



Elphinstone Primary School

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Important Dates 2025:

November

Mon 17 Assembly

Thur 20 School
Sleepover (Modified
Timetable Friday)

Mon 24 School Council

December

Thur 4 School Concert

Mon 8 Assembly

Tue 9 State-wide
Orientation Day (new
preps and Grade 6)

Thur 18 **End of school
Year for Students.**

Farewell Assembly
2.45pm

Fri 19 **Curriculum Day
(no students)** End of
year (for staff)

January 2026

Wed 28 **Start Up Day**

Students start 2026
school year.

Thur 29 Formal Classes
Commence

NEWSLETTER No.17 13th November 2025

Dear parents carers and the wider school community

We have just come back today from our 5/6 Anglesea Camp, and what a wild and wet time we had down there! As Bill Wood mentioned in his reflections—the warmest part of all the activities was actually in the water surfing!! The students had a great time, apart from battling with mosquitos, and there are some amazing photos over the next few pages. It was pleasing to see students mixing from each school, and the strong friendships formed with Chewton and Taradale students will help with transition into secondary school next year. A Special mention to Gabe Bush, who was on his very first school camp, for demonstrating his resilience and creativity in overcoming obstacles. Gabe won our School Values Award at this morning's circle time. I would also like to thank Jamie for attending her second camp this term, as she and Trinity volunteered their services to Somers Camp. We just have the sleepover next week to complete the trifecta!



Last Thursday, it was Elphinstone's turn to host the Principal Network meeting which is held twice a term throughout the year. Schools from the Castlemaine and Maryborough districts were in attendance, as we hosted over 20 principals on the day. The new Art Shed was a hit with everyone, all the IT network worked well and the space was very comfortable and functional.



 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 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.

Opening of the Shed!

(aka Art Shed, Creative Space)

Thank you to everyone that came to celebrate the opening of our new shed. Mr Stewart is so proud of the support and effort everyone has put in to make it happen. A special shout out to Dave at Ecowise Homes for the time and effort he put into the inside of the building. Thank you to Ethan for the muscle in early days of lining the shed and again to Dave for his guidance. Thank you Katie for bringing it all to life with the artistic elements. We are looking forward to the many hours of learning and fun that will occur in this space.



Gratitude

Paying attention to what I have



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

We are grateful for having the opportunity to go to the Kickball Tournament with our friends.

We are grateful that the weather was kind and didn't soak us with rain.

We are grateful to be able to play all morning.

We are grateful for having our families come to see us.

We are grateful for Taradale for taking us in their bus.

We are grateful to Harcourt Primary for organising the event.

We are grateful our school paid for us to go.

We are grateful for having so many laughs throughout the day!



School Sleepover

Thursday 20th November

**Thursday 3.30 pm to Friday
3.30pm**

**Feel free to pick your child up earlier on the
Friday if you like.**



Dinner: Beef Ravioli - if your child doesn't like this meal please bring in an alternative and put it in the fridge in the morning and we'll reheat it for tea.

Movie: Students will vote! (Finish around 8.30, we'll text parents who are picking them up when it's close to ending)

Friday

Breakfast: Toast and Cereal

Lunch: Sausages in bread

We will provide fruit and snacks.

Students can choose to stay just for tea, tea and the movie, or for the all of it. Students choose between sleeping inside or outside with a tent. 2 students per tent maximum.

Please bring all the belongings you need to stay the night, PJ's , toothbrush and toothpaste, change of clothes, bedding including pillow. These items must be kept in a separate bag as students will not access these during day Thursday.

Do NOT bring devices and lollies/chocolates.

Anglesea Camp



My favourite thing at camp is probably the Flying fox. I had lots of fun flying and how I flung back at the tyre part, It was a jumpscare but fun. I also made new friends!

Their names are Duntae, Lanny, Angel, and Sophia and they all love K-Pop band Stray Kids!

Overall I loved camp and made such good memories.

