



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – July 30th

### Remote Learning

At this week's leadership and staff meetings, I spoke about the need for us all to keep in mind the notion that we could be locked down for longer. The previously announced resumption of face to face teaching on August 19<sup>th</sup> is not too far away. Today's infection rate of 723 new cases is cause for concern. Although DET's advice remains that on-site schooling will resume on August 19<sup>th</sup>, we now have to set our minds to the fact that it is likely this current period may be extended.

We are now working on the basis that this type of learning is something that will occur from time to time, over the next 12 months when hopefully a vaccine may be available.

Therefore we have been mindful of keeping track of student work and engagement, giving and receiving feedback. We are determined to improve and fine-tune as we go. Thank you to those parents who have contacted us to express support and thanks for the improvements we have already made, but also to those who have outlined concerns – we are taking all suggestions and concerns into account and improving where we can.

This week alone at Birrale, teachers and aides have planned and delivered:

- 133 literacy lessons
- 109 numeracy lessons
- 21 wellbeing lessons
- 11 specialist lessons
- 20 integrated studies lessons
- 30 differentiated learning packs
- 125 whole class WebEx sessions
- 69 small group WebEx sessions
- 59 one to one WebEx sessions
- 56 work samples have been requested to be sent back to teachers
- 257 parents have returned work on behalf of students
- 1105 times Feedback has been sent back to students
- Teacher Ela Fornalska is running 5 WebEx sessions for English as an Additional Language (EAL) students.

Next week we will be introducing extra specialist WebEx sessions in Art, Physical Education, Music and Mandarin for students in Prep, Years 1&2, Years 3&4 and Years 5&6

When teaching in a classroom, one of the jobs that every teacher has to do is to keep students on track and on task. Some students are very self-motivated and work very well independently. However, it is amazing how often a teacher has to remind some students to do what they have been asked to do, to stop fiddling or being distracted by something else or someone else – it's quite a workload and it's constant.

Unfortunately, we can't be in your house to make sure students are on task – you are going to have to do that for us, on behalf of our teachers. Please don't assume just because your children are sitting quietly at their computers that they are doing what they have been asked to do by the teacher. (This won't come as a surprise to some parents, but some children are very good at disguising what they are actually doing on a computer – keep checking in!)

The teachers need you to ensure students are doing their assigned work. Please make sure you understand what is in the learning pack and what other expectations the teacher has for your children so that you can oversee what is happening. Don't forget also, to ensure work that is required by the teacher is submitted by the due date.

### **On-Site Learning**

We have a small group of students who need to attend at school. To those parents who are sending children, rest assured we are being meticulous with our attention to hygiene and social distancing. All staff members have been wearing masks since Monday week ago. We will continue our efforts with regard to hygiene, social distancing and adhere strictly to the current health guidelines.

### **School Growth**

Next week I will be required to complete the August Census. Part of this census entails making projection for our enrolment next year. We expect once more to have a prep enrolment of 80 students for 2021. Despite only having had two tours this year, one on-site and one via WebEx, we have had a steady stream of enrolment applications for prep next year. I will be holding another WebEx tour for prospective families tomorrow. I will be forecasting in the census that our student enrolment next year will be somewhere between 615 and 620. I have already contacted the regional facilities manager and have requested another Mod 5 General Purpose Classroom (GPC) relocatable for next year. This building would be placed between the staff car park and the existing Year 6 rooms.

## Enrolments for 2021

If you have a child who will be starting at school next year please download the enrolment form from our website at <http://www.birralee.vic.edu.au/ourschool.php?id=34> and return to us asap so that I will have a good idea of the enrolment numbers for next year.

**Ashley Ryan**  
Principal

### Quote of the Week

“The comic and the tragic lie inseparably close, like light and shadow.”  
Socrates

### Word of the Week

Misanthrope (noun): someone who dislikes people in general

## Book Club

Book Club catalogues are available online at [https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc\\_520.pdf](https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5642/bc_520.pdf)

## Entertainment Book

To order your 2020/2021 Entertainment Book go to <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/1890w64>

