## School Newsletter

Thursday 19th December 2024



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EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## MEET THE 2025 ECPS SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Each year at ECPS we run a process to appoint our School Captains and Vice Captains. We would like to congratulate all of the Year 5 students who applied for these positions in 2025. The school was very impressed with their applications!

Our school's process has now concluded and we would like to formally introduce you to our ECPS Captains for next year:

#### School Captains







Gabriel

#### Vice Captains



Rajvansh



Angeleen



Amay



Jacinta

We are very excited to have these six student leaders supporting our school next year!

Our other 2025 Year 6 students will get the opportunity to apply for House Captain, Specialist Captain and JSC roles early in the year.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday 20th December End of Term 4 (1.30pm finish)

2025

Tuesday 28th January Student Free Day

Wednesday 29th January Student Free Day

**Thursday 30th January** Years 1-6 Students Commence

**Friday 31st January**Prep Students Commence

Wednesday 5th 12th 19th 26th February No School for Prep Students

Monday 10th March Labour Day Public Holiday Student Free Day

# We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays!

School commences on the 30th January for Years 1-6 students.

Prep students commence on the 31st January.

#### **END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Families, Students, and Staff,

As we reach the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to celebrate all that we've achieved together this year.

Our students have worked hard, shown great resilience, and achieved so much in their learning. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, or the sports field, they have made us proud. To our Year 6 students, congratulations on completing primary school! We wish you all the best as you take your next exciting step into secondary school.

To our teachers and staff, thank you for your dedication and care. Your efforts every day make a real difference in the lives of our students.

To our families, we are so grateful for your support and partnership throughout the year. Whether helping with homework, attending school events, or encouraging your child, your involvement means so much to us.

This year, you've seen our school grow in so many ways. Together, we've continued to build a strong, positive, and inclusive community where every student matters.

As the holidays approach, I hope you all take time to relax and enjoy special moments with your loved ones. Whether you're traveling or staying home, I wish you a safe and happy break.

We're excited for the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring. Thank you for being part of our wonderful school community, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2025!

#### **DISMISSAL END OF THE YEAR**

A reminder that school will finish at 1:30pm on Friday, 20th December. Please make arrangements to ensure your child/ren are picked up promptly at this time.

#### **REPORTS**

All Semester 2 Reports for 2024 are now accessible via COMPASS.

When preparing student reports, teachers draw on a combination of formal and informal assessments and engage in moderation processes with their colleagues to ensure consistency and accuracy. Teachers have carefully considered each student's attitude, effort, and growth while writing their reports. These documents provide a comprehensive overview of each child's learning journey and achievements, celebrating their progress and contributions throughout the semester.

Should you require additional information please contact your child/ren's home group teacher or Sub-School Assistant Principal.

#### **TEACHER EXCELLENCE PROGRAM 2024**

Our school values the learning and development of our staff, and the positive impacts this has on student outcomes and school improvement.

We are proud to share that Emily Krygger recently successfully graduated from the Teaching Excellence Program at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership.

This program enables skilled teachers to advance their capabilities and excellence in teaching. Through the program, Emily Krygger grew their knowledge of teaching practice using the latest, evidence-informed research by inquiring into 2 areas of their practice, using the evidence of how students learn, generative AI, explicit teaching methods, student engagement tools and disciplinespecific focussed learning. They were also inspired by national and international experts in the field of education through 2 dedicated conferences.

We look forward to working with Emily Krygger implement their knowledge and skills from the program to continue to support student outcomes and wellbeing at our school.

#### CAMP AUSTRALIA

#### Meet the team at Camp Australia -Edgars Creek PS







Name: Krishnakuna Santhanakrishnan

Role: Service Leader

About me: I am a champion of kindness, Promoting kindness respect and inclusivity is at the heart of everything I do. I've got a green thumb, I love gardering and I try to bring a bit of nature into the OSHC space. bit of nature into the OSHC space.

I'm all about fearmwork As an OSHC Leader, I believe in oSHC Leader, I believe in collaboration whether its with my team or the children working logether is key to creating supportive and Fun I love getting creative, From DIY crafts to game making I enjoy thinking outside the box to create fun and engage activities for the lods.

