

School Newsletter

Thursday 24th February 2022



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**EDGARS CREEK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Have you booked a time with
your child(ren)'s
Home Group teacher(s)?

Meet the Teacher Appointments

The opportunity to work together in partnership supporting your child is extremely important to their educational and social development.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with families on Tuesday or Wednesday and discussing how your child has settled into this school year. Meetings will be held over Webex but we do hope families can visit learning spaces some time in Term 2 when Covid restrictions allow.

Please book via Compass or ring the School Office for further details.

School Council Elections

Our ECPS School Council for 2022 needs the support of our families. We are seeking parents/carers who can attend a monthly meeting to assist in the development and improvement of Edgars Creek Primary School.

Please watch Compass for information about this early next week.

IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 1st & Wednesday
2nd March**

Meet the Teacher - via Webex

Monday 14th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS

Monday 21st March

Harmony Day

Tuesday 5th April

Whole School Photo Day

Thursday 7th April

School Vaccination Hub

Friday 8th April

Term 1 ends

Students finish at 2:30pm



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ECPS Student Handbook

This week your child/ren will bring home their ECPS Student Handbook. This handbook contains their Homeroom Agreement which they have created together with their teacher and peers. The agreement outlines how we expect our students to behave, collaborate and be part of our school community.

It also contains, their Home Groups morning and afternoon routines, the teachers who are in the learning community and information about Brain Food and Compass.

Please take the time to read it with your child and revisit it every few weeks as a way of supporting them and promoting our school values and expectations.

School Captains

Our 2022 School Captains have been selected after a rigorous process.

School Captains: Armaan and Aarav

Vice School Captains: Sahil, Gurveer, Effie, Anav

Well done to all students who presented.



School Captains: Aarav & Armaan



Vice School Captains: Effie, Gurveer, Sahil & Anav



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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - iPad Program

Classes at Edgars Creek Primary School are delivered with some use of iPads. Our school operates a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, which means participating students must bring their own purchased iPad with them to school each day.

Edgars Creek Primary School has a portal with Edunet that offers discounted prices for the purchase of iPads for Edgars Creek Primary School students. Information about this portal can be found on our school website via the following link: <https://edgarscreekps.vic.edu.au/parents/#byod>

Students must have a signed Acceptable Use Agreement returned to school before they will be allowed to use technology to assist with their learning.

Participating students are required to have their own iPad that must:

- be at least a 6th generation to run the required apps
- be clearly named
- be brought to school in a strong protective case and fully charged. Charging will not be an option at school
- have at least 10 GB of storage
- travel to and from school, in a zipped up school bag. Students are strongly advised to not use the iPad between home and school
- not be taken outside without the direct permission of a staff member either during class time, recess or lunch time
- not be used within the school grounds before or after school
- be put away during eating times. No food or drink should be consumed near iPads
- must not be left unattended, on the ground, a chair or left outdoors at any time.

Please note that our school does not have insurance to cover accidental damage to students' iPads, and parents/carers are encouraged to consider obtaining their own insurance for their child's iPad.

Students who have a BYOD iPad that needs to be connected to the school network are invited to bring their device to school on Fridays. Our computer technician works at our school on this day and will connect BYOD devices as quickly as he can. Please be aware that he may not get time to connect your child's iPad on the Friday it is initially brought to school. If this occurs, your child is invited to bring the device the following Friday for connection.

To support the connection process, please support us with the following:

- **Ensure the iPad is clearly labelled with your child's name and 2022 Home Group.**
- **If there is a passcode to access the iPad, this needs to be written down for our computer technician to access the device.**
- **Ensure 'Find My iPad' is turned off before it is brought to school on the day it will be connected.**

Unfortunately, during the connection process, student iPads will need to be restored to factory settings. This has the potential for saved files and information on the iPad to be lost. To preserve the current apps and information on your child's iPad we suggest you back the data on the iPad up.

Please see the Compass post made by Matthew Dunstone regarding BYOD devices for further information, including step by step instructions explaining how to turn 'Find My iPad' off and back up iPad data.



Zooper Doopers - Fundraiser



We are selling NO SUGAR Zooper Doopers at afternoon recess. These are available from the Canteen and have been enjoyed by many students already this week. They cost \$1.

