



Elphinstone Primary School

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CARE – RESILIENCE – CREATIVITY

Important Dates 2026:

June

Fri 26 Pyjama Dress Up Day—**Term 2 ends 2.30pm finish**

July

Mon 13 Term 3 begins
Fri 24 100 Days of Prep
Mon 27 Division Football/Netball

August

Mon 3 Assembly 3pm/
School Council 5pm
Thur 6 (evening) - Fri 7 (morning) Parent Teacher Interviews (students only required Friday if they have an interview)
Mon 10—Wed 12 3/4 Camp to Lady Northcote
Mon 31 Assembly 3pm/
School Council 5pm

September

Fri 4 Curriculum Day—**school closed**
Thur 10 Chess Tournament
Castlemaine Gaol
Fri 11 Goldfields Railway Excursion (Castlemaine to Maldon)

Mon 14—Fri 18 School Swimming Program (5 Days)

Fri 18 End of Term 3

October

Mon 5 Term 4 begins

November

Wed 25—Fri 27 5/6 Urban Camp Melbourne

NEWSLETTER No.10 25th June 2026

Dear parents carers and the wider school community

We had an amazing excursion last week, taking advantage of the free train travel, to the Discovery Science and Technology Centre in Bendigo. The students had a wonderful time and they had plenty to say about it in our feature piece. The photos also look incredible! There was so much to do at the venue, with two main activities booked, the Brick Motion Workshop, where our students used Lego to build, spin and animate a scene with the help from the Bendigo Art Gallery crew. We then experienced the Planetarium where students went on a journey through space looking at all of the probes and rovers that are exploring our Solar System and beyond!

Apart from the Verticle Slide, the highlight was the general exhibition 'CURIOSITY: Building Breakthroughs in LEGO® Bricks'. The exhibition was a collaboration between Bendigo Art Gallery and Discovery Science & Technology Centre and there was endless hands on lego building experiences throughout the centre. I highly recommend you visit there over the school holidays!

Some of our student leaders attended the Student Ideas Pitch held at the council chambers last week. It was a fantastic leadership opportunity for Eva, Greta, Billie and Josiah where they pitched an idea to the local council. They came up with a pitch that would make the roads safer at the Pub intersection by installing a croassing over the main road. They confidently presented their ideas to the large audience and then presented again to our students the next morning.

Grade 3/4Camp preparations are in full swing, Pam will accompany our students to Lady Northcote for the 3 Day adventure activities, which will include canoes, flying fox and archery!



Our younger students beside the giant Lego Rocket and Zoe up close and personal with a Bearded Dragon



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OUR SCHOOL VALUES		
Care We show kindness and empathy when we care for ourselves, others and country.	Resilience When things are tricky, we bounce back from the challenges we face.	Creativity We are all unique, imaginative and can think outside the box.

ASSEMBLIES 2026

Thank you to Kerry for joining us for our special assembly. We were given our Blue certificate for achieving the first step in the SWPBS journey. Thank you to the families that attended the assembly. This assembly also allowed us to show off our dream town made in PBL. We're glad you all enjoyed it.



Term 3	Term 4
Week 4 3rd August Ren, Gilbert, Tommy Hosts: Billie, Elijah	Week 4 26th October Charlie, Rosie, Daphne, Marshall Hosts: Lucas, Lila
Week 8 31st August Sylvia, Eva, Zane Hosts: Greta, Ren	Week 8 23rd November Indie, Elise, Tyson Hosts: Brigid, Keziah/Billie
	Last Day 17th December Xavier Lucas Greta Billie

GEM CONVERSATION CARDS



What are you grateful for this semester?

Student Ideas Pitch

Billie, Greta, Josiah and Eva went to the student ideas pitch with Katie last Friday. The trip to and from the pitch was fun because we got to listen to music that we chose. At the Council Chambers we all got a table where we planned our ideas. The planning was done in different stages. We did brain breaks and received prizes like pins.

Our idea we presented to the Mayor was to have a cross walk on the road that heads to Castlemaine because it's not safe to cross it to get to the bus and shop from school. The cars get really fast in that area, so we decided that it was very important as we want everybody to be safe. It will also help kids get more exercise as parents will let them walk more because they know they'll be safe.

