

School Newsletter

Thursday 20th February 2025

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**EDGARS CREEK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I want to take a moment to thank you for your patience regarding our phone system. This unexpected disruption has been challenging to resolve, and I truly appreciate your understanding .

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting our Grade 3 classrooms. In one class, students were explicitly learning about partitioning numbers using place value, while another class focused on writing persuasive pieces. In both lessons, our teachers skillfully modelled language, referred to anchor charts and provided students with opportunities to think critically and share their knowledge.

It is always a joy to see the great learning happening in our classrooms. Also included in this newsletter is a flyer with details about our upcoming school tours. These tours are designed for prospective families living in our designated neighbourhood area. The Executive Team looks forward to leading these tours and showcasing our wonderful school.

Warm regards,
Teresa Marnik
Principal

Office Hours

Please note our office hours:

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

 **Friday: 8:30am – 3:45 pm**



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

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 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

Learning together for success.

School Council



Our ECPS School Council for 2025 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. Nomination forms must be submitted strictly by Friday 21st February 2025 4.00pm. Please speak to the School Office if you would like more information or email edgars.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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 20th February. All students not named in these squads will participate in a weekly intraschool sport competition at ECPS



SUMMER SPORT Friday 21st FEBRUARY

> - all games start at 9.30am

EDGARS CREEK EAGLES vs GLOWREY PS -AWAY

SPORT	TEACHER	VENUE
Soccer boys and girls	Monique	School
Basketball boys and girls	Tayla	school
Cricket boys and girls	David	Epping reserve



EDGARS CREEK STARS vs MORANG STH - AWAY

SPORT	TEACHER	VENUE
Soccer boys and girls	Payam	Hillsview rec res
Basketball boys and girls	Isabella	school
Cricket boys and girls	Jess	Mill park lakes res

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



Mascots for Sale!



Last year some of our High Ability students created some 3D designs of our School House Mascots to sell in our canteen.

Once mascots were designed the children presented to Leadership in a 'SHARK TANK' style to persuade them to sell their mascots.

Above are the winning designs which have been printed on our 3D printer and are for sale at the canteen for \$2. Get in quick for the first batch of these cute mascots which are made to hang from our school lanyards!

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!



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3A Persuasive Writing

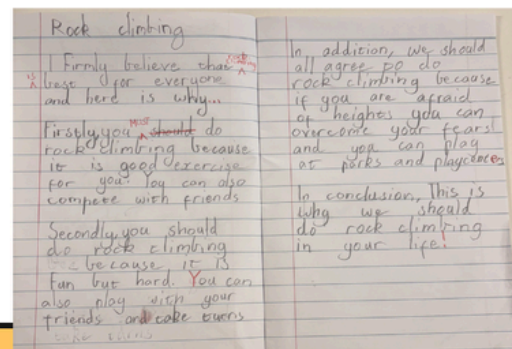
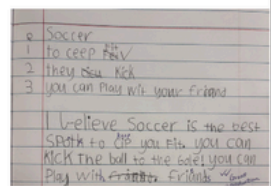
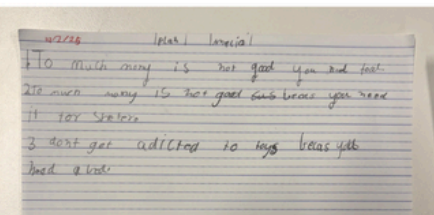
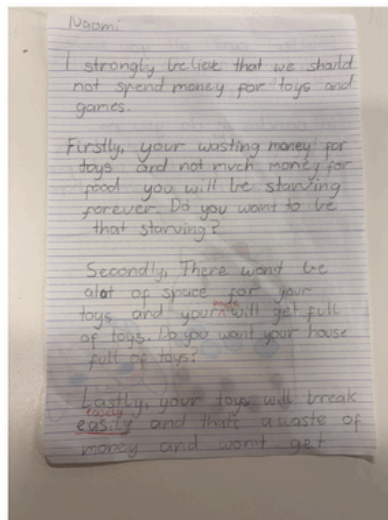


In 3A we have been busy learning about persuasive writing. We can explain the difference between facts and opinions and we have been working hard on planning our writing ideas.

We have written about a variety of topics including:

Too much money spent on toys and games

What sport/activity should people play





SCHOOL TOURS

A warm welcome to all prospective families!
School tours are now available – come and visit
our learning environment and discover what
makes our school special.

