

School Newsletter

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Primary Age Students Recommended to Wear Face Masks

On the weekend the Victorian Government recommended that primary age students attending On-Site Supervision programs at schools, wear a face mask. This is in response to the number of young children having recently acquired COVID. Please consider this recommendation if your child is on-site.



Class Dojo is coming!!!

All student learning will be posted on Class Dojo as of next week. Families will receive vital information from their home group teacher regarding this today. This will enable students and families to more easily submit work to their teacher, ask questions and receive feedback. Initially, there may be some problems getting used to another way of doing things, but we do believe this will add considerably to our remote learning program and enable more interaction between students and teachers. Please see further information included in this newsletter!

Student learning will be posted the day before between 3pm and 4pm to allow families time to prepare for the next day's learning. This change has been made in response to parent/carer feedback.



IMPORTANT DATES

Year 1/2 Cultural Dance Incursion

Rescheduled date to be confirmed

Year 5/6 Camp Activity Day

Rescheduled date to be confirmed

Friday 17th September

Book Week Dress Up Day
Parade (Date change)

Friday 17th September

Last Day Term 3

Sunday 19th September

ICAS Mathematics & Spelling
Assessment registrations close

Monday 18th October

Student Led Conferences
No classes on this day

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ECPS Parent Survey – Have You Had Your Say Yet

Please consider completing our Parent Survey. We are very keen to hear from our school families what they value in our school and the improvements they would like to see. Details on how to complete the survey before Friday 3rd September were posted on Compass by Ann last Tuesday.

We would appreciate your thoughts and thank you if you have already completed the survey.

ICAS Assessments

ICAS assessments for spelling and mathematics have been postponed until October. The Spelling ICAS assessment will occur on Tuesday 12th October and the Mathematics on Tuesday 19th October. Families can register their child for either or both tests up until Sunday 19th September. Use the ICAS Parent Portal to register and pay.

Our parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessment.com/pages/pps>

Our school access code is: **ADZ256**

Congratulation Victoria on our Naplan results

Victoria has held the top spot as the highest-performing jurisdiction on seven out of ten measures in the primary school years. Our Year 3 and Year 5 numeracy results were the highest in the country.

Victoria also improved on our 2019 results. Reading was a particular highlight, with students in years 3, 5 and 7 demonstrating significant improvement.

Further details are available in the attached flyer.

Our individual student NAPLAN results will be sent to our Year 3 and Year 5 families once received (hopefully next week).

As always in education, our job is never fully complete. We will continue to work with each child to help them achieve academically and socially in today's world.

Fathers' Day Raffle

At last week's ECPS School Council meeting, school councillors decided to extend the Father's Day Raffle. This will be drawn on the last day of term Friday, 17th September. We hope all students will return to school prior to this and be able to return their raffle tickets. Otherwise payment can be made by ringing school office during business hours.



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Book Week Celebrations

Our school Book Week celebrations have obviously changed from our original plans with the lockdown we are currently all in! As a school we are working very hard to reschedule the events affected by us not being able to attend school onsite.

To celebrate Book Week at home, you might like to help your child place their book or books in the front window for the next week or so. A number of people are doing this in lockdowns across Australia and it is a fantastic thing to look out for if you are walking through your neighbourhood as part of your daily exercise. It would be great if our community in Wollert joined in on the fun and shared their love of literacy with each other!



We have rescheduled our Book Week Dress Up Day for the last day of term, Friday 17th September.

We all have our fingers crossed we will be back onsite at school and able to celebrate this together.



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Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Our school has now read 1426 books for the Premiers' Reading Challenge!

23 students have now completed the Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge is open for all students at Edgars Creek Primary School. All students have received their Edupass username and password that this will enable them to log in to the Premiers' Reading Challenge app. Please contact your child's Home Group teacher if you need these credentials again.

LOGGING IN TO THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE WITH AN EDUPASS ACCOUNT

1. Go to the Challenge Application at <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>
2. Select the 'School coordinator or student' button.
3. Select the Edupass login option. This will redirect you to the Edupass authentication page.
4. Enter the username and password for the Edupass account. This will redirect you back to the Challenge application.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



Sports Celebration Day - Friday 3rd September

Get your sports gear ready for Friday 3rd September!

To celebrate the approaching AFL finals, ECPS is having a sport celebration day on Friday 3rd September. Students and staff are invited to dress up in their favourite team colours. This can be team colours for any sporting team such as soccer, AFL, rugby, netball, cricket etc.

(Ann hopes we see lots of red and black on the screen!!!!)



