



# Elphinstone Primary School

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CARE – RESILIENCE – CREATIVITY

## Important Dates 2026:

### June

**Mon 1** School Assembly 3pm

**Fri 5 Curriculum Day—no classes**

**Mon 8 King's Birthday Holiday**

**Thur 11** SWPBS Assembly 3pm

**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

**Fri 24** 100 Days of Prep

**Mon 27** Division Football/Netball

### August

**Mon 3** Assembly 3pm/School Council 5pm

**Thur 6 (evening) - Fri 7 (morning)** Parent Teacher Interviews (students only required Friday if they have an interview)

**Mon 10—Wed 12** 3/4 Camp to Lady Northcote

**Mon 31** Assembly 3pm/School Council 5pm

**September**

**Fri 4 Curriculum Day—school closed**

**Thur 10** Chess Tournament Castlemaine Gaol

**Fri 11** Goldfields

## NEWSLETTER No.8 28th May 2026

Dear parents carers and the wider school community

We experienced an amazing array of activities and excursions over Education Week and now our focus switches to Reconciliation over the next two weeks. The highlight of the week was unanimously the Salt Bush performance at Ulumbarra, the students writing on page 4 is a testament to that.

I'd like to thank all of our parent helpers at our 'in School' cross country event last Friday, marshalling on the course and turning sausages on the BBQ. It was a magnificent day for being outside and all of our students had a great time. Gilbert was our standout athlete in the older age group and he qualified to compete in the district event held the following Friday, where he performed superbly at the next level, finishing 10th in his age group. This qualifies him to compete in St Arnaud against the best runners in the whole of North West Victoria! Zoe Hancock finished first in the P/2 group and Ren McDougall won the 3/4 race.

Please note that there has been a change of 3-4 camp dates, it will now be held from **Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th August** at Lady Northcote, Glenmore (near Bacchus Marsh). We are also planning a special assembly on Thursday 11th June at 3pm to celebrate our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). We would like to see as many parents as possible to come along that afternoon!

Even though it seems a little way off, I'd like to alert you to our Parent Teacher Interviews, which will be held at the end of week 4 next term, Thursday evening after school and Friday morning. Student are only required to be at school Friday if they have an interview, otherwise all classes that day are cancelled. An online booking form will be sent out early next term to secure your timeslot. Miss Davidson is currently organising a catch up interview with our Prep Student parents before the end of term, to cover students academic, social and emotional progress which will be included in the end of Semester reports that are sent home on the last day of this term.



Careers Dress Up Day, and Walk Safely to School Day



 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;"><b>Care</b></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;"><b>Resilience</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">When things are tricky, we bounce back from the challenges we face.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Creativity</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">We are all unique, imaginative and can think outside the box.</p>
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## ASSEMBLIES 2026



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

### CROSS COUNTRY CHAMP!

Huge congratulations to Gilbert 'Giltaco' McDougall for finishing in the top 10 in last Friday's District Cross Country Championships held at Wesley Hill. Gilbert tackled the 3km course for 11 year olds and now heads to St Arnaud early next month to run against the North West's best athletes. A huge achievement that has only happened once before over the past 15 years. We wish Gilbert all the best at the next level!



## GEM CONVERSATION CARDS

THE  
**RESILIENCE PROJECT**  
TM

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



Fireman



Teacher



Teacher

# Careers Dress Up Day

*What do you want to be when you grow up?*



Vet



Vogue Editor & Fashion Designer



Pop Star



Motor Bike Racer



Vet



K-Pop singer



Fire Captain



Lucy: I want to be a fashion designer when I grow up because I want to make cool stuff and use different fabrics.

Brigid: I want to be an astronaut when I grow up because I would find it very cool to be able to float around in a spaceship. I enjoy watching a lot of space movies and it look like a lot of fun so I want to go into space.

**Keziah: I want to be a surgeon because I want to help people and so I can cut people open and pull out their insides! (Pictured right)**

Lila: I want to be a dentist because they help people when they have problems with their teeth.

Billie: I want to be a fashion designer because I like drawing and making clothes and picking out outfits.

