



Elphinstone Primary School

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CARE – RESILIENCE – CREATIVITY

Important Dates 2026:

August

Mon 10—Wed 12 3/4

Camp to Lady Northcote

Fri 21 9-10 am Teddy Bear Picnic

Mon 31 Assembly 3pm/
School Council 5pm

September

Fri 4 Curriculum Day—
school closed

Thur 10 Chess

Tournament

Castlemaine Gaol (TBC)

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

Sat 17 Trivia Night

Thur 22 School Photo
Day

November

Wed 25—Fri 27 5/6

Urban Camp Melbourne

December

Thur 3 End of Year
Concert (TBC)

Thur 17 End of school
year. Final Assembly
3.00pm

2027

January

Wed 27 Teachers Start

Thur 28 Start Up Day
(Students only required
at their interview)

Fri 29 First Day of

NEWSLETTER No.12 6th August 2026

Dear parents carers and the wider school community

We had an amazing assembly this week highlighted by Gilbert playing some tunes on his electric guitar. He also showed us how to loop some notes to build up a melody. He is becoming quite an accomplished guitarist, so I'm hoping we can see him on stage for our end of year concert. Our new assembly format aims to highlight student passion and areas of interest in front of the school community, so if your child has yet to present - encourage them to share what they love doing!

On Friday 21st August the JSC is hosting a Teddy Bear Picnic from 9-10am. We will be meeting our special plush toys, listening to a story and playing games. Siblings are welcome to attend and students are asked to only bring in 1 special toy with them.

The grade 3/4 camp is on Monday! A reminder to the 3/4 parents drop off and pick up is at the **Kyneton Showgrounds**. Any medication needs to be given to Pam at drop off. Please do NOT pack lollies and chocolates as they will be confiscated! It will be quite an experience for our Grade 3 students as it's their very first 2 night stay in a school setting.

The boys joined Harcourt Primary School for the annual Football Carnival at Wesley Hill last week. Up against the bigger Castlemaine schools, we were competitive in several games, but our boys stuck it out and enjoyed the day. The highlight was the goal from Ren, who swooped on the loose ball and ran into an open goal. Lucas led the way in the midfield, and Gilbert, Charlie and Elijah battled hard all day.



The footballers ready for action!



Gilbert performing at assembly



Elphinstone Primary School - Like us on Facebook!

We care for and respect our school, and acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we learn and play, the Dja Dja Wurrung People.



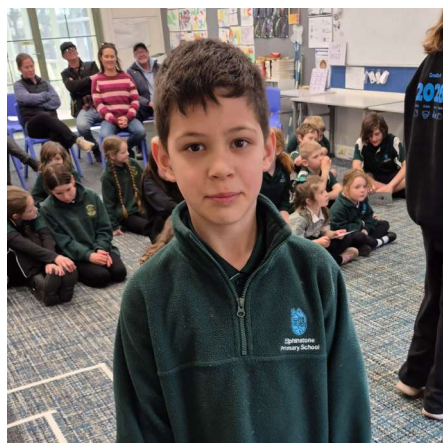


OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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

ASSEMBLIES 2026

This week we celebrated Tommy, Ren and Gilbert at our assembly. We loved Gilberts guitar playing!



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



Tell a family member something you are grateful for.



Hi, I'm Susan, I also go by my initials 'Sal', and 'Mum' to Gilbert and Ren, and this is my 5th year of being on the School Council.

I've been in clinical practice as a naturopath for 20 years, helping people with their health through the use of herbal medicine, nutritional supplements and dietary and lifestyle advice. I often see people with insomnia, anxiety, ADHD, cognitive health issues and long term conditions such as Chronic Fatigue and auto-immune diseases like Hashimoto's thyroiditis and Rheumatoid arthritis. Hippocrates is quoted to say that 'All disease begins in the gut' and in helping people improve I'm often addressing digestive issues; I might order tests such as microbiome analysis and hair mineral tests.

We moved to Elphinstone 11 years ago, when Gilbert was a few months old, relocating a 1950's house to the block opposite the back of the pub. There's a few families now who are within walking distance to the school and as those families would also know, it's pretty handy! Before that I'd been renting in Castlemaine for about 8 years, and Melbourne for about 10 years before that, with some stints in the Northern Territory and travelling around Australia and the world, and I'm originally from Brisbane. You don't need to do the maths, I'll admit that I'm the oldest mum at the school!

Our family likes to do nature based holidays when possible. We're the family camped down next to the beach rather than the big caravan parks so that we can hear the waves at night and the kids can climb the trees.

