

# Eildon Primary School No. 3931

School Values: Respect-Integrity-Cooperation-Resilience-Achievement

Together we will develop a thriving community of creative, respectful and resilient learners who strive for physical, social and intellectual growth.

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Merry Christmas!

Happy Holidays!

## Newsletter 20

11 December 2020



## Students of the Week

**Juniors**

**Middles**

**Seniors**

### 4 December 2020

#### Amelia Roche

Amelia has made great Achievements in reading and working with others.  
Great Achievement Amelia!

#### Jewel Joshy

For demonstrating the School Value of Cooperation by working well with others and persisting to make some detailed giant paper snowflakes.  
Well done, Jewel!

#### Lachlan Tatham

For demonstrating the value of Cooperation by completing his homework to a high standard and always doing his best.  
Well done Lachie!

### 11 December 2020

#### Billy Dawson

Billy wrote a fantastic piece of writing, creating Santa's Day where we think about giving back to Santa!  
Excellent Achievement Billy!

#### Griffin Kool

For modelling all our School Values while at camp

#### Seth Pilcher

For modelling all our School Values while at camp.



#### Reminders

Monday 14th to Friday 18th

Swimming every day

Friday 18th

Last Day Term 4 @ 1:20pm

Wednesday 27th January 2021

9am to 5pm Office open for Parent Payments and uniform purchases

Thursday 28th

Welcome back to school all student.



## Principal Award Term 4 2020

#### Lily Anne Goninon

For demonstrating the school's term value **Cooperation** in all that she does at school and out in the community.

## Principal's Report Term 4 Week 10 - 2020

It is amazing to think that we have come to the end of another school year. 2020 certainly has been challenging in many ways but I am so impressed by the way our school community has carried on in such an efficient, respectful and cooperative manner. Again, well done to all!

Reports will come home next week. Please take the time to read through them carefully with you child/children. Hopefully, the feedback in the reports helps your child to recognise their achievements and relevant areas for improvement.

Last night, we held our Annual Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony at the school. It was a lovely occasion with a BBQ and music. Happily, we were able to present some awards, and watch some presentations about the Grade Sixes. We certainly wish Xanthe, Isabella, Jade and Chelsea all the very best next year at Alexandra Secondary College. Congratulations to Jade on her Art Award, Chelsea for the Alexandra Rotary Award and Isabella and Xanthe receiving the Eildon Boat Club Awards. We will miss them all very much. Good luck girls!



Next week the children will be swimming each day. We will again be working very hard at improving the swimming strokes of the students in order to do even better at the school and cluster swimming carnivals in February next year.

A huge thanks to Daniel McKernan, Mat Hodge and Mark Newman for orchestrating and executing the removal of the old pine playground equipment. The new equipment will be installed very soon making our playground complete.

Thanks also to Aaron Ward for voluntarily trimming the BMX track which now looks even more incredible. How many kilometres have been ridden on that track over the past few years? Some other works will take place at the school over the break, making for a very exciting return in 2021. Please don't forget that students return on Thursday January 28 next year.

Again congratulations everyone on getting through a difficult year. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

**Mr Jai Harrington, Principal**



Recording 'O' Holy Night' for Dindi Live.

## Art Awards

### **Toby Hall**

For great concentration and creativity with his Christmas lights house.

### **Jewel Joshy**

For showing the school value of Cooperation, by creating a colourful Giant Christmas Bauble, with interesting textures, bells and a golden Christmas tree on it too!

## P.E. Awards

### **Anna Joshy & Billy Dawson**

For great skill and sportsmanship in soccer.

## Appreciations

**Thankyou,**

- ☺ Peter G for cooking the Grade 6 Graduation BBQ.
- ☺ Daniel Mc, Mat H, Mark N & Aaron W for their work around the school grounds.

## tutor learning initiative: Information for Parents, carers and families

This information is for parents, carers and guardians about the Tutor Learning Initiative, which will support students in their learning in 2021.

The 2020 school year has been an extraordinary and challenging one for every school community. Many Victorian students spent much of Terms 2 and 3 this year learning remotely and Victorian schools and their communities have made an exceptional effort to provide continuity of teaching and learning to our students during this time.

During Term 4, schools across Victoria have been focused on supporting students' mental health and wellbeing, in addition to assisting students to readjust to on-site learning. Teachers have also been focusing on assessing student learning, addressing individual learning gaps and identifying those students who need extra support for their learning, using classroom-based observation and assessments.

