

# ELLA'S EYE OPERATION



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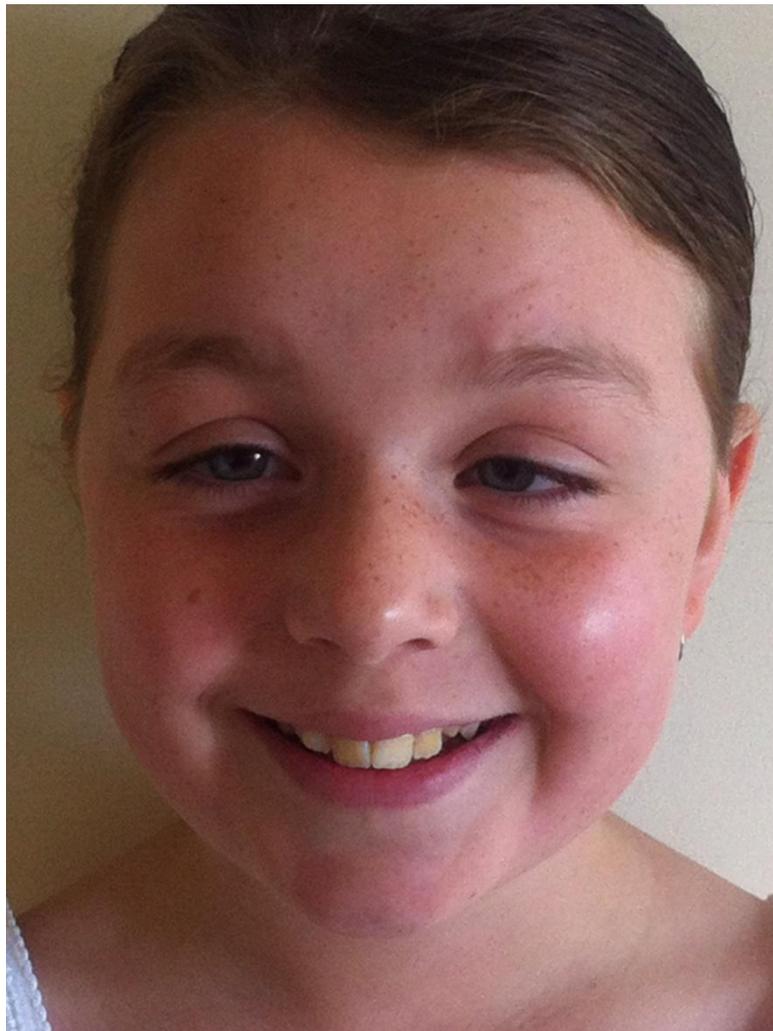


# INTRODUCTION

My name is Ella, I am 8 years old and all my life I have had double vision.

We tried glasses for 6 weeks to fix it but they only worked for a little while and then my left eye turned in and my double vision got worse and I could not see 3D.

This is the story about my eye operation.



# MY EYE DOCTOR

My eye doctor is Dr. Lionel Kowal. We started seeing him in December 2012.

He is a nice man. He is a genius. He is good with kids.

We drive all the way to Melbourne to see him.

I usually see Robert before Dr Kowal for my eye tests. Robert also puts the drops in my eyes.

Dr Kowal has very big hands and it's amazing how he fixes little eyes.



# SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2013

I woke up excited this morning because tomorrow I am having my eye operation.

We travelled to Melbourne to stay the night in the motel. The motel was nice. Jay stayed at a friend's house.



This is where we stayed.

# MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2013

Today is my operation. I wasn't allowed to have any breakfast or a drink.

We got to the hospital at 8:30am. I was starving hungry and thirsty while I waited and waited for my turn.

Mum took me into the operating room and James put the I.V. into my hand but the first one didn't work, it felt like a pinch. Then before I knew it I was asleep. I didn't get to count to 10!

It felt like 5 minutes and I was awake and mum was there. Everything was moving and blurry but it slowly got better.

I had jelly and some shortbread biscuits before mum and dad took me back to the Motel.

My eyes were red and stinging and they cried a lot with tears dribbling out.

I had two big sleeps and some medicine to help my eyes not hurt.

I got to eat chocolate and icy poles and jelly while I was getting better.

# TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2013

I had a good sleep last night. We left the motel to go and see Dr. Kowal.

When Robert tested my eyes I was excited because I could see 3D!! Everything else was good too, Dr. Kowal said I could now see Jenny my normal eye doctor at home.

I was very happy 😊

We drove home and Nawnie and Poppa come to visit and my eyes were a bit sore so I went to bed early.

My brother Jay did not like looking at my eyes because they were red and bloody.

# WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2013

Today when I first woke up and looked at my poster I only saw one. I was very happy, my double vision was gone.

I had lots of visitors today to see how I was going after my operation. They were all happy to see that my left eye was straight. This is the good part of having an operation because you don't have to go to school, and you get lots of visitors with presents.

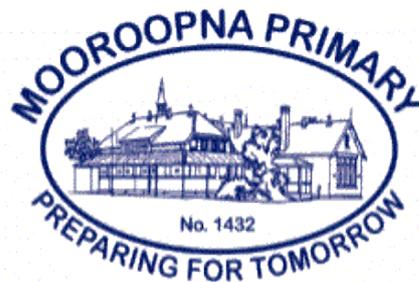
My eyes got a bit sore but not as bad as the other days.

# GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

The next Monday one week after my eye operation I went back to school. I was excited about going back to school to see my friends as I was starting to get bored at home.

My eyes were still a little bit red and the kids thought my eyes looked grose.

I took my sunglasses to wear at playtime.



# MY CHECK UP WITH JENNY

I have had three eye tests with Jenny since my eye operation. Some days my eyes were good and other times not so good because the double comes back every now and then. Jenny has made new glasses for me that will help this and stop the double from coming back. I like my glasses because they are purple and pink with white love hearts.



# LOOK AT ME NOW!

My eyes are straight, and I am happy and having more fun at school. I am proud of myself for being brave for my operation.

Thank you very much too all the doctors and nurses especially Jenny and Dr Kowal and all of the people that work for him for fixing my eyes.



# THE END