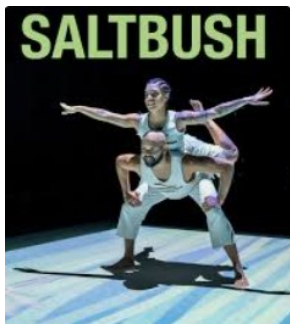
Eva: I want to be a professional horse rider because I've grown up with horses and my mum and grandma ride horses so I want too as well.



**PROTECT**

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility





Saltbush is an acclaimed interactive, immersive dance and theatre show for primary aged children, which was performed at the Ulumbarra Theatre last Wednesday. It told the story of two friends journeying across Australia's diverse landscapes. The production blends First Nations culture with digital design, allowing kids to step on stage and physically shape the light, sound, and story. Here's what our students had to say:



*The actors and dancers had good moves and I liked it where they crossed the road and pretended to almost get hit by moving cars. I liked the lady singing and using the clap sticks. She sang about country. Elijah*

**Indie liked the songs a lot and I thought the play was cool and they played on a white magical mat with a projection to add cool effects. One of the people who acted for the play had two sticks with patterns on it and she hit them very fast together to make a very loud and funny sound. Xavier and Indie**

There was everything on country like deserts, city and water. I really liked where I had to try not to get hit by the cars. I thought it was going to go forever. I loved the actors, they were really good and funny. Josiah.

*We liked the car bit when the dance floor showed these cars that were going across the floor and we went out onto the stage and crossed the road and tried to not get hit by the cars. Throughout the show they got us to go out onto the stage and do little activity sort of things like running around and following things on what was called "The magic floor". They taught us about country and all the different lands and animals. Overall we both liked the play and we thought it was fun. -Eli and Gil*

**The people doing the play had great tricks and spins. It was probably one of our favourite parts. Then they invited some people onto the stage to do cool activities with the projected screen on the ground. The activities included, crossing the road and not getting hit, jumping on lily pads and floating in the galaxy. There was a lady that had clapsticks and an amazing voice. We loved it when she made a projected butterfly follow her hand. Afterwards we went and ate lunch at a lake. The grass was incredibly green! We had an amazing time and enjoyed the play a bunch. Greta, Rosie and Elise**

The best part was when the scene was the city, there was a carpet called the white magical carpet. I sadly had to go on twice and there were a few exciting bits. Then we went to a lake to have lunch and after that to a footy oval and we played footy. It was all super fun - Ren.

*It was very interesting learning about country and looking at the amazing stage. There was a really cool projector projecting things on the stage mat which was very colourful. Overall the theatre was very good. Eva and Tilly*

**It was lots of fun and we got to go on the magic carpet. I had lots, lots, lots of fun. It was very interesting learning about country. And looking at the stage it was a stage mat which was very colourful. Marshall the people performing the dance were incredible. Me and Zane loved to see the moves and I loved how people could go up and do stuff on stage. The saltbush play was awesome. Zane loved how you could go up and do the play with the people. Zane loved how the magic carpet changed sceneries and the sound was loud enough for everyone to hear. Lucas and Zane**

We had lots of fun and learned that if you know the country song you will not get lost. We loved that the lady could move the butterfly with the movement of her hand. By Lila Sylvia and Daphne.

We had to take off our shoes because of the magic carpet, my favourite part of it was the dance they did. It was so fun! I like how we got to go on the magical carpet. While we were waiting to go into the theatre I saw my friend Matilda in a different school group. Keziah.

*It was so much fun. We got to perform on stage with everyone else it was soooooo FUN but we had to take off our shoes because we couldn't get the white magic carpet dirty. It was so cool watching their performance and the way they sang was so awesome - Lucy*

**When we went there we had lots of fun. The people who performed were very good at singing and dancing. When they were dancing sometimes we got to do it with them and be kangaroos, fish and emus. Overall the theatre was pretty great. Zoe and Brigid**



# School Cross Country





Update from Katie:

So far the students have been responding well to the SWPBS cards and acknowledgement system. I have Billie, Eva and Greta to thank for counting and filing student cards each week and being “Upstanders” by supporting their classmates success in this way.

Miss Davidson’s class have achieved a classroom acknowledgement and chose to play games! They show Care, Resilience and Creativity, and have placed their puzzle piece on the tree to work toward a whole-school goal!