By Billie



My personal favourite thing at camp was the surfing because we got to go in the ocean and I got to catch a couple waves. The one thing I didn't like with surfing was the fact that it was raining for roughly 5-10 minutes after we finished the surfing so most of the people's shoes were very wet so I left my runners out to dry and my swimming clothes to dry on my bed. Overall, surfing was my favourite thing because it was my first time ever surfing and it was really fun. I think I got chest high in the ocean but the wet suits were very annoying to get on. By Lucas



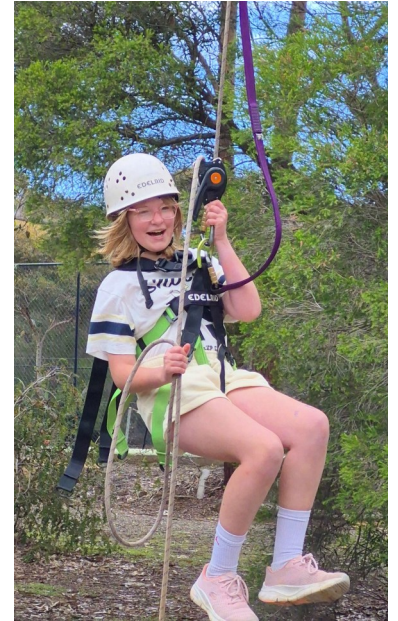


At the camp made new friends. I got challenged by millions of mosquitoes in an endless battle but I think I won! There was this massive flying fox, which you had to wear a helmet and a special harness. There were tyres to stop you from hitting the tree at the end. We needed two people at least to pull you up back to the platform. I felt scared at first then got the hang of it.
By Gabe





My favourite activity was surfing but when we went surfing it was raining and hailing! On the walk to the beach all our stuff got wet so I had to dry myself with a wet towel when we had finished. Personally I thought it was dryer in the ocean than it was on land. The food was really good and we got to have ice cream every night. There were swarms of mosquitoes and we had to be constantly swatting them. It was so annoying. I was very proud of myself when I went on the climbing wall because I managed to get to the top of the wall on multiple occasions and I didn't think I would get to the top. By Bill Wood.



On day three we had bike riding and when we were biking we got to go on the camp oval and have a lap or two just to get used to our bikes. After a few laps we went out of the camp and rode across the beach and river. In some parts there were a few jumps which were fun and we also got to go in front of our teacher in some dirt road parts. One of my favourite moments about biking was going through a really big puddle and the worst part was the mosquitoes and the swarms that attacked us. By Riley

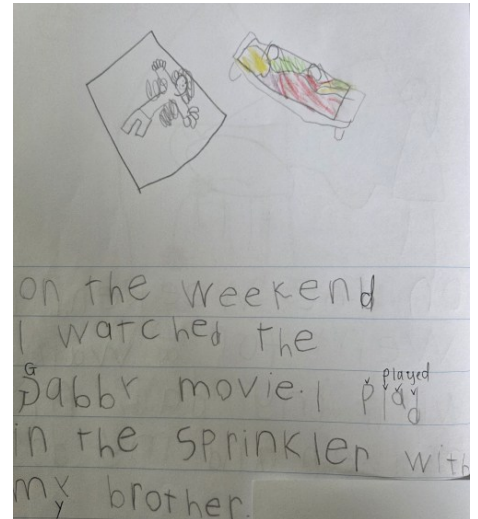
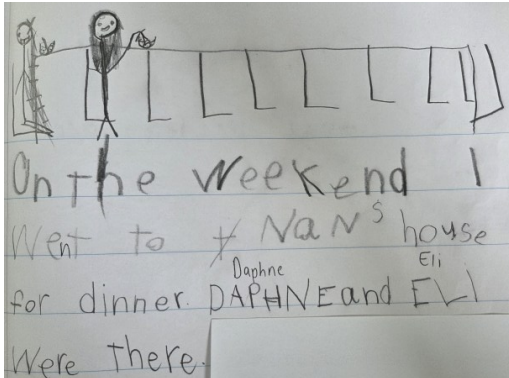


Miss Leehane's Class

Writing

Progress with our narratives has been slow with so many interruptions over the past couple of weeks.

However, our Monday weekend writing is always something to look forward to.



