

Mt Egerton Primary School

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Newsletter



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Upcoming Dates

Principal's Message:

We have officially past the halfway mark of term one. A huge shout out to all families for attending our Family Fun Night on Friday 28th February. It was a fantastically successful night and so great to catch up with all families and to see the kids (and adults) enjoy the mobile animal farm.

School Council

Thank you to those families who nominated for school council. Nominations are now closed and will be taken to our AGM on the Tuesday 25th March, where our school council membership will be finalised.

NAPLAN

Just a reminder our grade 3 & 5 students will be completing their NAPLAN testing next week. Testing will begin at 9am Wednesday – Friday mornings.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder to book your parent teacher interview, if you haven't already done so. Conference times are now open on Compass. If none of the times suit, please don't hesitate to contact class teachers to organise a more suitable time.



Ballan Autumn Festival

On Sunday 16th March, our School will be participating in the Ballan Autumn Festival Parade, and we will also be hosting a stall at the market. For the Parade Mount Egerton Primary School will be linking up with the Ballan District Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club. The Vintage Club have refurbished an old milk cart and have invited us to join them in pioneer dress to follow the cart. The Parade will start at 10:30am and we encourage all students to proudly represent our school and participate. Also on this day, our school will host a stall where we will be selling our school's worm tea, propagated plants and our famous gingerbread cookies.

Ballan District Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club

Our senior students will be participating in an excursion to the Ballan District Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club Museum where they will explore the relics of the area from years gone by and will have the opportunity to learn about how things were made and how things work. Students will also engage in hands on activities such as sewing, rope tying, and more.

Freezy Friday!

Every Friday of Term 1

Zooper Doopers are \$1 each

Monday 10th March

Labour Day Public holiday – no school

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th March

NAPLAN testing

Sunday 16th March

Ballan Autumn Festival Stall (9am - 3pm) & Parade (10:15am)

Wednesday 19th March

Senior excursion to Ballan District Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club Museum

Friday 20th March

Ride to School Day

Friday 21st March

Koorie Day at Lal Lal Primary School

Wednesday 26th March

Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness
Purple Dress Up, morning tea & Donation

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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Student Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Finley for demonstrating our school value of Community. Finley showed great responsibility and respect during our Family Fun Night, helping to run the stalls and answer community members' questions about our school.
- ❖ Congratulations to Archie for demonstrating our school value of Community. Archie acted as a leader at the Questacon excursion, representing our school with pride and gave every activity a go with a can-do attitude.

Reading Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Archie, Max and Lily for reading 25 nights in the Junior room!
- ❖ Congratulations to Abby, Ben, Justin, Angus and Maisie for reading 25 nights in the Senior room!

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Lily for earning Aussie of the Month for February. Lily has demonstrated an immense amount of compassion, mateship and respect. She has acted as a leader, particularly with helping her new Prep peers, making sure that everyone feels included at school. Well done, Lily!



The Possums: Junior Room

Over the past few weeks, the students have been exploring texts about school and relating them to our own experiences. We have talked about how it feels starting school or something new in our lives and how this can make us feel. Our class read a story called, "Possum Goes to School" and we used this in our reading and writing sessions. Using adjectives to describe a character, changing the main character in the text and using a writing planner to help us with some writing.

During our Mathematics lessons, we decided to improve our basic number fact knowledge by implementing our Ninja Sliders, working on Friends of 10 and Friends of 20 and creating our own adding machines. Measurement was another area we focused on, learning how to use informal types of measurement such as paper clips, Unifix cubes and counters to measure the length of items in our room. Then we moved on to measuring ourselves; tracing around our bodies and using formal units of measurement such as centimetres and metres with a measuring tape.



This year, we have implemented our bush classroom sessions which occur up in our bush block at school. We are very fortunate to have this area to utilise in our school and the students have been keen to learn new skills and information about our native flora and fauna.

We have looked at local snakes in our area and talked about the importance of snakes in our ecosystem. Students took part in a snake bite first aid class, learning how to bandage a bitten limb and how we milk snakes to create antivenom that saves lives every year in Australia.