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Book Week Celebrations

Due to the current COVID lockdown some changes
have been made to our celebrations:

BOOK FAIR

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

DRESS UP PARADE (NEW DATE)

FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

OFFICIAL LIBRARY OPENING

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our teachers and students will also celebrate
Book Week with some remote activities
throughout next week.

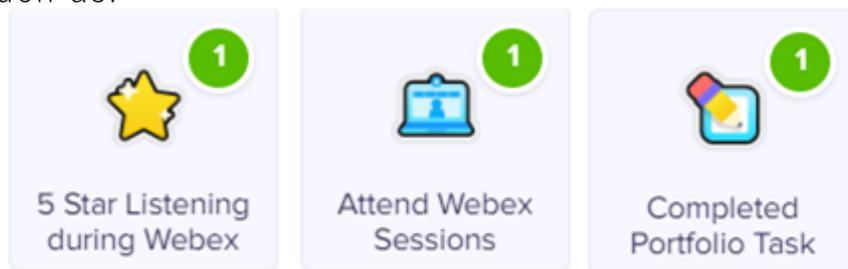
Remote Learning: Class Dojo @ ECPS



At Edgars Creek Primary School, every teacher has been using Class Dojo as a tool to develop and promote a school wide positive culture. Each student already has their own account where they have their very own avatar and is awarded Dojo points when they demonstrate our school values and/or our positive learning behaviours:



To improve our Remote Learning for the remainder of the year we are excited to start utilising Dojo as a learning tool from home, alongside what we currently use Dojo for. We will be adding some additional Dojo Points to help with student engagement with remote learning, such as:



1. Getting Started:

Firstly, if you do not have the app, please download it from the App Store or Google Play:



ClassDojo 4+
School messaging & portfolios
ClassDojo, Inc.
Designed for iPad
#5 in Education
★★★★★ 4.8 + 1.7M Ratings
Free - Offers In-App Purchases



ClassDojo
ClassDojo Education
Everyone
Offers in-app purchases
This app is available for your device

You can also use a desktop and access it by going to the Class Dojo website:

<https://student.classdojo.com/#/login>



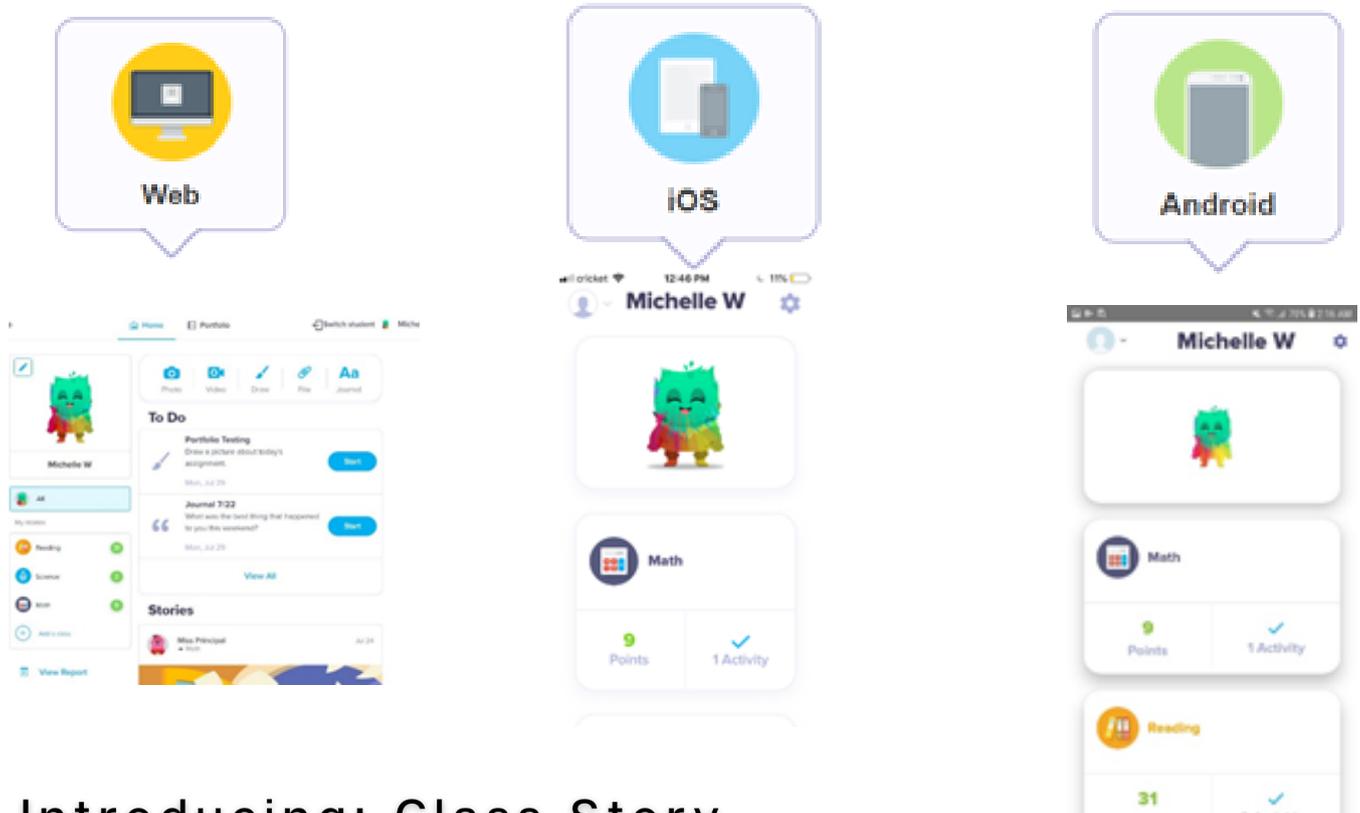
2. Connecting to your child's Class Dojo Account:

