

# School Newsletter

Thursday 29th February 2024



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**EDGARS CREEK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY COURAGE CURIOSITY**

## Have you made your meet the teacher appointment yet?

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 5th March or Wednesday 6th March** and discussing how your child has settled into their school year and having a look at their learning space. The Specialist team will be available to showcase their learning programs in their Specialist rooms, please feel free to visit these learning spaces on the evenings.

Physical Education - Gym

Visual Arts - Arts room

Performing Arts - Performing Arts room

Science - Science room

Spanish - Spanish room (Year 1 main building)

Digitech - Portables (Year 3 portables)

STEM - (Year 1 portables)

Please make sure you go onto Compass to book your spot.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Every Friday from 9th February-22nd March**

Year 5/6 Interschool Sports

**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**

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**Thursday 21st March**

Harmony Day

**Thursday 28th March**

Last Day of Term 1

**Monday 15th April**

First Day Term 2

**Monday 6th May - Wednesday 8th May**

Mothers Day Stall

## School Council Elections 2024

Our ECPS School Council for 2024 needs the support of our families. We are seeking parents/careers who can attend a monthly meeting to assist in the development and improvement of Edgars Creek Primary School. Nominations will be open Monday 26th February for 2024 School Council positions and will close Monday 4th March at 4.00pm .

Please speak to the School Office if you would like more information or email [edgars.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:edgars.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Newsletter Challenge  
How many **Sunglasses** 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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# Free health, wellbeing and development checks for prep students

**The Primary School Nursing Program is a free health and wellbeing service offered to all Victorian students in their first year of school.**

The program aims to assist with the early identification of children with potential health, wellbeing or development concerns which may impact on their education and offers screening which may include:

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hearing   | Vision  | Speech  | Dental  | Motor Skills  | Behaviour and social skills  |

The Primary School Nurse also provides advice, information and referrals to other health and support services.

**Please remember to complete:**

The Online School Entrant Health Questionnaire (which can be accessed through this QR code or link on your mobile device or computer)



<https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/sehq/s/>

A paper version of the School Entrant Health Questionnaire is available from your child's school if you would prefer.



## APPLE WATCHES AND PHONES

If your child is bringing a phone or smart watch to school they must remember to sign it in at the office. Phones and smart watches will be left in a safe place in the office until the end of the day.



## Prep's Full Week

We are so excited to announce that as of next week our Prep students will be at school Monday-Friday. We have watched the students excel at school over the last 5 weeks in their learning spaces as well as on the playground. We love having them at ECPS and couldn't be prouder of the progress they have made so far



## Term 1 Interschool Sport - Years 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 students selected to represent our school in cricket, soccer and basketball will commence their weekly Interschool Sport competition this Friday 9th February. All students not named in these squads will participate in a weekly intraschool sport competition at ECPS.



This week the Interschool Sport fixture is:



**Division 1 Squads** - Edgars Creek Eagles vs Harvest Home PS Away

(Soccer will be played on the Edgars Creek Secondary College soccer pitch)  
(Cricket will be played on the Edgars Creek Secondary College oval)



**Division 2 Squads** - Edgars Creek Stars vs Wollert PS Home



# HARMONY DAY

**Wednesday 20th March**

Celebrating our Culture Diversity

## 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 will be 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.**

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# YEAR 1 LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE



**WITH PAUL  
AND PINKY**



**THIS WEEK IN YEAR 1 PAUL VERY KINDLY BROUGHT IN PINKY HIS PET GALAH. AFTER ASKING MANY FABULOUS QUESTIONS, STUDENTS WROTE ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE IN THEIR WRITER'S NOTEBOOK.**





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# MEET YOUR YEAR 4 TEAM FOR 2024

4A-TENILLE



Hi everyone! I'm Tenille and I am very excited to be teaching Year 4 in 2024. I love travelling and learning about different cultures. I'm also an avid sneaker collector - can you guess which ones I love the most? Looking forward to learning and having fun with you all this year 😊



4B-JESS



Hi everyone! My name is Jessica, and this is my third year at ECPS! When I'm not at school I enjoy watching movies, going shopping and getting my nails done. I am so excited to be a part of the Year 4 Learning Community in 2024 and I look forward to a great year of laughter and learning!



4C-KATALIN



Hi! For those of you who don't know me already, my name is Kat. I am so excited to come back after taking a year off and reconnecting with the community in 2024! I love spending time at the beach and swimming as well as baking and eating delicious sweet treats! I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

4D-SARAH



Hi ECPS families! My name is Sarah and I am so excited to be back teaching again in 2024. Something you should know about me is that I spent last year on maternity leave with my beautiful baby boy Lenny. On the weekends I love to spend time with my family and two cats.





