



Elphinstone Primary School

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CARE – RESILIENCE – CREATIVITY

Important Dates 2025:

September

Mon 15 School Council
5pm

Mon 15 –Fri 19

Swimming Program

Fri 19 Term 3 finish
(2.30pm pick up)

October

Mon 6 Term begins

Tue 7—Wed 15

Somers Camp

(selected students)

Mon 20 Assembly 3pm

Thur 23 School Photos

Mon 27 School Council

November

Mon 3 Curriculum Day

Tue 4 Melb Cup

Holiday

Fri 7 P/2 Kickball

Mon 10—Wed 12 5/6

Camp Anglesea

Mon 17 Assembly

Mon 24 School Council

December

Thur 4 School Concert

Mon 8 Assembly

Tue 9 State-wide

Orientation Day

Thur 18 End of school

Year for Students

Fri 19 Curriculum Day

End of year (staff)

January 2026

Wed 28 Start Up Day

Students start 2026

school year.

Thur 29 Formal Classes

Commence



NEWSLETTER No.14 11th September 2025

Dear parents carers and the wider school community

You have Mrs Rollinson here filling in for Mr Stewart. Unfortunately, his absence isn't due to an overseas holiday. Brendan injured himself on holidays and has required shoulder surgery which occurred on Tuesday. Good news though, the surgery was a success and now he needs to just focus on recovering. When he returns he will be a one armed bandit for a few weeks.

Swimming starts next week. Yay! A reminder to pack bathers, towel, goggles (optional) and you **must** have a swimming **cap**. This is not optional. There are a range of swimming caps available, so you will need to find one that suits your child. I was informed today by the pool that it is strictly no cap, no swim. We have our AquaAware session tomorrow where Marie will explain the reasoning behind this.

Parents/Carers if you'd like to join us at the pool, there's room on the bus (or drive yourself) we'll be departing school at 11.45am and returning 2pm. We will have modified afternoon specialist classes for the week, with school finishing 3.30pm as normal except **Friday which is 2.30pm**.

Assembly was on Monday, celebrating Billie, Daphne and Eli. Unfortunately, Billie was unwell, so she will be celebrated during morning circle tomorrow. We will be getting a demonstration of Eli's rocket Friday arvo (weather permitting) at 3.15pm if you'd like to join us.

Girl's night out has been organised by our School Council President Tara for this Friday Night at the Elpho Pub. It's a wonderful opportunity for our community to get to know each other. More information is on the next page.

For our 2026 Preps, transition days for Term 4 are: Tuesday 11th November, Tuesday 18th November, Tuesday 25th November 9-11.30am and on Tuesday 2nd December it will be 9-3.30pm. If these days don't suit you, please contact us to organise an alternative.

Finally, today the JSC ran 'Anything but a bag day'. It was wonderful to see such creativity with the alternatives students came in with. Lucy's held her lunch under the seat and was a mode of transport!

Have a fantastic, safe, relaxing holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th October. Enjoy the AFL grand final if that's your thing and I hope your favourite team wins!

Thank you, Pam



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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.



Assembly

This week we celebrated Daphne, Eli and Billie. Billie was unwell but we still presented to our community the things we know and love about her. She will receive them herself on Friday during morning circle. Daphne was presented with poems, pictures and a special Elsa made from clay. Eli showed off his rocket and foam plane ad was also presented with poems, pictures, word clouds and a quiz.



COME AND
JOIN US,
FRIDAY
AFTERNOON
3.15PM ON
THE OVAL TO
SEE ELI'S
ROCKET IN
ACTION!



Term 4

Monday 20th October—Huggards

Monday 17th November—Runnalls/Breadsell

Monday 8th December—Daly-Joyce/Hardman

Girl's Night Out

GIRLS
Night
OUT

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

An invitation for all the school mums
to join us at The Elpho
for a girls night out.

Friday, 12th September
6:30pm

Come for a drink or a meal

If you need more details contact
Tara 0478 809 621



Scan this QR code to learn more about our **Parent & Carer Hub**.

