

School Newsletter

Thursday 5th May 2022



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**EDGARS CREEK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Child Safe Standards

At Edgars Creek Primary School, we are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Our child safe policies, procedures, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable.

Edgars Creek Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

The Child Safe Policy can be located on the Edgars Creek Primary [website](#).

Car Parking

A friendly reminder to our school community to please park appropriately when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Please do not park across the driveways of local houses or the entrance to the Ganbu Gulinj Community Centre.

We appreciate your support in helping all members of our local community to stay safe. A flyer explaining how to park safely near schools is included in this newsletter.



COVID Update

Please ensure that you are continuing to conduct Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) on your child/ren twice a week or should they show any symptoms.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

Positive results **MUST** be reported to the School Office.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 6th May

Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sport - Home

Tuesday 10th May

NAPLAN Testing - Writing
Years 3 & 5

Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th May

NAPLAN - Year 3

Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th May

Year 5 and 6 Camp

Sunday 15th May

ECPS Epping Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Monday 16th - Friday 20th May

NAPLAN - Year 5

Wednesday 18th May

District Cross Country - Select Year 4, 5
and 6 students

Wednesday 25th May

Curriculum Day (Student free day)

Monday 13th June

Queen's Birthday public holiday
NO SCHOOL

Friday 24th June

LAST DAY OF TERM
FINISH AT 2.30PM

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NAPLAN Testing - Year 3 and 5 Students

During the next 2 weeks our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. We would like to wish all our students the very best with this experience. While the NAPLAN tests look at students' skills in literacy and numeracy, there are so many things which they don't look at and we would like to remind our students and families of this.

We want our students to show us how courageous they are, by trying their best in each of the NAPLAN tests.

Their results will tell us how they did on that day only. It won't provide a picture about all of their learning at school and at home. It certainly can't show how they brighten up their teachers' day or how they make their family smile or how much their friends like playing with them.

Year 3 tests will take place on the following dates:

Writing - Tuesday 10th May

Reading - Wednesday 11th May

Conventions of Language - Thursday 12th May

Numeracy - Friday 13th May

Year 5 tests will take place on the following dates:

Writing - Tuesday 10th May

Reading - Monday 16th May

Conventions of Language - Tuesday 17th May

Numeracy - Thursday 19th May

Our school will also facilitate make-up tests during the testing period for students who are absent on testing days where we are able to.

Students will complete the tests online using iPads for all tests except Year 3 Writing. Please ensure BYO iPads are brought to school fully charged. Students without their own device will have access to a school iPad.

If you have any concerns about your child in Year 3 or 5 sitting these tests, please speak to your child's Home Group teacher.

Lunch Mum's lunch orders are coming to ECPS!!

ECPS is pleased to announce that a lunch order service will be available to all students on Thursdays.

Lunch Mums is a business which prepares lunch orders offsite and delivers them to the school just before the student eating time.

There will be a variety of items to order and it is all done through a family friendly online account which is set up on the "My School Connect" app. We hope to be able to start this service in late May.

More information to come soon!!!!

lunchmums



School Tours

Are you interested in a School Tour of ECPS?

We know that with the COVID restrictions in place during 2021 and the beginning of this year, many families have not had the opportunity to be part of our School Tours. If you would like to join one of our upcoming School Tours, please register via the link ecpstours.eventbrite.com

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Whole School Assemblies - 2.30pm every Friday

We are delighted to be able to have families at our Whole School Assemblies every Friday. These are between **2.30pm and 3.00pm**. Our main gate near the School Office will be opened at 2.35pm and families are asked to wait there to be escorted by our Student Leaders to our gym for the assembly.

School families do not need to provide evidence of their Covid vaccination. We do ask that families physically distance where possible and do not attend if they have any Covid symptoms.

We are so glad that families will be able to watch their child receive our prestigious Student Academic Achievement and Effort Awards. This is a wonderful moment as a parent/carer and families often choose to remember it by taking photos of their child. We are very happy for families to do this, but they are required to only take photos of their own child/ren in respect of other families who may not want their child photographed.

