

# Mt Egerton Primary School

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## Newsletter



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### Upcoming Dates

#### Principal's Message:

It is hard to believe we only have two weeks of the term left. It has been an amazing term thus far and I couldn't be prouder to be part of such an awesome team here at Mount Egerton. Staff, students and families have all put in 100% and I thank everyone for their contribution and applaud our students and their efforts, achievements and growth this term.

#### NAPLAN

Our grade 3 & 5 students completed their NAPLAN testing this week. Testing and technology all ran smoothly, and our students went into each test session with positivity and resilience. Well done grades 3 & 5!

#### Ballan Autumn Festival

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, our school participated in the Ballan Autumn Festival Parade and hosted a stall at the market. The Parade was a huge success, and it was fantastic to see so many of our students and families there, proudly representing the school. Also on this day, our school hosted a stall. The stall attracted a lot of interest and conversation about our school. Selling out of worm tea and plants was a bonus. Thank you to those who helped man the stall and a huge shout out to our staff for giving up their Sunday.

#### Purple Dress Up day for Epilepsy Awareness

Join us for Purple Day® on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 a purple \$5 or give a gold coin donation to the Epilepsy Foundation. Together, we can turn awareness into action and strengthen the support for all those affected by epilepsy.

#### KOORI Day

To coincide with Harmony Week, today Mount Egerton, along with Warrenheip and Bungaree Primary Schools travelled to Lal Lal Primary to participate in a KOORI Day. This was an amazing day and our students enjoy participating in the various activities such as of Indigenous Arts, Crafts, Dance, Cooking and Cultural understanding. See photos below.

**Freezy Friday!**

**Every Friday of Term 1**

**Zooper Doopers are \$1 each**

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

School Council AGM @ 5:30pm

School Council meeting following AGM

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness

Purple Dress Up, morning tea & donation

Epilepsy Bike Auction closes

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Wathaurung Cross Country

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Whole school Oz Harvest Presentation  
@ 2:15pm

#### Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> April

Responsible Pet Program – whole school

#### Friday 04<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of term – 2:30 finish

**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 Lily for demonstrating our school value of Resilience. Lily always tries her best when learning new concepts in math. Fantastic work Lily!

### Reading Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Finley for reading 25 nights in the Senior room!

### Principal Award

- ❖ Congratulations to Archie for always being responsible and treating everyone fairly. Great work, Archie!



### The Possums: Junior Room

In Literacy, we have been exploring and responding to text. Reading picture story books that are linked to the letters we are learning in our Phonics lessons. The students have enjoyed making characters from the text and exploring words that start with our focus letter or sound.

In writing our Foundation students have been focusing on identifying the letters in their name and being able to write their names independently. While our Grade 1 students have identified the features of procedural texts. They were able to put together mini terrariums and then write about the process in their books.

During our Mathematics lessons, we have enjoyed being able to get in the kitchen for some hands-on learning with measurement. Looking at different measurement we use in the kitchen and ordering ingredients from smallest to largest based on their weight. Students were able to use produce we had grown in our vegetable garden to make Zucchini and carrot muffins for the whole school.

## Science

We have been learning about the development of chickens inside eggs and documenting our own chick's development in our hatching journals. The students were shown how to candle eggs to test if they were developing and what to do with the eggs that weren't viable. Much to our surprise and a few days early, we welcomed our first chick on Friday morning. Fingers crossed after the weekend our incubator will be home to more cute fluffy chicks!



## Bush Classroom

Students have been working away whittling some wooden gnomes for our fairy garden in the bush block. Due to excellent technique and a big focus on safety, they were able to progress from potato peelers to special whittling tools. They shaped their Willow branches into a point for the Gnomes hat and decorated with textas and crayons. We also looked at ecosystems and played a web of life game, showing how even if one aspect of the ecosystem is changed, it can have devastating consequences for everything.





## Ride to School Day

Students participated in National Ride to School Day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of March. We meet at the end of Church Street and rode up to school together. Finishing the ride off with a healthy breakfast of fresh fruit, milk and juice. Thanks to the parents for dropping their children off and to Ms. Quinlan who provided an escort with her car so the children could safely navigate the road without other traffic.



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**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.

KORWEINGUBOORA RECREATION  
RESERVE PRESENTS:

# MOVIE NIGHT

On the oval  
**THURSDAY  
10TH APRIL 2025**  
STARTING AT 7:00 PM

GATES OPEN AT 5PM.  
B.Y.O: PICNIC TEA, CHAIRS,  
RUGS, BEANBAGS,  
BLANKET, BEANIE & A COAT

GOLD COIN  
DONATION

## RUNT

1399 BALLAN-DAYLESFORD ROAD, SPARGO CREEK



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

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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.

## 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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