I'm a super Isstener, I make sure every child feels heard.

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Kumar

Role: Assistant

About me: I love discovering new cultures and places and places
Cooking up a storm and
getting crafty are my passions
I was a Math teacher in high School I love to watch tennis I can speak more than 3 languages



Aulakh

Role: Assistant Educator

About me: I run track and field for fun My favourite place to eat is Nandos I love to play tennis I love to watch movies I play video games in my free time

Fun Facts about our CAMP Australia Team of Educators: Krishna, Arnie and Nital Please register to secure



your place for 2025!

Contact your service directly: Camp Australia 0432311902 m and 3:00pm -6:00pm

## Mathletics

Congratulations to the following students in each

Learning Community who have earnt the highest

amount of Mathletics points this year.

#### **Prep ABC**

Gold: Avyaan S

Silver: Anika C

Bronze: Lyrah S

**Prep DEF** 

Gold: Manely A Silver: Austin M

Bronze: Kalston K

Year 1 ABC

Gold: Jackson N

Silver: Avya S

Bronze: Jamie G

#### Year 1 DEF

Gold: Seerat M

Silver: Navroz K

Bronze: Ajoonee S

#### **Year 2 ABC**

Gold: Harish S

Silver: Haley L

Bronze: Noah A

#### **Year 2 DEF**

Gold: Andrej S

Silver: Niroshan S

Bronze: Shri P

#### **Year 3ABCD**

Gold: Eveleen K (3D)

Silver: Shayna M

Bronze: Yalsu A

#### **Year 3EFG**

Gold: Shakshi S

Silver: Radhika B

Bronze: Andrew W

#### Year 4

Gold: Yaksh D

Silver: Aashi K

Bronze: Kanisha P

#### Year 5

Gold: Oustat B

Silver: Safa A

Bronze: Amay S

#### Year 6

Gold: Thiyahini S

Silver: Aahana C

Bronze: Gurseerat K

### **Term 4 Mathletics Awards**

## YEAR 6

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## DURING OUR INQUIRY UNIT,

STUDENTS DEVELOPED
CRITICAL THINKING AND
PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS
THROUGH INQUIRY-BASED
LEARNING ON A TOPIC OF
THEIR CHOICE. THEY
PRESENTED THEIR RESEARCH
AND UNDERSTANDING OF
THEIR PERSONAL INQUIRY
DURING A YEAR 6 EXPO TO
CONCLUDE THE UNIT.







YEAR 6 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A WATER SAFETY EXCURSION AT KINGSWIM EPPING. THEY GAINED KNOWLEDGE ON STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER AND PRACTICED BASIC SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES TO USE IN EMERGENCIES.





Edgars Creek Primary School is fortunate enough to have been accepted into the 2024 Victorian State School Spectacular for Mass Dance. This is the first time our school has participated in this amazing event and we are so very excited!

The Spectacular includes a cast of 3000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria's government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a two-three hour scripted show, that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

The Spectacular promotes student engagement and educational outcomes by boosting motivation and student attendance, building confidence and self-esteem, leadership skills, cooperation, collaboration, forging friendships and a sense of belonging.

Students who participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.

In 2025, 16 of our Year 5 and 6 students will get the opportunity to take part in the program. Students are invited to audition at the beginning of the Year. We will teach the students a simple dance during a recess audition and will select 16 participants (and an additional 4 emergency students).

Students selected must commit to 4 full dance training days (Mar 4, Apr 29, Jun 3, Aug 15), a weekly VSSS recess club, 2 full dress rehearsal days (Sep 11, 12 at John Caine Arena) and the VSSS show day, performing 2 full shows at John Caine Arena (Saturday 13th September 2025). It is an expectation that families will bring/collect their child to/from the venue on the show day. The overall cost per student is around \$140 and includes a VSSS t-shirt and bus expenses. The cost will be spread out over the year.

Students will be fitted for full costumes on performance day at no expense. Families wanting to attend the VSSS final shows will need to purchase tickets through Ticketek later in the year. The prices range from \$15-\$30 per person.

