

School Newsletter

Thursday 16th November 2023



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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Diversity Dash 19th of December

On Tuesday the 19th of December our school will be participating in a Diversity Dash. The Diversity Dash encourages students to get out and get active as part of a fun, social, colourful and inclusive event conducted at school. On this day students in Years Prep-Five will run a track through the school, they will run through coloured powders.

The cost of the event is \$2 per student and payments can be made through Compass NOW.

Bandanas can also be purchased from the school office for \$5 to be worn on the day.

All funds raised will go towards upgrading our school oval

Students will be able to run, skip, dance, or walk their way through a course. On this day students are to wear white clothing that can be coloured.

Parents are welcome to attend.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20th November
1A, 1D, 1F Edendale Farm
Excursion

Wednesday 22nd November
Prep Bundoora Park Excursion

Thursday 23rd November
1B, 1C, 1E Edendale Farm
Excursion

Friday 24th November
Student Free Day

Monday 18th December
Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 19th December
Diversity Dash
Year 6 Funfields Excursion

Wednesday 20th December
Last Day of Term 4
School Finishes at 1:30pm

2024 PLANNING

Our school planning and organisation for 2024 is well underway. If you are planning to leave ECPS at the end of this year, please contact our school office ASAP and inform them so that we can support your child in transitioning to their new school and plan our class sizes appropriately. Families who leave ECPS can only be re-enrolled with us if they live in our current zone at the time of re-enrolment.

ECPS will continue to only take students who are zoned to our area. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities to accommodate families who are outside our zone. For further information on any of this, please speak to our Enrolment Officer on 9407 7100.



Newsletter Challenge
How many **Diversity Dash Bandanas** can you find? Write your answer and put it in the challenge box in the office. Winners drawn at assembly tomorrow.

Friday 24th November-
Student Free Day
No School

Learning together for success.

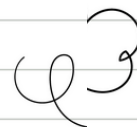
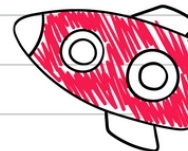
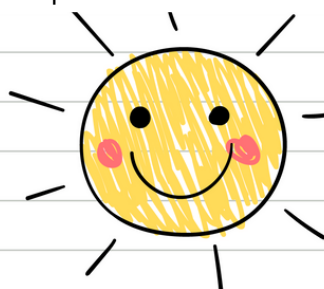
Diversity Dash Bandanas

Our School will be selling white bandanas for the Diversity Dash, all money raised will go towards our school oval. Bandanas will be sold for \$5 from the school office, but HURRY as we only have a limited supply.



Do you have a special talent???

Do you or a family member have a special talent? We are looking for people who can perform a culture dance, play a cultural instrument or music, or teach a dance for our 2024 Harmony Day event. If you or a family member have one of these special talents and want more information, please contact Sara via our school email.



**Have you
enrolled
your Prep
child for
2024?**



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Current and new families are encouraged to enrol their child ASAP to ensure you receive information regarding our Term 4 Transition Program.

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New Books for Edgars Creek Primary School

On Friday the 3rd of November Author and Illustrator Gabrielle Wang visited Edgars Creek Primary School. Below is the article printed in our local paper The NC Review.



Edgars Creek Primary School literacy leader Ben Caddy, left, assistant principal Matthew Dunstone, children's author and illustrator Gabrielle Wang, leading teacher Sara Johns, and wellbeing education support Vanessa Ilias with some of the books that will now feature in the school's library.



Children's author and illustrator Gabrielle Wang hears answers from grade two and three students at Edgars Creek Primary School.

By Max Davies

Students at Edgars Creek Primary School at Wollert were last week treated to a visit from Australian author Gabrielle Wang as part of a grant from the Australian Children's Laureate Foundation, ACLF.

The ACLF provided a grant of \$10,000 to the school, which will be used to buy culturally-diverse books for the school's library as well as hosting Ms Wang for a series of interactive workshops.

Ms Wang, a children's author and illustrator from Melbourne, is the current Australian Children's laureate and has been travelling to numerous schools across Australia to host workshops to promote her chosen theme of 'Imagine a Story'.

The Laureate is appointed on a biennial basis and serves to promote the transformative power of reading, creativity and storytelling in young peoples' lives.

