

Mt Egerton Primary School

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Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Milkshake Mondays - Fourth Monday of Term 2 & 3

Chocolate or Strawberry Milkshakes \$2

Monday 02nd June

Milkshake Monday Full Cream & Almond Milk - \$2 each

Tuesday 03rd June

MARC Van

Thursday 05th June

Breakfast Club

Monday 09th June

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th June

Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

Tuesday 17th June

MARC Van

School Council 5:30pm

Wednesday 18th June

Kids Helpline Friendship Incursion

Sunday 22nd June

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Monday 23rd June

Friends of the Brisbane Ranges Visit

Monday 30th June – Friday 04th July

Swimming Week

Friday 04th July

Last day of Term – 2:30pm finish

Principal's Message:

We have had quite a lot going on in the last fortnight with the students visiting the Eureka Centre, Western Bull Dogs clinic and not to mention all the amazing programs and activities we have happening in our school through our Bush Classroom, Passions Program and MARC Van.

Our school values "Resilience" and "Perseverance" are two areas I have really noticed our students demonstrating this fortnight. Students stepping out of their comfort zones and giving new things a go and challenging themselves. It has also been great to see so many of our students bouncing back after disappointment.

Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Costumed School Experience - On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June our grade five students will head to Sovereign Hill to become living exhibits in the museum as they take on a character profile and play the part of a child on the diggings attending the Wesleyan Day School under 1850's Victorian authority. They will experience colonial school life, be exposed to fascinating insights to social hierarchy and norms of the 1850's and have the rare opportunity to go behind the scenes of many Sovereign Hill businesses, a unique experience for our students.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser - Mount Egerton Primary School have been fortunate enough to be offered to host another Bunnings BBQ. This will be held on Sunday 22nd June, we ask families to save the date if possible as we will need as many volunteers as we can get to help us run this day. If you are unable to volunteer on the day, but would like to contribute to this fundraiser, the following items will be required for the day, if you would like to donate one/some: -

24 pack Coke, 24 pack Coke Zero, 24 pack Fanta, 24 pack of water, 3 x packets of napkins, 1 litre Tomato Sauce, 1 litre Barbeque Sauce & Mustard Sauce

Please see Ms Tuaine if you can donate

Breakfast Club

Beginning **Thursday 05th June** and every Thursday morning Breakfast Club will recommence. Students are invited to come to school early (8:20 am on) for a free, nutritious breakfast. Thank you to Liz our School Council President for volunteering to run this program.

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 Max for demonstrating our school value of Perseverance by persisting with learning the letters in his name.
- ❖ Congratulations to Finley for demonstrating our school value of Resilience by demonstrating resilience during P.E and developing his football skills.

Reading Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Sadie for reading 75 nights!
- ❖ Congratulations to Max for reading 100 nights!

Aussie of the Month – May

Congratulations to Finley for receiving Aussie of the Month for May. Finley gave up his seat voluntarily on the Vline train for a member of the public during our senior school camp. He has also actively focused on demonstrating mateship with his peers. Well done, Finley! Keep up the amazing work. You have made Mount Egerton very proud.



2026 Enrolments Open Now

Onsite Nature-based Playgroup
Resource Smart School and Oz Harvest Ambassadors
Student-led Passions Program and Sustainability Team
Science, AUSLAN, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Music and Sports specialist studies
Dedicated teachers and learning support staff

Personalised school tours are available by appointment.
Please contact our friendly office staff for an enrolment pack.
Secure your child's place for 2026 now!



Student leadership
opportunities from
Grade 1-6



Individual learning
plans for every
student



Bush Classroom and
Environmental
Programs

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MEPS School News

Exercise for Extinction 2025 Update.

Our students and teachers have all set exercise goals for the term and have been busy gathering sponsors. We have purchased two Phascogale nest boxes from the Nagak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary at Latrobe University which will be placed up in our bush block.

On Monday 23rd June, Colin and Wendy from the Friends of Brisbane Rangers will be coming to give a talk to our students about the Brush-tailed phascogale project taking place in the Brisbane Ranges and how their group is working on helping to protect the phascogale in the Moorabool Shire.

The student who raises the most funds for the Brush-tailed Phascogale will get the opportunity to pay Mrs. Murphy back for all the exercise she is making them do, by sliming her! This event is also part of our involvement with Zoos Victoria Fighting Extinction Schools.

Junior Room-Jolly Pirates

We have had another busy few weeks in the Junior room. Students have explored patterns, creating their own nature patterns using items they found on their nature walk. The Grade 1 students then used a letter code to describe their patterns. We also read Elmer the Elephant, looking at his patchwork pattern and talking about why it is wonderful to be different from everyone else. Students then used Elmer's colourful patchwork to create a simple graph, detailing how many patches of each colour Elmer had.

We have started looking at Persuasive writing and learning to understand the concept of point of view. Our story, "Hey, Little Ant" inspired great discussions about looking at the world from other peoples or animal's perspectives. The students wrote about their own ants and created 3D models of their ants, each displaying a protest sign stating why the little boy in the story shouldn't squash the ant.

Our grade has also been participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge, reading many new books in class, and borrowing challenge books to take home and share with their family.

Bush Classroom

Our River Detectives Program has kicked off this term with our students venturing down to the Gold Battery dams to take water samples and test for different things such as Ph levels, turbidity, and salinity. We also noted down evidence of pollution, litter, and erosion at the site, along with any animal/plant species observed. This program was one the students enjoyed last year and will continue for the remainder of the year.

In our bush classroom, the students learnt about the importance of insects/bugs in our world and created recycled bug hotels to be installed in our bush bock. These hotels provide a safe and inviting environment for the diverse range of insects we have in our school environment.