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Bookings can be made via
the link below:

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK A SPOT](#)

For further information please visit our
website [www. edgarscreekps.vic.edu.au](http://www.edgarscreekps.vic.edu.au)
or contact our office on **9407 7100.**



EDGARS CREEK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEET YOUR PREP TEAM FOR 2025



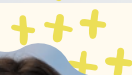
PREP A-MICHAELA

Hi everyone! My name is Michaela and I am excited to get to know you next year! Outside of school, I love going for walks with my daughter Gracie and my dog Wilson. I also enjoy umpiring netball on weekends. I'm looking forward to helping you learn and make new friends in 2025!



PREP B-NIKKI

Hi! My name is Nikki, and I am so happy to continue teaching at ECPS next year! Something you should know about me is that I love to travel, cook and spend time with my family. I am so excited to meet many wonderful new students next year!



PREP C-TEAGHAN

Hi everyone! My name is Teaghan and I am really looking forward to meeting you all in 2025. When I'm not teaching, I love cooking and spending time with my family and my two dogs, Murphy and Marlee. I am so excited to help you learn and have fun in 2025!



PREP D-JASMINE

Hello, my name is Jasmine! When I'm not teaching, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, travelling and going to the beach. So far, 2022 has been a blast and I am super excited to continue to get to know you all in 2025!



PREP E-GEORGIA

Hello everyone! My name is Georgia. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, travelling, shopping, and eating chocolate. I love my two dogs Charlie and Willow. I am looking forward to another amazing year at ECPS!



PREP F-SARAH

G' day everyone! My name is Sarah and I am thrilled to continue teaching at Edgars Creek Primary School next year. Some things about me are that I love spending time with my family and friends, eating chocolate and pizza, and watching movies! I cannot wait to see you all in 2025! 😊





EDGARS CREEK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEET YOUR YEAR 1 TEAM FOR 2025



1A-MARK

Hey! My name is Mark. I love playing and watching basketball. I'm looking forward to having lots of fun with everyone in 2025!

1B-CAROLYN



Hi I' m Carolyn and when I' m not teaching, I' m generally outside somewhere close to nature. I love swimming, bush walking, snow skiing and trying new food with family and friends. I can' t wait to meet you and look forward to a fun year of learning together in 2025.



1C-TIARNAH



Hi everyone! My name is Tiarnah and I am so excited to meet you all in 2025! Outside of school I love to read, spend time with my family and friends and eat new food! I can' t wait to have a fun year and watch you all grow!

1D-DAINA



Hi everyone, my name is Daina. I am so excited to continue teaching at ECPS next year and am really looking forward to meeting lots of new students! A fun fact about me is that I LOVE chocolate!

1E-CARLY



Hi everyone! My name is Carly and I am delighted to be a part of the amazing ECPS teaching team again in 2025. Something you should know about me is I love cooking yummy food, diving into a good book, seeing live music and having fun with my family and friends!

1F- ALEX



Hey ECPS! My name is Alex, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know all of you next year! I love all things music, baking and animals. I'm excited for a new year full learning and fun.



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.



This year Edgars Creek Primary School are partnering with G.A.T.EWAYS to provide our high ability and talented students with extension programs. Our role with G.A.T.EWAYS is to refer students to them and then G.A.T.EWAYS works with families and our students.

Below is some information about G.A.T.EWAYS

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an independent, non-funded organisation, established in 1994 to provide opportunities for highly able and gifted children with special educational needs. Like-minded students can participate in programs that will challenge them intellectually and help develop their individual talents. Both short and longer term programs in most areas of the curriculum are offered in host schools in Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Sydney, Singapore, Bangkok, as well as 'On Location'. Over the last 25 years G.A.T.E.WAYS has gained considerable recognition with teachers, parents and children in Australia for its high quality programs.

Most programs operate during regular school hours so that gifted and talented children are not penalised by having to complete their extension programs 'on top of' rather than 'instead of' regular schoolwork. In any given week during the school term between 750 and 1200 primary aged children attend workshops.

G.A.T.E.WAYS engages presenters who are expert in a given field or fields; passionate about their field and able to convey this enthusiasm to children; excellent communicators who love children; knowledgeable about the special needs of gifted children and how they learn; creative, flexible and skilled in terms of curriculum development and delivery. Their programs are inquiry based, with hands-on activities, problem solving and higher order thinking skills.

This term G.A.T.EWAYS are running an extension program in Science and Investigations. Our partnership with G.A.T.EWAYS gives us an opportunity to refer our high achieving Science students in Grades 2 to 6 to attend these workshops. Students who have been selected by our teachers will receive invitations and information to their parents and caregivers via Compass.

