



**Sherbourne  
Primary**

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### DATES TO REMEMBER – MARCH/APRIL

Friday 10 March	- Assembly - 3.00pm
Monday 13 March	- Labour Day Public Holiday – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday 15 March	- NAPLAN Begins Grades 3 & 5
Wednesday 15 March	- Open STEM Family Evening – local kindergartens invited to participate.
Friday 24 March	- RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY, Assembly - 3.00pm, <b>WORKING BEE 3.30- 5.30pm</b>
Monday 27 March	- NAPLAN Concludes = Grades 3 & 5
Wednesday 29 March	- <b>Student Led Progress Meetings – STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Thursday 6 April	- LAST DAY TERM 1 – Assembly – 2.00pm for <b>2.30pm dismissal</b>

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people as the first peoples and traditional Owners and custodians of the land and waterways on which we live.

***A reminder that there is no school on the Labour Day public holiday Monday 13 March.  
As this is a public holiday, there is no childcare available.***

### **STUDENT LED PROGRESS MEETINGS WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH - 8.00am - 7.00pm**

We are again holding student led progress meetings, a three-way meeting between child, parents, and teacher to share learning progress.

*Bookings for these meetings will be open as of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March via Compass.*

*Open compass and go to the Community icon on the top left-hand side.*

*Select Conferences from the drop-down menu, then choose Term 1 2023 Student led Progress Meetings.*

Please note that although the day runs from 8.00am -7.00pm teachers have elected times that they are available.

Meetings are 15 minutes and must be kept to that time in respect of other families. If an additional time is needed another meeting time will need to be arranged.

**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY,  
OTHER THAN WHEN THEY PARTICIPATE IN THEIR PROGRESS MEETING.**





## G.E.M. AWARDS

This week at assembly we began handing out our new 'G.E.M (Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness) Awards' which align with our work with The Resilience Project. Each class will nominate a child that they have spotted demonstrating these principles. Each fortnight, we will announce the winners in our newsletter.

Prep/1 – Matteo F, Grade 1/2 -Olli J, Grade 3 Charlie B, Grade 4/5 Dean D, Grade 5,6 Scarlett F

*Congratulations* to our little G.E.M.s for this fortnight!

## A COUPLE OF GENTLE REMINDERS

A reminder that parents and carers are respectfully asked not to enter the schoolgrounds during lunch and recess play times. Should you need to deliver a jumper, hat, special toy, or lunch please do so via the office where a member of staff will ensure that it is delivered to your child.

Also, the staff car parks are for staff use and official visitors to the school. The exception to this is those who have a disability sticker. Families who use these at drop off and pick up times can potentially endanger the safety of our students.

## CHILD SAFE AT SHERBOURNE P.S.

Sherbourne Primary is committed to child safety. As a community we want children to be safe, happy, and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation, and empowerment of all children. There is zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We meet our legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously. Sherbourne Primary is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early and removing and reducing these risks. We have robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers. Our school is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks. As a community we support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability. Sherbourne Primary has specific policies, procedures and training in places that support our leadership team, staff, and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

At Sherbourne Primary:

Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.

We have zero tolerance for any abuse of children.

We already have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety, and welfare of children.





## NAPLAN GRADES 3 and 5 STUDENTS

These assessments begin next week:

Wednesday 15 March	- Writing
Thursday 16 March	- Reading and Conventions of Language
Friday 17 March	- Numeracy
Monday 20 March	- Catch Up Day Writing
Tuesday 21–Monday 27 March	- Catch Up Day for Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy

### ***What can I do to support my child?***

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

## STEM EVENING

A reminder to come along this coming Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March between 4.00 and 5.30pm to find out about our program, participate with hands on activities with you child/ren and view some of their terrific group problem solvings.



## TWILIGHT WORKING BEE– Friday 24 March 3.30-5.30pm

Please keep the date free to join us for the school's first Working Bee for the year and remember to bring your gardening tools. **Tasks include pruning, sweeping, weeding and more.**

Our working bees help keep down maintenance costs for our very extensive school grounds and are a great opportunity to come together as a school community.



## ENSEMBLE/ROCK BAND

I am exploring the idea of establishing an ensemble and/or rock band for interested students in the grades 4 – 6 area. The only trouble is I have no musical talent whatsoever! I have access to a recently retired teacher who has current VIT registration. All I need now is a parent/carer or grandparent with an up-to-date WWCC, has skill in this area, thinks this would be a great idea and is willing to volunteer their time for two – three hours per week. Please contact me if you think you might just be that parent!





## PARENT HELPERS TERM 2

We are looking forward to inviting parent helpers in our classrooms next term. Parents will need to have a current WWCC, have completed a parent helper information session (this is expected to occur only once throughout your time at SPS) and sign a confidentiality statement each year. Shortly class teachers will distribute expressions of interest for helpers in their classrooms. Please note that this help is usually required in the Prep -2 classes and on excursions across the school.