"I love it. It's a joy to know that your books have been borrowed from the libraries," Ms Wang said.

"The more kids that read, the better, and as an author, that's what you write for. First of all, you write for yourself, but then you write for the children."

Ms Wang is the ACLF's seventh laureate and her time in the role has included opening two libraries at new schools, all while promoting her ideas of imagination in storytelling.

Through two sessions at Edgars Creek Primary School, students were encouraged to share their sources of inspiration and were shown how to draw a character from one of Ms Wang's stories.

"The kids were fantastic, especially when I asked them where they get ideas for stories from. Their responses were exceptional," she said.

"Sometimes it's just the ordinary 'from your head' or 'from stories', but the kids' answers were really so diverse, and I was very, very impressed.

"I just think it's fantastic that we have the opportunity to host this sort of event, and it's really good to promote the [ACLF] to promote reading and the love of reading."

Assistant principal Matthew Dunstone said the school was thankful to have received the grant to support students' reading.

"As a new school, we're always looking at building our resources to support our learning programs and to receive a grant like this supports us no end," he said.

"It's a great opportunity for the students to hear from a professional author and it broadens their horizons so they have access to different kinds of resources, different inspirations for their own writing and reading."

The school also hosted guests from Lendlease, Bendigo Bank and the ACLF on Friday to officially present the new books.

Below are quotes from both authors, Gabrielle Wang and Kim Kane



"New books for Edgars Creek Primary School. This was my final school visit as the @ozchildrenslaureate My two year term finishes at the end of the year. The ACLF provided a grant of \$10,000 to the new school in Wollert, Victoria which was used to buy culturally-diverse books for the library. It was my pleasure to present 2 workshops speaking to the fantastic kids from Grades 2-6.

What an amazing group of students they were. Thank you to the staff, especially Sara Johns and Ben Caddy who looked after me during my visit and to Assistant Principal Matthew Dunstone.

Those kids are amazing not to mention the teachers."

Gabrielle Wang



Hi Sara

Thanks again for having me last (last!) Friday! Edgars Creek Primary School was a true joy and I am so thrilled the ACLF was able to help your growing library.

I am in a number of schools as an author and I found Edgars Creek genuinely special. The fun the students have, the pride in their work, the courtesy they displayed to teachers and to each other, the gentle discipline, the truly diverse cohort and the deep commitment to learning are honestly a model for all Victorian schools.

Thanks again for having me to assembly, with best wishes
Kim Kane

CSEF 2024

2024 CSEF applications are now open. We encourage all families to read the attached information regarding their eligibility for additional funding under the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). If you have any questions regarding this, please contact our School Office or head to the website below:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/submitting-application>



Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on 29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name
School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

 - - - OR

 Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

| Child's surname | Child's first name | Student ID | Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) | Year level |
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I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

