School Newsletter

Thursday 27th February 2025



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EDGARS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Captain Badge Presentation

This past Friday, our House and Specialist Captains were proudly presented with their badges, marking a significant milestone in their leadership journey. The ceremony was a moment of recognition for these dedicated individuals who will now serve as role models and inspire their peers throughout the year. With their new responsibilities, these captains are ready to lead by example, demonstrating the values of teamwork, perseverance, and commitment. We are excited to see the positive impact they will have in guiding their respective houses and specialist teams to success!







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

Tuesday March 4th, Victorian State School Spectacular 2025

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

Have you made your

Meet the Teacher Appointment Yet?

Please make sure you go onto your Compass to book your spot. See diagram for instructions on where to book. if you have any issues, please contact the office on 94077100



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

Learning together for success.



DISTRICT SWIMMING SUCCESS

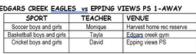
Congratulations to ECPS Year 4 student Logan who completed in the district swimming carnival on Tuesday. Logan competed in freestyle and breaststroke and placed 2nd in both events. he swam his personal best times and has now qualified for the Division swimming titles t be held on Thursday 6th March.



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 26th February. All students not named in these squads will participate in a weekly intraschool sport competition at ECPS





DGARS CREEK STARS	vs EPPING VIEWS 2- AWAY	
SPORT	TEACHER	VENUE
Soccer boys and girls	Payam	Harvest home rec reserve
Basketball boys and girls	Isabella	Epping views PS
Cricket boys and girls	Jess	Epping rec reserve



EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR PREP'S

We are thrilled to announce that starting next week, our Prep students will be attending school Monday through Friday! Over the past five weeks, we have seen incredible progress in both their academic achievements and social development. The students have excelled in their learning spaces and have enjoyed their time on the play yard, making the most of every moment.

We couldn't be prouder of how far they've come, and we are excited for the next chapter of their journey at ECPS. It's been an absolute pleasure having them with us, and we look forward to continuing to support their growth in the weeks ahead!



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!

Learning together for success.

Dear Families.

It has been a pleasure watching our new school captains and vice captains organising and running our assemblies, stepping into their roles seamlessly. Over the past couple of weeks, I have enjoyed presenting badges to our leaders across all areas of the school. I look forward to watching them grow into their new roles.

Peer Mediation

A huge thank you to Sara, Beck, and Rene for overseeing our first Peer Mediation training session with some of our Grade 5 and 6 students. This initiative is a wonderful step in alleviating schoolyard issues through student-led mediation.

Peer mediation is designed to contribute to a positive, caring, safe, and friendly school environment. The Stride Peer Mediation program helps students identify issues among peers and teaches them skills and guidelines for resolving low-level conflicts. Mediation opens up communication channels, allowing students to discuss their problems with the guidance of trained mediators and come to a reasonable resolution.

Scooters/Bikes

I am reaching out to the school community to ask for your support regarding students riding bikes and scooters on public roads. It's crucial that students wear helmets and remain aware of their surroundings when leaving the school grounds. Given the high volume of pedestrian traffic on the footpaths, we must prioritise everyone's safety. We continue to remind students that bikes and scooters should not be ridden within the school yard. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our students safe.

School Dismissal

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that school dismissal is at 3:15 PM, and staff supervision in the yard concludes at 3:30 PM. It is important to ensure that your child/ren are picked up promptly at dismissal time. If necessary, please consider utilizing our After School Care Program with Camp Australia www.campaustralia.com.au or register for emergency situations.

Cybersafety

We continue to make cybersafe a key focus in our daily teaching, as our students are exposed to the digital world on a daily basis. With technology being an integral part of their lives, it's essential that they not only learn the academic skills needed but also how to navigate online spaces safely and responsibly.

As a school community, it's important that we address the topic of social media and its impact on our students. While social media can offer great opportunities for connection and learning, it also comes with risks, including cyberbullying, privacy concerns, and exposure to inappropriate content. One particular area of concern is the chat functions between students. These private or group chats can be a space for positive communication, but they can also become a platform for negative interactions, such as exclusion, spreading rumours or even bullying. We encourage students to be mindful of how they communicate in these chats, reminding them to always be respectful and kind in their messages. It's crucial that students understand the potential impact of their words online and how quickly something written in a chat can escalate or cause harm. We also remind them to avoid sharing

As parents, teachers, and caregivers, it's vital that we support students in navigating these digital spaces. We encourage open conversations about what's happening in their online interactions and remind them that they can always come to a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe in a chat. By working together, we can help ensure our students have a positive and safe online experience. Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting safe digital behaviour.

personal information and to be cautious about who they engage with in these online spaces.

Classroom Visits

This week, I had the opportunity to visit the Grade 1 class as they focused on their handwriting lesson, as well as a Grade 3 class where students had fun exploring alliterations in their learning, while the Grade 6 students were solving a brain teaser. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement in both classes.

