



Elphinstone Primary School

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CARE – RESILIENCE – CREATIVITY

Important Dates 2026:

March

Fri 20 Kitchen Garden Picnic 1pm/CSF Nalderun Song Project 4.30– 6.30pm Castlemaine

Mon 23 School Council AGM 5pm

Mon 23 Castlemaine State Festival (CSF) Excursion

Tue 23 AEU Stop Work Action

Fri 27 AFL and Netball Castlemaine Working Bee (3.30-5.30)

April

Thur 2

Term 1 ends - **2.30pm finish**

Mon 20 Term 2 Begins

Fri 25 Anzac Day - no students at school.

May

Mon 11 School Assembly

Wed 13 Parent Coffee catch up 9-10am

June

Mon 1 School Assembly

Mon 8 King's B'day - no students at school.

Fri 26 Term 2 ends 2.30pm finish

NEWSLETTER No.4 19th March 2026

Dear parents carers and the wider school community

We were delighted to hear that Jessica (Miss Leehane) gave birth to Billie Jay last Friday, all are well and we look forward to a few visits before Jess comes back to start term 4.



Tuesday's Webinar was a great success, Pam organised some yummy food and we were presented with a range of valuable wellbeing strategies to take home and share with our families. With the parents who attended school and the many who watched from home we thank you for supporting our wellbeing program. We will make the presentation available for you to view, along with a link for a summary of the key points.

We have received very few Voluntary Contributions at the time of writing this, and we would like to remind you that, although voluntary, they would be greatly appreciated to support the programs and activities that we offer your child. Compared to other public schools, the \$185 contribution is relatively low. The letter that went out at the start of the year has been re-printed and attached to this newsletter.

A reminder that jewellery is not apart of uniform. A few students have been wearing bracelets and necklaces to school and we've an injury and another almost injury. They are also distracting students from their learning. If students wear non-uniform items they will be put in their bags.

Tomorrow we have our Kitchen Garden picnic for parents and Nicole has been working away with the students to make the food over the past month. We are certainly getting value our new freezer, as it is chocker block!



Parents attending the TRP Webinar Tuesday evening



Our younger students enjoying the AFL Clinic last Thursday



VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Total Funds raised so far:

\$2002.50



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		
<p style="text-align: center;">Care</p> <p>We show kindness and empathy when we care for ourselves, others and country.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Resilience</p> <p>When things are tricky, we bounce back from the challenges we face.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Creativity</p> <p>We are all unique, imaginative and can think outside the box.</p>

ASSEMBLY

This week we celebrated three of our students: Xavier, Tilly and Brigid.

They were celebrated with lovely letters, poems and some very beautiful colouring from the P-2 Class. Thank you to all the students that put their creative hats on when making sweet love heart messages and pop up cards.



Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<p>Week 4 11th May</p> <p>Keziah, Elijah, Lila, Josiah</p> <p>Hosts: Lucas, Charlie</p>	<p>Week 4 3rd August</p> <p>Ren, Gilbert, Tommy</p> <p>Hosts: Billie, Elijah</p>	<p>Week 4 26th October</p> <p>Charlie, Rosie, Daphne, Marshall</p> <p>Hosts: Lucas, Lila</p>
<p>Week 7 1st June</p> <p>Zoe, Lucy, Eli</p> <p>Hosts: Gilbert, Josiah</p>	<p>Week 8 31st August</p> <p>Sylvia, Eva, Zane</p> <p>Hosts: Greta, Ren</p>	<p>Week 8 23rd November</p> <p>Indie, Elise, Tyson</p> <p>Hosts: Brigid, Keziah/Billie</p>
		<p>Last Day 17th December</p> <p>Xavier Lucas Greta Billie</p>





Kids in the Kitchen!



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER
KITCHEN GARDEN
FOUNDATION.
Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

Nicole's kitchen garden class busy baking for tomorrow's picnic. I love how they manage on the tall table!