Please speak to your child about this fantastic opportunity. If you have any questions at all please contact us via Compass or call the front office 9407 7100.

Thanks Anita Cripps & Kristy Brockfield Performing Arts Teachers









#### **Design & Shine**

#### **Get Creative in our T-Shirt Competition**

We love breakfast, cooking and healthy food - and we know you and your students do too!

To celebrate the amazing School Breakfast Clubs Program, we're inviting your students to design our t-shirts. Winning design/s will be printed onto the back of our team's uniform, proudly showcasing your school's creativity! Our theme is 'Celebrate Breakfast'!

#### **How to Enter**

All School Breakfast Clubs Program schools will have received an email - keep your eyes peeled! Competition details and the template can be found at: schoolbreakfastclubs.org.au/t-shirt-competition/



ECPS will be taking part in the Breakfast Club colouring in competition. If students are interested in taking part, please see the ladies in the office for a form or click the link below to downlad a copy:

https://schoolbreakfastclubs.org.au/t-shirt-competition/



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#### FUN AWAITS!

## YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Marymede Catholic College

Address: Williamsons Road SOUTH MORANG VIC 3752

Wed 11 Dec Mission Takeoff: Time Travel Adventures

Get ready for the ultimate adventure to launch your holidays! Build a time machine, train as a time traveler, and create a clock to mark your journey. This is the thrilling start to an unforgettable season!

Full Fee \$93.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.40



Thu 12 Dec Operation: Bubble Bounce Bonanza

Get ready for a day of bubbles, bounces, and games! Dive into giant bubbles, hop around with fun bouncy activities, and play all your favourite games. It's going to be a blast—are you ready to bounce?

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35



Extraordinary Holiday Adventures



Fri 13 Dec Project: High Tea in the Skv

Soar into a world of fun! Whip up a delightful high tea with scrumptious cakes, snacks, and sandwiches, then unleash your creativity by decorating gliders to take home. It's a sky-high day filled with flying fun and delectable treats!

Full Fee \$96.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.70



Mon 16 Dec

Operation: Dino-topia

Step into the world of dinosaurs! From roaring Trexes to towering Brachiosauruses, today we're diving into everything Jurassic. Get ready for a dino-mite day full of prehistoric fun and discoveries!

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35



Tue 17 Dec Adventure: Hole Lotta Fun at Goanna Golf

Putt your best as you make your way around 18 holes of mini golf course! Challenge yourself and let's see if you can get a hole-in-one today!

Full Fee \$120.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$12.10



Wed 18 Dec Operation: Rainbow Extravaganza

Step into a world of colour! From rainbow science to colourful art, today's your chance to turn the room into a kaleidoscope of fun. Get ready for a wild day of creativity and rainbowinspired STEAM activities!

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35



Thu 19 Dec

**Project: Arcade Builders** 

Time to level up! Build and decorate your own mini bowling alley, create cool clay game characters, and play arcade-inspired games. It's a day of fun and creativity you won't want to miss!

Full Fee \$97.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.80



20 Dec

Operation: Super Celebration

Get ready to celebrate! It's your time to shine as we host an epic celebration day! We'll have fun games, surprises, and a special moment to recognise everyone's achievements. Whatever the occasion, let's make it a day to remember!

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35



Mon 06 Jan Operation: Wheelie Awesome

Ready, set, roll! It's all about wheels today! Whether you're crafting wheel-inspired inventions or exploring other fun activities on wheels, there's no limit to the fun. Get ready for a wheelie good time!

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35



Tue 07 Jan Project: Knights of the Realm

Step into the medieval world and become a knight! Try bouncy jousting, build your own catapult, and create your own shield to take home. It's a day packed with epic medieval adventures!

Full Fee \$97.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.80



#### **FUN AWAITS!**

## YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Marymede Catholic College

Address: Williamsons Road SOUTH MORANG VIC 3752

**Phone**: 0401 054 844 **Program Times**: 06:30 am - 06:15 pm

Wed 08 Jan

#### BIG Art's BIG LEGO Challenge!

Are you ready for the ultimate LEGO challenge? Let's kickoff the holidays with a BANG! Join us for Big Art's ultimate LEGO Showdown with a range of fun challenges to complete!