**For further information about G.A.T.EWAYS please head to their website:
<https://www.gateways.edu.au/>**



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Homegroup	Name	Week 4 - Award given...
6A	Elira	For showing the school value of Courage by participating in different leadership roles and responsibilities.
6B	Violet	For showing Courage during Writing by taking risks and experimenting with new vocabulary. Well done, Violet!
6C	Rahat	For her exceptional use of sensory language in her writing! Brilliant work, Rahat!
6D	Rajvansh	For returning to school with a positive mindset and ready to learn attitude. You display the school value of Responsibility by making great choices inside and outside the learning community! Keep up the amazing work Raj!
5A	Aminah	For demonstrating the school value of Curiosity and Courage by always participating in class discussions and asking questions to further her learning. Well done, keep up the amazing work Aminah!
5B	Birat	For demonstrating the school value of Courage by participating in classroom discussions and sharing your wonderful ideas during our lessons. We are so lucky to have you in 5B. Keep up the amazing work, Birat!
5C	Sylvie	For demonstrating leadership qualities by consistently doing the right thing and applying herself to all areas of learning. Keep up the amazing work, Sylvie
5D	Claudia	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 Claudia!
4A	Issa	For showing the school value of Curiosity during learning time and striving to do your best work. Keep up the amazing effort, Issa!
4B	Agam	For making excellent choices during learning and completing tasks to the best of your ability! Keep it up Agam!
4C	Zara	For demonstrating the school values of Courage and Responsibility every day. You have quickly adapted to our classroom routines and set a fantastic example for your peers. Your kindness has helped you build strong friendships, and your positive attitude makes our class a better place. Keep up the great work, Zara!
4D	Khadija	For being a wonderful role model for the Year 4 Learning community by displaying the school values. Keep up the great work, Khadija!
4E	Eleanor	For demonstrating Responsibility and Respect by actively helping in the classroom, and always doing her best with all her learning. Your leadership skills are shining, Eleanor! Keep it up!
4F	Inaiya	For making a fantastic start to Year 4 at ECPS. Inaiya, you do an incredible job at showing all school values each day. Well done!
4G	Jasmine	For showing the school values of respect and responsibility. Jasmine always participates in class and brings a positive attitude. Well done, Jasmine!



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Homegroup	Name	Week 4 - Award given...
3A	Martin	For always coming to school with a positive attitude and for showing Courage by confidently sharing your writing with the class. Keep being a superstar Martin, well done!
3B	Fateh	For showing the school values of Respect and Courage during learning time. Well done Fateh on showing whole body listening and trying your best. Keep it up!
3C	Yania	For showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility by choosing a good-fit spot and being an involved learner.
3D	Shri	Shri approaches every challenge with a positive attitude and a growth mindset, making her a wonderful role model for her peers. Well done, Shri!
3E	Antony	For starting the year as a respectful and courageous student. You have followed all instructions and done great listening. You have also answered questions and tried your best in your writing. Well done Antony!
3F	Henil	For showing our school value of responsibility by always being ready to learn and making sure he is looking after his belongings. Great work, Henil!
2A	Koby	For showing the school value of Courage when putting your hand up and sharing your fantastic ideas! I am so proud of your confidence and hard work. Keep up the amazing effort Koby!
2B	Harnika	For consistently displaying the school value of Respect by showing whole body listening and demonstrating kindness to her teachers and peers. Excellent work Harnika! Keep it up!
2C	Norehan	For showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility by speaking kindly to others and helping your friends. Well done Norehan!
2D	Hadi	For always displaying our school values in all learning areas. You have settled in very well here at ECPS. You are such a kind and caring student, and I am so proud of you and your hard work. Keep it up Hadi. Well done!
2E	Lexie	For showing the school value of Curiosity by asking questions and discussing ideas in our learning community. Super effort Lexie!
2F	Utkrista	For always displaying our school values of Respect and Responsibility in all learning areas. Your focus and patience is so impressive to see! Well done, Utkrista!