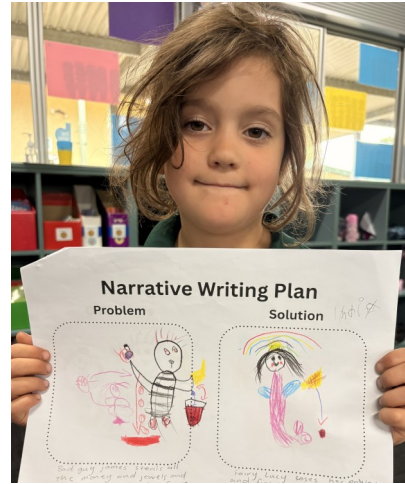
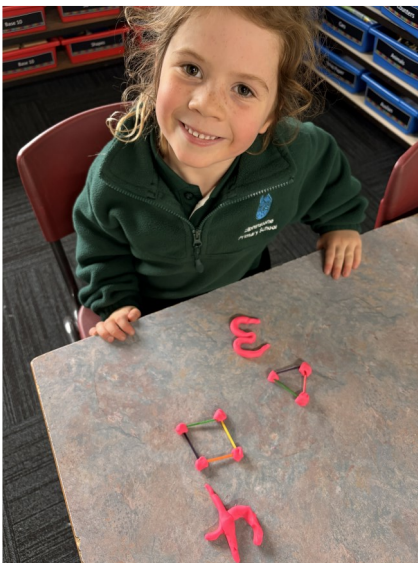
Miss Davidson's Class

Writing

This week in writing we are working on the middle of our narratives. This includes introducing the problem and the villain of our story.

Maths

In maths this week we have been learning about shapes. We have made beautiful artworks using lots of different kinds of shape. We have also made shapes out of playdoh and match sticks.



Reading

Each week we read a new picture story book as a class. This week we read the book 'can you teach a fish to climb a tree'. Thank you to Zane who helped to complete our weekly book review and gave this book 4/5 stars.

Reading Diaries

It's been great to see all of you have reached 25 nights of reading! Well done to those who are well and truly on their way to reaching 50 nights of reading!



Book Review	
Title: CAN YOU TEACH A FISH TO CLIMB A TREE?	How many stars do you give this book? ★★★★★
Author: [unclear]	What is your reasoning? It wasn't the best one but it is still really good. It has funny things in it.
Genre: Fiction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Fiction <input type="checkbox"/>	Would you recommend this book? Why or why not? Yes, it makes you laugh.
	What is the setting of this book? lots of different places.
What is your favorite part of the book? Would you change anything? My favorite part is when the horse drives the car.	
By ZANE	

Mrs Rollinson's Class

NAPLAN



I am very proud of all the students that participated in NAPLAN the past 2 weeks. The resilience they displayed when met with challenges was amazing. You should all be proud of yourselves too.

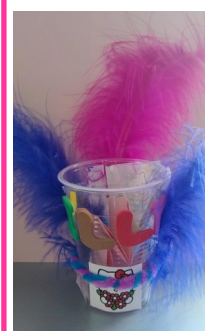
Buddy Reading

We took advantage of being altogether on Friday and had buddy reading. The little people enjoyed picking a bigger person to read with. It was lovely to see the smiles whilst sharing a book.



HEALTH

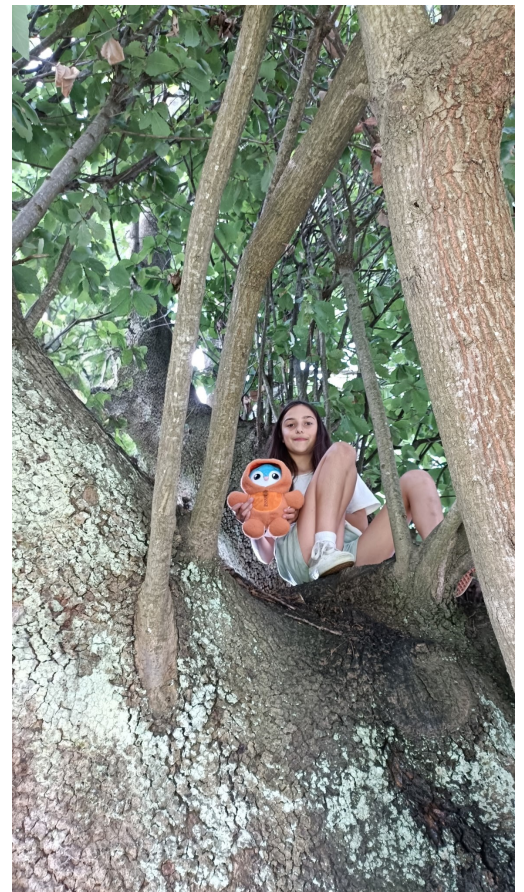
We creatively made our kindness cups and gave each other compliments, which made us all feel good writing them and receiving them.