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# MEET YOUR YEAR 5 TEAM FOR 2024

5A-CARLA



Hi ECPS, my name is Carla and I will be teaching in the Grade 5 Learning Community in 2024. I love reading books and gardening. In my spare time I watch Tiktok's and go shopping. I am looking forward to a great year of learning, growth and FUN!

5B-RENE



Hi there! My name is Rene, and I am very excited to be teaching in the Year 5 Learning Community in 2024! I enjoy spending time with my family, and I love to dance! I try and spend as much time as I can at the beach or sitting on my comfy couch with a good book. Can't wait to learn and grow with you all next year!

5C-SARAH



Hi! My name is Sarah V and I have the pleasure of working within the Year 5 Learning Community in 2024. I love reading books, eating cake and spending time with my family and friends. I am very excited to spend another fantastic year at ECPS!

5D-MAGGIE



Hi, my name is Maggie and I will be teaching in the Grade 5 Learning Community! My favourite hobbies are playing badminton, reading and spending time with family. I love writing and hope to publish my novels one day! Can't wait to spend another wonderful year here at ECPS!





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Home Group	Name	Award given...
6A	Ravin	For demonstrating the school value of Curiosity and always showing a high work ethic. You are such a great learner! Well done, Ravin!
6B	Dean	For demonstrating the school value of Responsibility by constantly being ready to learn and encouraging those around you to do the same. You are a great role model Dean! Keep it up!
6C	Emilia	For showing the school value of Responsibility and making amazing choices during both home group and fluid group learning activities. You have shown that you are able to focus on your learning and complete 5-star quality work. Well done Emilia and keep being awesome!
6D	Alyssa	For her exceptional ability to manage time effectively during learning.
5A	Ryan	For demonstrating the school value of Curiosity and Courage by always participating in class discussions and asking questions to further his learning. Well done, keep up the amazing work Ryan!
5B	Zara	For showing the school value of Curiosity by always asking questions during whole class focus. I can see you're ready to learn and I am so proud of you!
5C	Mohid	For consistently showing the school values. You have been a wonderful role model for your peers. Keep up the great work Mohid!
5D	Gabriel	For always showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility in your learning during class time. You are an excellent role model to your peers!
4A	Manan	For being an enthusiastic and supportive member in our learning community. You are always encouraging others to do the right thing and being a fantastic role model! Keep up the great work, Manan!
4B	Cheryl	For showing the school values of Responsibility and Courage by practicing, achieving and challenging yourself with your counting goal. Well done, Cheryl!
4C	Liya	For showing the school values of Responsibility and Courage by practicing, achieving and challenging yourself with all areas of your learning. Well done, Liya!
4D	Adam	For show the school value of Courage by always sharing his thoughts and ideas during learning time. Well done Adam!
3A	Mohammed	For being a helpful member of our homegroup. You have done a wonderful job supporting others during tasks. What a great role model you have been! Keep it up.
3B	Anika	For asking for help when you need it and always helping others when they need it. Keep trying your best, Anika!
3C	Leela	For demonstrating the school value of Curiosity and Courage by always participating in class discussions and sharing your ideas with others. Keep up the great work, Leela.
3D	Navraj	For showing the school value of Courage by always sharing his ideas during learning time.
3E	Nupur	For demonstrating the school value of Responsibility across all learning areas. Nupur, you are a great role model to your peers when you never hesitate to challenge yourself. Keep up the amazing work!
3F	Eleanor	For demonstrating the school values of Respect and Responsibility. Eleanor you are always such a helpful and kind member to the year 3 learning community. You have been an excellent role model for your peers so far this year. Keep up the amazing work!
3G	Aarav	For demonstrating the school value of Courage during our Math lessons and being a responsible member of our community. Keep up the fantastic work, Aarav!
2A	Eliana	For demonstrating the school value of Courage when making new friends and being very creative when drawing amazing pictures. Well done, keep you the positive attitude!
2B	Haley	For consistently demonstrating the Edgars Creek Primary School values and expectations in all areas of learning. Well done on an amazing start to year 2! Keep up the great work, Haley!
2C	Yasmin	For showing the school value of Curiosity by asking questions and showing a keen interest in her learning. Fantastic effort, Yasmin!
2D	Alex	For showing persistence when doing his learning and always willing to help his teachers around the classroom. Keep up the amazing work, Alex!
2E	Hussein	For showing the school value of Courage during Writing and listening for the sounds in the words you want to write. Keep up the fantastic effort Hussein, you're doing an amazing job!!
2F	Gizela	For being such a great helper in the classroom and for always showing Respect towards teachers and friends! Amazing job!