Full Fee \$84.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$8.45



#### Thu 09 Jan

#### Adventure: Paddington in Peru at Village Cinemas

Join us for an adventure with Paddington in Peru! Paddington and the Browns head to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, but unexpected events lead them into thrilling misadventures through the Amazon rainforest and the stunning mountains of Peru.

Full Fee \$121.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$12.20



Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

#### Fri 10 Jan

#### Experience Takeover: Video Magic

Get ready to rewind reality! Join StarTime's Reverse Video Workshop and make sandcastles build themselves, watch objects zoom back up, and create backwards stories that'll blow your mind. It's movie magic—your way!

Full Fee \$105.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$10.55



Takeover Incursion

13 Jan

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#### Operation: Embrace Your Culture

Let's celebrate the beauty of where we come from! Today, we'll explore each other's cultures, traditions, and stories. It's all about connecting, sharing, and learning in a day of discovery.

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35



Tue 14 Jan

#### Big Art Day: Beach Bash

Grab your sunnies and get ready for some beachy fun! Join a volleyball tournament, tie-dye your own personalised beach towel, and dive into summer games and crafts. Sun, fun, and creativity—what a combo!

Full Fee \$98.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.90



Wed 15 Jan

#### Adventure: Fun Unleashed at Jumpside

You bring the energy and we'll bring the fun! We've got a day filled to the brim with jumping, parkour, obstacle courses and more!

Full Fee \$127.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$12.80



Thu 16 Jan

#### Operation: Game On!

Get ready to team up and tackle a day of sports challenges! From action-packed games to awesome sports science facts, plus a chance to make your own team posters, today's all about teamwork and fun.

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35



🎳 Base Camp Day

#### Fri 17 Jan

#### Project: Hawaiian Luau & Culinary Fun

Get ready for a Hawaiian adventure! Make a yummy Haupia with pineapple, design your own surfboard door sign, and create a colourful lei to take home. It's a day packed with tropical fun!

Full Fee \$96.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.70



Mon 20 Jan

#### Project: Slime & Smile

It's a squishy day of fun! Make your own emoji pillow and create colourful, gooey slime to take home. Get ready to stretch, squish, and smile your way through this sensory adventure!

Full Fee \$98.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.90



Tue 21 Jan

#### Adventure: The Fallen Kingdom at Jurassic World Exhibition

Step into the world of dinosaurs at Jurassic World: The Exhibition! Walk through the iconic gates and come face-to-face with life-sized dinosaurs in this immersive experience that brings the film franchise to life.

Full Fee \$130.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$13.10



## FUN AWAITS! YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



#### Marymede Catholic College

Address: Williamsons Road SOUTH MORANG VIC 3752

**Phone:** 0401 054 844 **Program Times:** 06:30 am - 06:15 pm

Wed 22 Jan Operation: Inventors Assemble!

Calling all inventors! It's time to gather recycled materials and turn your wildest ideas into world-changing inventions. Get creative, solve problems, and show us how your invention can make a difference!

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35



Thu 23 Jan Providoor: Sweet Treats with Anna Polyviou

Ready for a sweet adventure? Join culinary star Anna Polyviou for a dessert-making tutorial, snap pics in our photobooth, and take home a recipe card for more fun at home!

Full Fee \$97.96 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.80



Fri 24 Jan Operation: Rocketeers Got Talent!

It's your time to shine! Today is all about talent practice your acts, create the perfect stage, and wow your friends in an epic talent show. Lights, camera, action—let's perform!