Puddles Play Date

On Friday it was my birthday so Puddles came to our cousins house with us. When the cake came out puddles hogged like half the cake to himself! Then on Saturday ~~morning~~ we went to Fountain Gate and got some Bubble Tea. Puddles helped me pick out a new jumper. On Sunday morning he woke me up early and I was not happy. Then at lunch time we went to a lake with the rest of our extended family. To save a drenched camera unfortunately there is no photos. ~~But we had a great time!~~ Oh I forgot. On Saturday after Fountain Gate we went to Cienbrak skate park and Puddles had a fun time

on the playground and climbing trees. And on Monday Puddles helped us with the horses!



Harmony Day

Tomorrow Friday 20th March.
Wear something orange and
show your support for the
inclusion of every person, and
to celebrate of our differences.



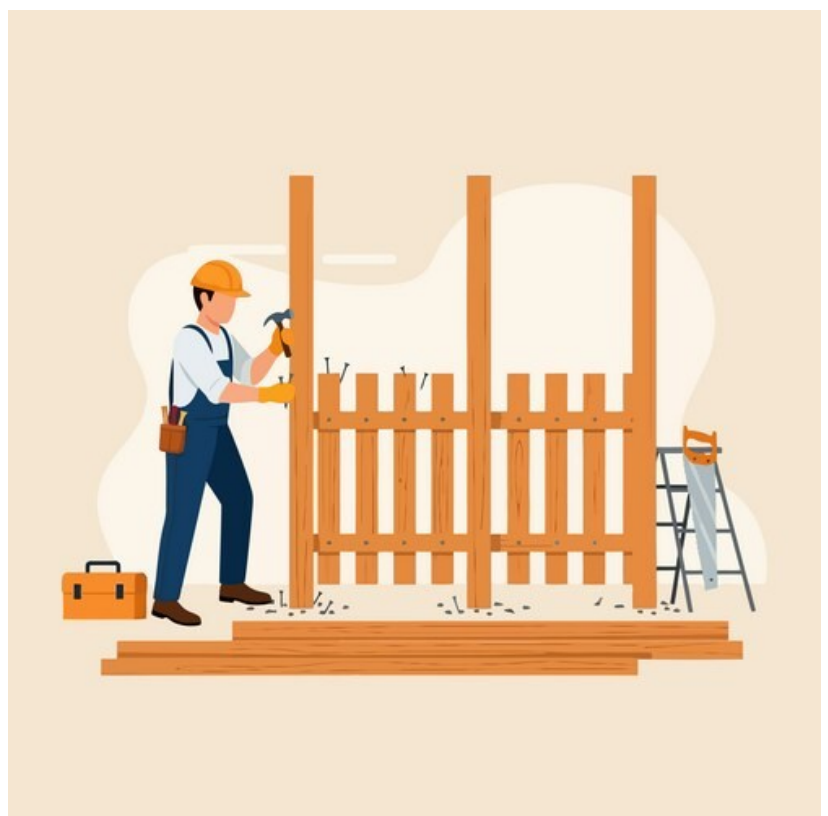
3.30 -5.30pm

Friday

27th March

**Elphinstone P.S. working bee -
fence construction.**

**Jarrold has already done the
measurements, so we'd love some
muscle to assist in building a new
front fence, please.**



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.

20th March - Harmony Day 'Everyone Belongs' - wear something **orange**.

2nd April - Casual Dress day last day of term 1. **Gold Coin** donation for Elphinstone Fire Brigade.



