



# ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## The Grapevine

### Term 4 week

Dear families,

2023 is flying by at a tremendous rate. It is already Term 4, and we are all very excited for the upcoming weeks. This Term has started with a flurry of colour at our colour run. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. It was so lovely to see all the children laughing and having so much fun.

Every class will be continuing with their engaging learning this term and I look forward to spending time in each class and sharing the learning with our students, staff and families.

Jo Fair  
Principal

### School gates locked

To ensure all students remain safely within the school, the gates will be locked from 9:20am until 2:50pm. If you require access to the school during the day, please call the office on 9824 7111 and someone will meet you at the gate.

We thank you for your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Is Your Child Starting Kindergarten in 2024?

We have commenced the enrolment process for students starting Kindergarten in 2024. 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>

### Stage 3 Camp

Final payment due 6 November

### Attendance

Please remember to explain any days your child is away from school as soon as they return. This can be done via a phone call, letter to the class teacher, email to the school or a message on the Audiri app (formerly known as the Skool Bag app). If your child is absent for three days a medical certificate will need to be presented to the school. Holidays need to be taken during school holidays.

### Change to a New System

The Department of Education is decommissioning the software system the school uses for student management, relating to attendance, fees, excursions, and various other areas of student management.

The Parent Portal is a new initiative undertaken by the school. The new portal system will give parents the ability to enter attendance explanations, view and pay outstanding accounts, sign permission notes digitally, view newsletters and various other features.

We need you to make sure we have the right email address for you and understand any problems you might have in making this change.

Download the portal app, search for Parents in your App store. We will send out an email with an access key and instructions soon.

Tell us the email address you would like to use to access the portal. Contact the office if you have changed any contact information.

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I parent/carer of \_\_\_\_\_

Agree/disagree to being sent permission documents via the portal and this email address.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Dates for your diary

### October

- 24 6pm – P&C Meeting  
25 9am - K- 2 Assembly, 2pm 3 -6 Assembly  
26 3 – 6 Gym  
27 11.30am – 1.15pm - K – 2 Athletics Carnival

### November

- 2 3 – 6 Gym  
6 Stage 3 Final camp payment due  
9 K – 2 Gym  
15 9am - K- 2 Assembly, 2pm 3 -6 Assembly  
16 K – 2 Gym  
21 9.15 – 10.45am Kindergarten Orientation  
22 9am – P&C Meeting  
23 K – 2 Gym  
28 9.15 – 10.45am Kindergarten Orientation  
29 4 – 6pm - Field's Zone PSSA Presentation  
30 Presentation Day – 9am – Stage 2, 10am – Stage 3, 11.30 – K-2

### December

- 4 6 – 9pm Yr 6 Farewell  
4 – 8 Swim Scheme  
6 - 8 Stage 3 Camp  
7 K – 2 Gym  
11 Gold Morning Tea  
12 Silver BBQ  
13 Party Day  
14 Yr 6 Arch  
15 Last day Term 4

## Dates for our assembly Term 3

K- 2 Assembly 9am  
3-6 Assembly 2pm

25 October  
KG  
Stage 2

15 November  
Year 1  
56H & 56C

## School Student Travel

### Term 4 2023

#### 2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 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 because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification 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 travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 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 2024.

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.

#### Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

#### Travel from Term 1 2024

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)

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, 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 [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info)

# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!**



# EVERY DAY COUNTS...

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



# We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.



## Casual roles available

Campbelltown Local Government Area - 89273

## Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference Number: 89273** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

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