By Billie, greta, Josiah and Eva





At the Discovery Centre I saw this T-Rex dinosaur and baby velociraptors. In the display there was a bee that you could move by pushing a button. There were gems near it too. They were amethysts, emerald, gold and quartz. By Tommy



In this photo me and Indie were sharing a bean bag because she was scared of the dark. So I was her protector lol. We watched a cool show on the roof. It was about these people building the robots then landing them on the moon and mars! I had a great time at the discovery center and I'm proud to say I'm Indie's official protector. By BILLIE



I, Keziah and Brigid went to the mirror maze to try and go through with our eyes closed. And it was really fun because we couldn't tell where to go and we kept walking into things. After we got through it, my head was hit by mirrors so many times. By Tilly

My favourite thing about the Discovery Centre there was a station that had an iPad with a pattern on it. You had to copy the pattern on a small lego board. When you were finished you touched on a button and a person would check your lego. Then, you would give them the coordinates and they'd put your square on the big display. When all the little squares are done it will make a big picture of a butterfly.



By Eva



At the discovery center there were bearded dragons and were super cool but one of them stepped on his friend. A bit after the lizard friend ran across the exhibit away they were super adorable and we could go inside a dome to look at them. By Xavier

When we went to the Bendigo Discovery Centre there were so many cool statues made of lego. The life size astronaut was one of my favourite ones. We tried to make it look like he was patting our heads. I also found out that it was made by 5 people with about 65,600 bricks and took over 450 hours to assemble. Isn't that incredible!



By Greta



At the discovery centre there were these lego pits all around the place and there was one pit that had pieces for making tiny ducks but I made a big one and used up all of my free exploring time to make this mega duck and by the time that I went back out into the main area it was lunch time. I had lots of fun building the duck and I could've been left there for ages to build. By Gilbert

On Wednesday we went on an excursion to the discovery centre when we got there we went on the slide second. Lots of people did it or just attempted to do it. I did it and it was really fun and fast. It was a little scary but not really for me because I had done it before. There was a about 2 metre vertical drop from the bars. I think the whole slide was like seven metres. By Ren



I enjoyed making a colour and size changing tower out of lego with Tilly, when we put our leg tower in order in the Zoetrope we spined it and it looks like it's changing colours and size. It was really fun! By:Keziah

The lizard was really cool and scaly. One was called the Queen of the Desert. They also climbed on rocks. There was a cool dome that you could go into and see them. By Charlie



At the discovery center Marshall and Elijah were having a look at the big!!!!!!!!!!!!!! lego Person to a smaller person to a real sized person to a toddler sized to a normal lego person. It was really cool!!!!!!!!!!!!!! From Elijah and Marshall the best!!!!!!!!!!



At the Discovery center I made a yellow duck out of lego bricks and it took me sooooo many tries to make it like the one in the picture but it still looked good. I made sooooo many ducks. Tilly helped me make a duck. I didn't get it at first so I improvised. By Lila



At the discovery centre we did heaps of stuff. This is one of my favourite photos we were building with legos to try to make something look like it was growing. When we spun it quickly in a circle it was super duper cool what I and Gilbert made. We made one thing grow up and one thing go down. It was really cool when we spun the thingy at the right speed. By Lucas.H

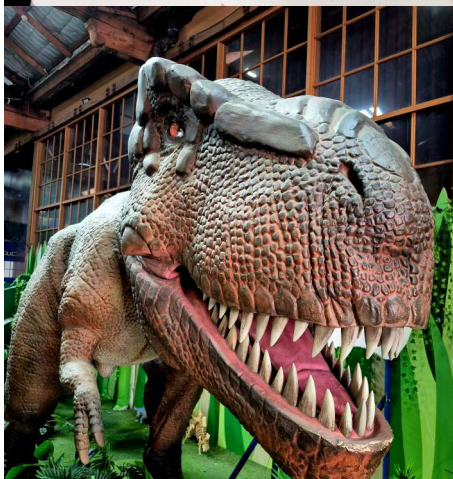
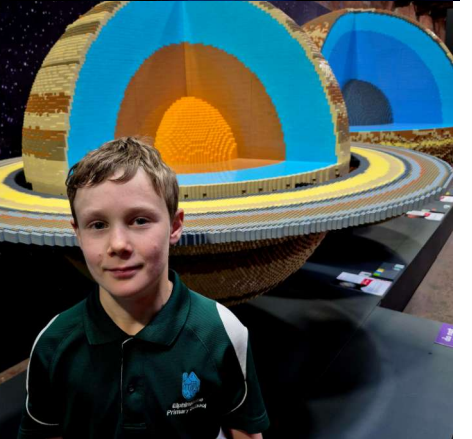
On Wednesday the whole school went to the Discovery Center in Bendigo. My favourite thing there was definitely the bearded dragons. They were so cute! Lucy loved them, too. I really want to go back next year and see them again. By Brigid



