

# School Newsletter

Thursday 6th February 2024

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EDGARS CREEK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WELCOME PREPS

This week, our Prep students commenced their seven-year journey with us. Starting Prep is a special milestone in a child's life and for their families. It's a time when children develop independence, make decisions, form friendships, learn from their teachers, and explore their environment.

I had the privilege of seeing our Prep students fully engaged in their Visual Arts and Science lessons, displaying incredible curiosity and focus on their learning. Congratulations to them all on completing their first week—we are incredibly proud and excited to see their growth throughout the year!

A huge credit to Warwick, Chantelle, and our dedicated teaching and education support staff for their leadership and support in ensuring such a smooth start.

As the year unfolds, I look forward to sharing the wonderful work our students and staff are accomplishing

Our newsletter is packed with helpful information, important updates, and upcoming events. Be sure to read it regularly to stay connected with what's happening in our school community! To support our families in accessing our newsletter and website, we have added a Google Translate button. We

hope this helps improve communication and ensures information is accessible to everyone.

Warm Regards,

Teresa Marnik  
Principal



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 12th 19th 26th  
February**  
Prep Rest Days (No School)

**Thursday 6th March**  
Meet the Teacher  
3.30pm-6.30pm

**Monday 10th March**  
Labor Day Student Free Day

**Wednesday 12th March-  
Monday 24th March**  
Year 3 & 5 Naplan

**Wednesday 19th March**  
Harmony Day

**Friday 4th April**  
End of Term School Finishes at  
2:30pm



Newsletter Challenge!  
How many times can you  
find picture of **zooper  
dooper** Write your answer  
and put it in the challenge  
box in the office. Winners  
drawn at assembly  
tomorrow.



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# FACEBOOK

Don't forget to jump over to our Facebook page to check out all the fun activities that will be going on throughout 2025. 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 [ECPS Facebook](#)



# 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



# OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours

Please note our office hours:

 Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

 Friday: 8:30am – 3:45 pm

If you need any assistance, feel free to contact us during these hours. We're happy to help!

# ASSEMBLY

We warmly invite our families to attend our weekly assemblies, held every Friday at 2:30 pm in our stadium/gym. Our first assembly will be this Friday, 7th February—we look forward to seeing you there

# MEET THE TEACHER

Our Meet the Teacher sessions will be held on Thursday, 6th March, from 3:30 pm to 6:40 pm. Booking information will be shared soon. We look forward to connecting with our families

# HARMONY DAY FAMILY EVENT

As a school community, we embrace and take pride in our diverse backgrounds. We look forward to celebrating this together at our Harmony Family Event on Wednesday, 19th March, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. More details will be shared soon—we can't wait to celebrate with you!

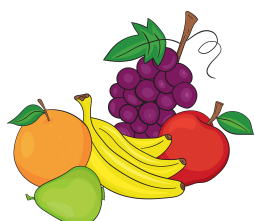
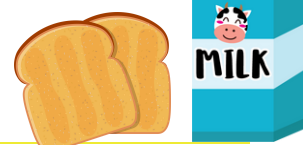
# STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

If your child's contact details, emergency contacts, or medical information have changed, please notify the school office as soon as possible. It is essential that we have up-to-date information to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

We appreciate your support!

## CANTEEN

We would love to welcome all our students to our canteen during snack break, at this time you will find all sorts of refreshments such as sugar free zooper doopers for \$1, pop corn for \$1 and slushies for \$2 .



Breakfast Club will return every **MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY** from the CANTEEN at 8:20AM Enter from Basketball court Gate

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# MEET THE PRINCIPAL TEAM FOR 2025

TERESA



Hi! My name is Teresa I am the proud Principal of ECPS. I am looking forward to working with all the students, staff and families. Something you should know about me is that my favourite flowers are roses and I love eating pasta!

