



Elphinstone Primary School

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CARE – RESILIENCE – CREATIVITY

Important Dates 2026:

May

Fri 15 School based Cross Country

Mon 18 Education Week—Career Dress up Day

Wed 20 Proposed Ulumbarra Theatre Excursion TBC

Thur 21 'Making Friends with Worry' Parent session 1-1.40pm

Fri 22 Walk to School Day/Goldfields Division Cross Country at Wesley Hill

June

Mon 1 School Assembly 3pm

Fri 5 **Curriculum Day—no classes**

Mon 8 **King's Birthday Holiday**

Mon 15 School Council 5pm

Wed 17 Discovery Centre Bendigo (Brick Motion Workshop) travel by train

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

July

Mon 13 Term 3 begins

August

Wed 26—Fri 28 3/4 Camp to Lady Northcote

September

Fri 4 **Curriculum Day—school closed**

Fri 11 Goldfields Railway Excursion (Castlemaine to

NEWSLETTER No.7 14th May 2026

Dear parents carers and the wider school community

The autumn weather continues to shine on us and it looks like hanging on for our cross country event which will be held at school tomorrow. We would love to see as many parents, carers and extended family and friends to come along between 11.30 and 1pm. Students will compete on the same course as last year, across the road in Wright St, following a track that crosses the water race a couple of times and ending up back in front of the school. We'd appreciate it if you are able to assist by marshalling along several check points or helping out on the BBQ.


Tabloid sports was another successful event, held last Friday, with out Prep/2 students participating and our grade 5 and 6 students running 2 of the 12 activities, which were 'Dr Dodgeball' and 'Tail Tiggy'. We had many complimentary comments about the way our older students ran the games, and they should be proud of their efforts. The younger students had a great time and it was difficult to work out which activity was their favourite as there were so many when we asked them!

We have added a couple more exciting excursions to our calendar, later this term students will be attending a Lego Brick Motion workshop at the Science an Discovery Centre in Bendigo. While we are there we also added a session in the Planetarium titled 'Robot Explorers'. As it is located next to the train station, we will use the free V-Line group travel for students, so school will start and end at the Castlemaine Train Station that day. Detailed notes will be sent out a couple of weeks prior to the day.

Lastly, a reminder that Friday 5 June is a designated Curriculum Day the school will be closed as teachers prepare mid semester reports and spend some time planning the second half of the school year.



Students in the P/2 class along with our grade 5 and 6 helper at the Tabloid event at Wesley Hill

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

ASSEMBLIES 2026

This weeks assembly we celebrated Josiah, Keziah, Lila and Elijah.

Students creativity flourished with positivity boxes, drawings, stories and craft.

We look forward to our next assembly to see even more creativity.

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



What was the **funniest thing** that happened today?