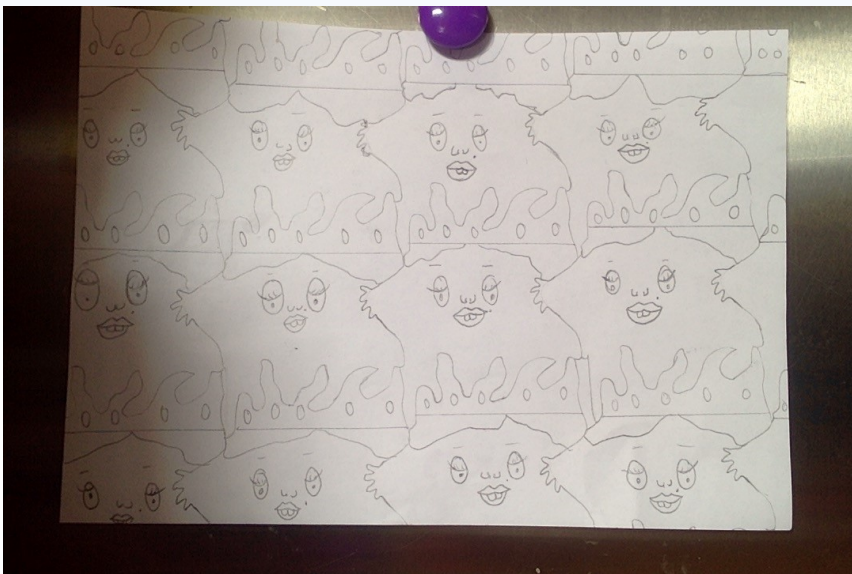
See Community News for more info.

# Grade 6 News

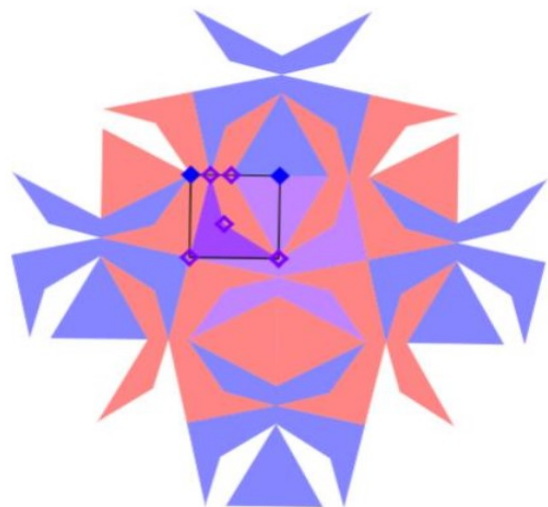
This week in Grade 6, students have been looking at transformations across a Cartesian Plane. It's been great to hear that some students have even been teaching their parents what a Cartesian Plane is



The students then looked at tessellations and were asked to create some tessellations in the style of M.C. Escher. Some students did this by hand, others used an online program. Here is some of their hard work below. Great job Grade 6s!



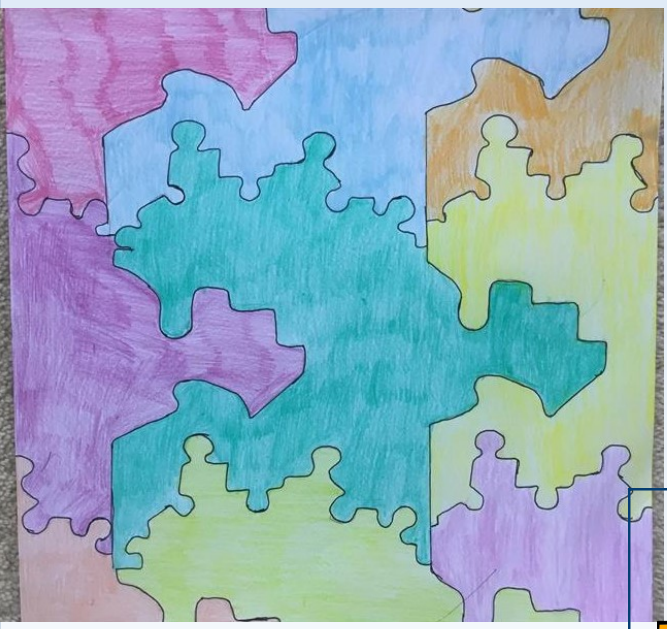
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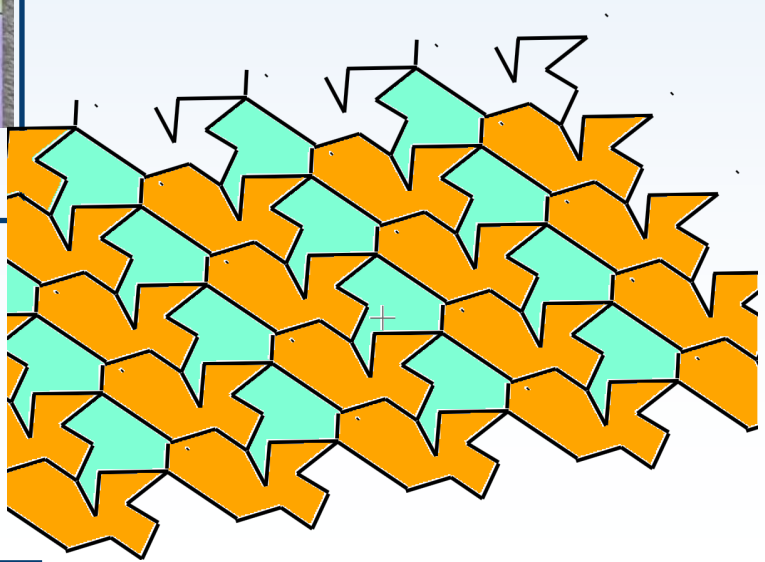
**Bodie F**