The purpose of these articles is to make you more familiar with the school council members. If there's any ideas that you have for the school, things that you want to change, new projects or ideas that you have for fundraising, please get in contact with me or any of the other school representatives, Tara, Tallaya, Trinity, Dave, Casey, Ethan or Bridget, I'd like to think that we're very approachable. Together as a parents community we can continue to improve our beautiful little school.

Susan Lintott



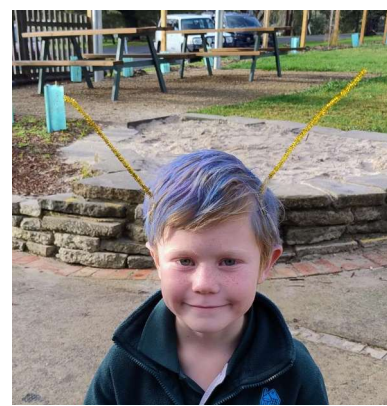
**Goldfields
Football
Carnival -
Wesley Hill**
Photos Courtesy
Helen Shuffle

CRAZY HAIR DAY

FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS



We raised \$28 for Cystic Fibrosis - Thank you to everyone that donated and for all of the effort the families have gone too. There were so much creativity across the school.



Miss Davidson's Class

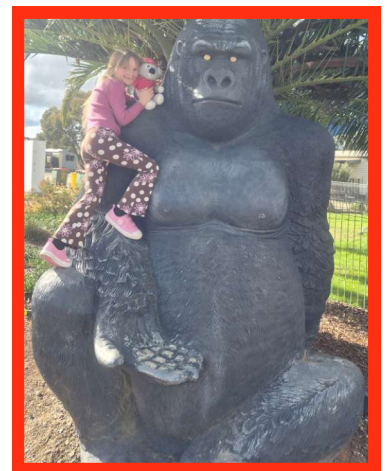
Preps 100 Days of School!!

Our Prep students had a fantastic time celebrating 100 Days of School! Everyone looked amazing dressed as grandmas or in creative outfits decorated with the number 100. We started the day by making our 100 Days Smarter crowns before putting our detective skills to the test, searching the classroom to find 100 hidden pom-poms. It was also our Kitchen Garden week with Nicole, where students enjoyed making delicious homemade pasta and focaccia. It was a fun-filled day celebrating how much we have learnt and grown over our first 100 days of school! We also got to finish the day with a special treat made by Mrs Rollinson.



Welcome Pip

Pip will be sent home each weekend with a different student. Make sure to take some pictures of the adventures you get up to. Last week Zoe took Pip home and they did lots of fun activities together. Here is Pip and Zoe on a giant gorilla.





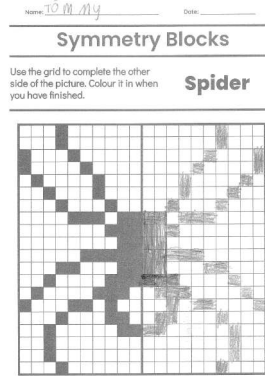
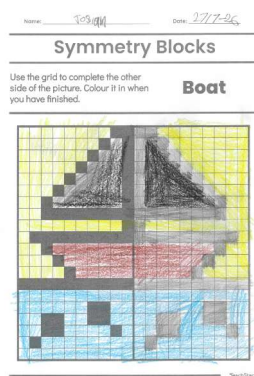
PBL - TERM #3 NEWS

The P-3 class has been learning about dairy nutrition and made milkshakes which contain dairy from the milk and icecream. They were delicious.



Maths

We have been learning multiplication strategies and will be learning division strategies next. We had a revisit to reflective symmetry using pixel art. It was great to see such focus from our students!!



Writing

Students have created silly sentences whilst practising their understanding of Adjectives, Nouns, Verbs and Adverbs.

The silky building was writing lightly.
The fat house was jumping weirdly.
The bumpy Mugi blows gracefully.
The fluffy toe was fixing slowly.
The rainbow turtle flops lazily.
The slimy black panther jumped slowly.
The round penguin is laying chompily.
The dead Kaburamura was flopping funnily.
The chunky book is running happily.
The spiky turkey was jumping dorkily.

PBL - 4-6 Group

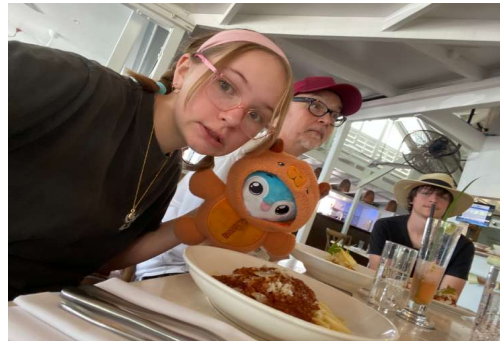
Students have been learning about how the milk from the dairy cow gets into the supermarkets/shops and the things that are made out of milk. We then made butter which will be used to make garlic bread later this term.



