

# School Newsletter

Thursday 13th February 2025



EDGARS CREEK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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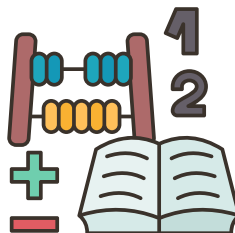
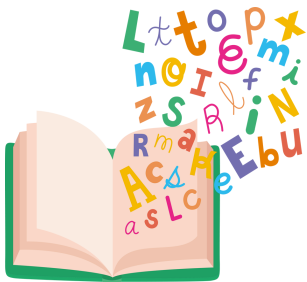
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## STUDENT PROGRESS

It has been a fantastic start to the term, with our specialist programs well underway and students making great progress in their literacy and numeracy groups. Our High Ability classes have commenced, offering valuable enrichment opportunities for participating students. Excitingly, interschool sports begin tomorrow, giving students the chance to demonstrate their skills and teamwork against other schools. Meanwhile, NAPLAN preparation is progressing well, ensuring students feel confident and ready to do their best.

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting Grade 5 and watching them engage in their Write to Read lesson. All students were actively involved and demonstrating great focus. I'm looking forward to returning to observe their upcoming 'Bootcamp' lesson!



## IMPORTANT DATES

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

**Every Friday from 14th February-22nd March** Year 5/6  
Interschool Sports

**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

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council election process will begin shortly. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and caregivers to get involved in the decision-making processes of our school. More information, including nomination forms, will be shared via Compass. We encourage families to consider participating and having a voice in our school community.

Looking forward to another great week!

Warm Regards,  
Teresa Marnik  
Principal



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

*Learning together for success.*



# TERM 1 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Year 5 and 6 students selected to represent our school in cricket, soccer and basketball will commence their weekly Interschool Sport competition this Friday 14th February. All students not named in these squads will participate in a weekly intraschool sport competition at ECPS

## Year 5 / 6 Interschool sport

Interschool sport commences this Friday 14th February. Edgars Creek PS will compete against schools in the district every Friday. Edgars creek will field teams for boys and girls in soccer, basketball and cricket.

Please ensure your child has paid there bus cost of \$52 by Wednesday 12th February on compass. Payment assistance through the \$400 Victorian Schools savings bonus is available.

This is an exciting opportunity for your child to represent the school.



## SUMMER SPORT Friday 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

> - all games start at 9.30am



### EDGARS CREEK EAGLES vs HARVEST HOME -AWAY

| SPORT                     | TEACHER | VENUE  |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| Soccer boys and girls     | Monique | School |
| Basketball boys and girls | Tayla   | school |
| Cricket boys and girls    | David   | School |

### EDGARS CREEK STARS vs WOLLERT - AWAY

| SPORT                     | TEACHER  | VENUE  |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|
| Soccer boys and girls     | Payam    | School |
| Basketball boys and girls | Isabella | school |
| Cricket boys and girls    | Jess     | School |

## 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!



## 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!

## HOT WEATHER

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

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# MEET THE LEARNING SPECIALIST TEAM FOR 2025

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.

SALLY



Hi everyone! I'm Sally, one of the Learning Specialists here at ECPS. I'm a proud mum of three and the owner of a very clever toy poodle named Gigi. When I'm not cheering my kids on at their sports, you'll usually find me exploring the outdoors or discovering new spots to eat with family and friends. I'm excited to get to know more of the ECPS community and make 2025 a fantastic year together!

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.

CHANTELLE



Hello,

My name is Chantelle and I am excited to be joining the Edgars Creek Primary School community! This year is my eleventh year in Education, and my sixth year as a Learning Specialist. I love seeing all the growth students make and being part of that journey. I am excited to get to know you all!



EMILY



Hi! My name is Emily, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, going to the footy and eating lots of snacks!! I am so excited to have lots of fun next year and see you all reach your learning goals!

SARA



Hello everyone, my name is Sara and I am the Leading Teacher of Wellbeing at ECPS. I am excited for another great year at our school. When I'm not at school I enjoy baking, spending time with my family and bush walking.

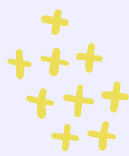
RÉNE



Ciao! My name is Rene, and I'm so excited to help you learn in! I love to play games, chill with animals and read new stories. My favourite thing to do, is cook and spend quality time with my family and friends. Can't wait to make some amazing memories with you all!







# MEET THE WELLEBEING TEAM



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.