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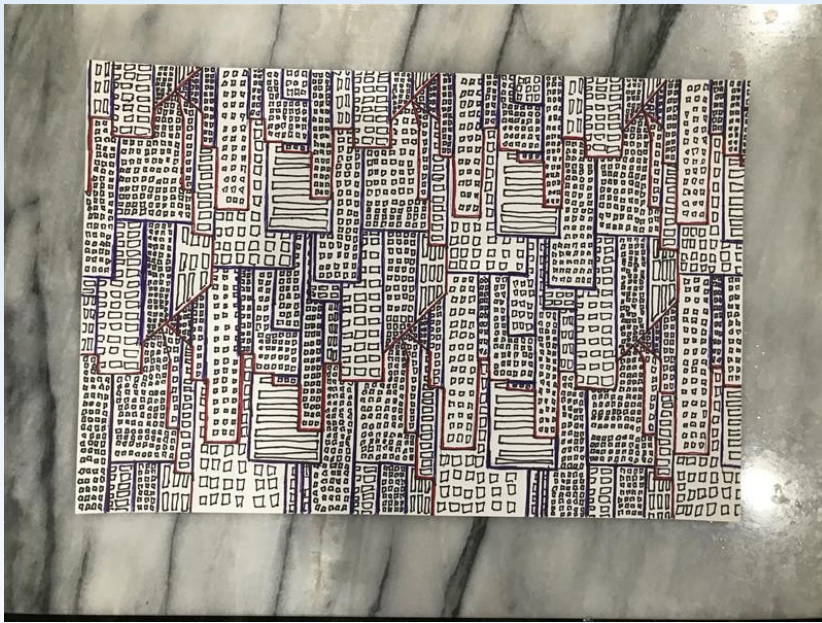


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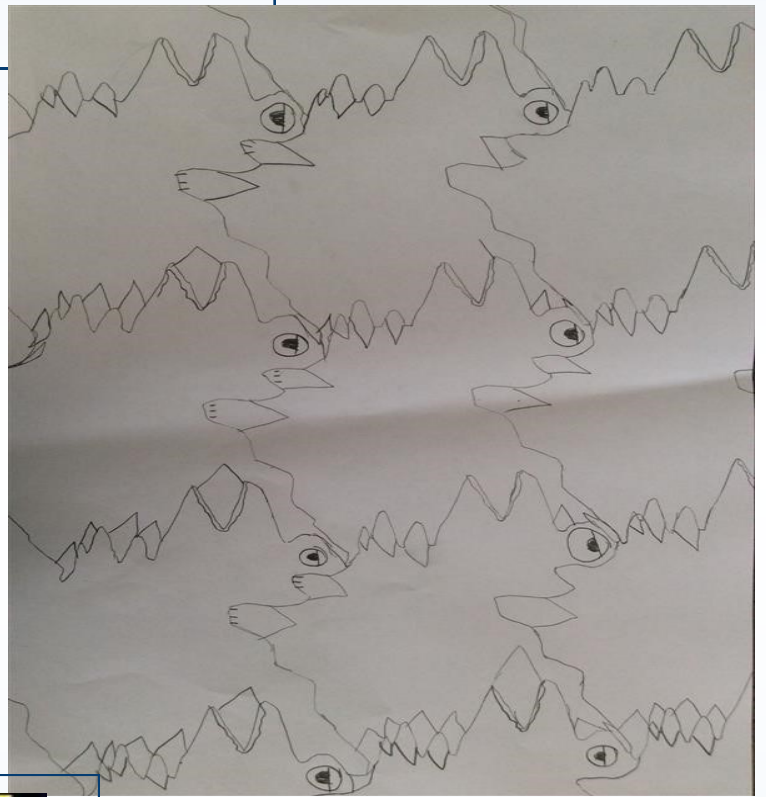