Puddles Play Dates



I am so jealous, Puddles got to have a holiday to Queensland with Billie.
Thank you Billie for the adventure.



Puzzle Page - By Lucas



I have no life,
but I can die.
What am I?

A battery.



What's always
found on the
ground but never
gets dirty?
A shadow.

womans day

What has hands but
cannot clap?

A clock.



What kind of
cup doesn't
hold water?

A cupcake.



What has a
head and a tail
but no body?

A coin.



Overall Ladder ElphinstonePS2026		
← Prev Round 22 Next →		
#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	 Jacinta Deane	130
2	 Rustyjos65	129
3	 Mr Rolly	123
4	 HShuff	120
5	 NeonFlash_27	118
6	 Mrs Rolly	117
6	 Riley71	117
8	 Coach Kye	116
8	 ElphoTurtle	116
10	 Chazza 35	115
10	 Lucascrazy1420	115
10	 Miss Leehane	115
13	 Wild Westys	111
14	 TacoMuncher	109
15	 Sarcee	108

ISC

is hosting a...

Teddy Bear

Picnic



21st august
9am - 10am
welcome siblings

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.

Fri 28th August - Book Week Dress Up.
Theme **Symphony of Stories**

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.
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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Miss Davidson and Mrs Rollinson achieved their whole class acknowledgement goals this week adding 2 more pieces to our whole school tree. Miss Davidson's class enjoyed arts and crafts and games on Monday to acknowledge their achievement. Mrs Rollinson's class has been enjoying an extended recess this week to acknowledge their achievement.



Elphinstone Primary School

TRIVIA NIGHT

READY TO PLAY?

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS

@ELPHINSTONE HALL

PARENT SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SESSIONS TERM 3, 2026

The Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local offers free weekly education sessions that address mental health and wellbeing. The sessions are run by a mental health or allied health clinician at the Local.

Sessions are open to any parents or carers of children aged 0-11.

Why join in?

- Talk to Local staff about your child.
- Ask any practical questions you have about parenting now.
- Gain support for yourself as a parent.

Where: The Loddon Child and Health Wellbeing Local, 19 Helm St KANGAROO FLAT 3555. Enter via the green porch at the back of the site.

Dates and topics: Wednesdays (Face to face) please call us if you want to attend online to see if we can accommodate that.

WHEN	TIME	TOPIC
Jul 15	9.30am	ADHD What is it and How Can I Help?
Jul 22	9.30am	What Is Autism and How Can I Help?
Jul 29	9.30am	Parent Wellbeing
Aug 5	9.30am	Sensory processing and strategies
Aug 15	9.30am	Managing Big Feelings
Aug 19	9.30am	All about anger
Aug 26	9.30am	Anxiety in kids
Sep 2	9.30am	Family rules and consequences
Sep 9	9.30am	Sibling Rivalry
Sep 16	9.30am	Parent drop-in/fun day



If you have any Questions, please contact Annette Clemments on 1800 433 977 Book in via email icfhlocals@bchs.com.au. Please state your name, your child's name and the session(s) you wish to attend.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn how to support young people experiencing a mental health problem.



Come along to Youth Mental Health First Aid training where you'll learn:

- The difference between normal adolescent development and a developing mental health problem
- How to have open conversations with young people
- Signs and symptoms of possible mental health problems
- Where to seek further help.

Over 2 face-to-face sessions, plus 5 hours of self-directed online learning you'll learn all this, meet other parents, receive take home resources and enjoy a delicious meal.

What: Blended Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

When: 5pm to 9pm | Monday 7 and 14 September 2026
(must attend both sessions)

Where: Civic Centre, Castlemaine

Cost: \$140 per person. Dinner provided.

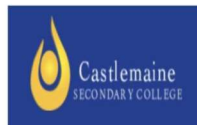
Book: Register by 26 August at
www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au/training

Contact: Shannon Lacy | 5471 1700 | youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au



2026 AUSCYCLING VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES - Round 6

With both Race or Novice category this event is suitable for all school-aged children, whether an experienced racer, social rider, or beginner wanting to have a fun day out with friends



Date: Saturday September 12th 2026

Venue: Castlemaine Secondary College

Cost: \$30

<https://entryboss.cc/races/31524>

Proudly presented by Castlemaine Rocky Riders and Castlemaine Secondary College



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One on one and small group tutoring available here in Elphinstone.

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