Transition

Our 2026 preps had their first transition session this week. Our current prep and two students did a fantastic job of making them feel welcome in our classroom. We read Wombat Stew and made our own stew.

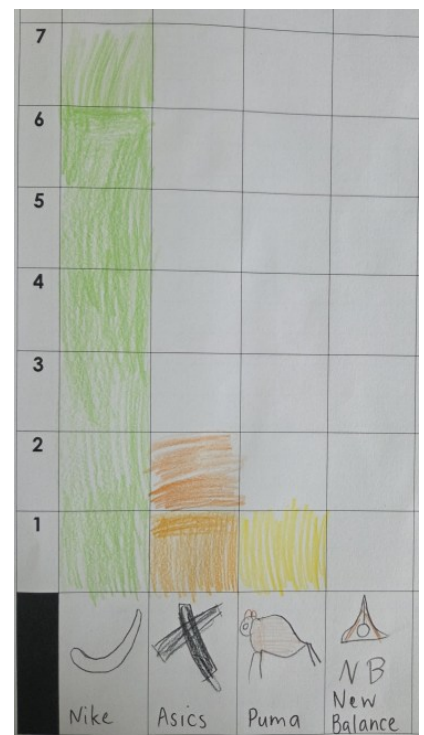
We look forward to welcoming them back next Tuesday!



Maths

In Maths, we have been collecting data and making graphs. We've learnt that tally marks are the most efficient way to record our data when we collect it and column graphs make it really easy for us to see and make statements about our data.

Do you like foxes?	
Yes	4
No	3



Mrs Rollinson's Class



Writing

As promised here are a few of our Persuasive texts.... Were you persuaded to agree with their stance?

Highland Cows are the best animal

Did you know highland cows are expensive? I believe they're worth every cent.

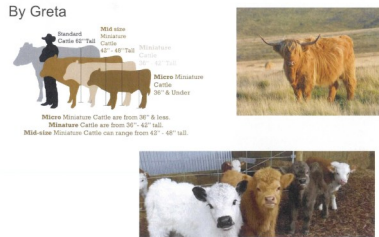
Firstly, highland cows are kind and warm hearted towards their owners. They are known for being kind towards their owners, often seek affection and are calm when being pet.

Additionally, highland cows come in about 4 different sizes. I think they are cute in every size. If you buy a Highland Cow you can either get a standard, mid size, miniature or micro miniature.

Lastly, Highland Cows don't take too much maintenance to look after. They only need the basic things like most pets that includes, feeding when there's not much grass to graze on, hoof trimming, de-worming and vaccinations.

In conclusion, highland cows are the best animal because they are kind, come in 4 different sizes and don't take too much work to look after. Now do you see why they're worth every cent?

By Greta



3x3s Rubik's cubes are better than 2x2s

Did you know that the 3x3 rubik's cube is 50 years old? Its old but cool.

Firstly, 3x3s are really fun for challenging heaps of people across the world. This is caused by mental stimulation. Now because of that, millions of people are loving 3x3 cubes.

Secondly, for almost everybody, 3x3 Rubik's cubes are harder and more challenging than the 2x2. For example, there are over 43 quintillion possible scramble on a 3x3, but only 3,674,160 scrambles on a 2x2. (both including illegal ones.)

Finally, The 3x3 Rubik's cube is great for the mind. While the 2x2 cube is still good, the 3x3 is better because its greater complexity requires more skills, logical thinking and memorization of algorithms.

I strongly agree that the 3x3 Rubik's cube is better for the mind, can be great fun and are more challenging.

Why Stray Kids shouldn't get hate.

Did you know Stray Kids get a lot of hate? I think no one should hate, all of us have feelings. Here are my reasons

Firstly I believe stray kids should get hate They are Humans and have feelings!

Evidence:
Some members hate themselves because of the hate. Ex: Bangchan my bias doesn't feel good about himself because of the hate comments on the lives he does.

Reason 2: These Idols do enough for their fans also dealing with hate give them a break!

Evidence: They have been going on tour and one of the members named Felix has back pain because of the tour+stress.

Reason 3 final reason:

It's cyberbullying. How would you feel if you got bullied?? Evidence: say you were doing tons of work and not getting good amounts of sleep and breaks.