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Andrew P

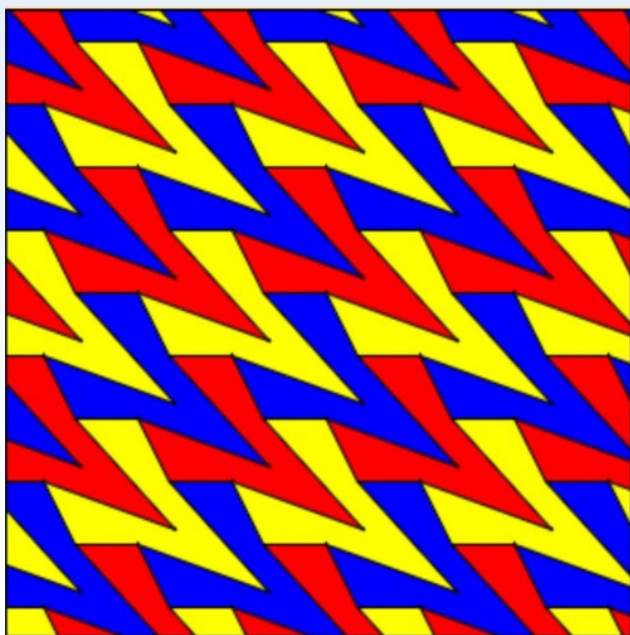


Ethan P – 'The Birds'

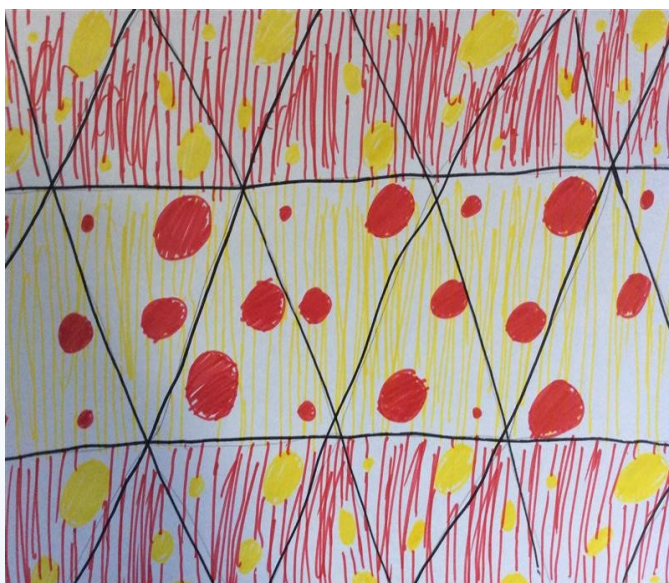


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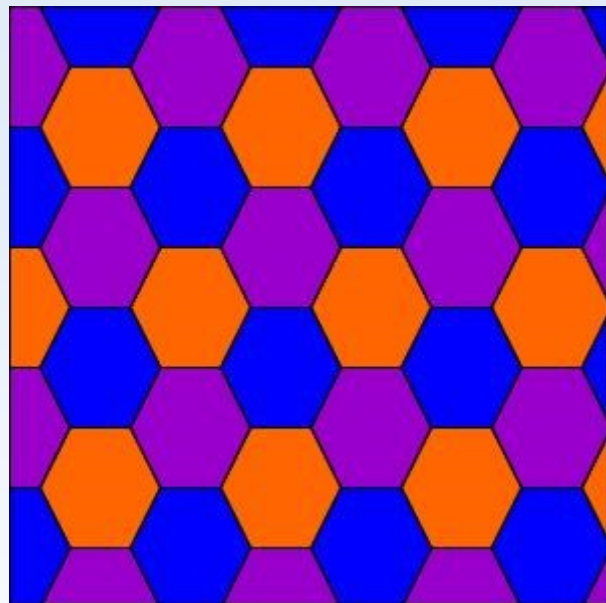




