior Male and Female Athlete
2. Senior Male and Female Athlete
3. All Abilities Sports Person
4. Female and Male Club Person
5. Community Club

### Lodge nominations

by 29 May 2015 at [www.banyule.vic.gov.au/sportsawards](http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/sportsawards)

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