SARA



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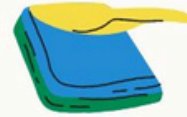
Ciao! My name is Rene, and I'm so excited to help you learn in! I love to play games, chill with animals and read new stories. My favourite thing to do, is cook and spend quality time with my family and friends. Can't wait to make some amazing memories with you all!

VANESSA

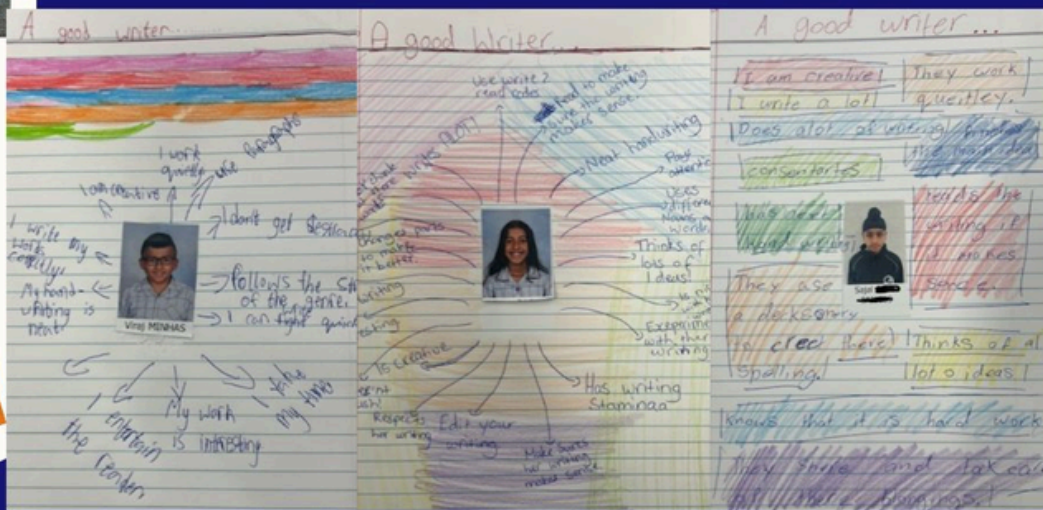


Hello, my name is Vanessa, and I am in Education Support and the Wellbeing aide for ECPS, you may also find me at Breakfast Club. When I am not at school, I am a busy mum of three (1 girl & 2 boys). I spend a lot of my time watching my boys play soccer which I love, and I also love spending time with my family & friends and heading to the beach where possible. Look forward to seeing new and seeing old faces in 2025!





This week, our Year 5 students explored what it means to be both a strong reader and an effective writer. Through engaging discussions, hands-on activities, and collaborative learning, they deepened their understanding of key literacy skills that help them become confident communicators. It was wonderful to see students applying these skills with enthusiasm and growing in confidence as both readers and writers. We look forward to building on this foundation in the coming weeks!





# 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



# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

| Homegroup | Name      | Week 3 - Award given...   |
|-----------|-----------|---|
| 6A        | Dalveer   | For showing the school value of Curiosity by asking questions to clarify his own understanding.   |
| 6B        | Aayub     | For demonstrating the school value of Courage as he shares his understanding of tasks with the Learning Community. Keep up the good work, Aayub!  |
| 6C        | Ashreet   | For her enthusiastic and consistent participation in all learning tasks. Excellent work, Ashreet!   |
| 6D        | Sara      | For showing amazing Courage when presenting your House Captain speech. It is wonderful to see your confidence shine through and your ability to step outside your comfort zone! Keep being awesome Sara!  |
| 5A        | Ishana    | For demonstrating wonderful leadership skills inside and outside the classroom. You are a wonderful role model in the Year 5 Learning Community and always coming to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn. Keep being awesome Ishana! |
| 5B        | Nami      | For showing the school value of Respect and Responsibility inside and outside the classroom. You are always on time, ready to learn with a big smile and positive attitude. Keep up the great work, Nami!   |
| 5C        | Dilshaan  | For being an amazing role model for his peers by demonstrating leadership qualities inside and outside of the Learning Community and consistently helping others. Keep up the amazing work, Dilshaan!   |
| 5D        | Alyas     | For demonstrating the school value of Responsibility by ensuring you are arriving to your learning space prepared and staying on task. It is so great seeing you be a role model. Well done, Alyas!   |
| 4A        | Divya     | For settling into Edgars Creek Primary School with a positive attitude and enthusiastically participating in class discussions. Keep up the amazing effort, Divya!  |
| 4B        | Tyler     | For showing the school value of Respect in all Learning areas. Well done, Tyler!  |
| 4C        | Hirun     | For demonstrating the school value of Responsibility through your kindness and care towards your peers. You ensure that everyone feels included and follows instructions, setting a great example for others. Thank you, Hirun.                     |
| 4D        | Lucas     | For showing the school values of Respect in all Learning areas. Well done, Lucas!   |
| 4E        | Pal       | For demonstrating the school value of Courage by confidently sharing her writing with the class! Your bravery and confidence are truly commendable! Keep it up, Pal!  |
| 4F        | Leviticuz | For showing the school values Curiosity and Responsibility during learning. Leviticuz, you are so clever and always try your best in learning. We are so lucky to have you!   |
| 4G        | Fateh     | For showing the school values of respect and responsibility. Fateh is always doing his best work, participating, and ready to learn. Well done, Fateh!  |