In conclusion I think we should stop the hate about Stray Kids because we all have feelings too. - Billie
PS: you make stray kids stay ❤️



Cats are better than dogs

Did you know that there is a cat called a chinese sphynx, it's also known as the bald cat. And you can't get a Sphynx dog.

Reason1: Cats are better than dogs because if you are sad cats will come and snuggle you longer than most dogs.

Evidence/Example1: In my opinion cats are a lot more affectionate than dogs.

Reason2: Cats are better than dogs because cats are better to be in a small apartment.

Example/evidence2: They are better in small apartments and are a lot quieter than dogs.

Reason3: Cats are better because dogs are more expensive than cats.

Example/Evidence 3: Cats cost \$2000 and dogs can get to \$3000-8500.

Opinion restated in different words
So for those 3 reasons I think cats are better than dogs.

FUN FRIDAY

My group got very creative painting on their bags. We are looking forward to tie-dying on Friday!!

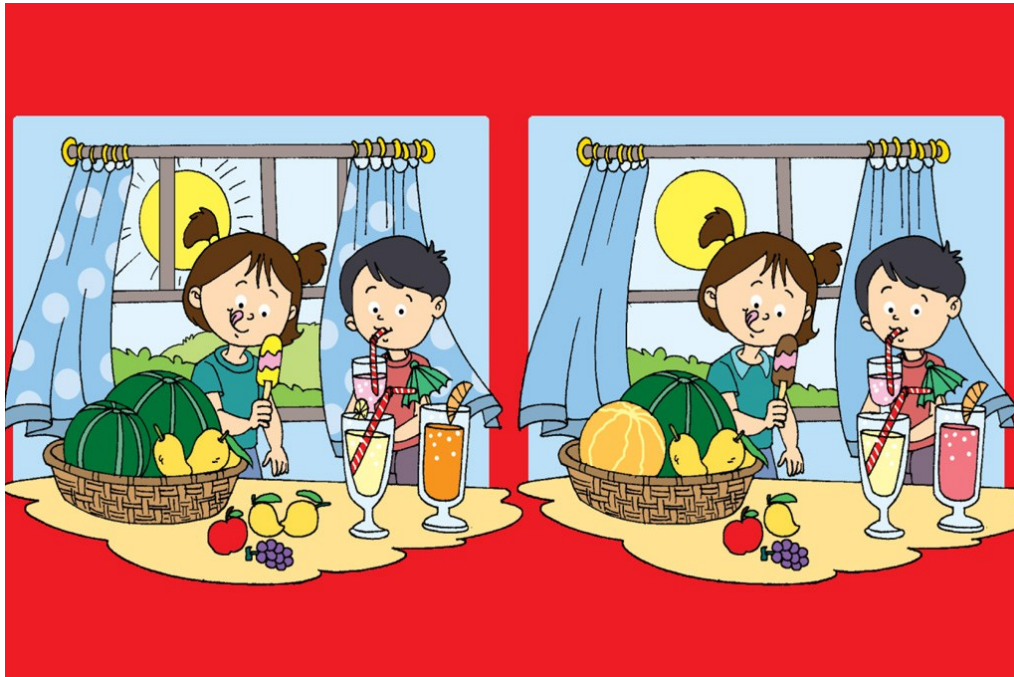


3-6 Puzzle Page



Spot the difference

Circle 10 differences you can find between the pictures



Star Wars

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE 05

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WORDS

Empire
Force
Luke
Yoda
Senate

Emperor
Rebel
Space
Galaxy
Star



Star Wars

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE 06

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WORDS

Battle
Father
Blaster
Clone
Death

Republic
Fighter
Ewok
Droid
Tatooine



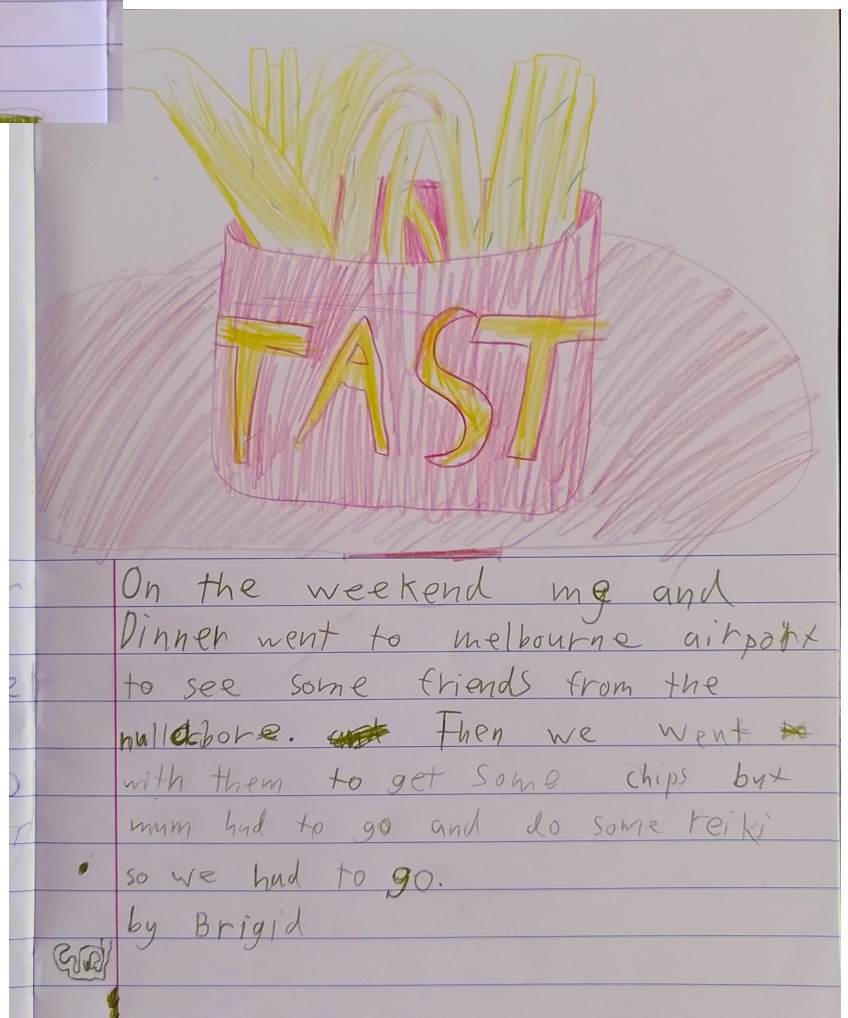
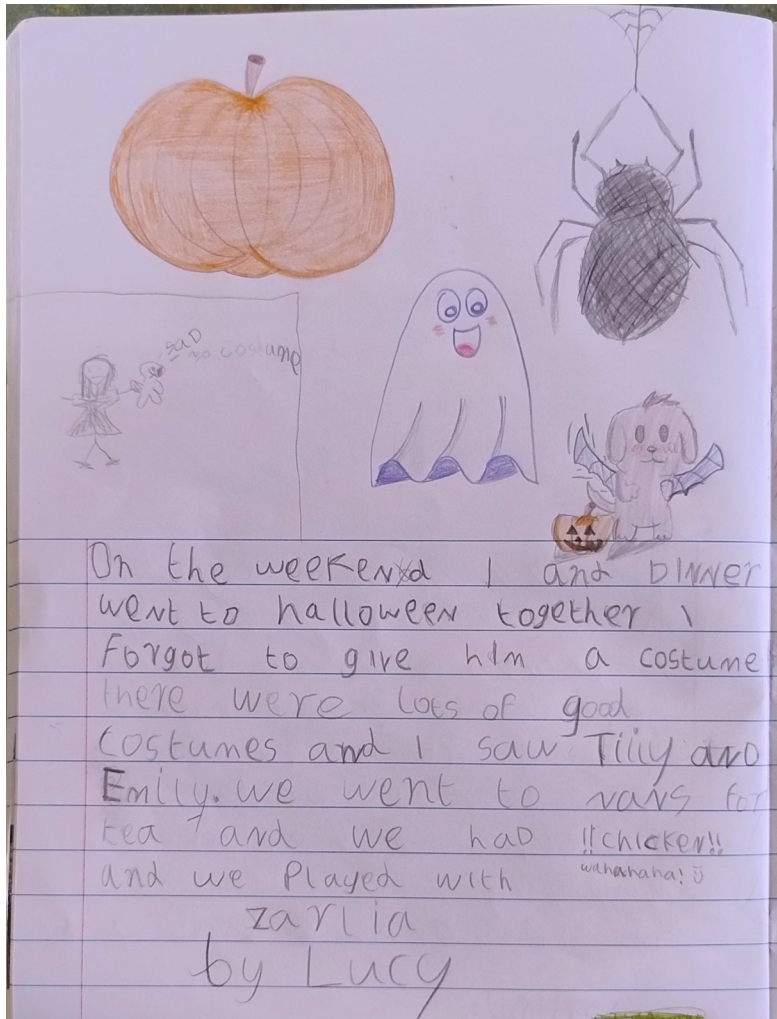
Pip's Adventures