| Home Group | Name | Award given... |
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| 6A | Luka | For showing the school value of Responsibility by working hard on his Term 4 Inquiry project. |
| 6B | Avah | For spreading positivity throughout the Learning Community and working hard during graduation practise. |
| 6C | Gurleen | For showing the value of Responsibility in her numeracy lessons by completing all tasks to the best of her ability. |
| 5A | Carlos | For showing the school value of Respect in all learning areas. We have noticed the growth mindset you have been using in your learning. Well done, Carlos! |
| 5B | Avneet | For constantly showing the school value of Courage, for always trying her best with all learning tasks. Well done, Avneet! Keep reaching for the stars! |
| 5C | Gavin | For trying his best to be a responsible learner by ensuring he is showing whole body listening during teaching time. Amazing work, Gavin! |
| 5D | Harleen | For showing the school value of Responsibility by working diligently during reading. Keep up the great effort Harleen! |
| 4A | Ambrose | For demonstrating the school values of Responsibility and Courage by always being an excellent learner in Numeracy, and for never giving up! Congratulations, Ambrose! |
| 4B | Avneet | For demonstrating all the ECPS school values consistently and being an outstanding role model for your peers and prep buddies. Keep up the wonderful job, Avneet! |
| 4C | Jaslyn | For always demonstrating the school values whilst in the classroom. You are constantly showing responsibility by being organised and demonstrating whole body listening. Keep it up Jaslyn! |
| 4D | Mohid | For showing the school values of Courage and Curiosity during literacy. You were able to carefully analyse illustrations from the text in great detail and share your brilliant ideas with the class. Fantastic effort Mohid, keep it up! |
| 3A | Mason | For showing the school value of Curiosity when exploring challenging Maths tasks and researching in Inquiry. You are always finding great new information and ways to solve problems. Keep up the great work! |
| 3B | Gurbaaz | For showing wonderful collaborative skills during our Inquiry sessions. You are always working well with other students and love to share your ideas. Keep up the great work, Gurbaaz! |
| 3C | Aminah | For being a wonderful member of the Year 3 Learning Community. Well done for always striving to help those around you. Keep up the great work, Superstar! |
| 3D | Zeina | For showing the school value of Responsibility by ensuring you are ready for learning and finding good fit spots during learning times. Keep up with the amazing work Zeina! |
| 2A | Ivy | For showing the school value of Responsibility by ensuring you are ready to learn and supporting others. Well done, Ivy! |
| 2B | Sultan | For displaying the school value of courage and being determined to improve in all learning areas! Keep up the hard work Sultan! |
| 2C | Zahra | For showing the school value of Responsibility. You have been working productively during learning time to improve your work. Keep up the amazing effort, Zahra! |
| 2D | Harriett | For showing the school value of Courage when making new friends. I am so proud of you for being so brave and resilient. Amazing effort Harriett! |
| 2E | Ravjot | For always showing the school value of Responsibility in the classroom and school yard by helping students and teachers. Keep up the fantastic work, Ravjot! |
| 2F | Aarav | For demonstrating the school value of Curiosity and Courage. Aarav, I love how you question yourself and think outside the box. You also consistently show courage by raising your hands to ask those questions. Well done! |



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

| Home Group | Name | Award given... |
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| 1A | Zaid | For being a wonderful learner and following procedures correctly throughout our Informative Texts unit. He had so much fun making his kite. Well done, Zaid! |
| 1B | Chris | For demonstrating the school expectation of Being a Learner and working independently to make connections to a text during Reading. You're a superstar, Chris! |
| 1C | Aavya | For demonstrating the school values of Respect and Responsibility. Well done on always being respectful to all your peers and being a responsible learner. You are a star! |
| 1D | Patrick | For demonstrating the school expectation of Being a Learner. We are so proud of how organised you have been when completing your learning with a positive attitude. Well done, superstar! |
| 1E | Eva | For consistently demonstrating the school value of Courage by always contributing your thoughts and ideas to class discussions. You are such a positive and kind member of our learning community. Keep up the amazing work superstar! |
| 1F | Ali | For demonstrating the school expectation of Being a Learner by making good choices and being ready to learn this week. We are so proud of you! You are a superstar, Ali! |
| PA | Ali | For being a fantastic learner and counter. Your Maths learning has been amazing, and I can tell how hard you are trying. You can share equally and count forwards and backwards from huge numbers. You are great! |
| PB | Riana | For continuing to demonstrate the school values and encouraging others to do the same, and always trying her best in her learning. Well done, Riana! You should be so proud of yourself. |
| PC | Sehaj | For working hard during Literacy and showing the school value of Courage! I love how you are always answering questions and sharing your knowledge and ideas. I am so proud of you! Keep it up Sehaj! |
| PD | Armaan | For working hard during maths and showing the school value of Courage. Armaan always tries his best and asks interesting questions. Keep up the great work, Armaan. |
| PE | Sultan | For showing the school value of Courage when standing in front of your home group and sharing how you celebrated Diwali. I am so proud of you for being so brave. Keep up the awesome work superstar! |
| PF | Alvin Karir | For his trying his best in reading this week. Alvin has been working hard to code spot and blend unknown words. Keep up the great work, Alvin. You are a star! |
| Digital Technologies – Taylah | Shreya- PE | For improving her skills in Digital Technologies this year and completing her tasks to a high standard. Keep it up superstar |
| Science – Jemma | Mehreen - 5A | For showing our school values of Respect, Responsibility, and Curiosity during Science lessons. Thank you so much for being a great role model to your peers, Mehreen. Keep up the amazing work! |
| Performing Arts - Kaitlyn | Liam - 1E | For showing the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Courage during Performing Arts, by trying your best when playing the keyboard safely. Well done, Liam! |
| Spanish- Lily | Davie 6B | For demonstrating the school values of Responsibility and Courage by always working hard in Spanish. Felicidades Davie! |
| PE - Kristina | Alex – 1A | For constantly showing initiative and helping with the set up and pack down of P.E equipment, as well as demonstrating the school values of courage. Well done, Alex. |
| Education Support- Lee | Mohammed - 2B | For showing the school values of Curiosity and Courage in your reading sessions. Well done Mohammed! |
| Tutor Program - Tori | Samantha 1B | For showing the school value of Curiosity and Courage in Tutoring, you are always working hard and trying your best. I am so proud of you! Keep up the awesome work!! |