Meet the Teacher

I am also looking forward to greeting families during our "Meet the Teacher" event on Thursday, 6th March. It will be a great opportunity to connect with you all.

Teresa Marnik

Principal

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!



Learning together for success.

Bouncing into 4B





This week we commenced year level sport! Students are continuing to develop their skills that they are learning in PE! Students practiced shooting into hoops, layups and how to dribble a ball while moving! We even had a go at a game!













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** or contact our office on **9407 7100.**



MEET YOUR YEAR 2 TEAM FOR 2025







Hi! My Name is Laura. I am really excited to meet you all in 2025. Something you should know about me is I love swimming my favourite food is pizza.

2B-ADRIANA

Hi! My name is Adriana. I can't wait to meet you all in 2025! An interesting fact about me is that I love dogs and I have a Border Collie named Zoe. I'm passionate about learning lots of new things and can't wait to take this journey with you all!

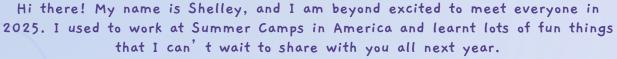


2C-RANIQUE



Hi everyone! My name is Ranique and I am very excited to continue teaching at ECPS! Outside of school, you'll see me playing Netball and a variety of board games with family and friends! I have four birds named Kermit, Kiki, Kiwi and Pearl.

2D-SHELLEY





2E-ANNE



Hi everyone, my name is Anne and I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2025. Outside of school I love visiting new places and spending time in nature! I can't wait to get to know you all and have fun next year.

2F-MAGGIE

Hi everyone! My name is Maggie and I am very excited to be teaching you in 2025. I love playing badminton and writing, but when I'm not doing those things I love spending time with family.







MEET YOUR YEAR 3 TEAM FOR 2025





3A-TENILLE

Hello ECPS! My name is Tenille and I am super excited to meet and work with you all in 2025! I love all sports, travelling to new places and collecting sneakers. I'm looking forward to a super FUN year with you

3B EMMA

Hi! I'm Emma and I will be teaching Year 3 in 2025, I'm so excited to meet you all and have a great year of fun learning! My hobbies include playing soccer, running and eating yummy food. I also enjoy travelling and visiting new places.

See you in 2025!



3C-URVEE

I'm Urvee and am thrilled to be your teacher in 2025! Outside of school, I have a passion for maths and love solving problems, whether in the classroom or at home. I'm also an avid cook, always trying out new recipes, and I enjoy spending time in the garden growing plants and vegetables. When I'm not in the kitchen or the garden, you might find me cheering on my favourite cricket team! I look forward to a fun and exciting year ahead with all of you.

3D-DANNY

I'n Danny and am excited to be your teacher in 2025! When I'm not in the clossroom, you can usually find me flying my drone, exploring new places, or diving into the latest technology. I love spending time with my family, whether we re relaxing at home or travelling to exciting new destinations. I can't wait to get to know each of you and make this year an unforgettable one!



3E- HANNAH

Hi! My Name is Hannah. I cannot wait to see all of your smiling faces in 2025!. Something you should know about me is I love sport, traveling the world and my dog Nelson.



3F- TAYLAH

Hi everyone, I'm Taylah. I enjoy watching movies, eating at yummy restaurants, spending time with my family, watching AFL (Go Roos!) and of course travelling. I'm looking forward to teaching you all next year





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	Homegroup	Name	Week 5 - Award given	
	6A	Isaac	For showing the school value of Responsibility by being a positive leader in the classroom.	
	6B	Rihana	For showing Courage by asking questions and taking on feedback to improve her learning Keep up the good work, Rihana!	
	6C	Dylan	For consistently making exemplary choices during learning time. Excellent work, Dylan!	
	6D	Zainb	For demonstrating your willingness to always have a go at learning tasks and try your best with everything you do! Your smile shines bright each day and you are a delight to teach. Keep being amazing Zainab!	
	5A	Manan	For demonstrating the school value of Curiosity and Courage by always participating in class discussions and asking questions to further his learning. Well done, keep up the amazing work Manan!	
	5B	Alisa	For showing the school value of Responsibility inside and outside the classroom. You are always on time, ready to learn with a big smile and positive attitude. We are so lucky to have you in 5B. Keep up the great work, Alisa!	
	5C	Blake	For being a good role model for his peers by consistently demonstrating the school values and expectations. Thank you for coming to school with a positive attitude every day. Keep being a star, Blake!	
	5D	Nazaha	For demonstrating the school values of Courage and Curiosity when sharing your ideas and contributing to class discussions. Your input helps others learn and it is so great to see you show confidence in yourself. Keep up the fabulous work, Nazaha!	
	4A	Neriah	For showing the school value of Responsibility and showing care towards your peers. Your positive attitude encourages others to do the right thing. Keep up the amazing effort, Neriah!	
	4B	Aadhya	For being a good role model for her peers by consistently demonstrating the school values and expectations. You are always being ready to learn with a positive attitude! Keep up the great work!	
	4C	Senasha	For demonstrating the school value of Courage by bravely presenting your writing to the class. Your confidence and willingness to share your ideas inspires those around you. We love hearing your creative thoughts, Senasha. Keep on shining!	
	4D	Jigar	For always showing the school value of Respect to others in the learning space and Responsibility by always trying your best! Keep up the excellent work Jigar!	
	4E	Angelica	For displaying the school value of Courage when confidently sharing in front of her peers, demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning. Keep this up, Angelica!	
	4F	Ayza	For consistently showing the school values Courage and Curiosity when sharing knowledge with the group. Ayza, you are amazing, keep it up!	
	4G	Jasmeen	For showing the school values of respect and responsibility. Jasmeen always tries her best and is a great role model in the classroom. Well done, Jasmeen!	