We also remind families if they are sharing photos of their child/ren on social media (such as Facebook, Instagram) that they have their settings on private to ensure only those with permission are able to see the photos and that there are no other school children in any of the photos.

Online safety is very important to us at Edgars Creek PS as part of our Child Safe Practices.

Students will be dismissed from their Learning Communities at 3.15pm. It is not possible for students to be collected during our school assembly or from the gym at the end of the assembly. Teachers are responsible for all students until they are dismissed at the end of the day.

Please speak to the School Office if you have an emergency which requires you to pick up your child



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Introducing the Year 4 Team

Deesa Walsh - PLC Leader & 4A



My name is Deeza and I am the Year 4 PLC Leader and the 4A Home Group teacher. I have loved working with our amazing Year 4 students again this year!

When I am not teaching, I love to travel all over the world and learn more about different cultures, spend time with my rabbit Tsuru, visit the cinema and I enjoy going to the theatre and restaurants with my partner and friends.

We have had a great start to the year and I am super excited to see the students' progress in their learning, develop more independence and have long lasting happy memories of Year 4!

Isabella Grech - 4B

My name is Isabella, you may remember me from teaching year 3/4 last year! I'm so excited to be teaching Year 4 and watching your kids grow into curious learners. I enjoy building relationships with students and supporting them to achieve their goals.

In my spare time, you'll find me spending time with friends and family, baking something sweet or reading a good book.

I can't wait to meet more of our community this year and help your kids be the best they can be!



Con Sapardanis - 4C



My name is Con Sapardanis, and I have been very fortunate to be a part of the foundation staff who opened this school. This year, I am a Teacher in the Year 4 Learning Community. I have been teaching for 10 years and I have taught in many year levels.

I really enjoy my job and aim to give my students as much knowledge and life skills as possible. I encourage my students to be happy, organised, display independence and always show respect. I cannot wait to see what students will achieve by the end of the year.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my wife, family, and friends. I enjoy cooking and eating and spending time at the beach.

Introducing our New Staff

Jennifer Bryan



My name is Jennifer Bryan and I am very excited to be joining the Edgars Creek Primary School community. I graduated from a Master of Teaching in 2015 and spent my graduate year teaching in Darwin. I am a mum to two daughters and a very cheeky kitten named Wormy.

I also work at a very small regional school called Darraweit Guim Primary School. It has 40 students and 5 chickens! I look forward to getting to know everyone and being a part of the fantastic learning community as ECPS.

Magdalene (Maggie) Chan

Hi, my name is Maggie. I'm really excited to be starting at Edgars Creek Primary School. I will be working with the 5/6s. I have taught in Singapore and also Western Australia.

I have experience in Secondary Schools and am looking forward to working in a primary school.

In my spare time I like to write. I have two young kids and a dog named Dulcie.



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Inquiry in Prep B



How can we keep our world wonderful?

We have had a very exciting start to Term 2, investigating our new inquiry topic about keeping our world wonderful. As a class we went for a walk around the school and shared our wonderings and questions about what we observed.

Wonderful things in our world

- Flowers - Sachleen & Yania
- Clean air - All of Prep B
- Ducks - Amreen & Joziah
- Nature - All of Prep B
- Butterflies - Sachleen
- Plants - All of Prep B
- Native animals: Koala, Kangaroos, Platypus - Yuvraj
- Trees - All of Prep B
- Ocean - Niroshan & Aro
- Oval - Avijot & Antony

Our wonderings about our world

- What will happen if the trees die? - Yuvraj
- What will happen if birds eat rubbish? - Agam
- What will the rubbish do to our world? - Antony
- What happens if animals eat toxic plants? - Mivaan
- What happens if a shark drinks dirty water? - Mansirat & Avijot



Education Week 2022
22 - 28 May



Education Week 2022 at ECPS

ECPS is very excited to participate in Education Week for 2022 from the 22nd to the 28th May. During this week our school will hold some special events including a School Library Grand Opening, Simultaneous Storytime and an Open Afternoon and Open Morning. With the lifting of some COVID restrictions we are adapting our Education Week activities and are now able to invite our families into the school for some of these special events across this week.