WARWICK



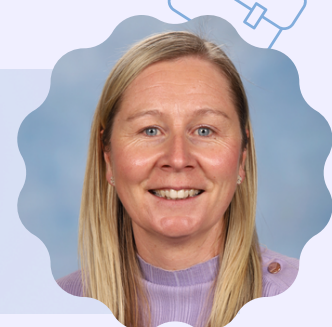
Hi, I'm Warwick Knight. I'm a proud dad to an 8-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son. I love spending time outdoors, whether it's at the beach or exploring new places on family holidays in our caravan. I'm a Collingwood supporter and enjoy catching a game whenever I can with my parents. I have a passion for teaching and supporting students to achieve their best.

REBECCA



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.

LAUREN



Hi, my name is Lauren Hart. I am very excited to be stepping in as Acting Assistant Principal this Term at Edgars Creek Primary School in 2024. I love 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.

STUART



Hello! My name is Stuart and I am one of the Assistant Principal's at ECPS. Outside of school, I enjoy playing golf as well as many other sports. My favourite AFL team is the Melbourne Demons and I support Derby County in the English Football (Soccer) League! I am looking forward to a successful 2025!



# YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME!

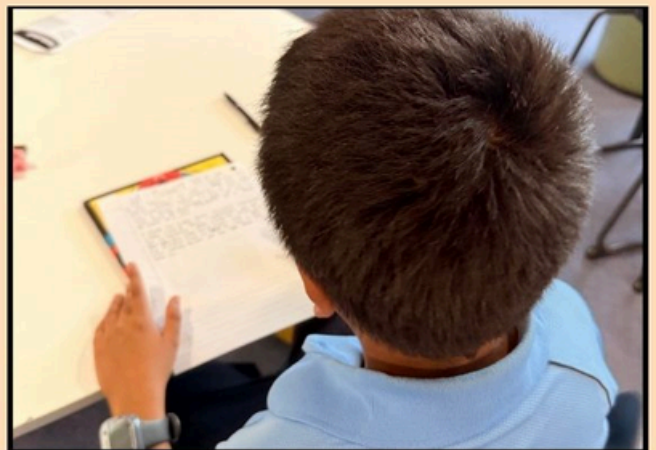
**WELCOME TO YEAR 6 AT EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL! WE ARE EXCITED TO EMBARK ON THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY WITH YOU, FILLED WITH NEW CHALLENGES, LEARNING, AND GROWTH. OUR YEAR 6 TEAM IS HERE TO SUPPORT AND INSPIRE YOUR CHILD. LET'S MAKE THIS A FANTASTIC YEAR TOGETHER!**

## CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

**IF YOU NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO USE COMPASS TO SEND AN EMAIL TO THE HOME GROUP TEACHER.**

## LEARNING TO LEAD

As we kick off Term 1 at Edgars Creek Primary School, we dive into our Learning to Lead Program, designed to set the foundation for a successful academic year. This program equips our students with essential metacognitive strategies, helping them understand their own learning processes and become adept at setting goals and tackling challenges. Through interactive activities and reflective practices, students begin to hone their skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, and self-assessment, ensuring they are well-prepared to navigate the exciting learning journey ahead.



## GOOD LUCK!

Best of luck for the academic year 2025! Embrace every challenge, savour each moment, and keep striving for success.



# ECPS SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS



## Summer/Winter Uniform Options

*To be worn 3 days each week.*



Short sleeve shirt & navy shorts or pants.



Long sleeve shirt & navy blue pants.



Summer dress & jumper or jacket.



School jumper or jacket. Navy blue pants or shorts.

## Sport Uniform

*To be worn 2 days each week.*

*(The day allocated for your child's home group and every Friday)*



Pale blue polo for students in Years Prep to Year 5.  
Navy blue shorts or pants.  
Year 6 students have navy blue Polos.

### Hijab, patka or other headwear



If your child wears a hijab, patka or other headwear, it is to be worn in navy blue, light blue or white only.

# Lunch Mums



Lunch Mums are an external business that provides lunch orders to the local Schools. They pride themselves in providing wholesome and tasty lunches to the school community. Their aspirations are not only to offer healthy lunches and treats to children, but to also offer a simple and effective ordering solution to help busy parents, without the worry or fuss.

Lunch orders will be available Tuesday's and Thursday's. Parents/Students will be able to place orders via an online App "[My School Connect](#)". Please refer to the instructions below on how to set up an account and register your child/children.