Welcoming Wellbeing

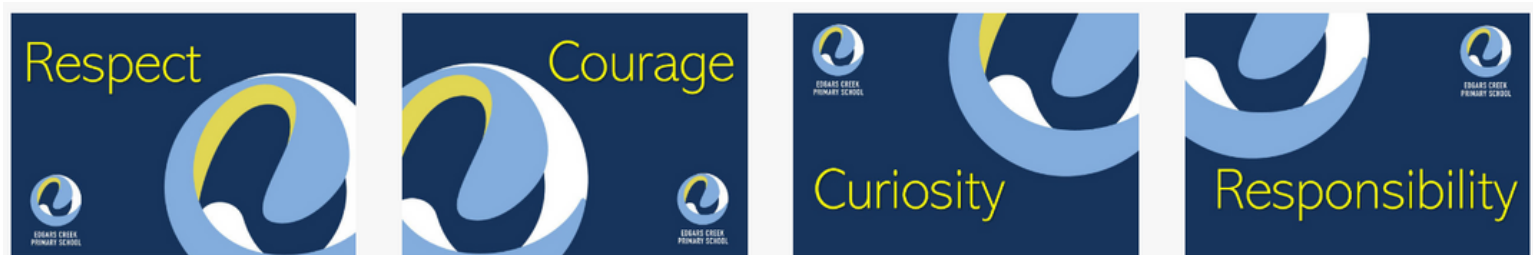
Class Dojo

Remember to use all of your Dojo Points by the end of the term as they will reset next year!



Some ways that we can get Class Dojo point at school include:

Showing our school values



Remembering our Positive Behaviour Expectations and making amazing choices!





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WELCOME TO **BIG** CHILDCARE

WHO ARE WE?

Big Childcare is a trusted Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provider. Our directors Ted and Sian Hatzakortzian have served families for over a decade in the industry, delivering a unique and holistic service across Australia. But we are more than just an OSHC service! At Big Childcare we pride ourselves on ensuring every child's needs are put first, to give them a sense of belonging and safety, whilst of course having loads of fun!

We can't wait to meet your child, get to know them and ensure they have a great time when they are with us!

WHAT IS OSHC?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care which your school has outsourced to us because we have expertise in providing Before School, After School, Curriculum Day and Holiday Care. We operate in partnership with schools so that you can drop your children off before heading to work or pick them up after you finish, knowing they are well cared for by our team.



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WHAT WE OFFER

Fun and Engaging Programs

Kids love coming to us, as they know they'll have loads of fun! With non-stop new and engaging experiences on offer, our educators design and plan experiences to suit the individual needs and interests of every child.

Kids can expect a wide selection of themed activities as well as permanent experiences which include, arts & craft, sports, indoor/outdoor play, cooking, games, imaginative play, music, drama, community linked visits and much more!

Before & After School Care

From the moment your child enters our program, whether it be before school to start the day right, or after school to recharge - they will be made to feel welcome, comfortable and safe.

Before and after school is a crucial part of the day to help develop social and emotional skills in all our children and we are there to support them in their educational journey.



Holiday Care

When the school holidays come around the kids are always excited to come to us, as our programs offer fun that memories are made of.

It's a great option for working parents, but also those that want to give their kids new and exciting experiences! Be assured that the Holiday Care we offer is the best service going around! We line up an amazing variety of excursions and incursions to choose from, with exclusive access to many experiences.