## GRADE PARENT/S



Grade Parents play a key role in linking the class teacher and the parents within their class group. They seek support for school functions, fundraising activities, social events and are an avenue of support for our hard-working Parents and Friends Group

If are interested in taking on this role for your child's class, please contact me before the end of term. I will then organise a time when we can all get together to discuss the role further.

## PRE – SCHOOL TOURS 2024

If you are aware of any families who will have a child start in Prep next year, please let them know that they can book in for a tour by calling the school. There are still two more tours running this term, Tuesday March 21 and Monday March 27 from 10:00am–11:00am. Keep a LOOK OUT for several notice boards going up around the community advertising our school tours. Once again thank you to the wonderful Parents and Friends team that have contacted the Banyule Council and Jellis Craig for this to happen.



Take care everyone and remember to ...

*Sprinkle Joy!!!*

Linda Ratcliffe  
Acting Principal



# Parents & Friends Committee

## Easter Raffle

It's that time of year again, so be prepared for lots of excitement as we start getting ready for our famous annual Easter raffle!



We kindly ask that families make a contribution towards our raffle prizes by March 17th - anything Easter related (chocolates, craft, books etc) would be most appreciated.

We will then send raffle tickets home on March 20th to be sold.... we will also be offering the opportunity to purchase and pay for tickets online this year - so stay tuned!

The raffle is lots of fun and we're always blown away by how big it is for such a small school !

## Mother's/Special Person's Day stall



Parents and Friends will hold a Mother's Day stall on May 11th. More info to come.

## Parents and Friends Committee



If you are interested in joining our little group of volunteers please send us an email at [spsparentsandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:spsparentsandfriends@gmail.com)

You do not have to attend every meeting and can help out at a level that suits you. We have people that do bits and pieces at home, some who come to set up events or serve at our stalls - there are lots of different ways to be involved.

*Parents and Friends*





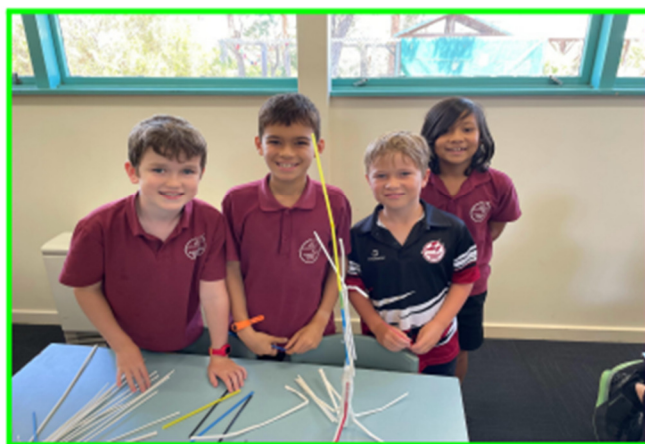
# SHERBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15th

4pm - 5:30pm

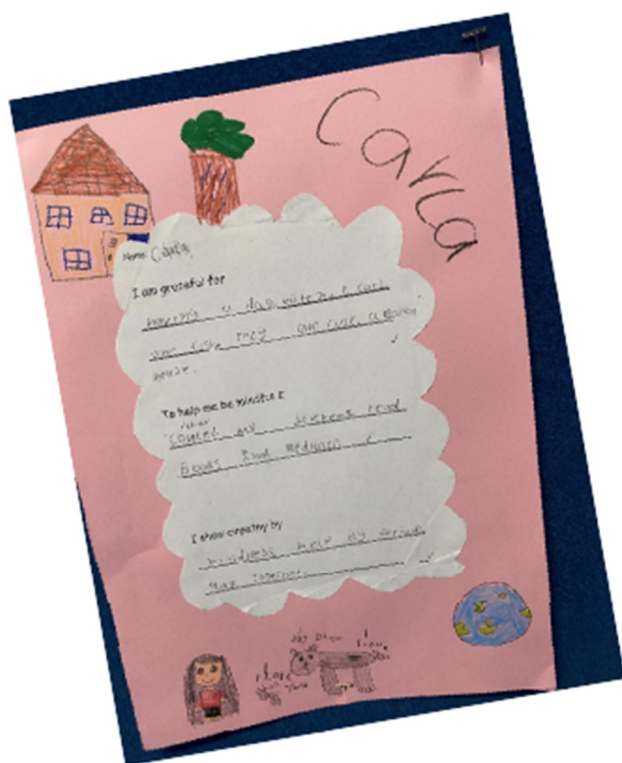
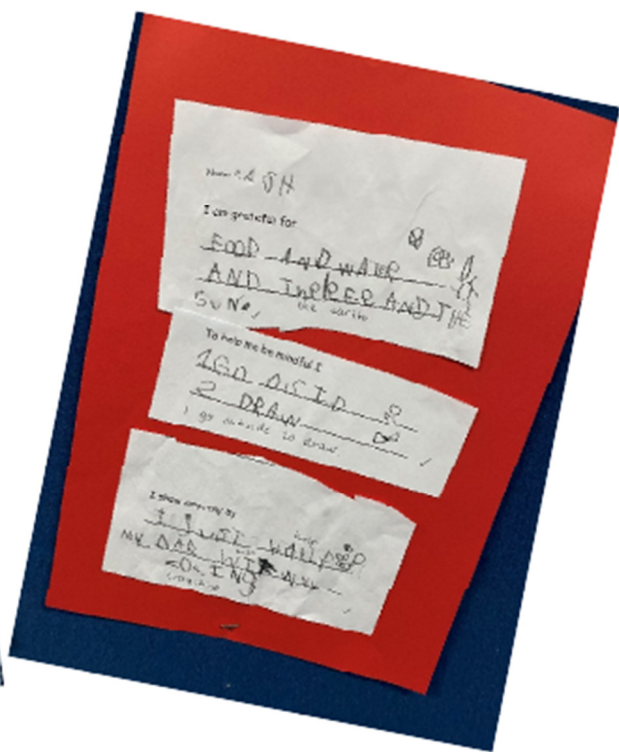
*We invite you to come along with your families to join in some fun, hands-on STEM activities on our Open Evening. Children will get the opportunity to share their learning with new families, who will be coming to look at our wonderful school.*