This year, Education Week runs from 22–28 May. The theme, '150 Years of Public Education' commemorates the past, celebrates the present and imagines the future of education in Victoria.

Education Week is an opportunity for our primary school education to highlight our education journey.

Edgars Creek Primary School will be celebrating Education Week by participating in a range of activities in our learning community, Simultaneous Story Time and opening our school library.

Use the hashtag [#EdWeekVic](#) to get involved on social media.

National Simultaneous Storytime – Week 5

During Education Week, ECPS will be celebrating a new book written by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronjoy Ghosh. The book, titled Family Tree, describes family roots and future growth. On Tuesday the 24th of May, students will listen to the story at 11am along with students across Australia. Students will also be completing an activity focussed on the themes of this book during their Reading or Writing blocks. On Wednesday the 25th of May, keep your eyes peeled for a second reading by a special guest on Class Dojo.

Library Grand Opening

We are very excited to announce that our school library will be opening on the 22nd of May, 2022! We will have Library tours running on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 4:30. During this time, please join us in celebrating our new school library by popping in to read a story with your child and having a look around!

We are asking all the families to donate a book to our school library. All books donated will be placed with a personalised plaque with the family name who has donated it in recognition of the contribution to our school community.

Thank you in advance and we can't wait to see you there!

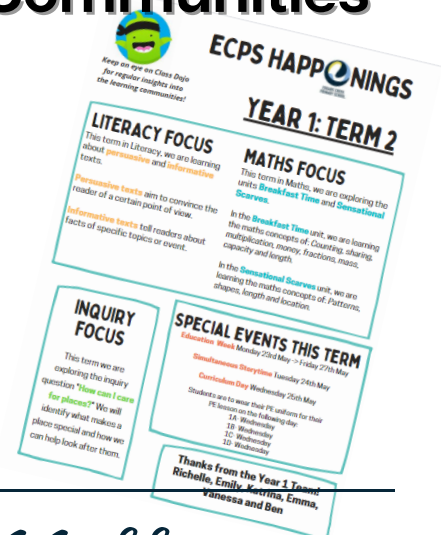


What's happening in our Learning Communities this term?



Today the **ECPS Happenings** have been sent home with students, which outlines learning focuses for Term 2.

Learning Communities are also sharing learning on **Class Dojo**, so make sure you check it regularly!



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EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY OPENING!

MONDAY 23RD MAY
2022



COME AND JOIN US!

YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT OUR
LIBRARY, MONDAY 23RD, TUESDAY
24TH, THURSDAY 26TH OR
FRIDAY 27TH OF MAY BETWEEN
3:30PM-4:30PM. YOU WILL BE
ABLE TO EXPLORE WHAT OUR
LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER AND
READ A BOOK TO YOUR CHILD, OR
HAVE THEM READ TO YOU!



School Fundraising

Book Club

Catalogue 3 of the Scholastic Book Club has been set home with students. Please log on to the Scholastic website, set up a LOOP account and you're ready to order.

ORDERS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY 12TH MAY

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 over the past few weeks. 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.

Bunnings BBQ - Fundraiser

ECPS is holding a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser at Epping Bunnings - Cooper Street , Epping.

Date : Sunday 15th May

Time : 9.00am - 4.00pm



Come along and buy a sausage to support the school.

Mothers Day Raffle

Edgars Creek Primary School are excited to hold a Mother's Day Raffle to celebrate all the wonderful Mothers, Step-Mothers, Grandmothers and carers in our Community. Funds raised will go towards Mathematic materials for our students.