- Big Childcare Specials -

V.I.P

Very Important Prep

Our VIP Program provides a range of supportive measures for new preps and their families.

We allocate a dedicated VIP Educator during the Summer holiday program and the first few weeks of Term 1, to implement the tools required to support successful transitions for our VIP Prep children. The main role of the VIP Educator is to provide a welcoming environment for the Prep children and their families. Feedback on this special program has been highly commendable from our new families.



BIG ACTIVE

We're big on fitness

Big Active aims to increase the physical activity in our services, whilst making sure it's all still fun and games!

We have a team of sports specialists who visit the services after school and during the holidays to run games and skill-based challenges. It has been incredibly popular with the kids and their families.



Nutritious & Yummy Meals

 Nutrition Australia

We provide a seasonal, Nutrition Australia approved menu that our kids often say they LOVE! So, for those early birds who arrive at Before School Care prior to 8.00am, a delicious breakfast will be on offer to get them energised for school.

We have a variety of cereals, breads and spreads on offer as well as special mornings, featuring pancakes, eggs and plenty of other appetizing options.

Then in our After School Care program, we base our food choices on the nutritional needs of the children, as well as their individual medical conditions (allergies) and likes/dislikes. Our kids get to have a big say as to what's on the menu planner! We always ensure children have enough to eat, to give them the energy they need to get on with the activities they love.



Experienced & Passionate Educators

Our educators are friendly and passionate about working with children and we cannot wait for you to meet them. They love getting to know each child individually whilst committing to providing a supportive and safe environment.

Our team at school will have current Working With Children Checks and relevant industry qualifications, with a first aid qualified member of staff on hand at every centre.

We value our relationships with families, children and the school so you may even see our staff helping out at school events too! Please come and say hello!



ENROL NOW!

it's FREE!



Enrolment Guide

How to attend?

To attend our program, you must first enrol your child.

Once enrolment is complete, you can then make a booking to secure a spot in advance for your child. Follow these 3 simple steps:

1. Enrol:

★ ENROL



ENROL NOW

a) Enrol online by clicking or scanning the QR

OR

b) Visit bigchildcare.com/enrol

Preparing for Enrolment:

Please have the required documents and info. ready to ensure a smooth enrolment experience:

- ✓ Current immunisation record from Medicare or the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)
- ✓ Any medical documents (such as an action plan signed by a doctor if your child has asthma, allergies and anaphylaxis)
- ✓ Any documentation relating to sole parenting, custodial orders etc.
- ✓ Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) of: 1) parent/guardian and 2) child
- ✓ Access to MyGov
- ✓ Have your payment details ready



2. Book:

● BOOK NOW

- Book online using your new XAP account OR
- Contact us via email, mobile, or in person at our centre.

3. Apply for Child Care Subsidy



Scan QR code or call [Services Australia](http://ServicesAustralia) on 13 61 50 between 9am and 5pm (local time) weekdays to apply. *You must confirm Big Childcare as your service provider on your MyGov account.

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Enrolment and Bookings

Permanent Bookings:

For children who use the service on a weekly basis, permanent bookings are considered to be at least one session per week for an entire term or more.

Casual Bookings:

A casual booking is a one-off booking that occurs occasionally and is not part of the permanent booking schedule for that child.

Casual bookings can be made by contacting your centre manager via phone call, text message or email.

Cancellations:

Bookings can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to the session without incurring a session fee. For cancellations within 48 hours of the session, you will be charged the full fee, less any Child Care Subsidy you are entitled to, unless you are able to provide a medical certificate.

Payment:

How to pay:

Payments can be made by Direct Debit via our third-party provider, Quick Pay.

When will I be charged?

For Direct Debit payments, families are charged weekly in arrears. Statements will be emailed on Fridays to your email address registered in your XAP account. Your bank account will be automatically debited with the amount you owe each Monday.

Payment Processing:

Big Childcare invoice in arrears from the bank account nominated by the family using Quick Pay.

Statements are sent on a weekly basis prior to direct debit the following week. EFTPOS Payments can be arranged with your centre manager.



*Payments will be direct debited

Family Handbook:



Scan or click QR code to download the important information you need to know before attending our program.

