

# School Newsletter

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**EDGARS CREEK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

## Welcome to ECPS Term 1 2024



We are delighted to welcome our students, staff and families to our 2024 school year. We also have many new school families and today met our Preps who are starting their school journey. The first day of school is very exciting for everyone involved and our Prep team were very eager to greet their new students. We look forward to partnering with families in the education of their child/ren. Our school is now has over 800 students and is continuing to grow with ongoing new enrolments. We have 38 Home Groups and 7 different Learning Communities. Our school has grown with the addition of 2 new double storey buildings on our oval. These learning spaces are for our Year 3 students.



Thank you to all of the families who have ensured their child/ren is/are in full school uniform. We are very proud of our uniform and the way our students wear it with pride in the Wollert area. If your child/ren are not in full school uniform you will be contacted by a staff member. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child/ren wears the correct uniform, including the school hat each day.



We are looking forward to an exciting year full of interesting learning experiences. Our students and staff are doing a wonderful job of demonstrating our school values of COURAGE, RESPECT, CURIOSITY AND RESPONSIBILITY. Teachers are working with their Home Group defining what it means to show Respect and how this might look in different situations across the school day. Students are also demonstrating our School Rights and Responsibilities, upholding their right to feel safe and comfortable at school, as well as their right to learn as much as possible. Staff support students to also understand their Responsibilities to do the right thing individually and to encourage others to do the right thing. Watch out for some of our learning displays on these, which will start to appear across the school. At ECPS we are all about Learning Together for Success.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February**

Prep Interviews

No school for Prep students on these days.

**Tuesday March 5th**

Meet The Teacher

**Wednesday March 6th**

Meet The Teacher

**Monday March 11th**

Labour Day Holiday

**No School on this Day**

**Wednesday 13th March**

**Naplan**

**Thursday 21st March**

**Harmony Day**

**Friday April 26th**

Student Free Day

No Students at School on this Day

**Tuesday June 11th**

**Student Free day**

No Students at School on this Day

**Monday 4th November**

**Student Free Day**

No Students at School on this Day

Newsletter Challenge

How many **School Bags** can you find? Write your answer and put it in the challenge box in the office. Winners drawn at assembly tomorrow.

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE: 2024 CONSENT & PARENT CONTRIBUTION

You need to give digital consent for your children to be able to participate in the programs listed below and can make your 2024 Parent Payment Contributions through the Compass Payment Centre.

It is extremely important that you identify your consent for the following through the Compass Payment Centre:

- Local Excursion Agreement (tick box)
- Headlice Inspections Agreement (tick box)
- Digital Technologies and BYOD Program Agreement (tick box)
- Photography, Filming and Recording Consent (this requires you to type yes or no)

Please contact the office if you need any assistance on 94077100

## Parent Help

This year we are wanting to run a Mothers' Day stall at the school to be able to make this happen we will need the support of some of the families. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with this please contact Jess at the office on 94077100

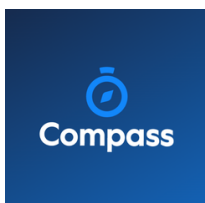
### Facebook



Don't forget to jump over to our Facebook page to check out all the fun activities that will be going on throughout 2024. On Facebook you will find picture of excursions and actives the student are doing and any updates we are wanting parents to see. Please note that any important information will be sent out on Compass. Click on the link to follow our Facebook page.

[facebook link](#)

### COMPASS



It is very important that you activate **COMPASS** to access the school communication. Compass is the main form of communication between the school and families. Many reminders and other information are sent using this system. Please see the School Office if you are having any difficulties.

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# SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is wearing their sport uniform (polo) on their PE day and on Fridays only. They must wear the Summer/Winter (checked shirt or dress, school jumper or jacket) on the other 3 days of the week.



## Hot Days

We are committed to the wellbeing of our students and staff by requiring them to wear a hat when outdoors. Students MUST wear an Edgars Creek Primary School Hat available from the office or PSW - South Morang. If your child does not have a school hat, please purchase one ASAP and ensure that it has their name written clearly inside the hat. We will be enforcing a NO HAT, NO PLAY in the sun policy, which requires students without a hat to stay in an identified shaded area of the yard. We also have a heat policy that once the temperature exceeds 36 degrees, we will keep the students inside and run an Inclement Weather Timetable. This means students do not go outside for the play breaks, instead they do a variety of indoor games and activities which are made available to them. Likewise, if it is raining we have students remain inside.



## Canteen

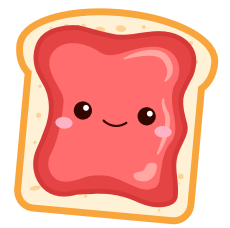
As of Monday our canteen will be open!!! We are continuing to sell sugar free Zooper Doopers and Popcorn this year. These will be sold daily for Years 1-6 Sales for Preps will begin in March. Zooper Doopers and Popcorn are sold for \$1 each



## BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK

As of Friday Breakfast Club will return every MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

from the CANTEEN at 8:20AM Enter from Basketball court Gate.




# MEET THE PRINCIPAL TEAM FOR 2024




It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Edgars Creek Primary School for 2024. My name is Ann Turner-Calleri and I am very honoured to be the founding Principal and leader of our school community.

I am the proud parent of 3 children, two girls and a boy. I have lived in Melbourne all my life and worked in many schools across northern and western Melbourne. I have been teaching for over 36 years and always wanted to be a teacher. I really enjoy working with people and watching them learn, along with learning with them. I believe teachers can provide life long role models for students.