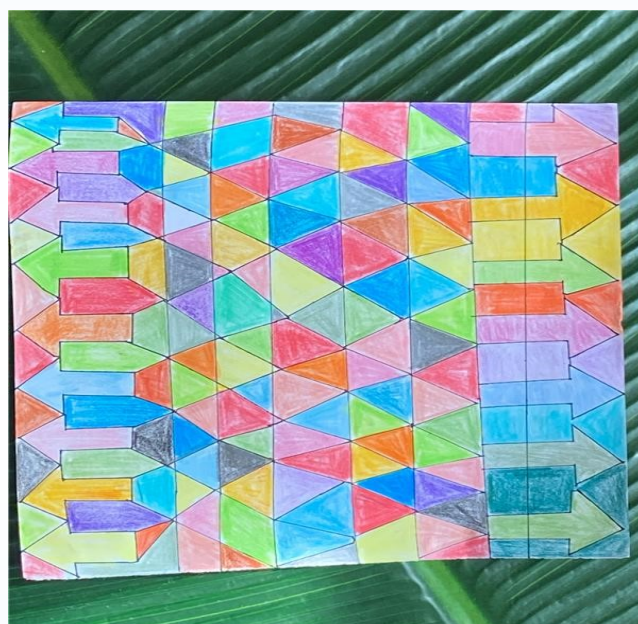
Elle V



George H



Leya H



Greg L

## Library News Term 3

Hello Birralee community! I hope everyone is well and doing their best to adjust to this new term, currently working from home. I had been planning on having a smaller and quieter Book Fair next week, but it has been cancelled now due to the return of Remote Learning. It may be possible to have it in Term 4, but we'll just have to wait and see.

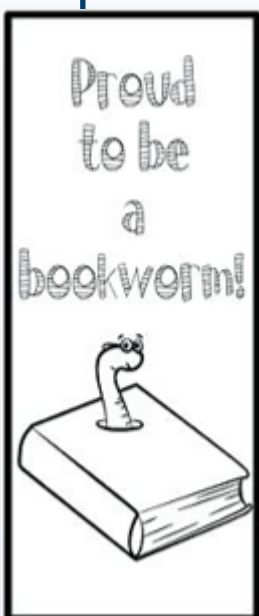
My enthusiastic library captains had started a [new library poster competition](#) last term and I'm sure they're disappointed we aren't at school to see the entries coming in, but I think we can still continue with the competition from home. The posters are to be A4 or A3, showing your favourite book character. When finished, the posters can be scanned or photographed and sent to the school email – [birralee.ps@education.vic.edu.au](mailto:birralee.ps@education.vic.edu.au). Make sure you have your name and class on the poster and put "Library poster competition" in the subject line of the email. Please keep the original poster so it can be displayed in the library later on in the year too! I will decide on the winners after July 31<sup>st</sup>, so make sure you get your poster in before then. Prizes will be kept at school to be given out later and I will put your posters online for everyone to see as well. Good luck!

Here are some poster entries that got in early!



Please keep up your reading while you're at home. I know we can't get to the libraries right now, but there are so many books online that can be accessed. For grades 2-6 there are 3,000 books available on the MyOn (Accelerated Reader) website. If you can't find certain books you like, then try something new! Maybe try non-fiction (facts) books instead, just for a change. For P-2 (and everyone else) the local libraries are online, there are many books read out on videos online and books can always be purchased and sent to you. I'm lucky that I still have a pile of unread books at home, but that is always the case for me! Happy reading!

**Cherie Hicks – Librarian.**





# OSHC Camp Australia News

## Birralee Primary School OSHC - Welcome to Term 3!

Welcome to term 3, it will look a little different than normal, however we have been working hard to ensure that we provide a safe care environment for all children, families and staff.

### New practices to OSHC – Temperature Checks

Upon arrival to BSC children's temperatures will now be checked before they are signed into our care, we will also be checking children's temperatures on arrival to ASC. All children are required to wash their hands on arrival, during the session and during transition of activities.

### Program Update

Parent voice is important to capture within our program, we use parent voice to extend upon children's interest and development, we are seeking further suggestions, feedback and ideas to ensure our program incorporates family values, ideas, traditions. If you have any ideas on any activities or themes you would like us to do, then you can let us know by sending us a message, or adding to our parent feedback box!

### Our Service

Here at Birralee, we have some new activities and experiences for the children to use, plus a new trolley that we have our puzzles and board games on. We have more new and exciting activities for our OSHC room and more art supplies to come as well. Looking forward to seeing everyone back soon, keep safe.