Centre Contact 

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| Centre Mobile | 0431 151 651 |
| Centre Email | edgarscreek@bigchildcare.com |

| | Operating Hours | Session Cost | Casual Booking |
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| Before School Care | 6:30am to 8:45am | \$25.00 | \$28.00 |
| After School Care | 3:15pm to 6:30pm | \$28.00 | \$31.00 |
| Holiday Care | 6:30am to 6:30pm | \$70.00+ | |
| Curriculum Care | 6:30am to 6:30pm | \$70.00 | |

+ Additional activity fee applies for excursions to cover any venue admission and transport costs



Your cost of care may be reduced by up to **90%** with Child Care Subsidy. To find out if you are eligible, scan the QR code or call Services Australia on 13 61 50 between 9am and 5pm (local time) weekdays.

**Big Childcare Head Office**

 1300 273 162 www.bigchildcare.com

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Scan QR code to get all the latest updates on our social media!



Celebrating Our Multicultural School Community



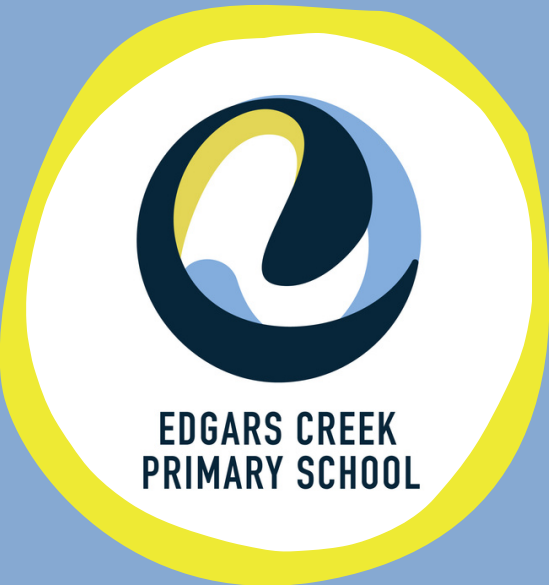
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME AT EDGAR'S CREEK PRIMARY

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

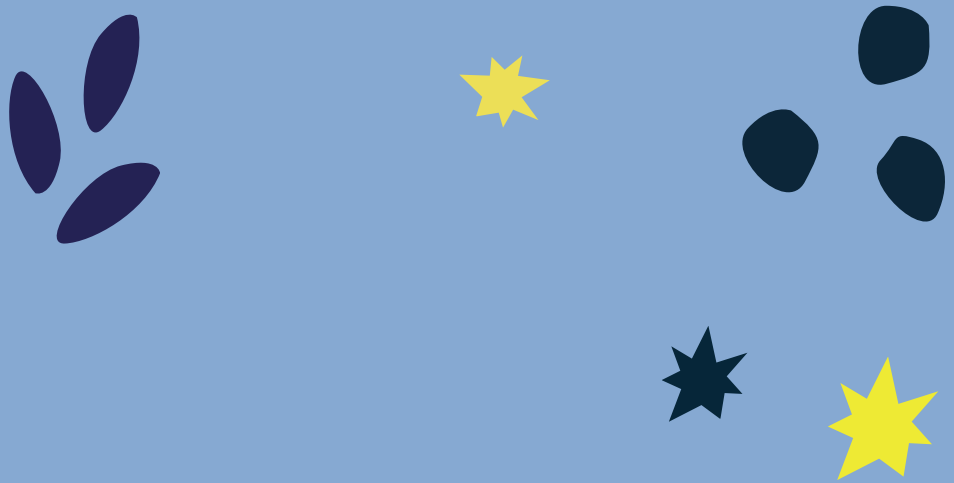
This week we are celebrating those in the ECPS Community from

Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)





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WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY NEWS



DPV Health Presents

The Best Time in History to be a Dad Webinar

By Jeremy Macvean from The Father Hood

Dads today can be more actively and emotionally involved in their kids' lives than ever before. This has multiple upsides for men, for their children & for their relationships. Are you making the most of the opportunity?

The webinar will explore the benefits and challenges of being a dad in 2023, how to navigate modern fatherhood, & provide inspiration for what these changes can deliver for you & your family.