**Orders must be in by Tuesday 8.00am  
and Thursday 8.00am.**

ECPS & Lunch Mums look forward to working with the school community in providing school lunches for your children

Please call the office if you require assistance to set up the app.



ORDER  
ON  
THE APP



**STEP 1.**

**Visit My School Connect**

Visit <http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au> and register as a parent.

**STEP 2.**

**Setup a child**

Upon first login, setup your child/children.

**STEP 3.**

**Enter student details**

Don't forget to add in all essential fields; name, school, class and any allergy information.

**STEP 4.**

**Allow your child to order for themselves**

Setting 'yes' here will allow your child to login online and order.

**PRO-TIP!**

This is a great way to teach your child to manage their spending and choose healthy food. Remember to always supervise.

**STEP 5.**

**Set a daily spend limit**

You can either enter a '\$dollar amount' or select 'unlimited'. The daily spend will only apply to your child's account.

**STEP 7.**

**Add funds to your account**

Visit the 'Top up and financial history' section to add funds into your account by following the following steps:

**Top up**

- a) Select payment type: Bank Account or Credit Card
- b) Select a \$dollar amount
- c) Enter payment details

**Auto top up**

- a) Select payment type: Bank Account or Credit Card
- b) Add top up parameters: minimum balance & auto top up amount





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THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

**SPECTACULAR**

### AUDITIONS ON WEDNESDAY

Edgars Creek Primary School is fortunate enough to have been accepted into the 2025 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!

16 of our Year 5 and 6 students will get the opportunity to take part in the program. Students are invited to audition **NEXT WEDNESDAY AT RECESS.** We will teach the students a simple dance during a recess audition and will select 16 participants (and an additional 4 emergency students). If students want to practise at home, please instruct them to learn **ONLY** the 1st minute of this dance: [https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_el3h46\\_kQ](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=C_el3h46_kQ)

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.

Please speak to your child about this fantastic opportunity and please read 2024 newsletters for more information. 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



# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Homegroup	Name	Week 2 - Award given...
6A	Zahra	For demonstrating the school value of Courage by completing set tasks with resilience.
6B	Jobanjot	For demonstrating the school value of Respect as he becomes a leader in the school. Well done on being a positive role model to your peers, Jobanjot!
6C	Ridha	For consistently following instructions and completing the assigned tasks efficiently and punctually. Well done, Ridha!
6D	Ioane	For starting off the school year demonstrating Courage and Respect. It is wonderful to see you participating in class discussions and taking pride in your learning. Keep being awesome Ioane!
5A	Palwasha	For demonstrating the school value of Courage and Responsibility during her first week in Year 5. Well done, keep up the amazing work Palwasha!
5B	Radin	For demonstrating the school value of Courage by answering and asking questions during your first week at ECPS! We are so lucky to have you in 5B! Keep up the fantastic work, Radin!
5C	Reda	For showing the school value of Courage when presenting in front of the class and communicating with others. Keep up the amazing work, Reda!
5D	Aysha	For showing the school value of Responsibility inside and outside the classroom. You are always willing to help others, ready to learn with a big smile and positive attitude. Keep up the great work, Aysha!
4A	Sultan	For settling into the school year with a positive attitude and showing the school value of Responsibility within the learning community. Keep up the amazing effort, Sultan!
4B	Zara	For showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility in the Grade Four Learning Community. Well done, Zara!
4C	Ryder	For showing the school values of Courage and Responsibility during your first week of Year 4. You have been a fantastic role model showing you are ready to learn each day. Keep up the fantastic work, Ryder!
4D	Aaradhya	For showing the school values in all areas of learning during your first week of Year 4. Keep it up Aaradhya!
4E	Elijah	For demonstrating our school value of Responsibility by actively participating in class discussions and sharing thoughtful ideas. Your positive attitude is so wonderful to see!
4F	Eveleen	For making a fantastic start to Year 4. Eveleen, you have demonstrated all school values and we cannot wait to see what you will achieve in 2025. Well done!
4G	Sabrina	For showing the school value of Respect in our learning community! Job well done, Sabrina!