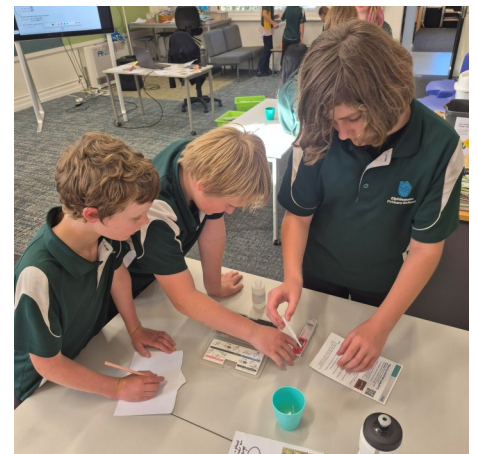
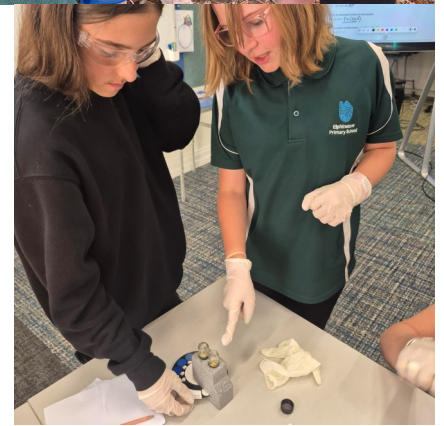
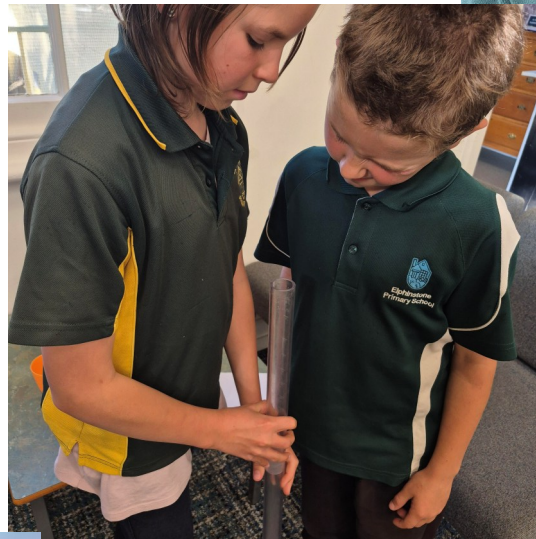
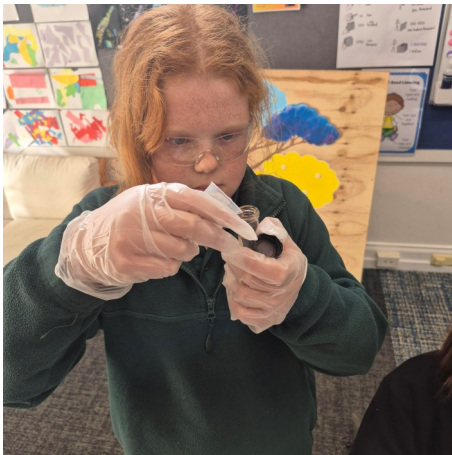


Tabloid Sports





This week students have been scientifically testing the water, checking turbidity, salinity, phosphorous levels and pH, and ranking the water quality of our site using a set of standards provided in our resource kit. Results are uploaded on a River Detectives website and shared with the North Central CMA and several other schools that are monitoring the Coliban River Catchment, such as Malmsbury Primary School. We look forward to performing a freshwater invertebrate survey with some aquatic scientists in a few weeks time!



Miss Davidson's Class

Writing

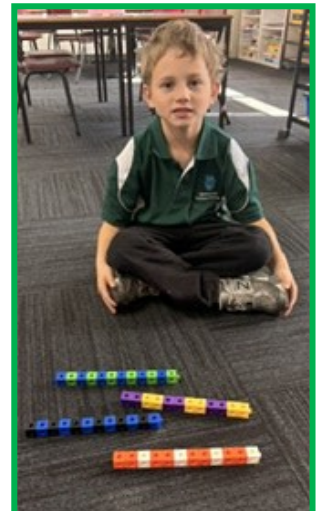
For writing this week, we have been focusing on Informative writing. So far we have written facts that we have learnt about Kangaroos. Sylvia wrote– Joey's stay in their pouches for eight months. Kangaroos travel in a group called mobs.

We also wrote recounts about all the fun we had at tabloid sports. Tyson wrote– On Friday we went to tabloid sports. We played mouse in the house and doctor

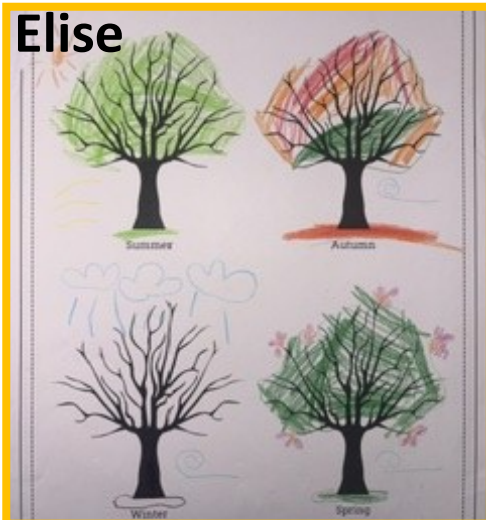
Maths

This week in maths we have been learning about Patterns. We have had our own go at creating and continuing on patterns using blocks and shapes.

We have also been practising our number patterns by counting by 2's, 5's and 10's.



Elise



Integrated Studies

This term we are focusing on the topic 'The Changing World'. We have been walking around our school and identifying how things may change over time. We have also been looking at what changes in each season. Here are some drawings we did to show how trees change.