Homegroup	Name	Week 5 - Award given
ЗА	Violet	For having a fantastic start to Year 3 at ECPCS! You consistently show the values of Courage and Responsibility by sharing your thoughts with the class and trying your best. We're so lucky to have you Violet, keep up the great work!
3В	Parinaaz	For showing the school values of Respect and Curiosity consistently. Well done Parinaaz on always having a positive attitude to your learning and trying your best. Keep it up!
3C	Kiyansh	For always showing enthusiasm towards his learning and encouraging others to do so. Keep up your love for learning, Kiyansh!
3D	Patrick	For showing the value of Responsibility in all learning areas. Well done, Patrick!
3E	Avni	For showing the school value of courage for consistently putting her hand up to contribute to class discussions about learning. I love your eagerness and curiosity to learn new things. YOU ARE AMAZING!
3F	Aarav	For always showing the school values and trying his best with his learning. Keep it up, Aarav!
2A	Ishrat	For consistently showing all of the school values and being such an excellent role model to other students in the school. Amazing effort Ishrat!
2В	Shehbaaz	For showing the school value of Respect by consistently using whole body listening during learning time. You are a fantastic role model for your peers! Keep it up Shehbaaz!
2C	Yuvaan	For settling back into school routines and showing enthusiasm towards all learning. You are a great role model! Well done Yuvaan!
2D	Tomas	For showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility in all learning areas. You are very hard working and a wonderful role model to others. I am so proud of you. Keep it up Tomas!
2E	Joel	For showing the school value of Responsibility as our class 'Messenger'. Keep up the awesome effort Joel!
2F	Lilah	For always showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility in all learning areas. Well done, Lilah!



	Homegroup	Name	Week 5 - Award given
	1A	Rihaan	For asking such great questions during your learning and helping your friends. Well done, Rihaan!
	1B	Madison	For showing the school values of Respect and Curiosity consistently. Well done on always having a positive attitude to your learning and trying your best. Keep it up Madi!
	1C	Nevaeh	For showing the school value of Courage in all areas of her learning and being a helpful member of our Learning Community. You should be so proud of yourself Nevaeh. Well done!
	1D	Mubashrah	For consistently demonstrating the school values of Respect and Responsibility, always ensuring that the learning space is clean and tidy and trying her best with all learning tasks. Well done, Mubashrah! Keep up the amazing effort.
	1E	Merd	For showing the school expectation of Being a Learner and attempting all learning tasks with a big smile and enthusiasm? Well done for trying your best and solving problems independently. You should be so proud, superstar Merd!
	1F	Arnav	Arnav has been showing the school value of responsibility by pushing in the chairs after each session and putting the chairs up at the end of each day.
	Prep A	Sienna	For demonstrating the school value of Respect by being a helpful member of the community. You are always kind and caring towards others. Well done Sienna!
4	Prep B	Antonio	For always showing the school values of Respect and Responsibility by sitting nicely on the floor and listening to the teacher. You are a great role model for your peers. Keep up the fantastic work, Antonio!
	For demonstrating the school values of Respect and Responsibility by being a supportive member of the Learning Community. You are so helpful and kind to your peers. I am so proud of you. Keep up the wonderful work!		
	Prep D	Ellie	For demonstrating the school value of Responsibility by always being ready to learn. You take such care of our Learning Community and always help others. You are a superstar, Ellie!
	Prep E	Miniah	For demonstrating the school value of Responsibility by always taking care of our Learning Community. You are such a kind and caring friend who is always willing to help others. I am so proud of you Miniah, you're a superstar!
	Prep F	Maryam	For showing the school value of Curiosity during our Writing lessons. You have done such a great job already learning about letters and words. Keep up the amazing work superstar!