We know that the remote learning experience was different for every student. While some students thrived, some students may not have engaged as fully with remote learning. For most of our students, regular high-quality teaching in 2021 will be enough to help them progress to the expected level of learning. Some students will benefit from additional intensive learning support in 2021.

As you may be aware, in response to this, the Victorian Government is investing \$250 million in the Tutor Learning Initiative to enable schools across Victoria to engage around 4,100 teachers as tutors in 2021 to support students who need extra assistance with their learning. Schools will determine how this initiative is best implemented for their students and will ensure that students will get this support in a way that minimises disruptions to other learning or school activities.

By engaging additional teachers to support children with intensive learning, classroom teachers will have greater capacity to ensure that all other students' achievement, engagement and wellbeing needs are met, so that all students receive the support they need in 2021.

Further information about the Tutor Learning Initiative, and how it will be implemented for students who need individual learning support in our school, will be issued before students begin tutoring in 2021. During Term 4, schools will be working with students to understand their experience of remote learning and their return to onsite schooling.

If you are concerned about your child's engagement in their learning, while learning at home or following their return to school please contact your school.



## Victorian Government School Banking Decision

Dear Principal and School Banking Co-ordinator,

I am writing to you in regards to the decision by the Victorian government to remove the delivery of school banking programs in government schools from 2021. We are surprised and disappointed with this decision and the impact this will have on the thousands of children, families, school communities and volunteers that currently participate in our program. We also understand you will be disappointed.

As you may be aware we have been engaging constructively with the ASIC's review of school banking, refined our program to incorporate or address the initial findings, with submissions from communities, schools and individuals right across the country showing significant support for School Banking.

In Victoria, this decision will mean the loss of around \$4million in financial literacy programs and school contributions, provided by School Banking and Start Smart – our curriculum-aligned financial capability program. These programs support the financial literacy of more than 100,000 Victorian students across more than 500 schools that volunteer to participate annually.

Our focus now will be on supporting our impacted teams and school partners across Victoria and determining what this means for them going forward.

Recognising the changing needs of youth financial education, we will continue working with ASIC and gaining inputs from academics, behavioural scientists, education experts, parents, school community and children to evolve our program to focus on supporting youth financial literacy, consistent with the school curriculum.

I will continue to keep you updated of any developments as they occur. I would also like to thank you for your support.

Regards,

Veronica

**Veronica Howarth**  
Head of School Banking  
Commonwealth Bank



**PLEASE NOTE:** Unfortunately to process deposits at Eildon Post Office the account requires a deposit card attached to the account. Deposits using the deposit book will have to be made at a Commonwealth Bank branch, the nearest one is Alexandra.

## Stay in touch ....



# schoolstream

## Please download the App today!

We have replaced Flexibuzz with School Stream, to communicate with our whole school community. This is a free app and we ask all families to download it onto their mobile phones, to receive all notifications that we send out.

School Stream enables teachers and staff to deliver information, instantly and directly to parents on their mobile device. Without using phone numbers or emails they can share the classroom daily activities, photos, meeting times and reminders.

## PLEASE DOWNLOAD TODAY!!



Dear Families,

Students should keep reading for at least 10 minutes a day over the school holidays to set themselves up for a great start to the new school year. It will keep their brains active, develop overall reading skills and their love of reading. To help families **keep their reading momentum rolling over the holidays**, Scholastic are releasing some reading resources at the end of term, including

- Fun competitions and reading challenges
- Reading games for car trips
- Author and illustrator tutorials
- Book recommendations
- Extra special book sales and promotions
- Reading tips and more!

Go to [www.scholastic.com.au/summer](http://www.scholastic.com.au/summer)

Happy summer reading!

# Eildon Kindergarten Report

## 11 December 2020

Last report for the year, and what a year it has been !!!!!

The 4 year old children participated in the state-wide transition day on Tuesday the 8th December. All had a great time with next years foundation teacher Mrs. Hall.

We will be having a small Graduation Ceremony for the 4 year olds and their parents on Monday 14th December.

The children have been producing some beautiful Christmas decorations over the past couple of weeks, these will all be sent home to share with their families.

We have also been enjoying our new family members Peter and Lyla (the guinea pigs), developing life skills such as *empathy*.

It has been great to see so many enrolment forms completed and handed into the centre for 2021. Please collect paperwork from the Kinder if you have not already done so.

Open Day will be held between 10 and 12pm on Thursday 28th January 2021.

Wishing you and your families all an amazing Christmas and a safe and happy new year.



Cheers  
Megan and  
Kass



# January 2021



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**Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun**

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4	5	6  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Olivia & Ava	7	8	9	10
11  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Cody	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Payton
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