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Homegroup	Name	Week 2 - Award given...
3A	Naomi	For consistently showing all the school values, being ready to learn and creating 5 star work! You're a superstar Naomi, well done!
3B	Saharsh	For coming back to school with a positive attitude. Well done Saharsh on showing the school value of Curiosity and trying your best in your first week of Year 3!
3C	Rion	For being a role model for his peers by demonstrating the school value of Respect. Keep up the great work, Rion!
3D	Sachleen	For making a great impact in the first week of school by showing the values of Respect and Curiosity. Well done, Sachleen.
3E	Stefhano	For consistently being a respectful, kind and welcoming student. You have followed all instructions and contributed to class discussions about the expectations of school. Well done superstar. We are proud!
3F	Hunar	For having a great start to the new year at a new school. Keep up the amazing work, Hunar!
2A	Aavya	For showing the school value of Courage and being so brave when starting at ECPS. Your confidence and kindness that you have displayed is fantastic! Well done Aavya!
2B	Aayan	For beginning Term 1 with a positive attitude and ready for learning. It has been a pleasure watching you follow all expectations and school values and being a fantastic role model towards your peers. Keep up the great effort Aayan!
2C	Adrian R	For showing the school value of Courage by giving challenging things a go! Well done on being so brave!
2D	Manjraj	For showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility across all learning areas whilst settling into a new school. You are doing an amazing job, and I am so proud of you. Keep up the awesome work! Well done, Manraj!
2E	Avya	For making a great start to Year 2 and showing all the ECPS school values. Wonderful effort, Avya!
2F	Shreya	For demonstrating the school values of Respect and Responsibility consistently in the Learning Community. Keep up the fantastic effort!



# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Homegroup	Name	Week 2 - Award given...
1A	Lareen	For making such a wonderful start to the school year. You have shown the school value of Courage and have been a bright spark in our Home Group. Well done, Lareen!
1B	Mya	For such a great start to Year One! You consistently show the values of Respect and Responsibility in our learning area. Keep it up Mya!
1C	Sabreen	For an amazing start to Year One! You have shown the values of Courage and Curiosity in all of your learning tasks. I am so proud of you, Sabreen!
1D	Sifat	For a great start to Year One! You have shown so much courage and respect in your first week at ECPS. I am so proud of you, Sifat! Keep up the amazing work.
1E	Sienna	For always demonstrating the school expectations of Being Respectful and Being a Learner. Well done for completing tasks to the best of your ability and helping to keep our homegroup tidy and safe. You're a superstar, Sienna!
1F	Sinhiya	For settling in well to the ECPS community, following expectations and routines. Keep up the great work!





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Specialist	Name and Homegroup	Week 2 - Award given...
STEM – Binny	Kenza-2C	For a great start in Stem class! You tried your best in all activities and showed our school values of respect and responsibility. Well done, Kenza!
STEM - Sue	Issa-4A	For a great start in STEM by showing our school values of Respect and Responsibility. Well done Issa!
Science – Jemma	Blake - 1F	For starting off strong this year in Science by showing our school values of Responsibility and Curiosity. You were a superstar in Science this week, Blake!! Keep up the amazing work!
Spanish - Yooky	Adrian - 5D	For a great start in Spanish class! You tried your best in all activities and showed our school values of respect and responsibility. ¡Muy bien, Adrian!
Spanish – Lily	Rumaisa - 2F	For your enthusiastic start to Spanish this year. Well done on showing the school value of Curiosity and encouraging others as well. Keep it up!
The Arts - Anita	Ario - 3A	For trying so hard during Visual Arts lessons. The self portrait you are working on is fantastic and it's great to see you sharing your drawing skills with our class! Keep up the wonderful work!
The Arts - Kristy	David - 4F	For showing all the school values in Visual Arts this week! You did an excellent job adding more details to your self portrait! Keep up the good work David!
PE – David	Nupur 4C	For her leadership and cooperative approach in PE.
PE - Todd	Atharva - 2D	For showing excellent skills when throwing and catching, as well as making space when calling for a pass. Keep up the great work, Atharva!
Education Support- Cassy	Aous - 2D	For saying positive words about yourself and your learning. It is so great to hear. Well done, Aous!



