

# Media Release

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## Farm animals and us

No kidding. There really was a goat at school today, oh and a sheep and a piglet too! The occasion was a visit from Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary to Kilsyth Primary School year 5 and 6 students. Bringing a veritable farmyard to the school yard was the humane education team of Kilmore's not for profit sanctuary for rescued farm animals.

"Children have a natural empathy for animals" said sanctuary founder Pam Ahern. "We believe that fostering this empathy for animals and the natural world goes a long way to creating individuals who make thoughtful decisions on how their actions and choices affect others with enormous benefits for the greater community"

Children of today are faced with many problems with the Edgar's Mission team encouraging them to think outside the square for humane and practical answers for everyday life questions. A thought provoking journey ensued, encouraging the children to join the dots between their thoughts and their actions and make choices that demonstrate respect for the environment, animals, and people.

Useful website: [www.edgarsmission.org.au](http://www.edgarsmission.org.au)

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

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