

Mt Egerton Primary School

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Newsletter



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Upcoming Dates

Principal's Message:

Hello everyone,

It was so lovely to see everyone back at school after the summer holidays. We welcome our two new Foundation students: Max and Sadie and their families to our school community.

Speaking of welcomes, Friday 28th February, we will be holding a Family Night at the school. We welcome all our families to the school on this night for a meet and greet and/or catch up. We also invite any new or prospective families to visit. We encourage all families to bring along their own picnic dinner. Cold drinks will be available for purchase on the night at the students drink stall. Free tea and coffee will be available. Parklands Mobile Animal Farm will be set up on the night for kids and families to enjoy along with other fun activities. Our classrooms, including our Bush Classroom, will be open for families to explore.

School Council will start again soon. Please let me know if you are keen to nominate for School Council. We will send the documentation home shortly.

School assemblies are held every Friday afternoon @ 3pm in the junior classroom. Families are always welcome to attend.

Staff are currently working on student's Individual Learning Plans. These will be sent home next Friday 14th February. If you would like to discuss your child's plan, please contact their classroom teacher to organise a meeting time.

Freezy Fridays will continue in Term 1. If your child would like a Zooper Dooper, they can purchase one every Friday at lunch time for \$1. This is a Junior School Council initiative.

Our new classroom (also known as our shelter in place, which is our emergency response building) has been delayed. We were expecting installation over the holidays, however we are currently working on removing the large stump and laying the block footings. I expect building installation in the next couple of weeks.

Freezy Friday!

Every Friday of Term 1

Zooper Doopers are \$1 each

Friday 07th February

School Leadership Presentations at Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 11th February

MARC Van

Thursday 13th February

School Photos – 9am

Friday 14th February

Book Club orders due back

Tuesday 18th February

School Council – 5:30pm

Tuesday 25th February

MARC Van

Friday 28th February

Family Fun Night & Open Evening

Monday 03rd March

Questacon Science Excursion

Resilience: *Picking yourself back up and giving new experiences a go...*

Perseverance: *Challenging yourself to do your best...*

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

Community: *Representing Mount Egerton with pride...*

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Principal Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Ben and Abby for receiving Principal Awards. Both Ben and Abby gave our new Prep students a warm welcome and ensured they felt included. Well done Ben and Abby and thank you.

Student Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Maisie for demonstrating our school value of Perseverance. Maisie has been working hard in math, focusing on achieving her number goals with addition and subtraction. Well done, Maisie!
- ❖ Congratulations to Max for demonstrating our school value of Resilience. Max has done his best by coming to school each day and giving all his learning tasks his best effort. Great work, Max!



The Possums: Junior Room

We have had a fantastic two weeks at school. Everyone has settled in well, ready to learn, play and connect with each other.

The first week back was exciting for the students as they discovered a letter in our room from the teacher's classroom pet. They then had to follow the clues to try and find him in our school. We got to have a lovely tour of the school, exploring many new places in our attempt to find our pet. Eventually we found him hiding under Mrs. Murphy's desk and even though we were slightly disappointed it wasn't a real pet; we were happy to meet our new monster class pet.

The Hungry Caterpillar story helped us discover patterns in mathematics and assisted us in learning the days of the week. The Grade 1 students explored adding up the fruit the caterpillar ate and creating reoccurring patterns.

Stories have been read and explored daily in our literacy blocks and we started our new phonics program which also coincided with the arrival of some new puppets in class to make our lessons engaging and interactive.



In 2025, MARC Van visits on Tuesdays, fortnightly (beginning 11/02/25)

What is the MARC Van service?

The MARC Van (Mobile Area Resource Centre) is funded by the Victorian Department of Education. There are around 35 MARC and MACC (Mobile Art & Craft Centre) Vans in Victoria, operating since the 1970s to service rural schools with fewer than approx. 100 students.



Its primary purpose is to enable small rural and regional schools to provide students with access to a broader range of texts and educational resources than they might otherwise be able. Students have the opportunity to borrow books from a substantially sized library, to read at school or home.

The Outer Western MARC services 7 small schools in the Ballarat region, visiting weekly or fortnightly depending on school enrolments. It is overseen and administered by Lal Lal PS and is staffed by two part-time staff members who are both qualified specialist visiting teachers.

In addition to the library service, MARC also deliver high quality literacy-based teaching programs that support and complement literacy lessons taught in the general classroom. MARC teachers work with serviced schools to increase language and literature immersion and learning opportunities, with the aim of improving learning outcomes and engagement in literacy learning for all.

The MARC rotating collection includes approximately 5,000 picture books, novels and non-fiction books for students and teachers to borrow. MARC lessons allow students to share and enjoy books, discuss features of the texts, think critically about and explore related topics and issues, and participate in complementary, age-appropriate, differentiated literacy learning tasks and activities.



Student Sustainability Team

This year, Mount Egerton PS is launching our brand new Student Sustainability Team.

This group of students have demonstrated personal interest in looking after the environment and have elected themselves to be ambassadors for our school at climate change and sustainability events.

Student members will have the opportunity to work on exciting new projects, such as constructing possum nesting boxes for the school's Bush Classroom area, building a community Street Library for residents and visitors of Mount Egerton to enjoy, taking care of our school's gardens, helping to raise our new school chickens and leading our much-loved River Detectives and Oz Harvest FEAST Programs.

The team are looking forward to working with our Resource Smart Schools coordinator, our local men's shed and Landcare groups on these projects.

Let's welcome our team:

Archie Murphy, Lily Neyland, Maisie Eason, Abby Kellett-Edwards, Finley Neyland, Ben Swire and Justin Slater.



MT EGERTON REC RESERVE

UPCOMING EVENTS

20
25

MAR
23

CAR BOOT SALE
10AM- 2PM

BONFIRE NIGHT
6PM

MAY
24

JUN
14

MAIDEN'S CIRCLE
(TEEN GIRLS)

PAINTING + SIP
4PM KIDS/ 7PM ADULTS

AUG
16

OCT
25

HALLOWEEN PARTY
5PM

NYE PARTY
5.30PM

DEC
31

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

MT EGERTON REC RESERVE FB PAGE

Spencer the Story Dog!

The books tell a story of Spencer, a dog who finds his true purpose in helping a young boy. The book is engaging and teaches valuable lessons about friendship and support. Perfect for young children.



The Christmas Book.

This book is about a Spencer, a dog and the magic of Christmas. On his journey he meets a Fairy named Echo, Santa's Elves and the man himself Santa where he performs his duty as a story dog.



Both books can be purchased through spencerthestorydog@gmail.com or phone orders on 0490006532 at \$19.95 each. A donation of \$1.00 per book will be donated to Mount Egerton Primary School.



Mount Egerton Nature Playgroup

Mount Egerton Primary School is offering playgroup!

Tuesdays 10:00am - Storytime in the portable building

Our Storytime playgroup is a free, lively, interactive session. We want children to discover the joy of reading with action songs, books and rhymes.

Storytime enhances communication and social skills, fosters imagination, boosts listening skills and improves language and literacy skills. BYO snack and water.