Gratitude

Paying attention to what I have



What are you **looking forward** to today/tomorrow?

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eSmart Schools

On Tuesday 9th September, students in grade 4 to 6 took part in a live, interactive Virtual Classroom Incursion, to discover how to protect themselves online with practical tools such as creating strong passwords and managing privacy settings. Using a scenario, students explored how to spot the warning signs and trust their body clues when interacting with others online, as well as identifying the qualities of a trusted adult if students need support online. This is a great empowerment for students knowing how to be safe online.

The third lesson in our eSmart safety unit has been **Contact**.

Contact focused on learning how to identify and respond to misinformation shared with them by family, friends, ads or other online sources. Throughout the lesson, students developed critical thinking skills to pause, recognise their emotional response and decide on appropriate actions, such as ignoring false information or informing a trusted adult.

1 Pause



Stop and think before reacting or sharing. Take a moment to breathe and resist the urge to click or share right away.

2 Notice



Look for clues that the information might not be trustworthy. Check for unusual headlines, emotional language, lack of sources, the website or the sender.

3 Question



Ask critical questions about the content. Who created it, and why? Are there sources or links? Can they be trusted? Has this been fact-checked?

4 Act



Decide what to do next, safely and responsibly. Avoid sharing if you're unsure. If it's fake, let others know respectfully and explain why.

Miss Leehane's Class

What a fantastic term we've had!

It was great to see so many parents at the student led interviews last week. It gave the students a great opportunity to share all the great work they've done.

A highlight of the last fortnight was using the 'mouse bots' to practise some coding as part of our Maths unit on Maps and Location. As Charlie said "It was really frustrating but lots of fun!"

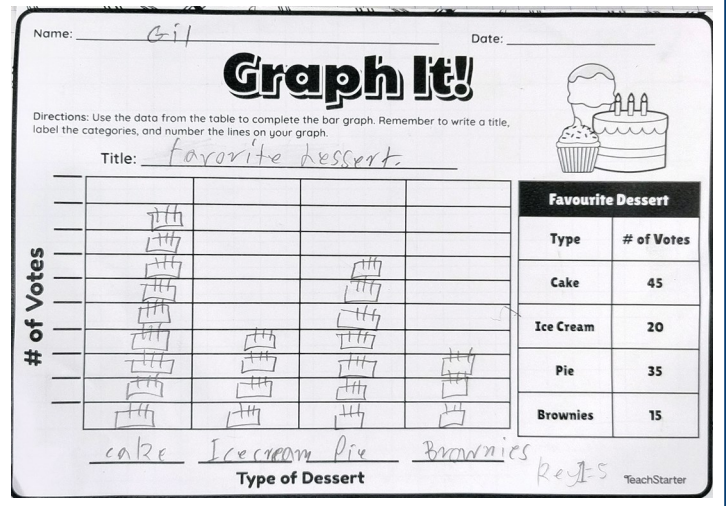


Mrs Rollinson's Class



Maths

We've been analysing and developing 'Many to One' Pictographs and Measuring Angles. Some of us did not like the protractors and others loved it. So it was a real mixed bag. Angles will continue in Term 4.



Writing

Students have demonstrated competency in writing exposition texts. Their challenge is to remember the skills for their first writing piece next term!

We've been learning different types of poems and they are amazing and creative. Here's a little peek...

Miniature Highland Cow (rhyming poem)

Miniature highland cows are so cute
Even when they do a little poop

When they are calves they like to run
I bet it must be so much fun

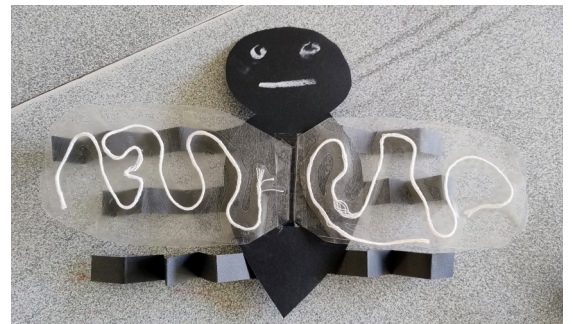
If I ever get one I will brush it
Even if it throws a fit

I think I have lots of patience
Which is good because they take a lot of maintenance.



