

Mt Egerton Primary School

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Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 1

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a lovely break. I made sure to go on quite a number of walks to make the most of the sunshine we had.

We have a number of exciting learning activities planned for this term which include 6 sessions of T-Ball run through Kelly Sports via a sport in schools grant we received for Term 2, 4 AFL PE workshops in the middle of term, Athletics carnival and an Earth Ed excursion just to name a few.

Athletics Day

Reminder to drop your child at Llanberris Reserve, Ballarat at 8:45am. Pick up is by parents at the reserve 2:15pm. You may wish to car pool with another family – please let Bethany know if you are doing this. I encourage parents to stay and enjoy the day with your children. Students will need all of their food, drink bottle and appropriate clothing for the day. Please refer to the permission note for further details.

Pupil free day

From Term 2, inline with the new in-principle agreement with the Education Union, schools must now give teachers a professional practice day each term in 2022. Due to casual replacement teacher shortages which allow schools to implement the days, the Department of Education has allowed schools to have a pupil free day for the term 2 professional practice day (in addition to the 4 we receive for the year). This has been passed by school council, so **please note down the pupil free day for Friday 3rd June, 2022.**

Slippers

We are starting to get into that colder weather. I encourage students to bring in and leave at school a pair of slippers to wear in class. This is particularly helpful when student feet get wet – due to OHS I do not allow bare feet or socks inside. These can be brought in anytime from now.

Premier's reading Challenge

To continue our encouragement and love of reading, I have again signed all students up on the premier's reading challenge. Log in details have been attached to this newsletter. Any books that are read with the teacher at school will be logged by us, any books at home that are read can be logged by parents. If students read enough books during the challenge period (open now until 2nd September) they will receive a certificate. <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-student-and-parents-taking-part-premiers-reading-challenge>

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 3rd May

MARC Van day

Monday 9th May

Athletics carnival – parents to drop and pick up at Llanberris Reserve in Ballarat

Monday 9th May – Friday 20th May

NAPLAN completed in these 2 weeks

Tuesday 17th May

MARC Van day

Thursday 19th May

School Council 5:30pm online

Thursday 26th May

5:00pm-6:00pm open night to celebrate Education Week



Junior students were awarded with a cross country certificate for their participation – great job!

Kindness: *Being friendly, generous and considerate...*

Wisdom: *Having experience, knowledge and good judgment...*

Integrity: *Being honest, respectful and having strong moral principles...*

Courage: *The ability to face challenges; bravery...*

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Pre-Service teacher

Next week we will welcome Sophie Gorfine, a pre-service teacher to our school. Sophie will be working alongside our staff to learn about our school and to teach some lessons. She will be here for 5 Fridays before completing a 2 week block. Please make her feel welcome.

Mother's Day

A shout out to the special ladies in our lives for the upcoming Mother's Day. We won't be holding a breakfast as we have in the past due to covid regulations, however keep your eye out for something special your child will be bringing home next week.

Education week

We will be holding an open night to celebrate education week (150 years of public education in Victoria this year!). We would love for all families to come, explore your child's classroom and join in with some literacy and maths activities on the night. I will also advertise this open night through Wallace and Ballan kinders – please let any families that may be looking for a school in the future to come along, meet the staff and see our wonderful school.

Date: Thursday 26th May 5:00pm-6:00pm. To ensure we are covid safe, we ask that you physically distance from others, sanitise upon arrival, masks will be made available if you want to wear one, the air purifiers will be running and we will spread the activities across our two classrooms.

Student awards

Congratulations to Abby for demonstrating our school value of wisdom for thinking of some great arguments to convince others to agree with her point of view in our persuasive writing.

Congratulations to Dylan for demonstrating our school value of wisdom for staying focused while working in a small group and writing strong arguments for his persuasive piece.

Reading awards

Well done to the following students who received their 50 night reading certificate: Justin, Zara, Ben and Joel
Amazing effort to these students who received their 75 night reading certificate: Liam, Maisie and Angus



Finn showcased his work this week, being the only person to complete his ANZAC day wreath. He did a great job!



Arlo showcased his work this week, drawing pictures about how to show kindness at school. Well done!

Teaching and Learning

Week 2 and 3 of Term 2

Junior students P-2

Reading with Ms Bell: We are moving into unit 3 and 4 of Sounds Write, learning more sounds and being able to sound swap between words (such as changing the sound from cat to mat). We are revising nouns and then moving our focus to adjectives. We are also having a focus on comprehension, in particular main idea and facts/details.

Writing with Ms Bell: We have started a unit on persuasive writing. Over the next two weeks we will be experimenting with some different planners to get our thoughts down. We are doing a lot of speaking and listening around our point of view and trying to convince others to agree with our stance on a topic, such as 'summer is the best season'. Mondays continue to be a recount – so please have a chat about what you did on the weekend so your child has some ideas they can write about on Monday mornings.

Number with Miss Devlin: We are learning about addition using groups of objects, friends of 10, and doubling numbers. We will use board games, card games and lots of counting materials to help learn these addition concepts.

Applied maths with Ms Bell: We have started data and data representation. Over the next two weeks we are looking at how to record tally marks, counting tally marks, reading basic tables and matching them to graphs.

Senior students 3-6

Reading with Miss Devlin: We are focusing on summarising fiction and non-fiction texts as well as grammar and punctuation.

Writing with Miss Devlin: We are continuing our focus on persuasive writing with students choosing topics that interest them and making arguments in a structured way.

Number with Ms Bell: The first part of this term is addition. We are looking at a variety of tasks during this unit – over the next two weeks include how to find missing addends, creating equivalent number sentences, rounding, estimating and worded problems.

Applied maths with Miss Devlin: We are making graphs and interpreting data from tables and different types of graphs. Our class will also be recording the UV for 20 days to create some different graphs with real data we've collected.

Other curriculum areas to note:

ICT with Ms Bell: Our prep students are still being given time to learn where the keys are on the keyboard by playing different games and typing in Word (also learning to change the font, size and colour of text). Other students will continue to use Microsoft processing applications. We are also learning to name different parts of the computer.

Civics & Citizenship with Miss Devlin: We are focusing on the election process, the responsibilities of the Federal Government, and the preferential voting system.

AUSLAN with Ms Bell: To start this term, we are revising what we learnt last term, learning about deaf culture, how to say different feelings as well as greetings and asking questions.