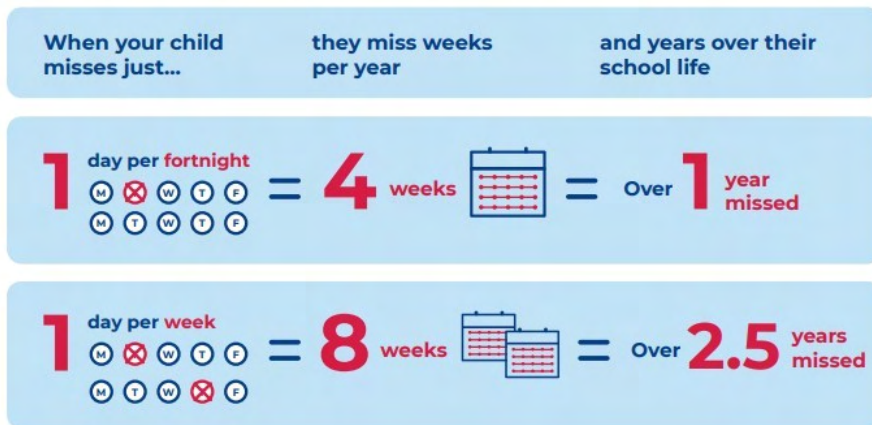
The profits from the sale of these will go to more reading materials for the students including Take Home Books and Library Books.

Thank you to the staff who are giving up part of their break time to sell our Zooper Doopers.

Every Minute, Every Day Counts!

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



School Hats

All students must wear an Edgars Creek Primary School hat. These are available from PSW. Please put your child's name on this as they are often misplaced. Students who do not have a hat will be required to remain in the shade and this limits their ability to play.



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Meet the Wellbeing Team for 2022:

Rebecca (Beck) Salem - Wellbeing Leader

My Name is Rebecca Salem and I am the Wellbeing Leading Teacher at our school. In my role I support students, families and teachers around wellbeing.

I have worked in the wellbeing space for several years and prior to that I was a classroom teacher. I love working with students to support their social, emotional and educational needs. On weekends I look forward to spending time with my husband Rob and my fur baby Layla.

I love meeting people, please say hello if you see me in the school yard!



Sara Johns - Mental Health Wellbeing Coordinator

My name is Sara Johns and I am the Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator for the school. This is my first year in this role.

Previously, I have worked for 13 years as a teacher, across various states of Australia. I live in Wollert with my husband and two sons. I also have two cats and a dog.

I am extremely passionate about the Wellbeing of children and aim to support children to become the best version of themselves. I look forward to working with our community.



Joseph Kaldas- School Chaplain

My name is Joseph; I am the Chaplain here at Edgars Creek. I love sports, music, drawing and hanging out with my puppy and son. I was born in Egypt, I speak Arabic and English and I can't wait to meet all of you guys at ECPS.



Dilara Karakutuk - Psychologist

Hi, my name is Dilara, and I will be joining the wellbeing team as the psychologist. I am currently working at Edgars Creek Primary School on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

On other days, I am studying. I enjoy reading, cooking, and travelling. I have enjoyed getting to know the school community so far and look forward to getting to know you all throughout the semester.



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What is Wellbeing?

This year we have continued our work with The Zones of Regulation. The Zones of Regulation is a complete social-emotional learning curriculum, created to teach children self-regulation and emotional control. It uses four colours to help children self-identify how they're feeling and categorise it based on colour. The curriculum also helps children better understand their emotions, sensory needs, and thinking patterns. Students learn different strategies to help them cope and manage their emotions based on which colour zone they're in. All our Learning Communities have introduced 'greet's at the door' which is a morning check in with all students.

Below are the 4 Zones:

The Green Zone The green zone, is used to describe when you're in a calm state of alertness. Being in the green zone means you are calm, focused, happy, or ready to learn. This is predominantly the state you want your child to be in. It's also the state most needed in the classroom in order to learn.

The Yellow Zone The yellow zone, describes when you have a heightened sense of alertness. This isn't always a bad thing, and you typically still have some control when you're in the yellow zone. Being in the yellow zone means you may feel frustrated, anxious or nervous. But, it could also mean you're feeling excited, silly, or hyper – which is okay in the right situations.

The Red Zone The red zone, describes an extremely heightened state of intense emotions. When a person reaches the red zone, they're no longer able to control their emotions or reactions. This is the zone kids are in during 'meltdowns'. Being in the red zone means you're feeling anger, rage, terror, or complete devastation and feel out of control.