Mrs Rollinson’s class has achieved their acknowledgement goal and will choose to spend free time as their acknowledgement of showing great school values consistently and often! This is scheduled for June 15th. Our next acknowledgement goal is for extra recess time for 4 days! Well done everyone!



We also need your help!

We sent out a survey online earlier this week here: <https://forms.gle/4YeuKuhC8hDToyoc9>

We want to make sure we have your feedback on what you believe are “major” (leadership managed) or “minor” (teacher managed) behaviours from students. These are not necessarily ones that have occurred but allows us to plan for appropriate actions and a flow chart of consistent steps we would take if they did. *Consistent responses from all staff create a safe and predictable school environment that enhances learning and teaching outcomes (Sugai, 2005).*

When we have surveyed staff, students and parents, we can develop our flowchart to support teachers and students, which will include responses focused on teaching, reteaching, and having students practise the appropriate behaviour, ideally before they get to the point of displaying a major behaviour.

Thanks for all your help so far!

-Katie

# Miss Davidson's Class

## Writing

For writing this week, we have been focusing on Informative writing. So far we have been filling out Fact files about our own chosen animal. We have been focusing on finding information about what they look like, where they live and what they eat. Tyson - Foxes are mammals that live in forests, bush lands and deserts. They live in dens. They are red, white and black. They eat fish, ducks, plants, mice, birds rabbits and snakes. Foxes sleep during the day and hunt at night.

## Maths

This week in maths we have been learning about shapes. We have been learning about their different attributes such as colour and how many sides. This week we have had a go at sorting shapes into groups based on how many sides and their different colours. We have also been on a shape hunt around the classroom.



Can you find them ?



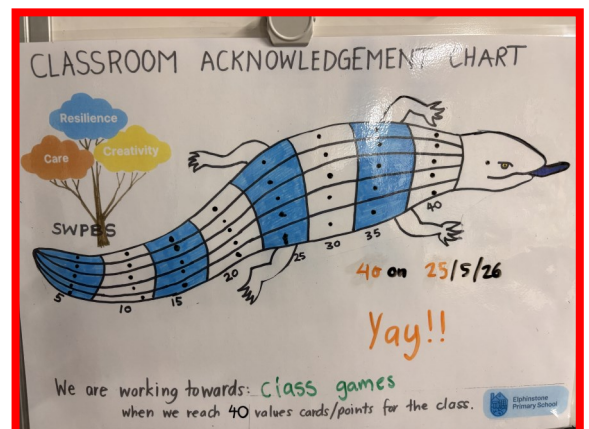
## Integrated Studies

This term we are focusing on the topic 'The Changing World'. This week we learnt about Chameleons and how they change colours to camouflage into their surroundings.

We had a go at colouring in our own chameleons to camouflage somewhere in our classroom.

## Class Acknowledgement Achievement

We have officially reached our goal of 40 Acknowledgment cards for our class. As a class we decided that we wanted to play class games for one session of the day as the reward. These games include bobs and statues, silent ball and just dance.



# Mrs Rollinson's Class

## Maths

We have learnt how to subtract using many strategies. Student liked the idea of stealing using the vertical column strategy. We've just started our next unit of time. Students have had some 'aha' moments by watching an interactive clock minute and hour hand move for an hour duration. It can be tricky understanding that the minute hand goes all the way around while the hour hand only moves one number.

The  
**AHA!**  
Moment



## RECONCILIATION WEEK HAS COMMENCED

All students learnt and remembered the history of Australia and the purpose of Reconciliation Week. As a whole school we made a storyboard to be displayed at the Reconciliation Walk which the grade 5/6's will attend next Wednesday. Here are the writing pieces students wrote for the board.

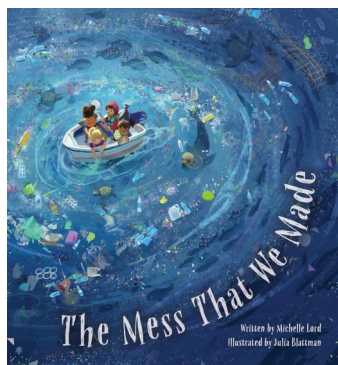
### Our P-2 classes response to 'What can we do to be ALL IN?'

