



ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Grapevine

Term 4 Week 4 (31st October to 4th November)

Dear parents & caregivers,

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

The Tell Them From Me Survey closes on Friday 4th November 2022. The survey asks parents and caregivers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. The information gathered will help our school understand parents' and caregivers' perspectives on their child's experience at school, and their views on the school's support of learning and behaviour.

Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. It takes about 15 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. Your responses are very much appreciated. Link:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2022epps>

Selective High School Applications

Information about Selective High School placements for 2024 was recently emailed to parents and carers of current Year 5 students. Applications will close on 16th November 2022.

School Travel

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if you are applying for your child for the first time. Further information is available in this newsletter.

Attendance

Thank you to our families that are notifying us when children are absent for justified reasons such as illness. Parents and caregivers must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. For absences of 2 or more days a doctor's certificate is required. Explanations must cover each day the child has been sick for these to be recorded as justified absences.

Parking across driveways

We have recently been notified that some parents and carers are parking across the driveways of our neighbours. Our bus services also continue to experience difficulty entering safely into the zoned bus stop. We ask that our community kindly follow all parking signs to ensure the safety of our children and families.

Gymnastics

As part of our PDHPE program, all students will be participating in the 'Be Skilled Be Fit Gymnastics' program held at school in Term 4. The full cost has been covered by the school. Students will need to wear their sports uniform on their allocated days. Please refer to the calendar dates in this newsletter.

Kindergarten Orientation

We will be holding Orientation Sessions for our 2023 kindergarten students' next term. There will be one orientation session per week in weeks 5, 6 and 7. These will be held on:

Session 1	Thursday 10 November 9:30-11:00am	
Session 2	Thursday 17 November 9:30 – 11:00am	At sessions 2 and 3 parents and caregivers will have the option of staying for recess which finishes at 11:30am.
Session 3	Thursday 24 November 9:30-11:00am	

Is Your Child Starting Kindergarten in 2023?

We have commenced the enrolment process for students starting Kindergarten in 2023. If you have a child starting kindergarten, or know of a family who does, an enrolment application should be submitted as soon as possible.

- In-area and non-local enrolment applications are now accessible online on the school's website <https://escholpark-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Jennifer Phani
Relieving Principal



Dates for your diary

Term 4

November

- 3 Gymnastics Years 3-6
- 3 Grandparents Day & Sausage Sizzle
- 10 Gymnastics Years 3-6
- 10 Kinder Orientation 9.30 – 11am
- 16 Selective High School Applications for current Year 5 students closes
- 16 **Assemblies:**
 - 11.30am: K – 2 run by 2D, 2H, 1S, 1C
 - 12.30pm: Stage 2 run by 34W
 - 2pm: Stage 3 run by 5/6J
- 17 Gymnastics K-2
- 17 Kinder Orientation 9.30 – 11am
- 21-23 Stage 2 Teen Ranch camp
- 23-25 Stage 3 Narrabeen camp
- 24 Gymnastics K-2
- 24 Kinder Orientation 9.30 – 11am

December

- 1 Gymnastics K-2
- 2 80's Disco - during the day
- 5 Presentation Day
- 6 Silver BBQ
- 8 Gymnastics K-2
- 8 Year 6 Farewell
- 13 Gold morning tea
- 15 Party Day - more information to come
- 16 Farewell arch - 2.15pm
- 16 Last Day Term 4

20% Discount on Sports & Co-Curricular Group Photos available until 10/11/2022

Dear Year 6 Parents,

These school co-curricular groups were photographed on 3/08/2022:

Year 6 Leadership

Year 6 Muck Up

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above and if you place your order before 10/11/2022 you will get a 20% early order discount. Just click on the link below. Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout.