Now that you have access to Class Dojo, open your email from your child's Homegroup teacher and click the link that will take you directly to your child's account.

Here is a video to help: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yH-fMUXS_HU

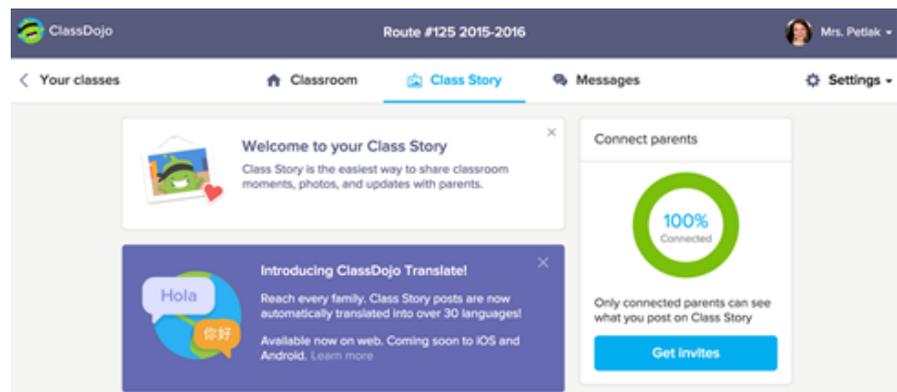
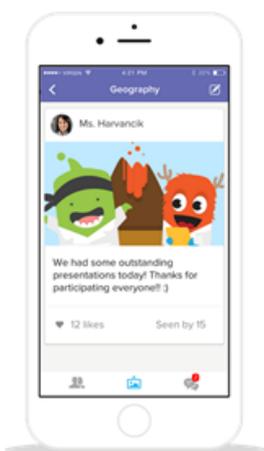


This is what it will look like on different devices:



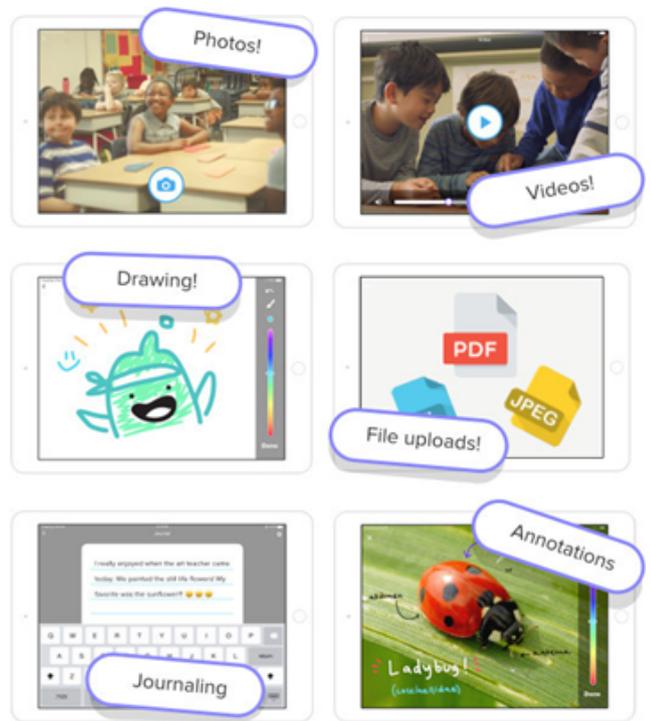
3. Introducing: Class Story

Teachers will be using Class Story to share remote learning (as posted previously via Compass), classroom updates and reminders to all students. This is a shared place on Class Dojo where all students from their Homegroup will be able to view what their teacher has posted. When your child logs into their account they will find a welcome message on their Class Story, they are able to 'like' it or share a comment with their teacher and Homegroup.



