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| 13 | Prep 2010 transition session |
| 19 | Morning tea with Mark Walker and School Council members |
| 20 | Camp Out |
| 23 | School Council meeting |
| 16 - 24 | Intensive Swim Programme grades Prep - 2 |
| December | |
| 7 | Xmas Concert |

Key Dates

Principal's Column

Building News:

Last week I included some drawings of the new gym. If you missed these they are on the school website <http://www.elsternwickps.vic.edu.au/parent-information.html>

Over the next 4 weeks builders are continuing to work on modernising the Murphy Street Building, which includes a new roof. The following arrangements are for parents and students:

- Access to the site from Murphy Street is from the main gate and around the northern section of the building. There will be no access from the gate near the car park.
- Access to the main building in Murphy Street will be confined to students entering classrooms in the northern section. Effectively there will be limited or no access to the central and southern parts of the Murphy Street building for the remainder of this school year.
- The main school office is being relocated to the school library and a meeting room in the new building [CAB] from next Wednesday November 18th to Monday November 30th. Signs will direct people to the school library. The library is still operating over this period so to avoid disruption to students and teachers we ask that parents try and keep business to the start or end of the school day.
- The school leadership offices [Ms Salter and I] are closed for up to three weeks. We will be working in different locations and are contactable through the school office.
- Temporary first aide facilities will be located near the school library. Parents will have to contact Lindy through the reception desk in the school library.
- I ask for your patience and consideration during this period of potential disruption towards the end of the school year.

Hot Days:

Melbourne has been sweltering in the longest run of November heat in more than 80 years. During these hot conditions parents have raised about air conditioning.

In response I report that government policy is that cooling systems are provided to schools on the basis of their location within the *Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme* (NatHERS) which effectively excludes most schools in Melbourne. Air conditioning is provided to metal relocatable buildings. The new building was designed with environment sustainability principles to vent hot air each night.

Our relocatable buildings have air conditioning units that are working and serviced on a regular basis. In 2008 school council funded the upgrading of four portable classrooms split cycle heating and cooling units as they are considered permanent rooms. Currently I am trying to negotiate the installation of new split cycle systems in the 4 relocated classrooms as part of the Commonwealth Building Project.

School council has funded additional shading to one of the relocatable buildings which was completed this week and as I have previously reported shading structures are due to be erected this month over the playgrounds in the middle of the site.

Parents wanting to suggest other cooling measures are encouraged to write to school council and their local member if they want to change government

Mark Walker

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

Amended road rules:

'All children under seven years of age must wear a child restraint or booster seat when travelling in a car for improved safety.'

http://www.roadrules.vicroads.vic.gov.au/5_rule_child_restraints.html

'Scooter riders are required to wear an approved bicycle helmet.'

http://www.roadrules.vicroads.vic.gov.au/11_rule_wheeled_recreational_devices.html

Assistant Principal's Jottings

After 7 wonderful weeks of long service leave and seeing the world, I am pleased to be back to enjoy the final weeks of what has been an eventful year at EPS.

When you are away for a while you come back and tend to notice things with new eyes. Attending assembly on Monday was wonderful and I want to commend the students who played so well entertaining us with sax and clarinet. What wonderful learning they are doing in our instrumental music program. The senior students who ran the assembly and spoke are improving so well and speaking with much more clarity and confidence. Well done all.

Hats

While there were still some students without hats, it was pleasing to see so many remembering and being prepared for the week ahead. Staff are now entering into a voluntary 'fine' system if they turn up without a hat – perhaps parents attending school assembly could assist us in trying to be great role models for our kids and wearing hats as well. Kids learn from us in everything we do.

School start time

I have noticed and have heard from teachers that many children are still arriving late for school each day. School start is at 8.50am. It really helps if you bring your children to school early so they can have a quick play and be ready to go inside before 8.50. The playground is staffed from 8.35am so children can easily play outside from that time. Classes begin at 8.50 and unless parents are helping in classes in the first session, we ask that you not disrupt children's learning by entering the classroom with your child after school has started. The teacher is trying to get underway and cannot stop to talk to you at this time. We love parents helping in rooms and each class has a mechanism for this to occur. Please help us help your children in their learning so that classes can start on time by getting your kids to school before the bell. Thank you.

Collecting children from school early

Many parents help each other out by collecting each other's children. Please remember that if you have asked someone else to pick up your child from school early, that the class teacher knows about this with a note or phone call. It is also important that the early leavers from at the school office has been filled in and stamped. Without this, the teacher is legally unable to release any children to you. This is an important part of our safety process. These are important aspects for the safety of all children in the school.

Sarah Salter

KEYBOARD PLAYER WANTED - EPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A position has become available for a keyboard player to perform at the EPS Christmas Concert on Monday 7th December.

If you play the keyboard or know somebody who can assist, please contact Naomi Elias on 03 8534 6155 or elias.naomi.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

MONDAY

DECEMBER 7TH

GATES OPEN AT

5:30 – CONCERT STARTS AT 6:30

AND GOES TO 8:30.

BRING YOUR PICNIC & RELAX!!!

THIS IS A BYO EVENT.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO REALLY CHILL, THERE WILL BE A SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 5:30 – 6:20. ALSO AVAILABLE FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE ARE SOFT DRINKS, ICE CREAM AND SUSHI AT THE HALF TIME BREAK.

ENTRY IS \$5.00 PER ADULT (KIDS ARE FREE)

Please Please Please, if you can spare 30minutes before, during or after the event to help us set up, serve or pack up, we gratefully would love to hear from you. Please email Nicole George on m.ngeorge@bigpond.com. Thank you.



Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

Challenger's names will be published in the Sunday Age, 15 November.

We are still waiting on certificates.

Elinor Knappert
EPS Library



How is steel made?

Steel is made from special rocks in the ground called "iron ore" and coal. Iron ore is normally red in colour and found in hills and mountains. Coal is also found in the ground and is black and crumbly. The iron ore and coal are put into a huge furnace called a "Blast Furnace" and heated up to very high temperatures until they melt. Molten metal pours out the bottom of the furnace. We then blast oxygen (that's the part of air that we breath) at the molten iron, which makes it even hotter and turns it into steel. We then use steel to make buildings, cars, fridges, pots, pans, knives, forks and even toys.

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