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Homegroup	Name	Week 4 - Award given...
1A	Suhaavi	For demonstrating the school value of Curiosity during your learning, you ask such great questions. Keep it up, Suhaavi!
1B	Austin	For starting the year as a respectful and courageous student. You have followed all instructions and done great listening. You have also answered questions and tried your best in all learning areas. You are a super star Austin!
1C	Nelly	For showing the school of Respect in all areas of her learning and being a kind member of 1C. You should be so proud of yourself Nelly, well done!
1D	Fatima S	For being so responsible, always looking after the school belongings and learning space and trying her best when completing her work. You should be so proud of yourself, Fatima! Keep up the amazing work!
1E	Kiyaan	For being such a helpful and considerate member of our homegroup. Well done for always showing the school values of Responsibility and Respect by encouraging others to tidy our learning space and working wonderfully in a team. You're a superstar, Kiyaan!
1F	Lyrach	For trying her best during writing. Writing complete sentences, using capital letters and punctuation.
Prep A	Zak	For showing our school value of Curiosity by asking questions. I can really see how much you want to learn. Well done Zak, keep it up!
Prep B	Musbah	For demonstrating the school value of Respect by helping all members of your Learning Community. Well done for always listening to your teachers. Keep up the incredible work, Musbah!
Prep C	Alesha	For showing the school values of Responsibility and Courage in all learning areas. I love that you always try your best and share your wonderful ideas. Keep up the amazing work!
Prep D	Jasmine	For demonstrating the school value of Respect by caring for our Learning Community and always helping others. You are a superstar, Jasmine!
Prep E	Herneet	For demonstrating the school value of Respect by being kind to others and helping to keep our learning space neat and tidy. Well done, Herneet. You're a superstar!
Prep F	Leila	For demonstrating the school value of Curiosity by asking questions and completing all learning tasks to the best of your ability. Keep it up superstar, we love how much you love learning!



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Specialist	Name and Homegroup	Week 4 - Award given...
STEM - Sue	Adrian-5D	For a great start in STEM by showing our school values of Respect and Responsibility, Curiosity and Courage. Well done Adrian!
STEM - Binny	Annika- 1B	Well done, Annika, for demonstrating the school values of respect and responsibility in STEM by showing whole-body listening and helping pack up the resources!
Science – Jemma	Stefan - Prep B	For showing the school values of responsibility and curiosity in Science lessons. Well done, Stefan! You are already a Science superstar! Keep up the amazing work.
Spanish - Lily	Reda - 5C	For showing the school values of Courage and Responsibility in the Spanish numbers lesson. Well done Reda, keep up the great work!
The Arts - Kristy	Abhay - 2E	For showing all the school values in Art this week! You were such a great helper and leader, Abhay! Keep up the good work!
PE – David	Shreeya 2F	for demonstrating the values of respect and persistence in PE.
PE - Todd	Krishna - 1E	For showing the school value of responsibility and always helping your friends when they need it. You are a great role model! Well done, Krishna!



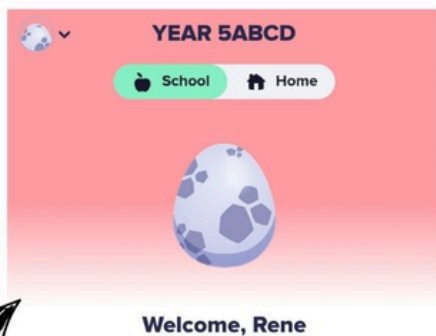
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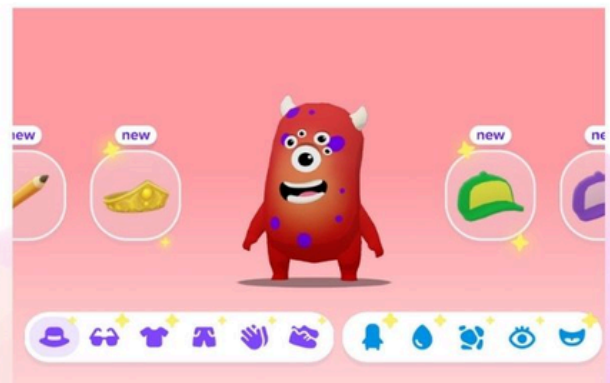
What is Class Dojo?

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!