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Home Group	Name	Award given...
1A	Ina	For always showing the school value of Respect and Responsibility by helping others and choosing a good fit learning spot. Well done for asking learning questions and helping others inside and outside our Learning Community. You're amazing, Ina!
1B	Ishrat	For showing the school value of Respect and Courage when participating in fluid groups. Well done Ishrat on showing respect to your teachers and peers, as well as trying your best in your learning. Keep it up!
1C	Namra	For demonstrating the school value of Courage when faced with a tricky sentence. Well done for using your reading strategies and solving an unknown word. You're a superstar, Namra!
1D	Aarannan	For demonstrating the school values of Respect and Responsibility by always being ready to learn. You are such a positive and trustworthy member of our Learning Community and are always willing to help your friends in need. You are a superstar, Aarannan!
1E	Helen	For responsibly going to fluid groups for the first time and showing courage in her learning. Well done Helen on trying your best in your learning and walking safely to your fluid groups! Keep it up.
1F	Daphne	For consistently showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility. You have been so responsible as a line leader and show respect during every learning session! Well Done Daphne!
PA	Jeslin	For consistently showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility. You have been completing your learning to the best of your ability and following all the instructions! You should be so proud superstar!
PB	Alisa	For consistently demonstrating the school values. You are a great role model for the Prep Learning Community. Keep up the amazing work, Alisa!
PC	Nimrat	For showing courage when making friends at school. It has been great to see you playing your friends! Great job Nimrat!
PD	Alyssia	For consistently showing the school values Courage and Respect every day at school when trying new things and doing whole body listening. Well done Alyssia!
PE	Riya	For consistently showing the school values inside the learning space and outside in the yard. I love how you are always listening and that you always show kindness to your friends. I am so proud of you! Keep up the amazing work!
PF	Hasoni	For consistently displaying the school values across all learning areas. You are so kind to others and always treat people with respect. I am so proud of you Hasoni. Keep up the awesome work superstar!
Digital Technologies – Binny	Neriah 3B	For showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility in your learning during Digital Technologies sessions and completing your task to the best of your abilities. Well done, Neriah!
Taylah	Anika 2B	For showing the school values during Digital Technologies and trying her best to complete tasks about being cyber safe. Keep it up, Anika!
STEM - Sue	Manan 4A	For consistently showing the school value of Curiosity by asking questions and showing a keen interest in STEM learning. Amazing work, Manan!
Science – Jemma	Savannah 6A	For consistently showing our school values during Science lessons. Thank you for being a wonderful role model to your peers, Savannah! Keep up the amazing work!
Visual Arts - Anita	Kirat 6A	For your fantastic textured paint piece, you created during Visual Arts. You always have a positive attitude and work to the best of your ability. Keep it up!
Spanish – Lily	Eleanor 3F	For making a terrific start to her Spanish learning and always displaying the school values in Spanish class. ¡Enhorabuena Eleanor!
PE – David	Sharokina 5A	For her amazing application and persistence in PE
PE- Kristina	Kiyansh 2F	For showing great persistence in our fun run training. Well done, Kiyansh! Keep up the amazing effort.
Education Support- Cassandra	Noah Prep D	For showing the school value of Courage by trying new things. You have done such a great job settling into Prep this year. Keep up the great work!
Tutor Program - Tiarnah	Carlos 6D	For being an enthusiastic learner. Well done Carlos, it has been great to see you be so passionate towards your learning. Keep up the awesome work!





# Celebrating Our Multicultural School Community

## Everyone is welcome at Edgars Creek Primary School



## WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR FAMILIES COME FROM

We are extremely proud of our multi-cultural community at ECPS! The families that are part of our school have come from many different countries.

Throughout 2024, we are acknowledging the geographical location of a new country each week during our school assembly. A dot is added to each country as we have acknowledged it.



**This weeks country will be Indonesia.**





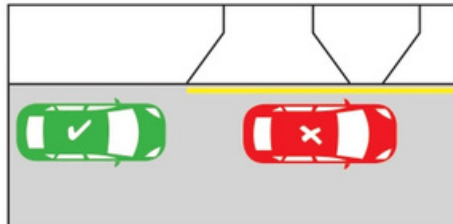
# PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

## Speed



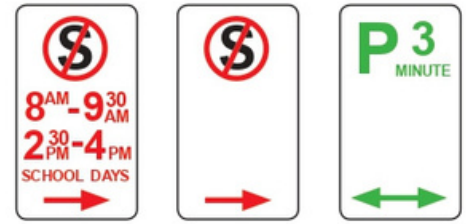
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

## Yellow edge line



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

## Parking/Stopping signage



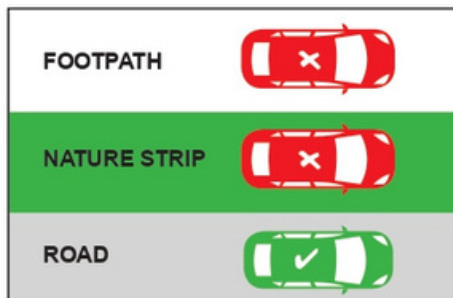
No stopping areas must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times/days. You cannot park in a P3 minute area for longer than three minutes.