4. Introducing: Portfolios

Teachers will be using Portfolios to post tasks that we would like the students to complete and return to us (as previously completed via Compass emails). This is a personal place on Class Dojo where all the tasks that get uploaded and sent through Portfolios can only be seen by your child and their teachers. Students can share their work with their teachers by creating and uploading videos, drawing and annotating on photos or worksheets, composing journal entries, adding voice notes and much more! When your child logs into their account they will find a welcome activity in their 'To Do List' to complete in their Portfolio, they are able to use different tools to complete the assigned task and upload it to their teacher.



Our School Has Created These Videos To Help:

For the Class Dojo App (Using an iPad or similar device)

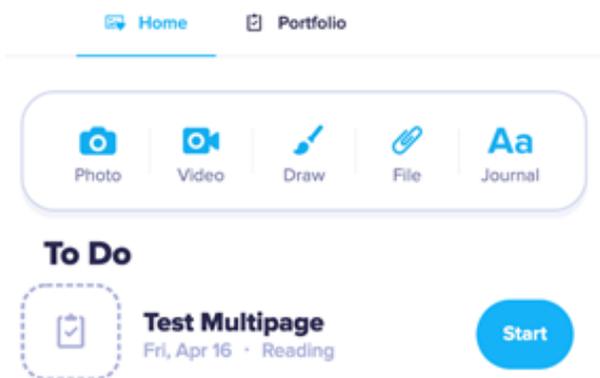
How to Add a Piece of Learning to Your Portfolio

<https://youtu.be/iy7NEIjjutU>



How to Complete a Set Activity

<https://youtu.be/FIPjPuuCx-c>



When Not Using the App

How to Add a Piece of Learning to Your Portfolio

<https://youtu.be/FJqXT7EXxJU>



How to Complete a Set Activity

<https://youtu.be/nLw4d9qJUvI>



Please contact your child's teacher if you are still having any further problems and we will do our best to support you!

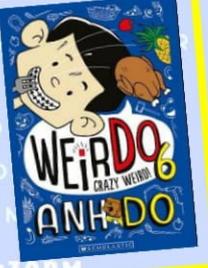


IN 3/4B THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK FROM HOME BY SHARING SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE BOOKS!

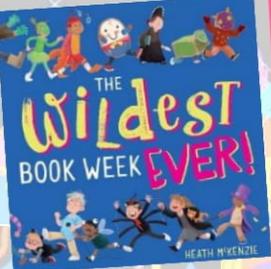
Stela-
Rainbow Magic Books
 By Daisy Meadows
 I like these books because I like fairies and enjoy reading chapter books.
 I recommend this book for people who like learning about magic or fairies.



Andrew-
Weirdo & Crazy Weird
 By Anh Do
 I like that its funny when he is scared of the dark and is inside a dark closet.
 I recommend this to all my friends!



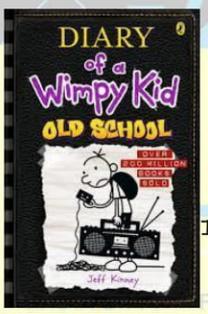
Nishka-
The wildest Book Week Ever
 Heath McKenzie
 I like that it's the theme of this week and it has funny characters.
 This book is good for creative people who like to dress up!



Garry-
The Velveteen Rabbit
 By Margery Williams
 I like it because it talks all about rabbits and they are one of my favourite animals.
 I recommend this book for people who like rabbits and who like to be creative.



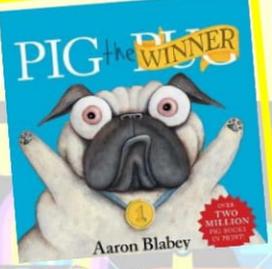
Harjas-
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Old School
 By Jeff Kinney
 I like it because it has some comics.
 It would be a good book for people who like comics and advanced technology.