WEDNESDAY
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Harmony Story Time



The Hub3757 together with the City of Whittlesea invite you to join FREE Bilingual Storytime and Wellbeing Activities.

These fun-filled sessions will

- Start with 30 minutes Bilingual story time with your children and grandchildren.
- From 1pm to 2.30pm parents can participate in a variety of wellbeing sessions while a childcare worker will keep the children occupied.

Wellbeing activities will include Yoga classes, meditation and mindfulness, Bollywood dancing, Craft and Art.

The sessions are about




- Connecting with your community,
- Children exploring books in multiple languages and
- Learning how to practice self-care and wellbeing activities.

Complimentary coffee, tea, hot chocolate, light refreshments and delicious snacks are provided each session!

Kids First and City of Whittlesea practitioners are on-hand to provide information and support services to Children and Families.


***Facilitators in Hindi, Punjabi and Arabic**


Details

-  Every Tuesday from 3rd October till 12th December 2023
-  12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
-  Ganbu Gulinj Community Centre
55 Macedon Parade, Wollert

Registration

To register for this group, please contact one of our Family Coaches by text message

 Deepty Cusima
0448 928 268

 Navpreet Kaur
0402 157 618



Working together to support the Whittlesea community

Our approach to mental health and wellbeing support is made possible through collaboration and connection with existing supports in the Whittlesea community.

Working with the community, including clinical and community services, helps us provide the right support for you now and in the future.

The most important thing is that the Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is a safe space for people from all backgrounds.



Contact us

Call 1800 571 145

Monday – Friday 9.00am – 7.30pm

Saturday and public holidays 12.00pm – 7.30pm

Sunday By appointment only

Email

whittlesealocalservice@neaminational.org.au

Website

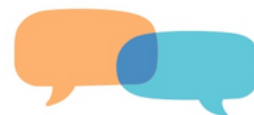
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In an emergency

If you or someone you care for needs immediate emergency assistance, call 000. For 24-hour mental health support call Lifeline on 13 11 14



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mental health & wellbeing local

Whittlesea

The Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local service supports Victorians aged 26 years and over to get mental health and wellbeing support closer to home.



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of these regions and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We recognise that their sovereignty was never ceded and are committed to a positive future for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.



We are committed to cultivating inclusive environments for people using our services, carers and staff. We celebrate, value and include people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities.



We're here to support your mental health and wellbeing

The Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is currently available as a telehealth, outreach and face-to-face mental health and wellbeing service.

We will work with you and, if you are comfortable, your family, carers and supporters, to design a care plan that meets your goals and preferences.

We can provide:

- telehealth supports
- outreach visits to your home or community
- connection to other health and social services.

If you are an adult experiencing distress or wanting support for your mental health and wellbeing, call us on 1800 571 145.



Helping you find the right support

The Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is a new service that supports Victorians aged 26 years and over to get mental health and wellbeing support closer to home.

All support is free, and you do not need a referral from your doctor.

Our experienced staff will listen to you so they can understand what support is right for you and help guide you.



A safe place for everyone

You don't need to be an Australian citizen or resident to access this service, and no Medicare card is needed. We can provide safe and confidential support to everyone, no matter your circumstance. If you need help in your language, call TIS National on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter, then ask to be connected to the Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local on 1800 571 145.



Support for carers and loved ones

The Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is family and carer inclusive. We can provide a range of support, including:

- education and support for families, carers and supporters of individuals experiencing mental illness and/or substance use or addiction
- assistance to carers with their caring and support role
- support for carers and loved ones with their own mental health and wellbeing needs.



Refer someone you know

If you're unsure what supports are available for someone you care about, contact us on 1800 571 145 and we can navigate your enquiry together. The Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local Services accepts referrals from GPs, mental health services, community services, carers and families. We also encourage self-referral.

If you or someone you support is between 12 and 25 years old, please visit or contact your local headspace centre for mental health and wellbeing support. Visit headspace.org.au for more information.



Support from people who have a lived experience of mental health challenges

The Whittlesea Mental Health and Wellbeing Local can connect you with a range of mental health professionals, including clinicians and peer support workers with a lived experience of mental health challenges and recovery. Our staff will support you from the moment you call, to access a service that is right for you.



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Days and times

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9.15am - 3.15pm
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Study Mode

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