

# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

## Newsletter



6th August 2026 - Term 3 - Week 4

## National Primary Principals Day

Happy Principal's Day, Maria!

From our little Christmas Hills Primary School community, we want to say a huge thank you for being such a wonderful principal and an incredible leader. Your kindness, care, and commitment to our school make Christmas Hills such a special place to learn, grow, and belong.

You have created a warm and welcoming environment where every student is known, supported, and encouraged to be their best. Your passion for our students, our staff, and our unique little school shines through in everything you do.

Thank you for all the time, energy, and heart you put into making Christmas Hills Primary School such a wonderful place. We are incredibly lucky to have you guiding our school and our community.

With love and appreciation,

*The students and staff of Christmas Hills Primary School*



## From the Principal

Dear Families and Carers,

We have nearly reached the halfway point of the term, and it has been wonderful to see our students continuing to demonstrate our CHIRPS values of Caring, Honesty, Inquisitiveness, Resilience, Persistence and Sharing every day.

As the weather remains cold, please ensure children come to school dressed warmly with clearly named jumpers, jackets and beanies. We also encourage regular handwashing to help minimise the spread of winter illnesses. Despite the cold winter weather, our classrooms have been full of engaging learning, creativity and collaboration. Students are making excellent progress across all learning areas, and it is pleasing to see their confidence continue to grow.

*Maria Parks*  
Principal

## Important Dates for Term 3

- 16<sup>th</sup> July - Grade 3 - 5 Snow Excursion
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - School Council Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Street Hockey Session 1
- 28<sup>th</sup> July - State Library Webiner
- 29<sup>th</sup> July - Street Hockey Session 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> August - Street Hockey Session 3
- 10<sup>th</sup> August - 100 Days of Prep
- 12<sup>th</sup> August - Street Hockey Session 4
- 17<sup>th</sup> August - 21<sup>st</sup> August - Science Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> August - Street Hockey Session 5
- 24<sup>th</sup> August - 28<sup>th</sup> August - Book Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> August - **Book Week Dress Up Day**
- 26<sup>th</sup> August - Street Hockey Session 6
- 16<sup>th</sup> September - Tiger Paw Incursion

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## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews have been held. If you have not yet organised a meeting time with your child's teacher, I encourage you to do so. These conversations are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress and work together to support their learning goals.

Victoria's Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all our students who have been enthusiastically participating in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. It has been wonderful to see so many students enjoying books and developing a love of reading. Keep recording those books as we work towards completing the challenge.

Please use link to access site: [Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge](https://www.victorianpremierreadingchallenge.com.au/)

## 3P Learning – Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Mathseeds

Students continue to use the 3P Learning platforms to strengthen their literacy and numeracy skills.

Regular practise at both school and home provides valuable opportunities to reinforce classroom learning.

Thank you to families for supporting your children with their online learning.

To access website: <https://www.mathletics.com> and sign in (student/school)

## Street/Ice Hockey Program

Thanks to the Sporting Schools Grant, students have enjoyed participating in a hockey program this term.

The sessions have provided opportunities to develop hockey skills, teamwork, confidence and sportsmanship while encouraging students to be active and try a new sport.

A big thank you to Leo one of the coaches for providing engaging and enjoyable sessions for our students.

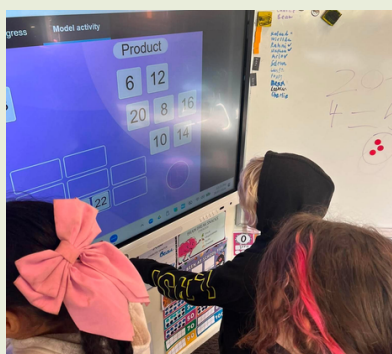
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## 100 Days of Prep

On Monday 10 August, our prep students will celebrate 100 Days of Prep — a wonderful milestone recognising their learning, growth and achievements during their first year of school. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with fun activities and reflections on their journey so far.



## Industrial Action – Wednesday 19th August

The Australian Education Union (AEU) has advised that protected industrial action will take place on Wednesday 19th August. We appreciate your understanding and patience. Further information will be communicated once arrangements have been confirmed.

## Happy NATIONAL PRINCIPALS DAY!

To our incredible principal, Maria



*Thank you for leading*  
our little school with heart, kindness and passion. Your care for our students, support for our staff and connection with our families make Christmas Hills Primary School such a special place.



*Always caring*  
You know every student by name and genuinely care about each one of us.



*Always supportive*  
You encourage us, back us and celebrate our successes, big and small.



*Always leading*  
Your vision, dedication and calm leadership guide our little school every single day.