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

| Homegroup | Name    | Week 3 - Award given...  |
|-----------|---------|--|
| 3A        | Sultan  | For being a kind and helpful member of our Year 3 community and for consistently showing the value of Respect. You're a superstar Sultan, keep it up!  |
| 3B        | Andrej  | For having a positive attitude when doing NAPLAN practice and trying his best! Well done Andrej on showing the school values of Courage and Curiosity. Keep it up!   |
| 3C        | Kiara   | For showing the school values of Courage and Curiosity by sharing her ideas and asking questions during whole-class discussion. Well done, Kiara!  |
| 3D        | Liam    | For being a kind and polite student at all times and showing the value of Responsibility consistently.   |
| 3E        | Harish  | For being a respectful and courageous student. You are consistently kind to others and show beautiful manners to both your peers and teachers and are always asking questions to learn new things. Well done Harish! You are marvellous! |
| 3F        | Noah    | For always showing the school values and trying his best with his learning. Keep it up, Noah!  |
| 2A        | Ashlyn  | For showing the school value of Courage when starting at ECPS. Well done on on being so brave and showing such confidence. Keep up the fantastic effort Ashlyn!  |
| 2B        | Maneet  | For starting his first Term at ECPS so confidently and positively! You have settled in super well and we are so lucky to have you in our Learning Community! Keep up the great effort Maneet!  |
| 2C        | Ajoonee | For showing the school values of Responsibility by always helping out other students in the classroom. Well done Ajoonee!  |
| 2D        | Aya     | For showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility! You are always displaying kindness and are happy to help others. I am so proud of you, Aya. Keep it up superstar!   |
| 2E        | Kathim  | For making a positive start to the school year at Edgars Creek Primary School. Keep up the wonderful effort Kathim!  |
| 2F        | Ana     | For showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility in all Learning areas! Well done, Ana!   |





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

| Homegroup | Name    | Week 3 - Award given...  |
|-----------|---------|--|
| 1A        | Kalston | For showing the school value of Respect towards your friends and teachers. Well done on always speaking kindly and helping your friends. Keep it up, Kalston!  |
| 1B        | Gurvik  | For such a great start to the year, regularly showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility in all Learning areas. You should be proud of being such a reliable member of 1B and your contributions to class discussions. Well done, Gurvik! |
| 1C        | Shreyan | For always showing the school values in 1C and being kind to his classmates. You should be so proud of yourself, Shreyan. Keep up the amazing work!  |
| 1D        | Hasoni  | For consistently demonstrating the school value of Respect and being such a responsible and helpful member of 1D. You should be so proud of yourself, Hasoni. Keep up the amazing work!  |
| 1E        | Simran  | For always showing the school value of Respect towards your teachers and peers. You are so kind and helpful, Simran! Keep up the amazing work!   |
| 1F        | Parishy | For showing the school values of Respect in all Learning areas. Well done, Parishy.  |
| Prep A    | Prisha  | For showing the school value of Curiosity by always putting your hand up to ask or answer questions. Well done Prisha, keep it up!   |
| Prep B    | Stefan  | For being a kind and caring member of our Learning Community. Well done for taking care of your friends and always having a positive attitude! Keep up the amazing work, Stefan!   |
| Prep C    | Aras    | For showing the school value of Courage by being brave and confidently entering the learning space each morning. I am so proud of you. Keep up the wonderful work!   |
| Prep D    | Maniyad | For showing the school value of Courage by being brave every day. I am so proud of you! You are a superstar, Maniyad!  |
| Prep E    | Ishaan  | For being a responsible and enthusiastic member of our Learning Community who is always ready to learn. Well done for being organised, showing whole body listening, and trying your best. You're a superstar Ishaan!                                  |
| Prep F    | Sofia   | For showing the school value of Courage by being brave when coming to school every day. We are so proud of how you have settled into Prep! Keep up the amazing work!   |