# Gratitude. Empathy. Mindfulness

The 1/2s have enjoyed working on G.E.M!





# DON'T FORGET!



## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

orders are due:

**Friday March 17th**

Does your child:

Love to **DANCE**

Love to **PERFORM**

Love to **LEARN**

Come join us at

## DANCE PLUS STUDIOS

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**MAJOR FUN**  
join **JUNIOR**  
**BASEBALL**



## PRE SEASON TRAINING

T-BALL STARTS MARCH 17th, 2023  
U13/U15 BASEBALL LATE APRIL

REGISTER your  
interest here



PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL  
POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS



**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH**

**\$8  
ENTRY**



**DIAMOND CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

28 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE RD, DIAMOND CREEK

7-9.30PM | AGES 8 TO 13 ONLY | \$8 ENTRY

CONTACT SENIOR SERGEANT WAYNE SPENCE 9438 8300  
PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE AN EMERGENCY CONTACT ON THEM



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# Newsletter



**March 20-24**

For your chance to compete, book into Your OSHC at no additional cost to your session fee.

## A message from your Coordinator: Katherine Syme

Hello everyone and welcome to the OSHC Handball Competition for 2023.

The Handball Competition is back up and running again and I would love to see you come to our service, join in and show us your skills. It is going to be a fun competition to be a part of, with prizes to be one.

If your child is interested in joining the competition all you have to do is book into our service on any or multiple before or after school care sessions between 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> of March to participate in the OSHC Handball competition.

Don't forget your hat and water bottle and I look forward to seeing you all for the handball competition.



### Activities coming up

- Play Handball
- Pom Poms
- Make Posters



### What's on the menu

- Banana Bread
- Cheesy Nann
- Rice Cakes

### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustalia.com.au](http://pp.campaustalia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)



FREE  
EVENT

# Malahang LANTERN FESTIVAL 2023

17-19 March,  
5pm-10pm

Discover a magical display of illuminated large scale lanterns, mesmerising roving neon performers, interactive workshops, food trucks and neon photo booth.

Malahang Reserve,  
Southern Road,  
Heidelberg West

[banyule.vic.gov.au/LanternFestival](https://banyule.vic.gov.au/LanternFestival)

This event is suitable for all ages and abilities,  
where everyone gets to explore and have fun!

  
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Yarra Valley Model Railway Club presents

# 2023 Model Train Exhibition



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**Saturday April 8 9.30am - 5pm**

**Sunday April 9 10am - 4pm**

**See the HUGE Lego™ display**



Adults \$15 Children \$5 Families \$30 Tickets available ONLY AT THE DOOR.

**Community Bank Stadium**  
**129 Main Road Diamond Creek**

Plenty of parking / 800 metres from Diamond Creek Railway Station

## Have you thought about Girl Guides for your daughter?

Give your daughter the chance to meet other girls her age and to learn new & valuable skills!

Eltham Girl Guides operate at the Guide Hall on Youth Road (behind the train station, opposite the tennis courts).

With groups ranging from **Gumnuts** (age 5-7), **Brownies** (age 7-10), **Guides** (age 10-13) and going on to Rangers and beyond, there is a group to suit every age.

We offer three trial sessions before families need to commit.

If you would like to learn more, including fees, days, uniform etc, please contact Anna Kelman (Secretary for the Eltham Guides Support Group) on [annakelman77@gmail.com](mailto:annakelman77@gmail.com)