I am looking forward to meeting our new students, and families and continuing to make Edgars Creek Primary School a great school for all.



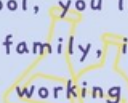
Hello everyone! I am very excited to be helping our school again as one of our Assistant Principals for the 4th year in 2024. I love spending time with my family and I am hoping that the mighty Magpies go back to back! 😊



Hi, I'm Carly-Marie and I'm one of ECPS' s Assistant Principals. I love playing netball and doing Pilates. My favourite meal of the day is dessert and I love travelling around Australia and overseas.



Hi, my name is Beck and I am one of the Assistant Principals at ECPS. I am so excited to meet you! I love spending time with my husband Rob and our fur baby Layla. I enjoy cooking, my favourite thing to cook is pasta.



My name is Stuart and I am one of the Assistant Principal for Years 2 & 4. Away from school, you'll find me on the golf course or spending times with friends and family, including my dog Cookie. I am looking forward to meeting and working with our community to achieve success in 2024.





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# MEET THE LEARNING SPECIALIST TEAM FOR 2024

**BEN**



Hi ECPS Community, I'm Ben and I am a Learning Specialist at our school. In 2024, I will be happily working with the Year 6 PLC and Specialist PLC. I love to be active (hiking and gym), cook, play games and have a laugh. I am looking forward to seeing how ECPS grows in 2024!

**BELINDA**



Hi everyone, my name is Belinda and I am a learning specialist. I love spending quality time with my children, going on adventures and cooking up a storm in the kitchen. I am looking forward to another amazing year at ECPS in 2024.

**LAUREN**



Hi, my name is Lauren Hart. I am very excited to be teaching and working as a Learning Specialist at Edgars Creek Primary School in 2024. I love teaching and helping students grow as learners. My favourite things to do outside of school is holidaying with family, reading novels and baking. In 2024 I am looking forward to getting to know the students and working with the school community at Edgars Creek P.S.

**KATRINA**



Hi, I'm Katrina and I am so excited to be working with the Year 2 and Year 4 Learning Communities in 2024. I love to visit new places, run and eat delicious food! I can't wait for all the fun things we're going to do at ECPS next year.

**TRISH**



Hi Everyone! My name is Trish and I am very excited to continue to be a Learning Specialist at Edgars Creek Primary School. I love helping children succeed, grow and develop into enthusiastic, engaged learners. Outside of school, I love to dance and read. I'm also a massive fan of camels!



# 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 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

Edgars Creek Primary School

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**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

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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



## Celebrating Our Multicultural School Community



EVERYBODY IS WELCOME AT EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY

At ECPS we celebrate our wonderful and extensive multicultural community.

Each week at assembly, we acknowledge a country that is part of the heritage of people in our school community.

We have something new and exciting planned for the way we acknowledge these countries each week in 2024. We look forward to sharing this with you next year!





**START THEIR BASKETBALL  
JOURNEY TODAY**

*hit the* **HOOPS**



**REGISTER NOW**

For further information please email [info@wcba.org.au](mailto:info@wcba.org.au)

# TERM 1 – 2024

## MILL PARK STADIUM

**WEDNESDAYS  
4pm – 5pm**

- 7 February 2024
- 14 February 2024
- 21 February 2024
- 28 February 2024
- 6 March 2024
- 13 March 2024
- 20 March 2024

## EDGARS CREEK PS

**TUESDAYS  
3.30pm – 4.30pm**

- 6 February 2024
- 13 February 2024
- 20 February 2024
- 27 February 2024
- 5 March 2024
- 12 March 2024
- 19 March 2024

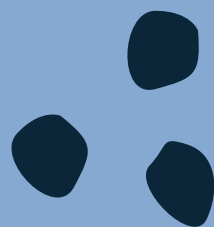
### **COST:**

\$145 NEW PARTICIPANTS  
\$100 RETURNING PARTICIPANTS



NEW PARTICIPANT PACK  
INCLUDES A PERSONALISED  
SINGLET AND BASKETBALL





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- Support students with additional needs
- Support literacy and numeracy skills
- Contribute to planning educational programs
- Support the health, wellbeing and safety of students

You will participate in excursions, workshops and gain insights from industry guest speakers.

## Pathways

Graduates are in demand and work in a range of educational settings, including primary and secondary schools and schools for children with additional needs. Graduates work as education assistants, teacher's aides and support workers.

## Entry requirements

Aged 18 years and over. Moderate computer, email and internet skills. Plus digital technology access. English LLN skills at an industry entry standard.

## How to enrol

Call 9462 6077 to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.



## Location

Prace - Merrilands  
Community Centre  
35 Sturdee Street,  
Reservoir

## Dates and duration (TBC)

23 Feb - 20 Sept 2024  
(Includes Thursday 28 March  
2024 and 19 September 2024)  
26 Sessions  
2 Workshops  
100-hour placement

## Days and times

Fridays  
9.15am - 3.15pm  
Classes will not run on public or  
school holidays

## Study Mode

Face-to-face in a  
classroom, self-directed  
offsite tasks and research,  
remote teacher support  
sessions, practical  
placement and industry/  
assessment workshops

## Fees

Gov. subsidised:  
Concession \$90  
Full \$450  
Non-subsidised \$5850  
^Special consideration may  
apply  
Plus \$10 Service & Amenities fee

*Course commencement is  
subject to variation, sufficient  
enrolments and eligibility  
requirements. Prace encourages  
individuals with disabilities to  
participate in our programs and  
activities. Prace TOID 4036*

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