FUN FRIDAY

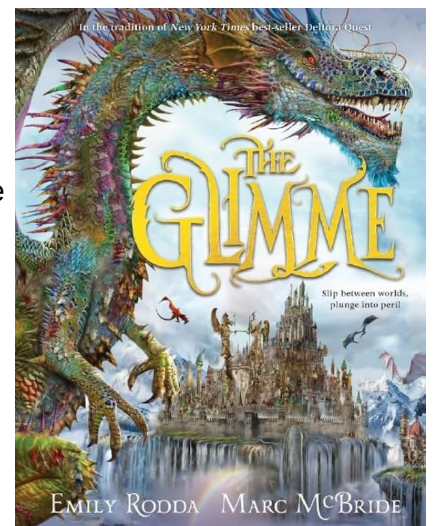
We made flies to match our story 'Diary of a Fly'. There was a lot of emotions in our flies and creativity with their wings. A huge thank you to our older peers for lending a hand to put them altogether. Team work was flowing on Friday.



Reading

We finished our classroom novel 'The Glimme' last week. It was amazing and had an ending we did not expect. Emily Rodda is an exceptional author and I encourage reading her books - perhaps some holiday entertainment. Next term, the novel is Whispering to Witches!

We've also been completing our Non-Fiction formal assessments for the term and I have been quite impressed with the improvement in comprehension across the entire class. I look forward to working with students on re-visiting their reading goals and making new ones to start next term.



Miss Saunders' Class

Students finished their exposition report writing about the 2019-2020 Australian Bushfires. They learned about the devastating impacts the fires had on people, wildlife and the environment. This week, students have been practicing how to write poems. Below, students completed a Haiku poem where there are only 3 lines—first and third have 5 syllables and the second line has 7 syllables. They did a great job at describing the topic of their choice.

Tree

Rustling, whooshing leaves
Majestic, giant, old, fluffy
Rough, bumpy, smooth bark



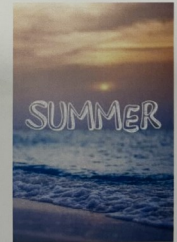
Racing Cars



The Super Sedan.
On The Round And Oval Track.
The Dust Flying Round.

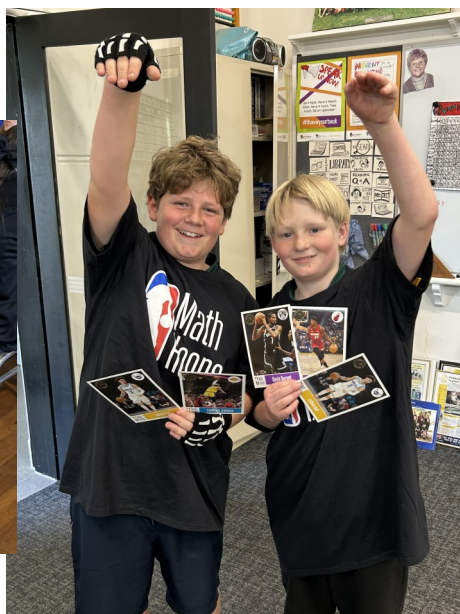
Summer

Boiling Heat Waves
Warm Ocean Waves Crashing By
Summer Is Scorching



Math Hoops

Students complete in a Math Hoops tournament on Wednesday 8th September, competing against 3 other schools from the Castlemaine area. In pairs, students chose their players to draft their teams, and competed in 5 rounds against other opponents. Levi and Lucas came 'runners up' and received Math Hoops tops. Riley, Bill and Greta were 'Huddle Heroes' for their sportsmanship to their teammate and their opponents. Well done everyone for participating in Math Hoops as you all did an amazing job!