The Blue Zone The blue zone, on the other hand, is used when a person is feeling low states of alertness. When you're in the blue zone you may be feeling down – sad, sick, tired, or bored. You're still in control, as you are in the yellow zone, but with low energy emotions.

We are teaching children to identify when they are in different zones and helping them build a toolbox of strategies to support them in self-regulating to be 'Ready to Learn'. Sara our Mental Health Wellbeing Coordinator is also supporting teachers to implement these strategies in their home groups.



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Maths is EVERYWHERE!!

Carly-Marie was shopping and saw this deal for one of her favourite treats. Her maths brain was confused though... was the 3 for \$1 really a good deal? Why/why not?



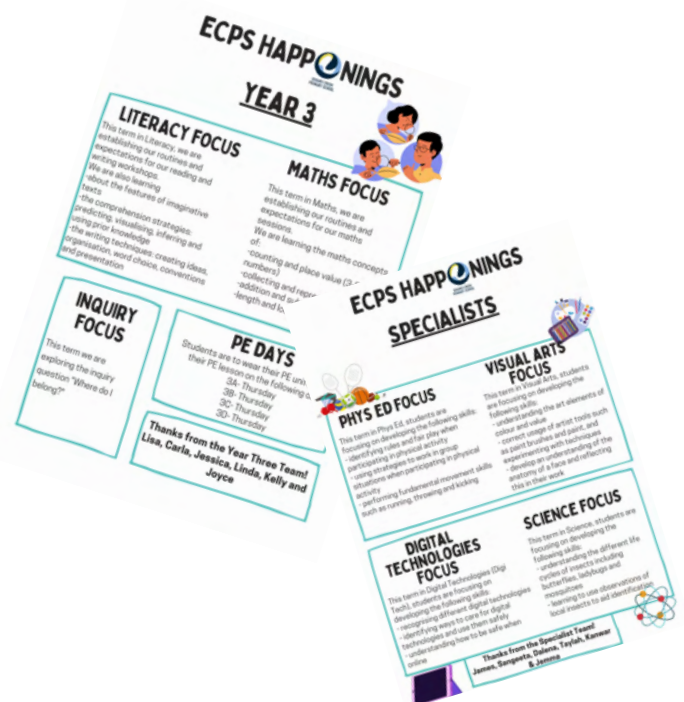
The DET has produced a number of videos with great ideas of exploring maths at home. Watch the collection [HERE](#)



ECPS Happenings

Today each student will have received their year level's version of TERM ONE ECPS Happenings.

This outlines the key skills that students are learning in literacy and maths, as well as their specialist lessons.



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Year 1 Learning Community



The year 1 Learning Community have settled into the 2022 school year smoothly!

We have been learning about how to be a **good friend** and how to fill other people's buckets. When we say or do kind things, we fill our bucket and someone else's bucket. When we make poor choices, we empty people's buckets.

We know SO MANY ways to fill people's buckets!

We have also been learning about the different Zones of Regulation.

There are 4 Zones and each represents how we may be feeling. Our goal is to get back to the green zone!