Reading

This week we have been reading non-fiction books. We have learnt lots of facts about baby animals. We have also been practising making predictions and identifying the author's purpose.

Tyson gave the book 'See me grow' 5/5 stars and his favourite part was learning about the life cycle of a

How many stars do you give this book?



What is your reasoning?

I Loved it.

Cute photos of baby animals



Mrs Rollinson's Class

Check out the mindful learning!

Students were working on their information reports!



SHOW AND TELL!

Is it cute or scary? - we had mixed feelings of Lucy's show and tell this week.



PBL - P-3 Group

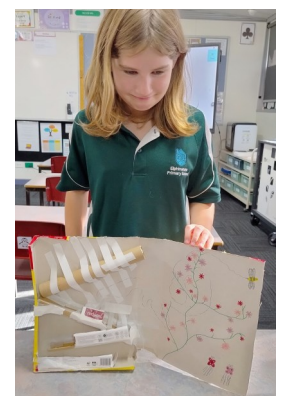
We are progressing further with our whole class project, it's close to being complete. Here are some very focused students in action:



PBL - 4-6 Group



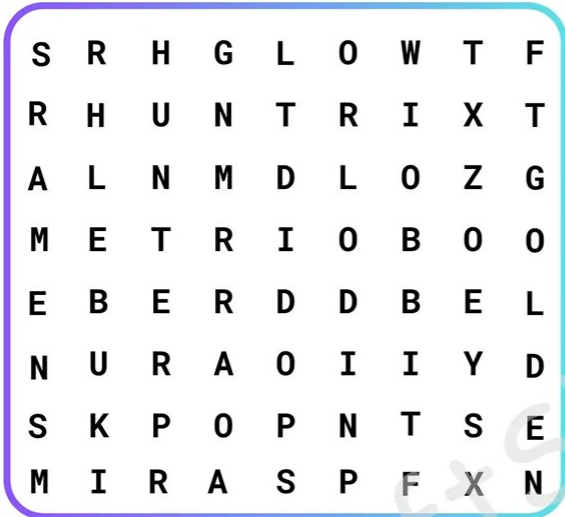
Students have completed their marble runs this week. Check out them in action on Facebook.



Puzzle Page - By Billie

K-pop Word Search

Find the 10 clues to complete your comeback mission



- HUNTRIX
- HUNTER
- KPOP
- GOLDEN
- IDOL
- GLOW
- RAMEN
- RUMI
- MIRA
- ZOEY



Overall Ladder
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← Prev Round 10 Next →

#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	Rustyjos65	62
2	HShuff	59
3	Mr Rolly	58
4	Jacinta Deane	57
5	ElphoTurtle	55
5	Lucascrazy1420	55
5	Mrs Rolly	55
8	Chazza 35	54
9	Coach Kye	52
9	Miss Leehane	52
9	NeonFlash_27	52
12	Riley71	51
12	Sarcee	51
14	Wild Westys	50
15	TacoMuncher	48



Why are elevator jokes so good?
They work on many levels.

What did one hat say to the other?
You go on ahead.



Puddles Play Dates

On the weekend, me and Puddles mostly just chilled out. We watched a really good show together and I read to him. I introduced Cc, my cat, to Puddles but she didn't like it! From Brigid.



Puddles go into trouble at Tilly's house for falling on to Jake!



Education Week



Career Theme

Dress Up Day



Monday 18th May



What Job do you
Want when you
Grow up?

PARENT SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SESSIONS

TERM 2, 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)

WHEN	TIME	TOPIC
Apr 22	9.30am	ADHD What is it and How Can I
Apr 29	9.30am	What Is Autism and How Can I
May 6th	9.30am	Parent Wellbeing
May 13	9.30am	All about anger
May 20	9.30am	Managing Big Feelings
May 27	9.30am	Tech Troubles
Jun 3	9.30am	Anxiety in kids
Jun 10	9.30am	Family rules and consequences
Jun 17	9.30am	Sleep



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 you wish to attend.

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 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.





Harcourt Preschool

OPEN DAY

Mon May 18, 2:30pm–4:30pm | Cnr of Mills & Bingham Rd, Harcourt

Visit us where we learn, grow and play

For more information about Harcourt Preschool, including kinder registration details visit ykinders.org.au






Kinders

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:

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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



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

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- Executive Principal Ana Rees*

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