JSC 'Anything but a bag day'

JSC have organised a 'Anything but a bag day'. An opportunity for the school community to unleash their creativity. Some of the highlights were: Pyjama pants, prams, trolleys, bins and even work belts.

Well done to everyone who participated!



3-6 Puzzle Page

COLOR WORD SEARCH

y	b	r	b	p	g
e	l	e	r	i	g
l	u	d	o	n	r
l	e	s	w	k	e
o	r	a	n	g	e
w	h	i	t	e	n

HINT: The first letter of the word begins with it's color!

red
blue
yellow

green
pink
orange

brown
white

6				
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3				6
	2		6	
	6			

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1					6
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				5	
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Winner: Levi Dunlop
Aka nextnickdaicos



There are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand on earth.

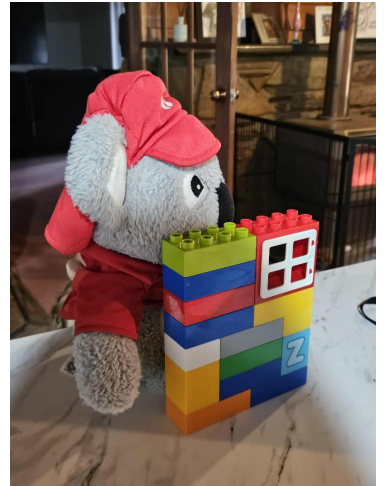
Dinner's Adventures



On Thursday I made Dinner
a bed! Then on Friday
Night me and dinner watched
a show with Mum but
before That I got new Boots.
Then on Saturday I got
new Sneakers then I got
a Sausage and I bumped
into Ceren! ♡♡ Then my
cousins came over! and
we played. Then on a Sunday
-B- we hanged out with Ceren!

Pip's Adventures

Here's what Pip got up to over the last fortnight while staying with Zoe and Daphne.





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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.

19th September - 'Footy Colours'/Casual Dress day last day of term 3. Gold Coin donation for the Police Blue Ribbon Foundation.



Thursday 18th December - **Last day of School 2025** - Casual Dress day. Gold Coin donation for Police Blue Ribbon Foundation.



ELPHINSTONE PLAYGROUP



TUESDAYS
9:15-11:15am
During School Terms

ELPHINSTONE RECREATIONAL HALL
Olivers Lane

Everyone welcome!
Just bring \$3 and a piece of fruit to share

For more information contact
Tara on 0478 809 621
Or join the 'Elphinstone Playgroup' Facebook page

English Tutor

Local English Tutoring –

Helping Students Thrive

Hello, my name is Tallaya, and I am an experienced English tutor with a background in secondary teaching and a genuine passion for helping students succeed. I specialise in building confidence and improving reading, writing, and communication skills for students of all levels.

Each hour-long session is tailored to suit the student's individual learning needs. Whether it's developing stronger essay-writing skills, preparing for VCE exams, or filling knowledge gaps, my aim is to make English engaging, accessible, and rewarding for all students wherever they are on their learning journey.

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

For information regarding session times, fees or to book a trial session please contact

Tallaya Maher on one of the following,

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KIDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kyneton on Riverside
KYNETON DAFFODIL & ARTS FESTIVAL

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	TIX?
SCARECROW MAKING WORKSHOP	30 TH & 31 ST AUGUST 10:30-2:30PM	THE OLD AUCTION HOUSE	\$10
BLACK HILL RESERVE WALK	SEPT 6TH 10AM-12PM	BLACK HILL	FREE-BOOKINGS ONLINE
FERRET RACING	6TH SEPT 11AM-3PM	MECHANICS INSTITUTE	FREE
ROLLER SKATING SESSIONS	12 TH SEPT 5:30PM	WATTS PAVILION	\$10-SCAN QR CODE
DOG DASH	SEPT 8TH 2PM-4PM	KYNETON VELEDROME	FREE
SCARECROW TRAIL	5 TH SEPT-15 TH SEPT	AROUND TOWN	FREE
KYNETON FARMERS MARKETS	SEPT 13TH-8:00AM-1PM	ST PAULS PARK, PIPER STREET	FREE
OUR DEVONSHIRE TEA AND CAKE STALL	8TH SEPT 10:30-3:30	ST MARYS HALL HUTTON STREET	FREE
GRAND PARADE	SEPT 14TH-12:00PM-4:00PM	MOLLISON STREET	FREE