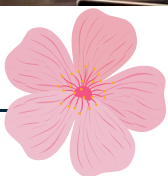
Tickets for sale. 50 cents each or \$5.00 for 12 tickets

Please write your name, homegroup and telephone number on the ticket and return them to the office with the exact money by **9.00AM FRIDAY 6TH MAY**

Prizes include an Instax Polaroid Camera, Footspa, wallet, jewellery and many other great prizes. The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 6th May** and winners will be contacted via phone to arrange collection of their prize.



GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!!



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Welcoming Wellbeing

Children's Wellbeing

Last week our staff participated in some more Professional Learning on the topic of Mental Health Literacy. One area we focused on was ***the factors that can influence children's mental health and wellbeing.***

The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) outlines ***six factors*** which should be present for a child or young person to experience good/high wellbeing, which are:

1. Loved and Safe - positive family relationships and connections with others along with personal and community safety. Children and youth who are loved and safe are confident, have a strong sense of self-identity, are resilient and have high self-esteem.
2. Material Basics – children have access to the things they need to live a normal life. They live in adequate and stable housing, with adequate clothing, healthy food and clean water and the materials they need to participate in education and training pathways.
3. Health - Healthy children have their physical, developmental, psychosocial and mental health needs met.
4. Learning - Children learn through a variety of formal and informal experiences within the classroom and more broadly in their home and in the community. Children who are learning, participate in and experience education that enables them to reach their full potential and maximise their life opportunities.
5. Participating - means children and youth are supported in expressing their views. Their views are taken into account and they are involved in decision making processes that affect them.
6. Identity and culture - Having a positive sense of culture and identity is central to the wellbeing of children and is particularly important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other culturally and linguistically diverse children. This includes having a sense of spiritual wellbeing.

You can read more about these factors here:
<https://www.aracy.org.au/documents/item/700>

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Home Group	Name	Award given for...
PA	Sehajleen	For showing the school value of Respect by listening to the others and trying her best in Maths. Well done!
PB	Sabriyyah	For consistently trying your hardest in all learning areas. Keep up the amazing work, Sabriyyah!
PC	Lily	For showing the school value of Courage when coming to school each morning, and for her great work when learning about the letters and their sounds. Well done Lily!
PD	Mikhail	For always contributing to class discussion and confidently sharing his ideas in Reading. Well done, Mikhail! Keep up the great work.
PE	Amelia	For always showing the school value of respect and courage when coming to school and giving an opinion when learning about persuasive texts. Well done superstar! We are so proud of you!
PF	Sayesha	For showing our school value of Curiosity when learning about length in Maths. Well done Sayesha!
PG	Rion	For showing so much confidence in his first week in Prep G. Welcome to ECPS Rion!
1A	Radhika	For showing the school value of Respect when listening to others during learning time. You are becoming a great role model for others. Well done, Radhika!
1B	Sahibjyot	For always being respectful and working hard throughout all learning tasks. Such a great start to Term 2!
1C	Aarav	For being a great learner in all subject areas. Aarav always asks interesting questions to extend his learning. Keep up the great work!
1D	Aveer	For always being so polite and demonstrating respect to everyone in the playground as well as the learning space. Thank you for being such a wonderful member of 1D.
1E	Penny	For her fantastic listening and positive attitude this week. It has been wonderful to watch you try so hard with your learning! Keep up the awesome effort, Penny!
1F	Aayansh	For returning to school and demonstrating the school expectation of Being a Learner. I am so proud of the resilience you are showing in the learning spaces and the yard. Keep up the amazing work Aayansh, you're a superstar!
1G	Deepanshu	For returning to school and demonstrating the school expectation of Being a Learner. I am so proud of how hard you have been working. Keep up the amazing work, Deepanshu!
1H	Agam	For demonstrating an improved excellence in class behaviour. He has shown improvement in actively raising his hand to participate in class discussions and listens to others. Keep up the good work!
2A	Hussain	For working so hard to learn all the codes and using them when writing. You are a Code Master Hussain, Well done!
2B	Anirudh	For consistently being a responsible and enthusiastic member of the Year 2 Learning Community. You always display wonderful leadership qualities which is demonstrated through your active listening, eagerness to learn and the respectful relationships you have formed with your peers. Keep up the amazing work Anirudh!
2C	Sylvie	For settling into the Year 2 learning community so well. You have shown so much Courage and we love having you here at ECPS! Keep up the amazing work.
2D	Prabhleen	For always showing the school value of respect and spreading kindness with everybody. Keep it up!