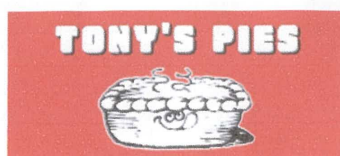


On the weekend
Pip Played Basket ball
With me and we
also found a frog
on the jumping
pillow
by charlie

On the weekend Pip came
with us to the Woodend park.
It was cold. Then we rode the
quad. And then played with
Nerf guns.

Dinner's Adventures





Elphinstone Facilities Committee Pie Drive

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, sausage rolls, Christmas shortbread and fruit mince tarts on **Saturday, December 6, 2025**.

Last day to order is midnight, Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish. The Christmas products are perfect as gifts or for that family lunch you have organised on the 25th.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make. We **need** the support of **everyone** to make this fundraising a success.

Product	Pie Drive Price To You
Fruit Mince Tart x 6	\$9
Fruit Mince Tart x 12	\$15
Shortbread Cookie Box	\$8

Product Per 1/2 Dozen	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	Family	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You
Steak Pies	\$42	\$36	Steak Pie	\$18	\$16
Steak & Mushroom	\$42	\$36	Steak & Mushroom	\$18	\$16
Steak & Cheese	\$42	\$36	Steak & Cheese	\$18	\$16
Chicken & Vegetable	\$42	\$36	Chicken & Vegetable	\$18	\$16
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$42	\$36	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$15	\$13
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$42	\$36	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$15	\$13
Pasties	\$42	\$36	Pasties	\$18	\$16
Sausage Rolls	\$24	\$21	Apple Pie	\$14	\$12
Party Pies	\$12	\$10	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$14	\$12
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Cauliflower Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$42	\$36			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$42	\$36			



To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up.

Or copy and paste the link below into your browser to start ordering on your PC.

<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/christmas/elphinstone-facilities-committee-pie-drive>

Join us for a free

Community Christmas Lunch

Thursday 25 December 2025

Hosted by Castlemaine Community House and friends

12.30pm to 2.30pm

**Castlemaine Town Hall, 25 Lyttleton Street
(entry via Frederick Street)**

Quiet seating available at the Senior Citizens Centre

**Share a delicious meal with good company
on Christmas Day.**

**Come alone or bring your family and friends.
Everyone welcome for music, activities and festivities.**

**To RSVP, book transport or find out more,
call 5472 4842 or email reception@cch.org.au**

You can also volunteer your time or make a donation.



For more information
scan the QR code.



**CASTLEMAINE
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HOUSE**



Community Bank
Melton & District
Bendigo Bank



**Mount Alexander
Shire Council**

Rotary
Castlemaine



**Dhelkaya
Health**

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.

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

***Remember you need to be sun smart so no singlet tops**



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 –

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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.

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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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IMAGINE THE FUN



Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

TARADALE CRICKET CLUB

- Thurs nights 4:30 - 5:30 @ Taradale Recreation Reserve
- 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec, 11th Dec, 5th Feb, 12th Feb, 19th Feb and 26th Feb
- Ages 5-10



SIGN UP TODAY!

 Play Cricket

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