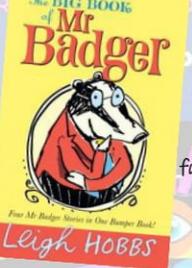

Manreet-
The Second Sky
 Patrick Guest and Jonathon Bentley
 I like this book because the penguin is very cute, and it saw the second sky for the first time.
 I recommend this book for people who like the sky, penguins, or picture books.



Jaiveer-
Pig the Winner
 By Aaron Blabey
 I like this book because it is funny and Pig can be a bit crazy.
 I recommend it for people who like pugs.



Nakul-
The Big Book of Mr Badger
 By Leigh Hobbs
 funny chapter book. It is one you'll like to read again and again.
 It would be a good fit book for people who like funny chapter books.



Highlights from Victorian Preliminary Results in NAPLAN 2021

The incredible resilience and hard work of Victorian educators, students and families has been reflected in the remarkable results for this year's NAPLAN tests.

Leading the nation

Victoria has held top spot as the highest-performing jurisdiction on seven out of ten measures in the primary school years. Our Year 3 and Year 5 numeracy results were the highest in the country.

Year 7 students achieved the highest scores of any jurisdiction for the foundation skills of Reading and Numeracy, and our Year 9 students achieved the highest scores for Spelling.

2021 Victorian rankings relative to other jurisdictions – primary year levels and domains

Mean score	Year 3	Year 5
Reading	1	1
Numeracy	1	1
Writing	2	1
Spelling	2	2
Grammar and Punctuation	1	1

More students achieving their best

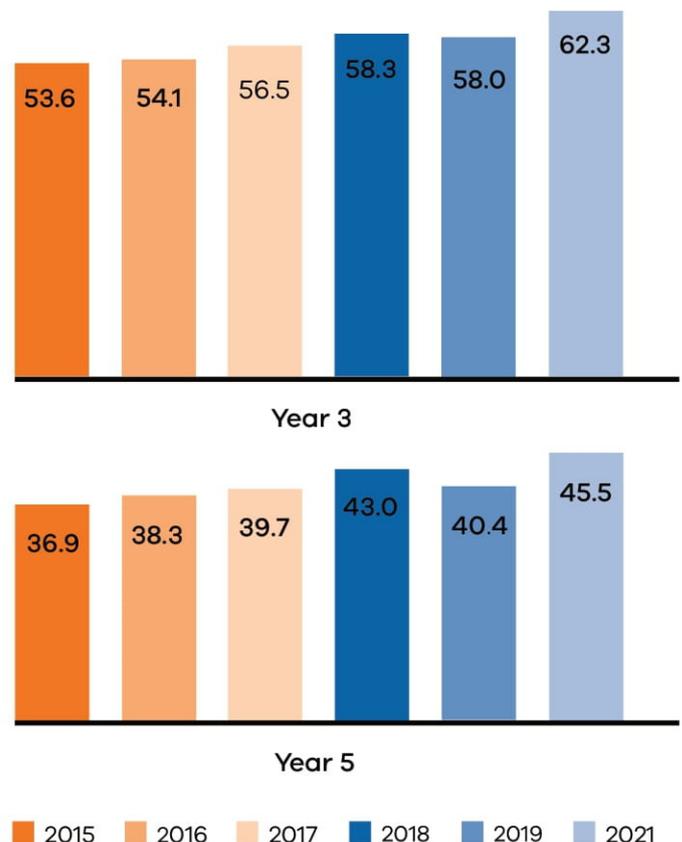
Victoria also improved on our 2019 results. Reading was a particular highlight, with students in years 3, 5 and 7 demonstrating significant improvement.

More than 62 per cent of Year 3 students are now achieving in the top two bands for Reading, representing an increase of almost ten per cent from 2015.

Since 2015, the number of students in the bottom two bands for Reading has decreased by more than eight percentage points for Year 5 students and more than two percentage points for Year 3 students.

In years 3 and 5, over 13,000 more students are achieving at the highest reading levels compared to 2015.

NAPLAN Reading: Proportion of Victorian primary students in the top two bands



Secondary school achievement

Across secondary schools, more students are achieving in the top two bands of Reading compared to 2019 and there are fewer students in the bottom two bands.

Year 7 students improved in Reading, Writing and Spelling compared to 2019 and achieved the highest scores of any state or territory for Reading and Numeracy.

2021 Victorian rankings relative to other jurisdictions – Year 7 level

Mean score	Year 7
Reading	1
Numeracy	1

Celebrating Year 9 success

For the first time, almost 19,000 Year 9 students are receiving certificates to recognise their excellence or significant learning growth on their Year 7 NAPLAN results.