Then our students got to experience an old pastime of many children, whittling wood. They learnt about soft and hard woods and how to select the best type of wood for whittling. We discovered that Australia is home to the toughest wood in the world, the Buloke tree (*Allocasuarina luehmannii*). We used potato peelers to remove the bark from Willow branches and tried to carve the end of the branch into a point. This activity helps us work on our technique and safety when whittling wood.



Science

This term in science we are exploring life cycles and have purchased some fertilized eggs to hatch out in our classroom. We have also been learning a lot of information about chickens in the lead up to our chicken coop being built later this year. Did you know?

1. Chickens are the closest living relatives of dinosaurs! Scientific evidence has proven the shared common ancestry between chickens and the Tyrannosaurus rex.
2. Like humans, chickens have colour vision, and can see red, green and blue light. However, what makes chicken vision unique from ours is that they are also able to see ultraviolet light, which are the colours you see when using a black light!



Clean Up Australia Day for schools was held on Friday 28th March and our students did a wonderful job cleaning up around our school. It was good to see that the school ground itself was relatively rubbish free, but we were quite surprised by the amount of rubbish we collected around the front and sides of our school.

Thanks to the students for giving up their Golden Time to help look after our planet!



Our Family Night





As previously mentioned, our senior students began the ReCranked in Schools (Ris) Program, thanks to The Y Ballarat.

ReCranked is a hands-on learning program supporting students to learn bike maintenance and restoration skills. The program fosters an environment to build new skills, confidence, meaningful relationships and teamwork skills with peers. ReCranked will be running each Tuesday for the remainder of Term 1.

In pairs, our senior students will be working together to fix up a project bike which will be donated back to the community through ReCranked, helping to add to the over 3000 bikes already restored and donated!

All Mount Egerton PS students are being encouraged to bring along their own bike and a helmet to school from next Tuesday, 18th Feb, to ride during recess/lunchtime and have their bikes serviced by the senior students, if they would like. Bikes and helmets can be brought to school earlier to be stored in the art shed.

If you have an old bike you would like to donate to ReCranked, please reach out to The Y Ballarat.
<https://yballarat.org.au/recranked/>



Join us for Purple Day® on March 26th by dressing up in all things purple. Families and community members are also invited to join us for a purple morning tea at 11am.



Donate  or give a gold coin donation to the Epilepsy Foundation's. Together, we can turn awareness into action and strengthen the support for all those affected by epilepsy.



Epilepsy Bike Auction

Mount Egerton Primary School have begun online auctions for our two refurbished bicycles with brand new helmets, thanks to our students doing ReCranked in Schools.

You can place your bids online via our Facebook page. Bidding will close on Purple Day, Wednesday 26th March.

We are raising money for Epilepsy Action Australia.



Epilepsy Bike Auction

Bike #1 Gitane Rocks TL5 Purple

Bike #2 Repco Legend Purple and Blue

Both bikes come with a brand-new Red Back helmet!

Please head to our Facebook page and bid on the photo of the bike you are most interested in. Auction closes on Purple Day, Wednesday 26th March. All money raised will go to Epilepsy Action Australia.

Community News

MT EGERTON REC RESERVE

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

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



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.



For Ages: 7-10



**GOLDFIELDS PRE-SEASON
TERM 1 SUPERKICK CENTRE**

Location: City Oval, Ballarat
Starting: Friday 28th Feb - 28th March
Time: 4:30PM - 5:30PM
Cost: \$55.00 - 5 weeks

play.afl.com.au/superkick

Participants will receive a ball and pump
Further Details: mat.begbie@afl.com.au




ANYBUDDY CAN PLAY

PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK

Goldfields All Girls Superkick Centre

Age: 7 -10 years old
Date: 5 weeks from Friday 28th of February
Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Location: Ballarat City Oval
Cost: FREE using discount code 38CDFD96
Register: Via PlayHQ by scanning the QR code
Contact: mat.begbie@afl.com.au



FREE ALL GIRLS SUPERKICK PROGRAM

Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890
(9am to 1am daily)
headspace.org.au

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

13YARN

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

13 92 76
13yarn.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

1800 RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

QLife

LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral

1800 184 527
qlife.org.au

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.



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