At the discovery centre i saw two beared dragons one was a girl and the other was a boy and the girl had little eggs they were so like so so so so so cuteeeeeeeee!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When they said on the speaker that they were going to feed the bearded dragons I instantly got so excited I was bouncing all around the place i was so happy and i got to pat one and i was thinking that they would feel like spikier than I thought but actually kinda smooth ban bada bom bom bomda bada bom bom baba. Hahah they were so adorable. By Lucy

At the Discovery Centre Miss Davidson and I loved the little lego squares. We could've spent all day making them. I think Miss Davidson and I will be going back on the holidays to make more. I can't wait to see the end picture of the butterfly. By Mrs Rolly





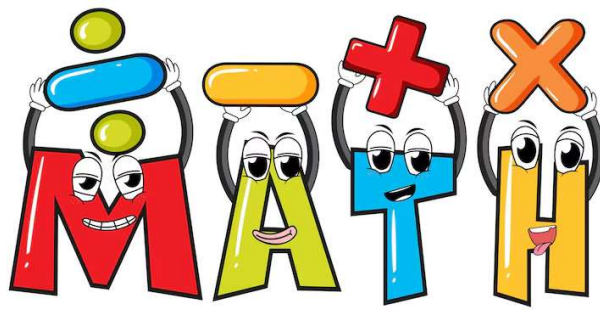
Term 2 Auslan

Term 2 is racing to an end and so is my first term teaching Auslan to the amazing P-3s and 4-6s. I could not be more proud of how quickly the preps have picked up the difficult handshapes needed to sign the alphabet and to count to 10! All the students are now having a go at fingerspelling their names and simple words and joining in on the odd Auslan sign-along. The older kids in this group have also been wonderful role models and are quick to help the younger ones when a sign has been forgotten unless a ruthless game of Pacman is in progress, then it is every signer for themselves!!

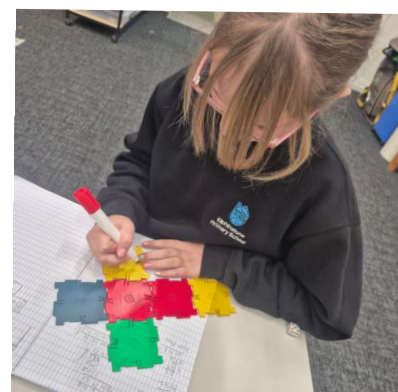
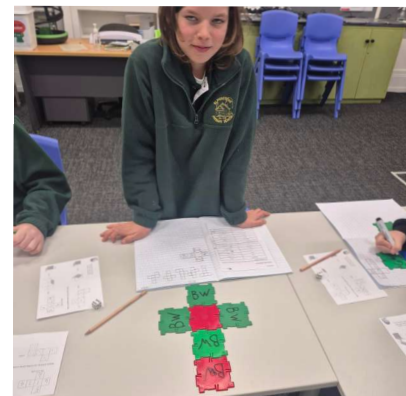
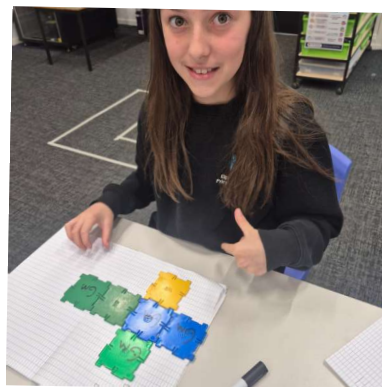
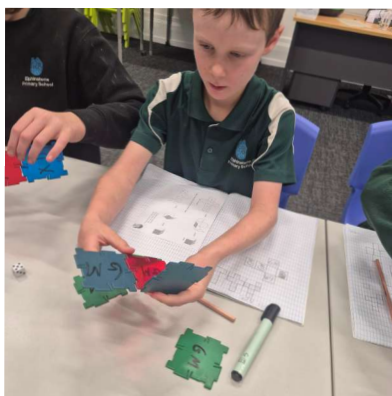
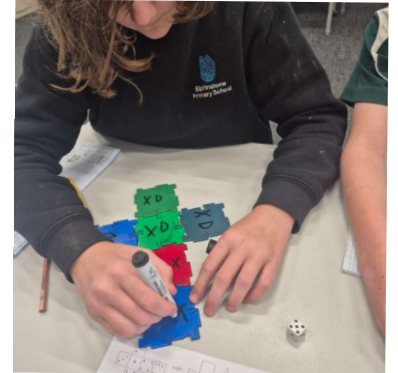
The 4-6s have also made excellent progress this term, especially in terms of holding conversations that include introducing yourself, your age, where you live and talking about food, animals and colours. Auslan Detectives, a game where students randomly choose new personalities that they must then introduce to their classmates, has helped to keep things interesting in a class where everyone knows each other so well. Watching their confidence in their signing grow as they engage in longer conversations has been an absolute highlight for me as their teacher this term.