We can look after Country by picking up rubbish and removing rubbish from the ocean. We can look after hurt animals and prevent animals from being hurt. We need to look after animal homes and not pick things out of nature. We should look after the food for the bees and the food for all animals in nature. We must not hurt our plants because it hurts our world.

Reconciliation means we care about our country and it makes me feel really good. I can show I care about reconciliation by acknowledging the country. I will always care and look after the Dja Dja Wurrung people always.  
- Lucy

## Writing

Students have started their summative assessment on the text 'The Mess that we Made'. I look forward to sharing them with you next fortnight. I encourage families to talk with their children to see what they have learnt.



## PBL - P-3

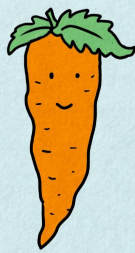
### Group

Due to last week's excursion our town has been at a stand still. We hope to have it completed this week so you can all come and see it when you come for assembly on Monday.

# Puzzle Page - By Greta



I'm orange, wear a green hat, and sound like a parrot. What am I?

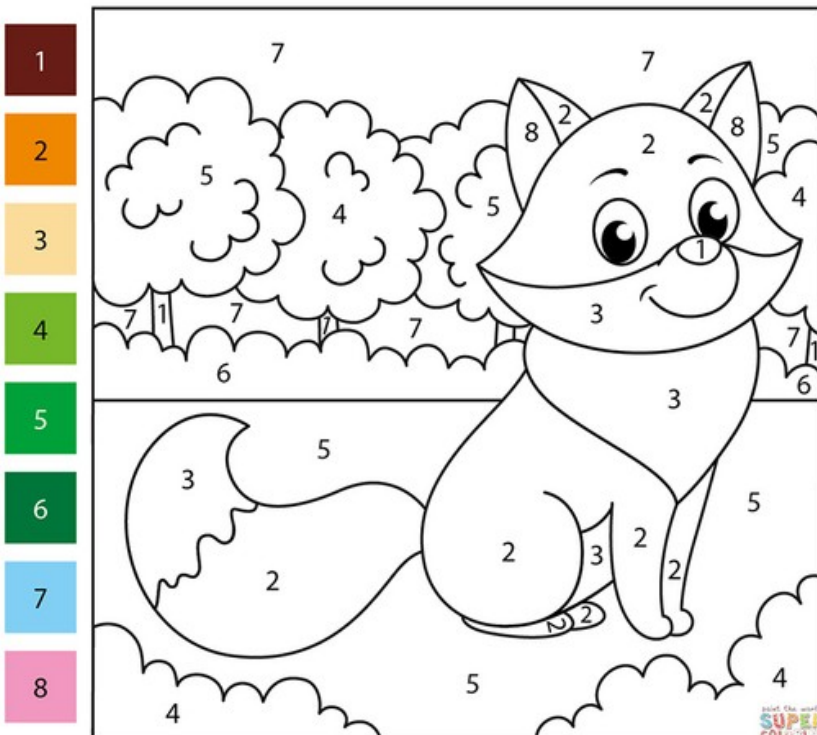


A carrot

Overall Ladder  
ElphinstonePS2026

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#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	Rustyjos65	71
2	Lucascrazy1420	70
3	Jacinta Deane	69
4	Coach Kye	68
4	HShuff	68
6	Mr Rolly	67
7	Mrs Rolly	65
8	Wild Westys	64
9	ElphoTurtle	63
9	Sarcee	63
11	Chazza 35	62
12	Miss Leehane	61
12	Riley71	61
14	NeonFlash_27	60
15	TacoMuncher	57



**What has a head and a tail but no body?**

A coin.