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Home Group	Name	Award given for...
PA	Ariana	For being courageous when making new friends whilst playing in the yard.
PB	Eknoordeep	For displaying our school value of Respect during group times by showing full body listening. Amazing work, Eknoordeep!
PC	Sukham	For showing the school value of Courage when sharing his ideas in group discussions and always trying his best in learning tasks. Great work!
PD	Katerina	For always giving everything a go and trying her best in every lesson. Well done, Katerina!
PE	Naomi	For always contributing to class discussions and working hard to use a louder voice when presenting to her class mates. You have shown so much courage! Well done Superstar! We are so proud!
PF	Martin	For doing a fantastic job remembering the sounds of the letters A, C, D and F. Well done Martin!
PG	Andrej	For remembering the sounds of the letters A, C and D and sharing them with confidence. Keep working hard Andrej!
1A	William	For always helping others without being asked and using your manners. You are showing the school value of Respect whenever you do this. Well done, William!
1B	David	For showing the school value, Responsibility, by helping his classmates and teachers.
1C	Liam	For adapting so well to his new timetable. Liam has been joining in with classroom activities, Art and PE. Keep up the great work Liam, we are so proud of you!
1D	Ryder	For demonstrating persistence in his learning and never giving up! As well as being a very supportive friend to others in 1D and always being there to help someone. Thank you for being a great member of 1D Ryder!
1E	Maddox	For his outstanding effort this week and for consistently displaying the school value of Respect. You always try your best, have wonderful manners and demonstrate kindness to everyone. Keep it up, Maddox!
1F	Trinity	For using her words to share how she is feeling and working hard to fill up her friends' buckets. She also used an exclamation mark in her writing! Well done superstar!
1G	Ryan	For his outstanding effort and positive attitude toward his learning this week. I am so proud of you Ryan! Keep up the good work!
1H	Jasper	For coming out of his shell and showing confidence in his knowledge and ability. Great work!
2A	Aysha	For displaying so much enthusiasm towards her learning each day and for displaying leadership qualities through being a positive role model for her peers. Well done Aysha!
2B	Hassan	For being a courageous learner and always having a go at challenging learning tasks. It is wonderful to see your confidence grow and the big smile on your face when you learn new things. Well done Hassan!
2C	Claudia	For always showing our school value Courage throughout class discussions. You come to school everyday with a great, big smile on your face and try your best with your learning tasks. Keep up the amazing work, Claudia!
2D	Aya	For demonstrating curiosity during your learning and asking lots of great questions to further your understanding. Awesome work!



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Home Group	Name	Award given for...
3A	Hamzah	For demonstrating the value of curiosity when investigating how to use capital letters and full stops accurately in your own writing. Keep up the amazing work, Hamzah!
3B	Gurkirat	For moving out of his comfort zone and sharing his creative writing and new knowledge. He is beginning to communicate more clearly and effectively. Well done, Gurkirat!
3C	Abbas	For showing creativity in our writing session and showing the ECPS value of curiosity. Well done Abbas!
3D	Ahmed	For being a great teachers helper even when it's not his job, for following the class values of being respectful and for great learning. Keep it up!
4A	Dean	Dean you have been working really hard on your work presentation and are demonstrating the value of 'Responsibility' by being organised and on task. Keep up the fantastic effort Dean!
4B	Emilia	For displaying excellent behaviour and consistently working hard during classroom lessons.
4C	Savannah	For trying hard to improve her handwriting and ensuring her book presentation is neat. Keep up the good work, Savannah!
5/6A	Kristian	For his consistent positive attitude during learning time and working effectively during group activities.
5/6B	Youssef	For demonstrating Curiosity in all his learning and applying himself in all subject areas.
5/6C	Zahraa	For consistently aiming high, striving to be her best and being an outstanding role model for other students. Great job and you should be proud!
5/6D	Sarah	For writing a detailed recount about your holidays and demonstrating the school values within the classroom.
5/6E	Parmeet	For consistently displaying the school values and working hard during all lessons.
Visual Arts	Khush 4A	For showing the school value 'Responsibility' during Visual Arts. Thank you for being an amazing role model to your peers. Well done Khush!
Science	Agampreet - 2D	For showing curiosity in Science and being a role model for respect at Edgars Creek Primary. Well done, Agam!
Digital Technologies	Salman 1C	For displaying excellent behaviour and consistently working hard during Digital Technology lessons. Keep it up Salman
PE-James	Anav 5/6 B	For displaying excellent behaviour and always trying his best in PE. Well done Anav!



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ENROLMENTS

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DATES & DURATION*

7 April - 8 Dec 2022
(Plus Fri. 8 April - session
via remote learning)

29 sessions, 2 workshops &
100 hour placement.
(Excl. public & school holidays)

DAYS & HOURS

Thursdays
9.45am - 2.45pm

STUDY MODE

Classroom & remote/mixed
mode classes, self-directed
offsite tasks & research,
practical placement and
industry/assessment
workshops.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Moderate computer and
internet and email skills.
English LLN skills at an
industry entry standard.

FEES

Gov. subsidised:

Concession \$90
Full \$450

Non-subsidised:

\$5670^

*^Special consideration may apply
+ \$10 Services & amenities fee*

**Course commencement is subject
to variation, sufficient enrolments
and eligibility requirements.*

*Prace encourages individuals with
disabilities to participate in its
programs and activities.*

*This training is delivered with
Victorian and Commonwealth
government funding.*

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY BASKETBALL?