### Register and Book Now

To register and book your child in our program, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and use the school finder on our homepage to search for Birralee Primary School. To secure your child's spot, we always recommend making your bookings in advance.

Alternatively, you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

## 5 FUN FACTS



This week, we want you to learn more about your Coordinator, have are 5 Fun Facts about Jennifer Stoddart:

- **Fact 1** – likes Marvel Comics
- **Fact 2** – has 2 cats called Yin and Domino
- **Fact 3** – enjoys playing board games, reading a book, and playing Dungeons & Dragons
- **Fact 4** – enjoys watching anime
- **Fact 5** – listening to other's stories

### Extra Info

I enjoy coming to work and looking after children of all ages; ensuring they have a safe and fun environment to be in. In care, I focus on children developing their social skills; building relationships, working together, communicating with others, and learning to interact with other people of different ages and behaviours. My favourite learning style is: it is okay to make mistakes, it is what we learn from the mistake that makes us grow.



Jennifer  
Stoddart

we make kids smile

### Program Details

To find out more about our OSHC program, fees and times visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and use the school finder on our homepage to search for your school.

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# Community News



**WHITEFRIARS**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS



## **Meet the Principal**

Register now for our virtual  
Question and Answer session with  
Principal Mark Murphy at [bit.ly/WFCTour](https://bit.ly/WFCTour)

Applications for Year 7 2022 close October 2020.

To apply, please visit [bit.ly/WFCApplication](https://bit.ly/WFCApplication)

[info@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) | 9872 8200



# Community News

## Manningham Police want to hear from you

Police want to hear from you about safety issues important to you in your community.

Complete a short two-minute survey to have your voice heard: [www.engage.vic.gov.au/victoria-police-community-connection-project/victoria-police-manningham](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/victoria-police-community-connection-project/victoria-police-manningham)

We want to know about your safety concerns, any ideas you have for safety improvements, and your trust and confidence in police.

Your responses will help us better connect with and support communities, helping to create a safer Victoria.

And don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook at Eyewatch – Manningham Police Service Area



## ONLINE MANAGING EMOTIONS PROGRAMS FOR KIDS 4 - 12 YEARS

**TRINITY KIDS  
AUSTRALIA**



**STARTS NEXT WEEK!**

**GO TO [www.trinitykids.com.au](http://www.trinitykids.com.au) FOR FURTHER  
DETAILS AND ENROLMENT.**

# Community News

When everything is coming to a standstill, the need for blood isn't. That's why we're popping up in town from 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> August. 1 in 3 people in Eltham will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [donateblood.com.au](https://donateblood.com.au), on our app or on 13 14 95.



## Give life. Give blood in Eltham

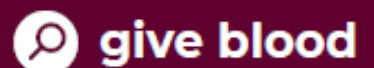
**801 Main Rd, Eltham**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August



Monday  
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12.30pm – 7.00pm  
12.00pm – 7.00pm  
12.00am – 7.00pm  
1.00pm – 7.00pm  
8.00am – 3.00pm





# 2021

## ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN 3 & 4 Year Old Kindergarten

### About Us

Vista Valley Kindergarten is nestled amongst naturally landscaped gardens. It is an established kindergarten with an atmosphere that promotes individuality in a happy, friendly and secure environment.

We are a community based, not-for-profit kindergarten providing high quality early childhood education.

We endeavour to inspire children's learning through the five learning outcomes of **Identity, Community, Wellbeing, Learning and Communication**.

Individualised and group learning programs are guided by 'The Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework', designed and implemented by highly experienced and trained educators.

### Get Involved

Joining the **Committee of Management** is a great opportunity for parents to be a part of the running and decision making at the kindergarten, as well as getting to know other parents in the kinder community.

### Session Times

#### 3 year old program – Caterpillar Group

Monday & Friday

9:15 am – 1:15 pm [8 hours]

#### 4 year old program – Butterfly Group

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:15 am – 2:15 pm [15 hours]

### For more information

Visit [www.vistavalleykindergarten.com.au](http://www.vistavalleykindergarten.com.au) or call 9850 4043 to arrange a tour today!  
Enrolments open to children from 2 years of age.



# Community News

*'Playing, Growing, Learning'*

## FRIEND STREET KINDERGARTEN



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Director: Jane Bliss

# Community News

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