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

| Specialist        | Name and Homegroup | Week 3 - Award given...  |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| STEM - Sue        | Tamer-PE           | For a great start in STEM by showing our school values of Respect and Responsibility. Well done Tamer!   |
| Science – Jemma   | Areeya - 1F        | For showing our school values of Respect and Curiosity in Science lessons. You were a superstar during the wants/needs activity this week, Areeya! Great teamwork! Keep up the amazing work! |
| Science - Binny   | Andrew-4E          | For showing our school value of Courage in Science lessons. You always put your hands up to answer and explain your viewpoints in detail. Well done, Andrew!                                 |
| Spanish - Lily    | Abhay - 2E         | For showing our school values in Spanish lessons. Muy bien Abhay, you have made a terrific start to the year and did a great job with the 'Me llamo' activity.                               |
| The Arts - Anita  | Manan - 5A         | For making valuable contributions during Performing Arts classes by putting up your hand and sharing your thoughts and ideas. Keep up the fantastic work!                                    |
| The Arts - Kristy | Sadie - 2B         | 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 Sadie!                                 |
| PE – David        | Avik -2F           | For his application and effort in PE. keep up the great work Avik.   |
| PE - Todd         | Gavin - Prep D     | For having always showing the school value of respect and always trying your best in PE. You have had a great start to the year. Well done, Gavin!   |





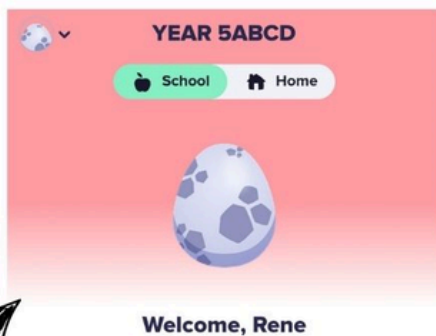
# Welcoming Wellbeing



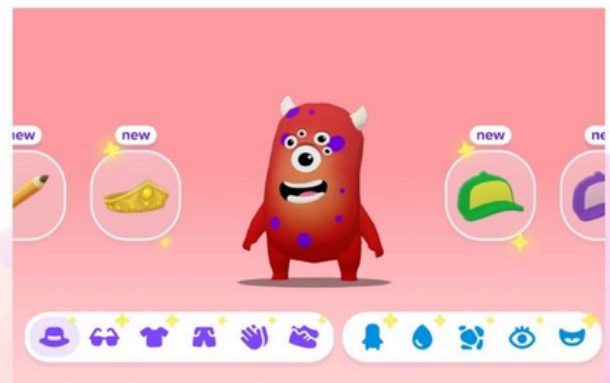
## What is Class Dojo?

Class dojo is an online app, that teachers use to give points for showing our school values, celebrate our students achievements, and give home learning (home work).

Student sign-in with a QR code, it should look like this from the home group teacher —————>



**What's next?  
Hatch the egg!**  
Your child can 'hatch it's egg' and personalise their dojo character!



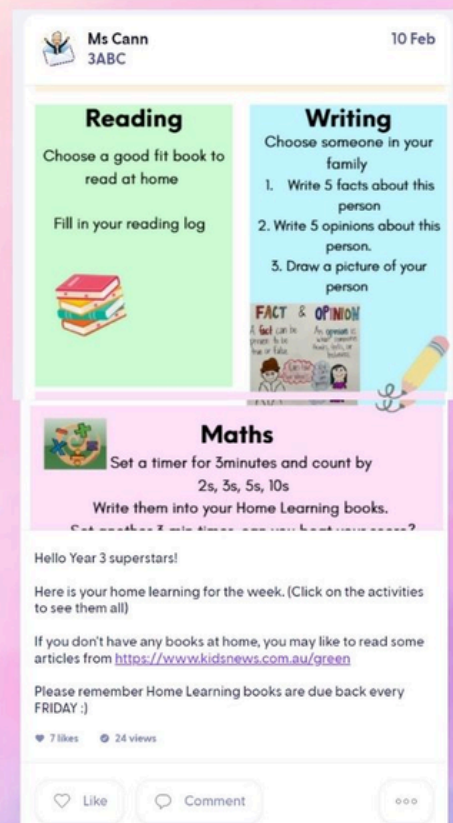
## How can my child do Home Learning through Class Dojo?

When you see this page above, scroll down to **'Class Story'**. This is where the teachers will post the home learning.

We encourage your child to complete their home learning which includes Reading, Writing, and Mathematics tasks; sometimes more!

These tasks are to support your child's learning and build their confidence in the skills they are learning at school.