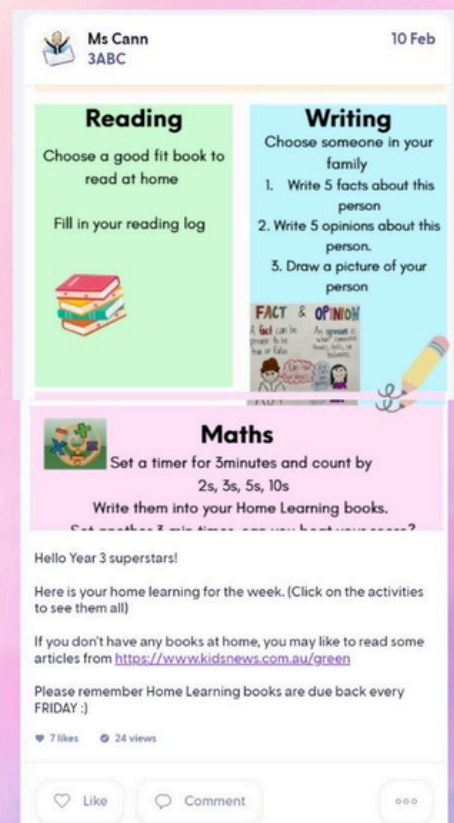
How can my child do Home Learning through Class Dojo?

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!



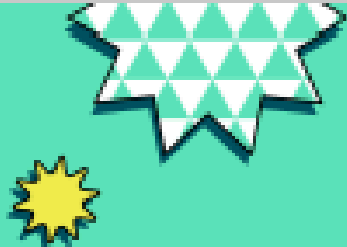
WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR FAMILIES COME FROM?

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 Pakistan

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



17/02/2025

Edgars Creek Primary School

Your
OSHC.



A message from your Coordinator

Hello all,

I am pleased to announce that Camp Australia OSHC at Edgars Creek Primary School is officially running! This exciting development provides a safe and enriching environment for students at before and after school, as well as during school holidays.

Our team will offer a variety of structured and age-appropriate activities that foster social, emotional, and physical development. Activities will include arts and crafts, sports, supervised play, and opportunities for independent study and quiet reading. Our professional and dedicated staff will ensure that all children are cared for in a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment.

I look forward to supporting your child's growth and development through this program and eager to work together to create a positive experience for all involved.

I have enjoyed getting to know your children and families. I look forward to supporting each individual child to further their growth and development.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at 0432 311 902. Warm Regards, Bianca.

Activities coming up

- Kindness Week (17 - 21 February)
- World Wildlife Day (3 March)
- Special Olympics World Games (10 -14 March)
- Holi (14 March)

Make a booking

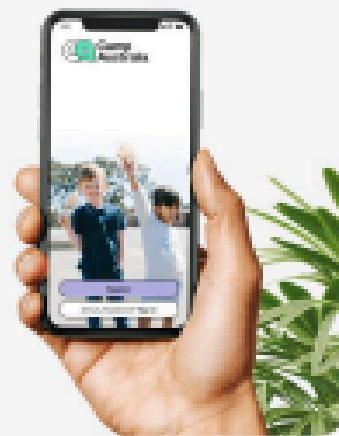
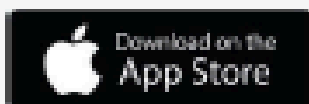
Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

A social space that inspires your child and their friends to try new experiences? Discover Your OSHC by Camp Australia. Find out more: <https://campaustralia.com.au/your-oshc>.

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au



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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



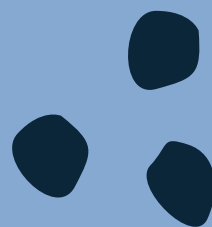
**LEAD COACH:
LUKE EGAN**



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

For further information please email info@wcba.org.au





WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY NEWS



Join us in the spotlight in 2025!

Performing arts classes for young people aged 4-18

24 locations across Melbourne

Enquire Today



Sing, Dance & Act
Ages 4 - 7



**Musical Theatre
Classes**
Ages 8 - 18



**Drama & Acting
Classes**
Ages 8-18



**Dance Classes
for Boys**
Ages 6-18



**Screen Acting Training
and Representation**
Ages 4+



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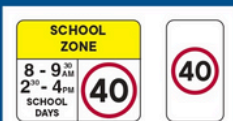
Parking and safety around schools



Speed

Yellow edge line

Fire hydrants



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



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



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

School crossings

No crossing on nature strips/footpaths

Double parking



- 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.



Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.



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

Within 10 metres of an intersection

Stopping across driveways

3 Metre gap from white line



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



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.



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.



Working together to support autistic school-aged students

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Epping, VIC



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register

Free workshop



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday & Wednesday
4 & 5 March, 2025
9:30am - 2:30pm



Mantra Melbourne Epping
250 Cooper Street
EPPING VIC 3076

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit:

<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>
smidwood@positivepartnerships.com.au

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

0461 324 758



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**