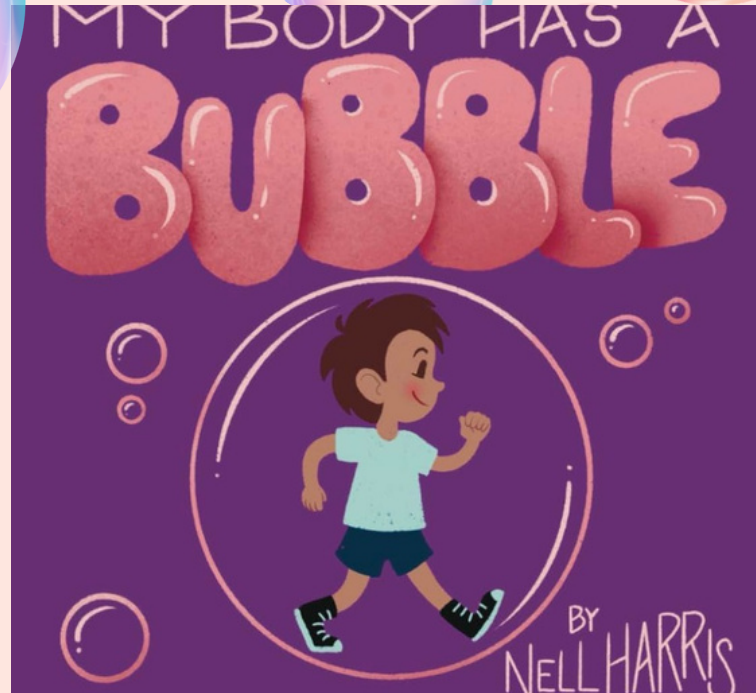


We are so grateful for you, Maria!   
From the students, staff and families of  
CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL



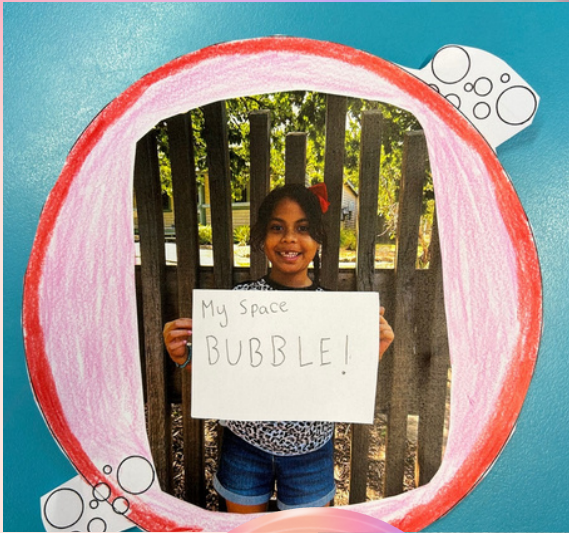
*Thank you for everything you do for our students, staff and community.* 

# Social and Emotional Learning



We are learning about 'Personal Space' and that we all have an invisible Body Bubble. We have been learning about setting boundaries based on what we are comfortable with, and what to say and do if someone "pops" our bubble. We practised saying "I need you to give me some space please!" when someone is in invading our personal space.





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## CHPS LUNCH ORDER MENU

Nuggets & Chips \$7

Burger & Chips \$7

Napolitana Pasta \$7

Chips \$4

Party Sausage Roll \$2

Party Pie \$2

Chocolate Milk \$3

Strawberry Milk \$3

Orange Juice \$2.5

Apple Juice \$2.5

Zooper Dooper \$2



**LUNCH ORDERS ARE  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
PLEASE WRITE YOUR  
ORDER AND CHILD'S  
NAME ON A BROWN  
PAPER BAG OR ENVELOPE  
AND  
ENCLOSE CORRECT  
MONEY.**

LUNCH ORDERS ARE  
DUE TO  
THE OFFICE

**NO LATER**

THAN 3:30PM TUESDAYS

# What's On After School at Eltham Library



## Wednesday

### Family Storytime

6.00pm–7.00pm

*3rd week each month*

## Upcoming Dates:

19 Aug: Book Week

16 Sep: Under the sea

21 Oct: Halloween

18 Nov: Dinovember



## Friday

### Mini Makers

4.00pm–5.00pm

*Fortnightly*

## Upcoming Dates:

7 Aug: Deadly Stencil Art

21 Aug Spring Seeds

4 Sep: Air Dry Clay

18 Sep: Sphero Robots



## Wednesday

### Reading Dogs

4.:00pm–4.30pm

*Fortnightly*

## Discover more!

There is something on every week during the school term at your local **Eltham Library!**



# 3 free sessions ALL ABILITIES BASKETBALL



5-15 year olds

Wednesdays

Eltham High

6pm - 6.40pm



A 15+ program is  
also available.



GET IN TOUCH

☎ 0411 239 575

✉ [inclusion@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:inclusion@elthamwildcats.net.au)

# 3 free sessions



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BASKETBALL CLUB



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**REGISTER NOW >**

PLAYHQ REGISTRATION

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/4940a4>