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Home Group	Name	Award given for...
3A	Jobanjot	For showing the school value of courage during learning by always contributing to classroom discussions and working towards your learning goals. Keep up the great work, Jobanjot!
3B	Jodeci	For trying his best in all tasks and showing enthusiasm in our Numeracy sessions. It is fantastic to see how your confidence has grown. Well done Jodeci!
3C	Aarav	For showing courage in numeracy by trying new strategies to help with your learning. Well done Aarav!
3D	Shahana	For showing effort, respect and enthusiasm in your learning. Congratulations!
4A	Avneet	Avneet, you have been trying your hardest to improve on your learning in class and at home. You have also been asking great questions to demonstrate 'Curiosity'. Keep up the fantastic work Avneet!
4B	Saiesh	For displaying excellent behaviour and consistently working hard during all lessons. Well done!
4C	Joel	For consistently showing the school value of Responsibility when completing his tasks, taking care of his belongings and doing his class job every day. Keep up the great work, Joel!
5/6A	Amira	For her fantastic effort and sportsmanship at Interschool Sport Netball. Keep up the great work representing ECPS with pride!
5/6B	Nakul	For consistently demonstrating the ECPS values in all areas of his learning! Well done Nakul!
5/6C	Petar	For demonstrating Curiosity and Courage during writing this week! Well done!
5/6D	Aiden	For demonstrating the ECPS values in the classroom and always willing to assist the teacher. Great work Aiden!
5/6E	Nour	For demonstrating responsibility and curiosity in his learning this week. Great job Nour!
Visual Arts Dalena	Gurmeet (Garry) 4A	For showing Curiosity in Visual Arts and trying your absolute best. Your effort shines through in your artwork and it's great to see how proud you are of your work. Well done!
Visual Arts Kanwar	Shayna 1H	For displaying excellent behaviour and consistently working hard during Visual Art lessons. Well done, Shayna
Science Jemma	Eveleen 1B	For showing responsibility and curiosity in Science while doing our recycling activity. Well done, Eveleen! Keep up the amazing work!
Science Kelly	Izzy 2B	For displaying safe and respectful behavior during Science.
Digital Technologies Taylah	Pugal 4A	For being a responsible student in Digital Technologies by helping his peers and being a great role model! Well done, Pug 🤝
PE-James	Avni Prep E	For always demonstrating the school values during Physical Education. Well Done Avni!



Celebrating Our Multicultural School Community



EVERYBODY IS WELCOME AT EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY

At ECPS this year we are celebrating our wonderful and extensive Multicultural community. Each week at assembly, we are unveiling a different cultural flag.

This week we are celebrating those in the ECPS Community from

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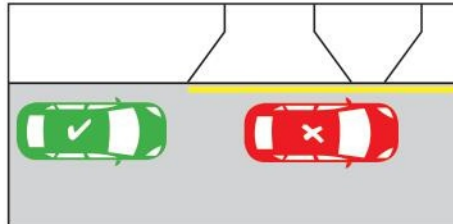
PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Speed



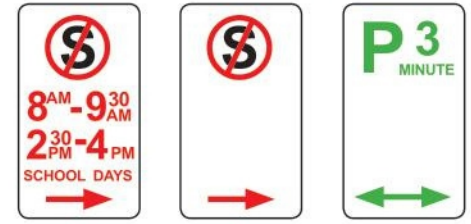
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

Yellow edge line



A driver must not stop on the side of a road marked with a yellow edge line.