# Puddles Play Dates

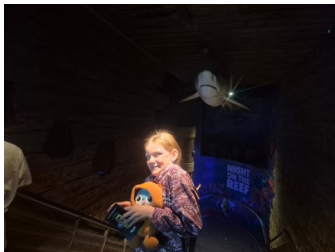
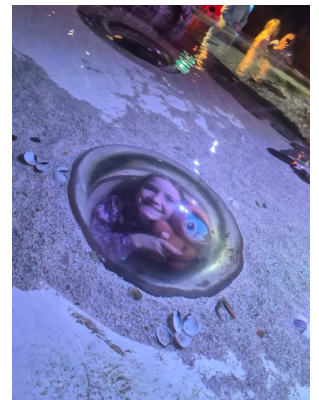


On the weekend I went to my cousins place in macedon. we played lots of fun games I also played football on saturday but I forgot to take Puddles. We won football by charlie



On the weekend Puddles and I played with Bryia and Keziah. I also made Puddles a bracelet we made a picture for the play school competition we also went to Melbourne on the train for an hour and a half. once we got off the train we went to the Melbourne aquarium we saw a tree green snake, shark, seahorses, starfish, Jellyfish, Penguins

We saw ~~so~~ such a scary shark I was terrified. we also went ice skating. it was so much fun. Bye Lucy



# 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](mailto: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.





## Elphinstone Facilities Committee Pie Drive

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising pie drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Saturday, June 13, 2026**.

Last day to order is midnight, Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

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 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	\$45	\$39	Steak Pie	\$20	\$18
Steak & Mushroom	\$45	\$39	Steak & Mushroom	\$20	\$18
Steak & Cheese	\$45	\$39	Steak & Cheese	\$20	\$18
Chicken & Vegetable	\$45	\$39	Chicken & Vegetable	\$20	\$18
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Pasties	\$45	\$39	Pasties	\$20	\$18
Sausage Rolls	\$27	\$24	Apple Pie	\$15	\$13
Party Pies	\$15	\$12	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$15	\$13
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Mac & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$45	\$39			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$45	\$39			

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://tonypiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/elphinstone-facilities-committee-pie-drive>

**Elphinstone Primary School**

**Before School Tennis**

STARTING TUESDAY  
23 APRIL  
8:00-8:45PM

**RACQUETS PROVIDED  
\$10 PER PERSON**


PH:0448 009 960

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**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.**

<p><b>Gratitude</b></p>  <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Empathy</b></p>  <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Mindfulness</b></p>  <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Emotional Literacy</b></p>  <p>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.</p>

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

 @theresilienceproject... 
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  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](mailto:taymaher@hotmail.com)

0424790788

**Elphinstone Playgroup**

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

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

Elphinstone Recreation Hall  
2 Olivers Lane Elphinstone

Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
School Terms  
9:15-11:15am



**29,30 June 1 July**

**WINTER SCHOOL**  
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Explore Bollywood, Bhangra (Indian folk), Indian semi-classical, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Jazz, Drama, Orff Schulwerk-informed music, Yoga & Creative Dance, Tap and Choreography!

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**3.5 - 12 Years Old**

**RICHMOND AFLW**  
**COME & PLAY**

**RICHMOND**  
EST 1885

**AFL PLAY**

An opportunity to join in a clinic with Richmond AFLW Players while they visit Castlemaine as part of their Community Camp!

<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME:</b>
CAMP RESERVE, CASTLEMAINE	MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE 4:15PM-5:15PM
<b>WHO:</b>	<b>WHAT:</b>
CHILDREN AGED 5-12	FUN ACTIVITIES THEN MEET THE PLAYERS!

**Recognising Sorry Day**

Help us acknowledge National Sorry Day at a free community event

**Tuesday 26 May, 10.00am**  
**Castlemaine Botanical Gardens (near the playground)**

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony performed by Dja Dja Wurrung Elder Uncle Rick Nelson. Reflections on Sorry Day from Mayor Toby Heydon and local school leaders.

This year's theme is 'All In', calling on all Australians to commit to reconciliation every day and take action—not sit on the sidelines.



[www.mountalexandervic.gov.au/Sorry-Day-NRW-2026](http://www.mountalexandervic.gov.au/Sorry-Day-NRW-2026)



**Guildford Bial (Red gum) Honouring Day**

**Sunday 31 May, 11.00am to 2.00pm**  
**13 Fryers Street Guildford**

**Lovingly know as 'The Guildford Big Tree'**

The day will include a Welcome to Country, Djaara Women's dancers, launch of the Reconciliation Seat (crafted with timber from the fallen limb of the big Bial), free BBQ, music, First Nations stalls and more!

Free community event, everyone is welcome.

[djadjawurrung.com.au/projects/guildford-big-tree](http://djadjawurrung.com.au/projects/guildford-big-tree)