If you or your child have any questions about home learning, please feel free to reach out to their home group teacher. They'll be happy to help!





# 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 Albania**





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**

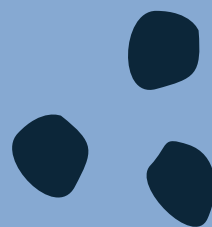
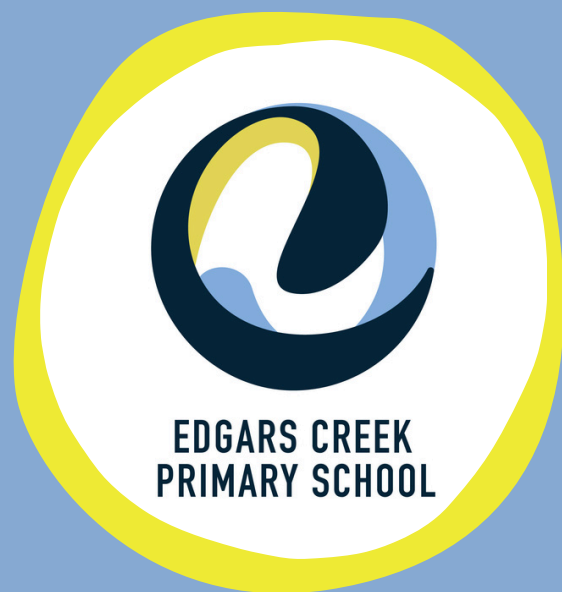


**COST:** \$145 NEW PARTICIPANTS  
\$100 RETURNING PARTICIPANTS

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







# WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY NEWS

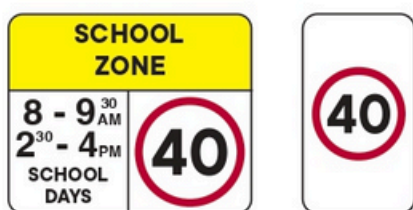




# Parking and safety around schools

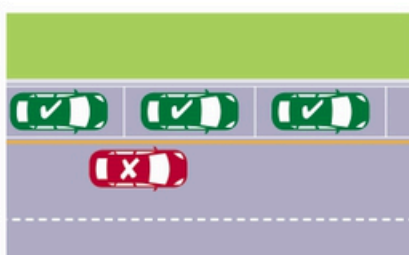


## Speed



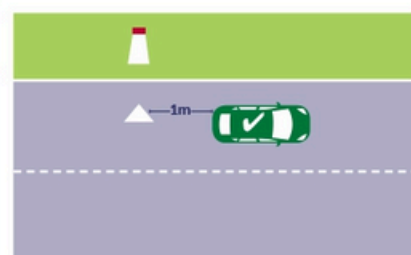
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

## Yellow edge line



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

## Fire hydrants



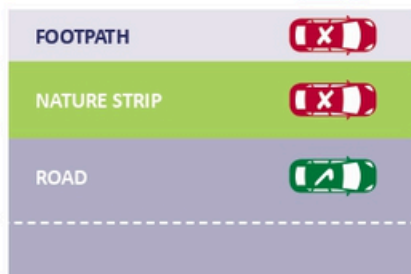
1 Metre clearance is required for fire hydrants, fire hydrant indicators or fire plug indicators.

## School crossings



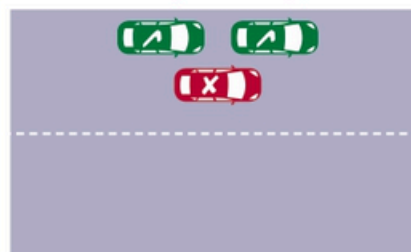
- Look out for flags and crossing supervisors.
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

## No crossing on nature strips/footpaths



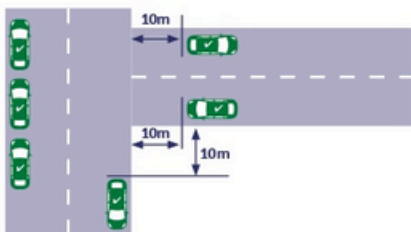
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

## Double parking



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

## Within 10 metres of an intersection



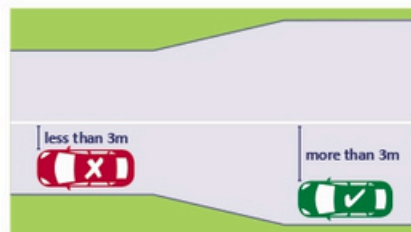
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

## 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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interpreter service  
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**City of  
Whittlesea**





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)