Basketball is coming to Edgars Creek Primary.
Age Group: U8 – U21 years old across boys and girls



- Basketball is not only a fun activity to do with your friends; it is able to change your life.
- The game can help you gain a healthy lifestyle, turn you into a better all around athlete and can even take you across the world.
- Would you like to be paid tax free (pocket money) to be a referee 14 years and over training provided.
- Whether you are the next superstar or not, playing basketball is one of the best activities you can do during free time.

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Brainobrain is a positive experience & powerful sensory stimuli improving the cognitive performance & the synapses formation - connections between neural cells which are responsible for communication by neurotransmitters.

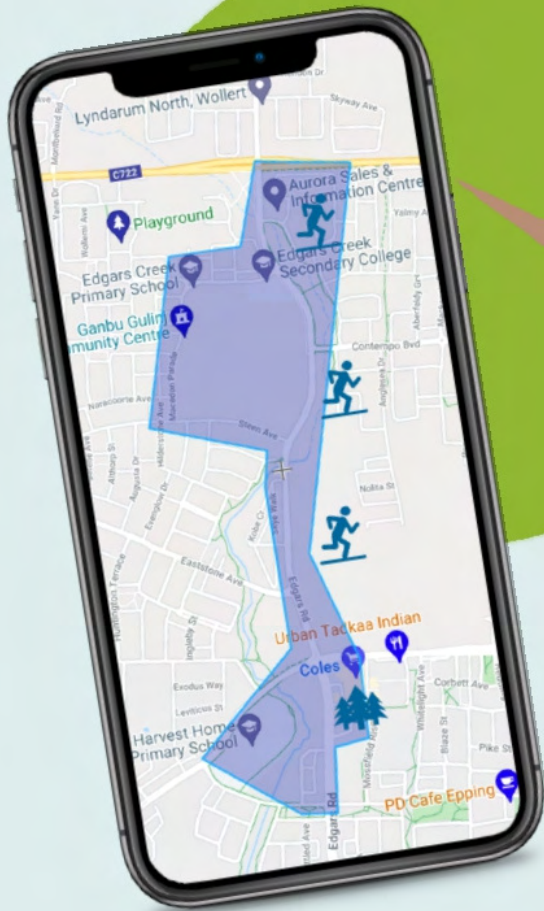
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Northern Youth Council's 2022

Clean Up Australia Day



To Sign Up:

Email us - TheNorthernYouthCouncil@gmail.com
or via the link in the comments

When: Sunday March 6th at 10am
Meeting Point: Outside Galada Community Centre - 10A Forum Way Epping. (Golves and rubbish bags provided)

Route:

(Start) Galada Community Centre > Aurora Shopping Centre > Harvest Home Road > Edgars Road > Edgars Creek > Aurora Adventure Park > Edgars Creek Secondary > Edgars Creek Primary > Edgars Road > Harvest Home Primary > Galada Community Centre (Finish).



STEP UP TO CLEAN UP

The Northern Youth Council (NYC) is dedicated to providing a platform that generates powerful local advocacy by giving young people the know-how to curate change on real, everyday issues facing those aged under 25 years in Melbourne's outer north.

One of our priority areas for 2021/22 is climate change.

Our Clean Up Australia Day goals include:

- Getting young people involved in local pride and upkeep.
- Bringing to light the issues of rubbish dumping and littering in the area.
- Doing our part in cleaning up local streetscapes, schools, parks and creeks.
- Connecting with our community and creating a collective.
- Raising awareness and educating the north on environmental concerns and their impacts.

BRINGING YOUNG VOICES TO THE TABLE.



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Art Exhibition Connections

4 February – 4 March 2022



Liz Kennedy, Family Tree Addition (detail)

Event details:

Join us in celebrating the work of talented artists who live, work or are connected to the City of Whittlesea. This year's theme, Connections, will explore our community links, after a year of separation.

Date: From Friday, 4 February 2022 to Friday, 4 March 2022

Time 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Location: Council Offices, 25 Ferres Blvd, South Morang

Contact: Arts, Culture & Events team

Phone: 9217 2170

Cost: FREE

This exhibition reminds us of our social ties, and our need to connect with each other and nature to support our wellness.

There are over 90 works in the exhibition by 70 local artists.

Open weekdays from 10am - 4pm