



Media Release

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“What’s important to me”

Learning what is important to rescued farmed animals made for a fascinating morning at Kilmore’s St Patrick’s Primary School on Monday. And judging by the beaming faces of the year one and two students, it was a fun lesson indeed. With each student given the opportunity to feel the warmth of Timmy Lamb’s wool, chat with the gentle rooster named Willow and meet the cheeky baby goat called Ryan.

“Children have a natural empathy with animals” said Edgar’s Mission founder, Pam Ahern. “By fostering this and their awe of the natural world it is my hope that we can create a generation of individuals who care deeply and know what they do matters not only to themselves but to those around them.”

Learning that farmed animals, just like domestic pets, depend on humans for food, shelter and medical care, became clear with a thought provoking question and answer session. Not all children have the advantage of growing up with pets so humane education lessons such as those offered by Edgar’s Mission provide an opportunity to interact with animals and for the young to learn about good citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and the value of kindness. Edgar’s Mission Farm Sanctuary is affiliated with the Jane Goodall Institute “Roots and Shoots” program. This program is about making positive change happen—for our communities, for animals and for the environment.

On thanking the students and teachers of St Patrick’s Primary School for inviting them along, Pam made a special mention that all were to be congratulated on the excellent manners and respect shown by the students. “It gives me great hope for the next generation of leaders and decision makers” she said.

Useful website: www.edgarsmission.org.au

Photos attached for media use, large file photos and names available upon request.

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“If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn’t we?”