Images can also be viewed by visiting www.advancedlife.com.au entering the code: 6XV 3ZE 9JK and clicking on "Group Photos"

Important

- Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online, **PLEASE DO NOT** return payment to your school
 - If your child's group or team is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered
 - Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted **early** order period has closed
 - Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available at your school's **advancedorder** and your child's **advancedyou** photo sites
- advancedlife** would like to express our appreciation to Eschol Park Public School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money-back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience, please contact us

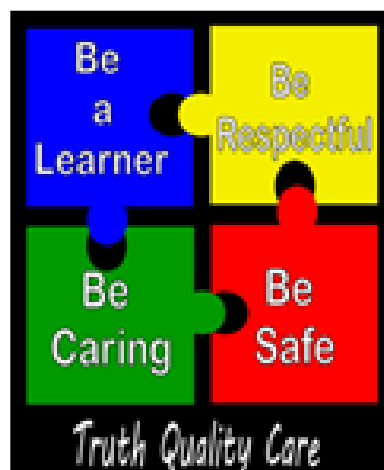
at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Awards : Positive Behaviour In our School playground

These awards are given to the students who display manners, friendliness, and good sportsmanship on the playground during recess and lunch. These awards are counted as part of the trade up system. The tear off strips are placed in a special box each week and 6 are drawn out each Friday to receive an ice block voucher at the canteen.

Week 2: Carol 1S, Mikela 1S, Anoop KG, Chelsea 34W

Week 3: Daniella 2D, Sophia 2D, Mohamad 1C, Hussain 1S, Ava 2D, Paige 23H





CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY?

**FRESH START CANTEENS NOW HAVE
BIRTHDAY BUCKETS!**

Bucket of Quelch Sticks \$15 (Up to 30)

Simply order online through Quick Cliq

Or hand into canteen directly by 9am

Tap on and tap off every time

because it tells us how many people are
using public transport. This allows us to
better plan services for you.



It is a condition of the School Pass Terms and the Student Codes of Conduct when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. Per section 3.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and taps off to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure.



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- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
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- Community-minded.
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Days and hours

- Shifts will fall between 8:00 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required

Apply today

Applications close Sunday 13th November 2022

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 79758** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Manisha Bains

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Dear parents/caregivers

One of the most difficult tasks for us at school is to determine the exact number of students at the beginning of a new school year.

The number of students of course, determines how many teachers we are entitled to and how to form classes.

We sincerely request parents who:

- a) have children who **will not be** returning to Eschol Park Public School in 2023 (**excluding current Year 6 of course**) or,
- b) have children who will be attending Eschol Park Public School in 2023 but **will not** be returning for the first few days of term (due to extended holidays etc)

to complete the appropriate section below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Mrs Phani
Relieving
Principal

Eschol Park Public School

A. STUDENTS who are **NOT RETURNING** to Eschol Park Public School in 2023

My child _____ of class _____ will not be attending
Eschol Park Public School in 2023 because _____

Signature _____ Date _____

B. STUDENTS who are **RETURNING LATE** in the 2023 school year **-AFTER 31/1/2023**
(The first day for Year 1 to Year 6)

My child _____ of class _____ will be
attending Eschol Park Public School in 2023, but will not attend until _____

Reason _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date.....

Student School Travel

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 opened from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted

if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from

Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**.

This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school

year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#),

we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their

Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from

their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School travel application endorsement

Occasionally, applicants completing the online form make mistakes, so we ask that school administrators be mindful of this and only endorse applications with correct information.

If you identify an error, you can amend the first name, date of birth or grade of a student's travel application by clicking

in the relevant row on the portal. Please ensure you have confirmed the information before making any changes.

Refer to page 16 of the School Portal User Guide for further instructions. The user guide is accessible within the School Portal by clicking

the arrow next to your username.

If a student's details cannot be confirmed or they are not yet enrolled please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the

application will be rejected and the applicant will be informed. They will then need to submit a new application.

If a school administrator endorses an application in error, please advise our Concessions team as soon as possible [here](#).

If school administrators require access to the School Portal, please request an account [here](#).

If you need to remove school portal access for staff members who have left the school recently, please let us know via a [feedback form](#) and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access'.

[Transport Concession Entitlement Cards \(TCECs\)](#)

Schools applying for Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCECs) for senior students are advised to submit applications at least four weeks before the end of Term 4. This will allow time for processing and delivery to the school before the holiday period commences. Applications scheduled for delivery during the holiday period will be held and delivered when school recommences from January 2023.

When applying for TCECs before the end Term 4 2022, ensure you enter the grade the student is in this year, not the grade they will be in during 2023. E.g., year 11 students who have commenced year 12 studies are still considered as being in grade 11 until the end of 2022.

[Travel from Term 1 2023](#)

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

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