Parking/Stopping signage



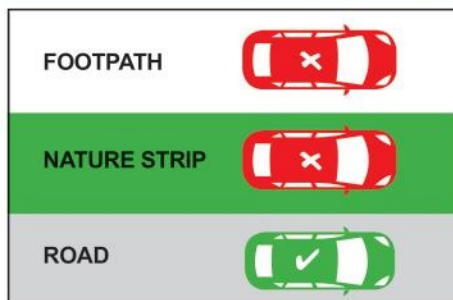
No stopping areas must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times/days. You cannot park in a P3 minute area for longer than three minutes.

School crossings



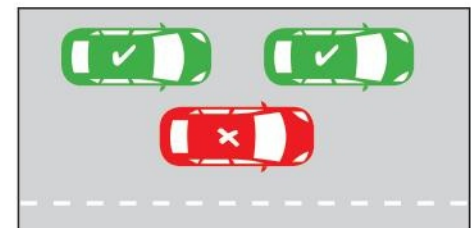
- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

No parking on nature strips/footpaths



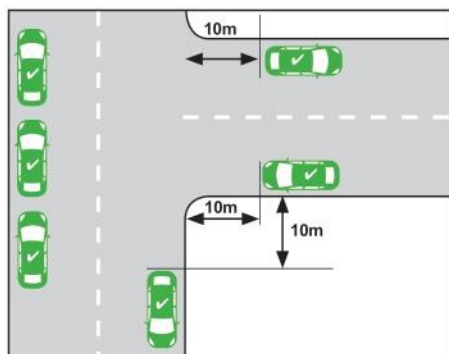
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

Double parking



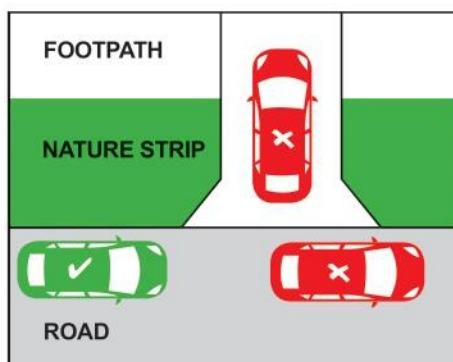
It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

Within 10 metres of an intersection



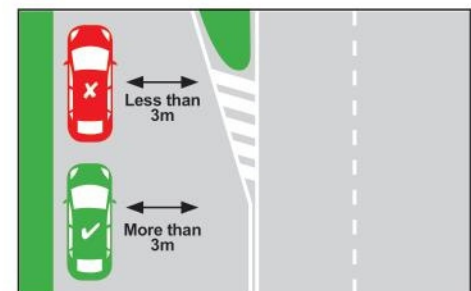
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

Stopping across driveways



It is illegal to, stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car are there for no more than two minutes and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupier.

3 metre gap for signage



At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.

What can you do to stay safe

- Supervise your children in or near traffic
- Walk or cycle to school with your child
- Respect all road rules, parking signs and instructions from authorities
- Wait on the same side of the street as your child
- Always let your child out of the kerb side of the car.

Free Telephone Interpreter Service

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हिंदी	9679 9879	简体中文	9679 9857

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தமிழ்	9679 9879	Other	9679 9879
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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY NEWS





Aussie Hoops is a fun, inclusive, structured introductory basketball program aimed at 5-10 year olds, with graded increases in competitiveness until participants are ready to transition into local WCBA competitions.

TERM 2
3.15PM - 4.00PM
EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUES 3RD MAY 2022
TUES 10TH MAY 2022
TUES 17TH MAY 2022
TUES 24TH MAY 2022

TUES 31ST MAY 2022
TUES 7TH JUNE 2022
TUES 14TH JUNE 2022
TUES 21ST JUNE 2022

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