Can you guess what the students are saying above?



We have had the opportunity to work together in Maths. The Grade 6's have been amazing teacher assistants with the P-1. Mr Stewart has also got amazing footage of Maths, so we thought we'd create a special page to highlight our awesomeness!



Miss Davidson's Class

Writing

This week we had a special treat by combining classes with the older kids to do our literacy and math learning. A big THANKYOU to the students that stepped up as teacher assistants. Here are some pictures of us doing our recount writing. Check out the Math page for more photos too!

Mrs Rolly Says...

I am so very proud of the resilience displayed by all students of Miss Davidson's Class. They really stepped up and managed themselves when their normal timetable was disrupted. Give yourselves a pat on the back for your resilience! We are all grateful that Miss Davidson is feeling better and back at school.





PBL - TERM #3 NEWS

We are super excited by the news that I shared with our school on Monday. I applied for a place in the Picasso Cow Program facilitated by Dairy Australia. I was successful in obtaining a place in the program. Alongside the important theory component we get to paint and keep our very own cow! Think of the painted cows at Shepparton and you get the idea. We will have every student produce a possible design for us to paint on the cow and then vote on what to do and how it should be done. For now it will remain safely hiding in their box! Alongside the painting of the cow P-3 have chosen Dairy and Nutrition as their learning theme and the 4-6's have chosen Paddock to Plate. In Term 3, we will hopefully organise an excursion for the P-3 group to see cow milking in action to align with their learning.



PBL - 4-6 Group

Students were tasked with creating a horizontal marble run for a younger student. These needed to suit their interests and ensure it wasn't too tricky or too easy. I would show you pictures but we don't want to spoil the surprise - P-3 students will receive them end of school tomorrow. Friday, please check them out of facebook. Below is an in progress photo... I do love the concentration occurring!



Puzzle Page - By Billie



JOIN THE DOTS

Join the dots and colour the picture.



PANDA



Overall Ladder ElphinstonePS2026		
← Prev Round 15 Next →		
#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	Jacinta Deane	91
1	Rustytjos65	91
3	Coach Kye	88
4	HShuff	86
4	Mr Rolly	86
6	Mrs Rolly	84
7	Lucascrazy1420	82
8	Miss Leehane	80
9	NeonFlash_27	79
9	Riley71	79
11	Chazza 35	78
11	ElphoTurtle	78
11	Sarcee	78
11	Wild Westys	78
15	TacoMuncher	73

How do you make a
witch itch?

Take out the "W".



Ranger Rick



Why did the robber
jump in the shower?
He wanted to make
a clean getaway.

woman's day

Puddles Play Dates



This week end I went on a fun walk
with Puddles it was near castle maid
it was really bushy and a bit ant/cocky
by Ren



on Saturday puddles came to watch
me play football against the
marry borough giants we won 0-33
I was rocking in mia for the whole
game, and puddles came for a ride with
me. Puddles was chilling in my
bag for the ride tho.



Notice for the Fridge!

Here is a list of optional Out of Uniform days we are participating in this year. There may be others that pop up but these are the usual ones.

Tues 29th July - Crazy Hair Day - Gold Coin donation for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

22nd - 28th August - Book Week Dress Up. Theme **Symphony of Stories** - Specific day to be announced closer to the date.

18th September - Casual Dress day last day of Term 3. Gold Coin donation for Elphinstone Fire Brigade.

Last day of School 2026 - Casual Dress day. Gold Coin donation for Elphinstone Fire Brigade.



Thursday 23 July 2026
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(5.15 pm arrival for a 5.30 pm start)

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