WWW.KYNETONDAFFODILANDARTSFESTIVAL.COM.AU



AFL GRAND FINAL WEEK SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Celebrate the lead up to the AFL Grand Final with us!

BENDIGO - MIXED

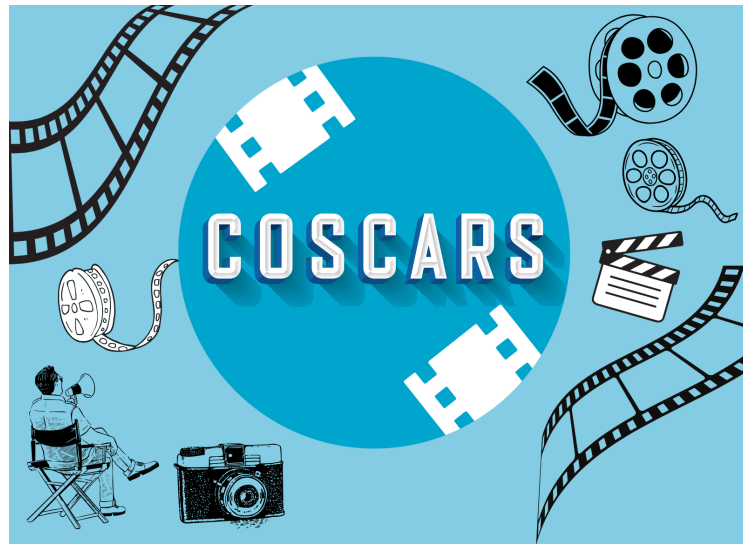
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 23 RD SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	STRATHFIELDSAYE RECREATION RESERVE, TANNERY LANE	

BENDIGO - ALL GIRLS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO	

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Auskick (ages 4-7) - learning AFL skills through fun activities
- Superkick (aged 8-12) - put your AFL skills into practice with modified match play
- Dancing, AFL trivia, competitions and FUN!
- \$55 per person which includes a football



COscars Youth Film Competition 2025



Cash prizes of \$50 - \$150



Films screened at the 2025 COscars Film Festival in November at the Theatre Royal, Castlemaine.

Ages 10-20 years.

Categories: Snapshot (1 min); Short (1-5 mins); Short film (5-10 mins).

Entries close: Midnight, Sunday 2 November.

Competition entry forms and guidelines can be downloaded on Council's youth website

www.mountalexandershiroyouth.com.au

For more information contact Shannon on 0429 369 894 or youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au



Youth



2025 JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

Phoe Broadway Theatre, Castlemaine

Sat 13th Sept 11am and 3:30pm

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[OvertheMoon](http://OvertheMoon.com.au)

Elphinstone CFA Safety Event

The community is invited to attend a fire safety event, which will be held at the Sawpit Gully Reserve on Saturday 11 October. CFA and your local fire brigade will be in attendance for this kid-friendly event from 11:15am. Hands on activities and a barbeque will follow the informative talk on fire safety.

For further information :

Helen Gramberg
Secretary-Treasurer
Elphinstone Fire Brigade



SPRING HOLIDAY CIRCUS & PARKOUR CLASSES



23 SEP - 2 OCT



FOR KIDS & TEENS



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Calling all Castlemaine Carers

A wellbeing program for carers

1st Wednesday of each month

11.30am - 1.00pm:

Self Care Hub

Professionally facilitated.

For carers of people aged under 18 years.

Castlemaine Community House.

30 Templeton St, Castlemaine

For more information, please call

Carolyn from RIAC on 0488 605 363

Registrations essential