Fri 26th June - Pyjama day last day of term 2.- **Gold Coin** donation for the Pyjama Foundation.



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.



Castlemaine Lawn Tennis Club

**ALL AGES
ALL ABILITIES
FUN GAMES
TENNIS ACTIVITIES
EASTER FUN**

**\$35
PER PERSON**

**EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
APRIL 15TH 16TH 17TH**

**9AM-1PM 8:30 EARLY DROP OFF
Bring: Snacks, raquets (also provided)**


More Information: www.dropshottenniscoaching.com.au **BOOK ONLINE**
PH: 0448 009960

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

We're working with The Resilience Project


We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

Gratitude




Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

Empathy



Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

Mindfulness





The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it. It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

 @theresilienceproject...
  The Resilience Project
  The Resilience Project
  theresilienceproject.com.au

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,

taymaher@hotmail.com

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Elphinstone Playgroup

Music, Dance, Craft, Painting, Playdough, lots of toys & books & fun
All Welcome

Starting 3rd February
School Terms
9:15-11:15am

Cost: \$4:00
Bring a piece of Fruit
Morning Tea for Adults

Elphinstone Recreation Hall
2 Olivers Lane Elphinstone





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KYNETON
HIGH SCHOOL

*"Kyneton High School is a community built on the values of Respect, Diversity, Sustainability and Excellence, and a strong commitment to learning."
- Executive Principal Ana Rees*

See our school in action! Phone 5421 1100 or email kyneton.hs@education.vic.gov.au to book a place on one of our upcoming **Prospective Family Information Sessions and Tours** in Terms 1 & 2.



COME & TRY DAYS!

CENTRAL VIC
Rangers

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RANGERS
BASEBALL CLUB

ALL AGES WELCOME!




Year 7 Transition

Open Mornings

<https://www.trybooking.com/DKESGding>



**COLOURING
OUTSIDE
THE LINES**

PARENTING AND CARING FOR AUTISTIC KIDS

Presented by Ash Lance, Treehouse Paediatrics.

This workshop offers neuro-affirming strategies for parents and caregivers of autistic children, or those who suspect their child may be autistic. Together, we'll explore practical ways to support connection, regulation, understand sensory differences and foster positive self identity in a world that isn't always designed for neurodiversity.

This workshop is designed and facilitated by:

- Ashlee Lance, AuDHDer, parent of autistic children, Director of Treehouse Paediatrics.
- Elise Lidgett, Art Therapist, parent of neurodivergent children and deep advocate for parent and carer wellbeing.

Castlemaine Library

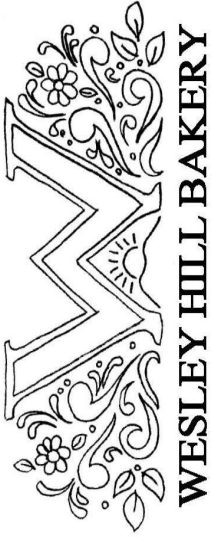
Thursday 12 March, 5.30-7pm

 [goldfieldslibraries.com](https://www.goldfieldslibraries.com)

Book here

Presented in partnership with
Mount Alexander Shire Council
& Dhelkaya Health.





ELPHINSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL
COMMUNITY EASTER DRIVE
ORDER FORM



NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ITEM	ORDER		TOTAL
	COST	ORDER	
eg. Hot Cross Buns	\$15	6	\$90
1/2 doz. Hot Cross Buns - Fruit	\$15		
1/2 doz. Hot Cross Buns - Fruitless	\$15		

GRAND TOTAL:	\$
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PLEASE RETURN FORM BY: Wednesday 25th March 2026

COLLECTION DAY: Wednesday 1st April 2026

ORDER INSTRUCTIONS: Please return this completed order form with the correct money to the school or Gill @ the Elphinstone General Store by Wednesday 25th March.

Collection will be at Elphinstone Primary School on Wednesday April 1st at 3.30pm – 3.45pm and from the Elphinstone General Store 3.45pm onwards...

For any questions or concerns please contact Susan on 0401 764 050.