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35

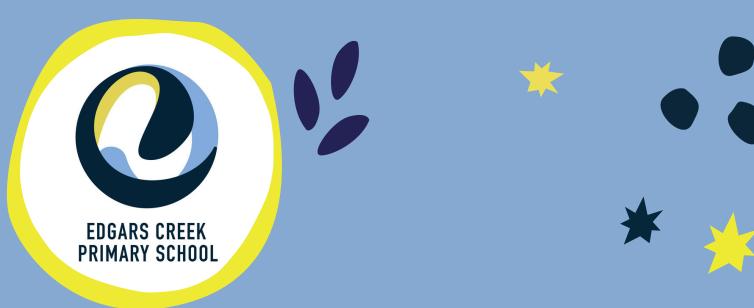


Tue 28 Jan Operation: Summertime Science

Dive into the wonders of summer with hands-on experiments that explore the heat and wonders of the season, and exciting crafts that bring summer fun to life. Let's make this summer unforgettable through science!

Full Fee \$73.46 | After Max. CCS\* \$7.35





# WHITLESEA

NEWS









## Mernda Monthly Kids Club In 2025

Come Join in On Some Fun, Every Month with Singing, Dancing, Kids Games, Bubbles and Arts and Crafts

Kids all Ages can attend, with Parent Supervision

Term 1& 2 Dates

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 4.30pm -6pm

Thursday 6th March 2025 4.30pm -6pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 4.30pm -6pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 4.30pm -6pm

Where: Jindi Family and Community Centre, 48 Breadalbane Ave, Mernda VIC 3754

\$10 per child per session, Parents are Free

Book your Spot Today:

https://www.trybooking.com/CXJDV









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#### SCHOOL ZONE

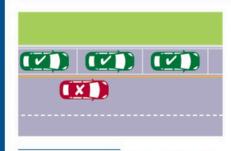
8 - 9<sup>30</sup> 2<sup>30</sup> - 4<sub>PM</sub> school





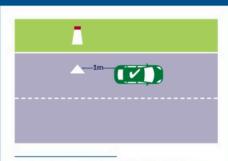
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

#### Yellow edge line



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

#### Fire hydrants



1 Metre clearance is required for fire hydrants, fire hydrant indicators or fire plug indicators.

#### **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 crossing on nature strips/footpaths



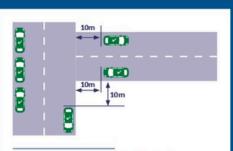
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

#### Double parking



It is illegal to double park at anytime. This affects the fllow 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 and 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 from white line



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.





## CHILDREN'S SOCCER PROGRAM

#### **Minis Program**

For boys and girls aged 2.5 - 3 years

#### **Preschool Program**

For boys and girls aged 3 - 5 years

#### Junior Program

For boys and girls aged 6 - 8 years

#### **Premier Program**

For boys and girls aged 9 - 11 years

#### **Birthday Parties**

Celebrate with a soccer themed birthday party!

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CV CRICKET BLAST CENTRE – NORTHERN METRO
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## JUNIOR PATHWAY





From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game.-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development.

Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.













#### LITTLE GIGS AUSTRALIA

## "Little Victorian's" Achiever

#### **AWARD**

Little Gigs Australia is a premier Melbourne Performance Agency, dedicated to nurturing the talents of young artists across music, dance, and street performance. Our mission is simple yet powerful: to help children gain a performance edge, reach their full potential, and authentically shine!

We believe in celebrating young Victorians who are striving for excellence, not only in performance but in all areas of life. With a strong focus on fostering a growth mindset, Little Gigs is passionate about recognising children who put family and community first, show initiative, and pursue their passions for causes greater than themselves.

The Little Victorian Achievers Award will spotlight the outstanding achievements of children aged 13 and under, celebrating their BIG accomplishments. Whether excelling in music, performance, sports, community involvement, or even launching a business or project, this award will honour those who are making a significant impact.

We invite schools and families to nominate inspiring children who are pushing boundaries and achieving remarkable things.

Nominations should include:

- A brief outline of key achievements to date from performances and sports awards to community involvement or entrepreneurial projects.
- Examples of how the nominee has shown initiative and creativity in their journey.
- Demonstrations of determination, focus, and resilience in overcoming challenges.
- Highlights of moments where the nominee has contributed to their community or positively impacted those around them.

In 25 words (2-3 sentences), please summarise your nomination, showcasing the nominee's achievements and the impact they have made. This summary may be used for media purposes and the on-stage presentations at the gala dinner.



#### NOMINATE NOW