# 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 week's country is Turkey**





REGISTER HERE



Shoot  
your Shot

**2025 • TERM 1  
Registrations**

**NOW OPEN**

## MILL PARK STADIUM

**WEDNESDAYS  
4.00pm – 5.00pm**

12 February 2025  
19 February 2025  
26 February 2025  
5 March 2025  
12 March 2025  
19 March 2025  
26 March 2025

## EDGARS CREEK PS

**TUESDAYS  
3.30pm – 4.30pm**

11 February 2025  
18 February 2025  
25 February 2025  
4 March 2025  
11 March 2025  
18 March 2025  
25 March 2025



NEW PARTICIPANT  
PACK INCLUDES A  
PERSONALISED SINGLET  
AND BASKETBALL



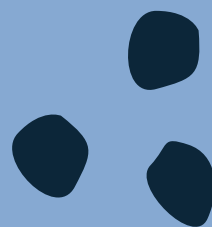
**LEAD COACH:  
LUKE EGAN**



**COST:** \$145 NEW PARTICIPANTS  
\$100 RETURNING PARTICIPANTS

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





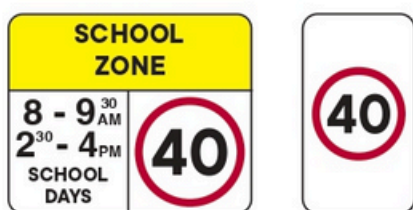
# WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY NEWS



# Parking and safety around schools

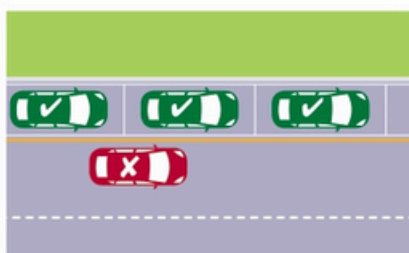


## Speed



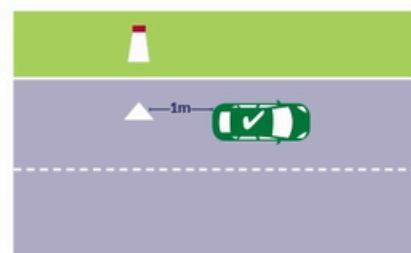
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

## Yellow edge line



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

## Fire hydrants



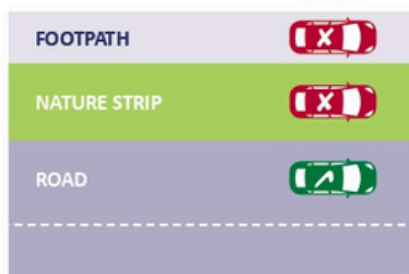
1 Metre clearance is required for fire hydrants, fire hydrant indicators or fire plug indicators.

## School crossings



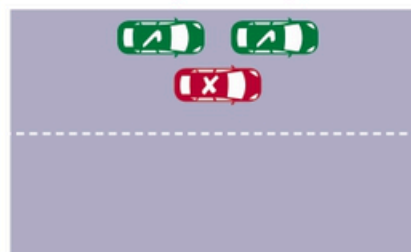
- Look out for flags and crossing supervisors.
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

## No crossing on nature strips/footpaths



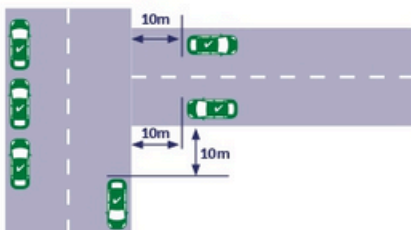
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

## Double parking



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

## Within 10 metres of an intersection



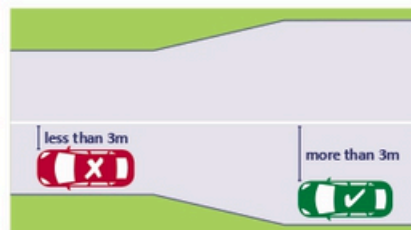
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

## Stopping across driveways



It is illegal to stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car 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.



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Whittlesea**





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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)**