Specialist	Name and Homegroup	Week 5 - Award given
STEM - Sue	Nevaeh - 1C	For showing the school values of Responsibility and Courage in STEM by being ready to learn. You are such a great helper to assist other in learning. Keep up the amazing work superstar!
Science - Binny	Jamie-2A	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, Jamie!
Science – Jemma	Yuvraj - 3A	For showing Courage and Responsibility in Science. I'm so proud of you for giving everything a go in Science, Yuvraj! Well done and keep up the amazing work!
Spanish - Lily	Fatima - 4A	For your great effort in Spanish classes this year. You've demonstrated the school value of Responsibility, by being ready to learn and trying your best. Keep it up!
Spanish - Yooky	Lucas - 4D	For your enthusiasm and effort in learning Spanish. You always ask lots of great questions and try to speak as much Spanish as you can. ¡Muy bien, Lucas!
The Arts - Anita	Violet - 6B	For your fantastic efforts during our sketching activities in Visual Art lessons. It is so great to see you trying your best and applying the sketching techniques taught. I am so impressed! Keep up the fantastic work!
The Arts - Kristy	Ali N 3F	For showing the values of Courage and Curiosity in Art this week. Your concentration and persistence with your still life drawing was amazing! Well done Ali!
PE – David	Victoria Z 3e	for her cooperative and positive attitude in PE. Well done Victoria.
Oral Language- Sweta	Elia-1D	For showing the school value of respect during Oral Language session. Well done, Elia!
Education Support - Sweetha	Adam - PC	This award celebrates your hard work, determination, and love for learning every single day. Keep shining, keep growing, and never stop exploring new things. Keep it up Adam!
TLI - Carla	Mia 4D	For showing the school values of Responsibility and Courage by coming to Tutoring ready to learn and always sharing ideas and thoughts in Maths. Well Done!!!



Welcoming Wellbeing Signal S

Dojo Islands is an amazing new feature of the Class Dojo app! It is a place where students can communicate and socialise through collaborative play! This exciting new feature:

- Fosters creativity and social skills

- Is safe as only verified users can play and chat is limited

-Brings the entire classroom together!





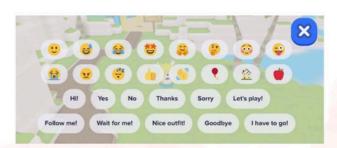






What can my child do on Dojo Islands?

Today your kids can explore the island, play hide & seek together, and collaborate to build in our sandbox. We're just getting started in our early beta program, and plan to add a ton more fun and collaborative learning experiences over time. We welcome your ideas!



How is Dojo Islands safe for kids?

Dojo Islands is built with kid safety as the #1 priority.

Only the students that have been added/verified by you can join the Island.

That means no outsiders, no strangers. Chat between kids is limited to a few select options to keep things friendly.

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What controls do Parents have?

Parents can control their kids' access to Dojo Islands from their Parent account.

We don't see Dojo Islands (only the monster customizer)!

Class Dojo is gradually expanding access to Dojo Islands. You may need to update or relaunch the ClassDojo app!

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 Jordan

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter





Your OSHC.



17/02/2025

Edgars Creek Primary School

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 <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au</u> 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.













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

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NEW PARTICIPANT PACK INCLUDES A PERSONALISED SINGLET AND BASKETBALL



LEAD COACH: LUKE EGAN

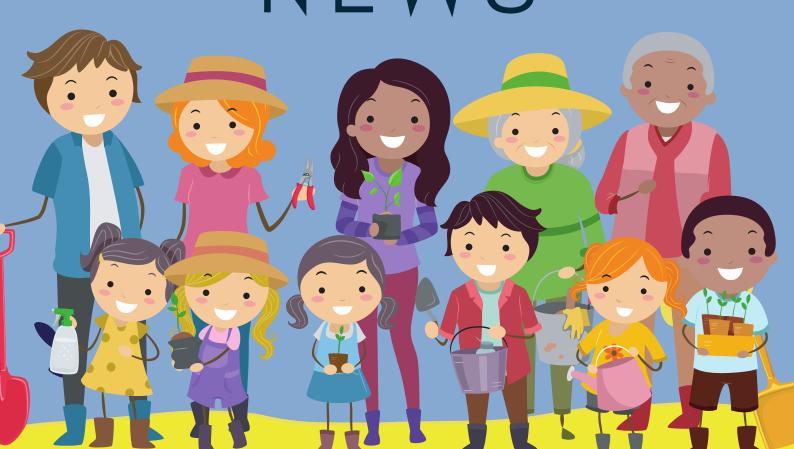


COST: \$145 NEW PARTICIPANTS \$100 RETURNING PARTICIPANTS





WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY NEWS





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

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.

For more information or to register visit:





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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.



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