## School crossings



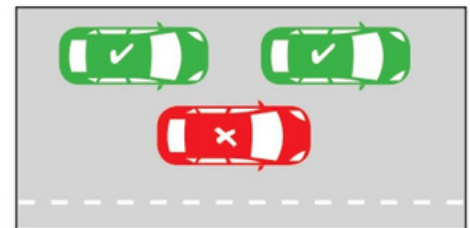
- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

## No parking on nature strips/footpaths



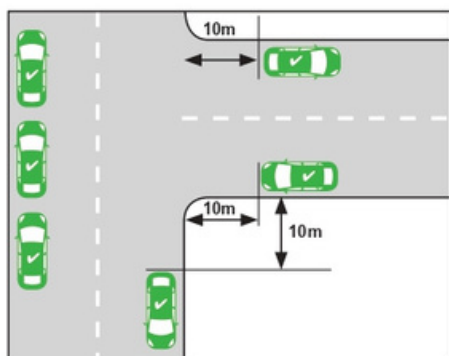
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

## Double parking



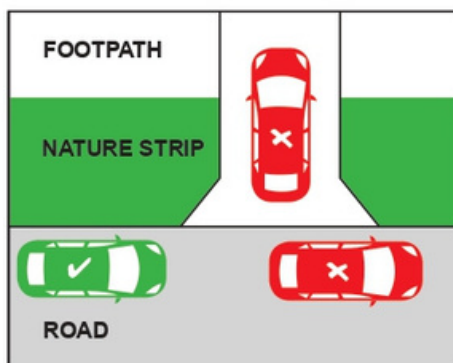
It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

## Within 10 metres of an intersection



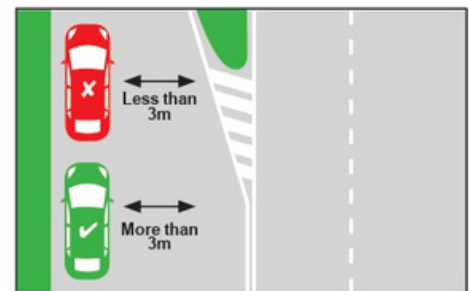
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

## 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

العربية	9679 9871	Italiano	9679 9874
Ελληνικά	9679 9873	Македонски	9679 9875
हिंदी	9679 9879	简体中文	9679 9857

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	9679 9879	Tiếng Việt	9679 9878
தமிழ்	9679 9879	Other	9679 9879
Türkçe	9679 9877		





**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

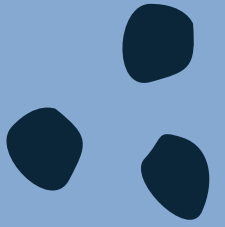


NEW PARTICIPANT PACK  
INCLUDES A PERSONALISED  
SINGLET AND BASKETBALL





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# WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY NEWS







VACCA  
Connected by culture

# START YOUR FOSTER CARE JOURNEY TODAY

Have you been thinking about becoming a Foster Carer?

Are you able to provide Aboriginal children with a positive and nurturing family life?

Are you excited to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

VACCA is seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding.

If you've ever considered becoming a foster carer, now is the time to start your foster care journey.



Visit our website to find out more: [www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org)



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EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AUSKICK CENTRE

Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

22nd February - 21st March

Contact: [jake.murphy@afl.com.au](mailto:jake.murphy@afl.com.au)



[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)







# FIND YOUR FOOTY



**PLAY**

**EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SUPERKICK CENTRE**

Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

22nd February - 21st March

Contact: [jake.murphy@afl.com.au](mailto:jake.murphy@afl.com.au)



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# Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221

Education Support is a flexible and rewarding career where you can work in the classroom to support students with additional needs.

Prace delivers an industry driven and dynamic learning experience to ensure you are job-ready with the skills employers are looking for. With the guidance of expert teachers in a friendly and supportive classroom, you will develop the skills to:

- 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

Online and Rosanna  
Fire Station Community  
House, 232 Lower Plenty  
Rd, Rosanna

## Dates and duration

Starting 7th May, 2024  
26 Sessions, 2 Workshops  
100-hour placement

## Days and times

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

## Study Mode

Alternates weekly  
between online (Zoom)  
and 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*

*This training is delivered with  
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