We also got busy planting more native trees and setting up our recycled bottle drip feeder system in our small Indigenous Garden. This will ensure these plants receive the water they need when we are not at school to water them.





Western Bulldogs Footy Clinic

Students across Prep – Grade 5 were thrilled to have Eliza from the Western Bulldogs join our school for a footy clinic on Thursday 22nd May. Students practiced their handball, kicking and running skills in fun activities led by Eliza, and enjoyed a kicking competition between teams. They were gifted with some special goodies to celebrate 100 years of the Western Bulldogs team. Thank you to Eliza and the Western Bulldogs for a terrific experience!



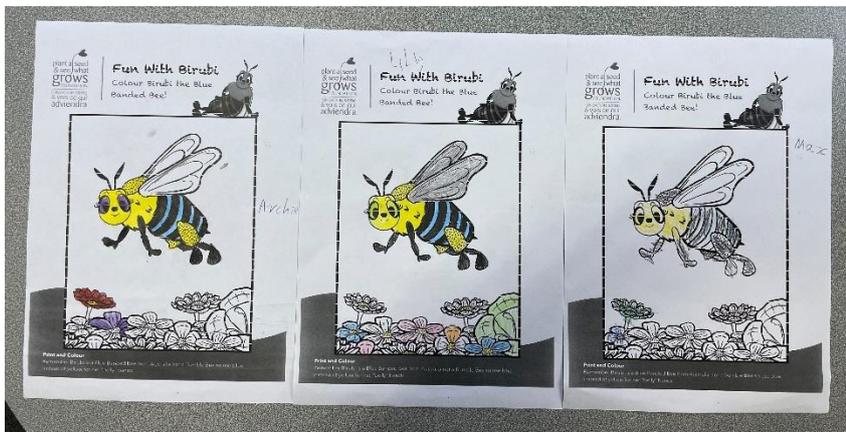
Eureka Centre Excursion

On Wednesday 21st May, students visited the Ballarat Genealogical Society and Eureka Centre for an exciting excursion about family heritage, ancestry, and local Ballarat history. The researchers of the society helped to compile information for each student about their family, which they used to create their own family tree. Students then explored the Eureka Centre, learning about how Ballarat looked before after the gold rush, the impact of the Eureka Stockade and the significance of the Eureka Flag to Ballarat's history. It was a fun filled day for all!



World Bee Day

To celebrate World Bee Day, our MARC Van teacher Mrs White read a special story with students about the world's tallest flowering tree, the Mountain Ash. Students learnt about the importance of bees to our environment, as without bees, we would lose all our fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Senior students took their investigation further by studying local, native bee species endemic to Mount Egerton and brainstormed ways we could help protect them. Later in the year, students will be building pollinator hotels with Mrs Murphy to celebrate Pollinator Week and to create suitable resting spaces for our native bees and insects.



Native Tree Planting and Recycled Drip Watering Systems

Our students engaged in some hands-on learning in this week's Bush Classroom lesson. They each created a drip watering system using a recycled plastic drink bottle and a dripper nozzle. Students also helped to plant and water the last of our donated wattle plants and collected more sticks for our kindling fundraiser box.





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.

Upcoming Community Events

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE | 9AM - 1PM

INDIGENOUS PLANTS, HERBS & NATURE STRIP GARDEN TIPS

- Start your morning by learn how to create habitats that attract birds, bees, and other beneficial insects
- Browse a beautiful range of indigenous plants from Ballarat Wild Plants - including ground covers, shrubs, and small trees
- Access expert tips and seasonal resources to help you plant confidently this winter
- Bring your gardening questions - we're here to support your journey
- Meet Adrik Wright, a local advocate for greener communities with a background in agriculture and environmental science. He volunteers with Gardens for Wildlife Ballarat and shares insights on sustainable landscapes.

HOSTED BY FLYING CHILLIES
 6 COLISEUM WALK, BALLARAT CENTRAL
 FREE EVENT. ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY FRESHLY BREWED COFFEE ON THE DAY.

Book Here

BALLARAT & DISTRICT MODEL RAIL CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Eastwood Leisure Complex 20 Eastwood st Ballarat Central

Sat June 7th 10-5
Sun June 8th 10-4

ADMISSION:

CHILDREN U/5 FREE
UNDER 16 CHILD \$5
ADULT \$10
FAMILY \$25

KING'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND

KRYVAL CASTLE
UNICORN FESTIVAL
 Saturday 7 - Monday 9 June

MT EGERTON REC RESERVE

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

MAR 23	CAR BOOT SALE 10AM- 2PM
MAY 24	BONFIRE NIGHT 6PM
JUN 14	MAIDEN'S CIRCLE (TEEN GIRLS)
AUG 16	PAINTING + SIP 4PM KIDS/ 7PM ADULTS
OCT 25	HALLOWEEN PARTY 5PM
DEC 31	NYE PARTY 5.30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
 MT EGERTON REC RESERVE FB PAGE

Local Learning Opportunities

Heaps ART

Bookings essential .
 Phone : 53452356

Mondays
Beginning
 5th May till
 2nd June
 4-5:30pm
Creswick
 Neighbourhood
 Centre
Cost : \$150

For
 primary
 years 3 - 6
 students.

HeapsART provides extended opportunities in art making of a variety of mediums. Students who participate in HeapsART will create 2D and 3D artworks to exhibit at the end of each program .

UPCOMING ONLINE REGENERATIVE AG COURSES IN JUNE - JULY

Join agroecologist, David Hardwick and highly experienced practitioners in their fields to explore our regenerative ag courses.

MAKING COMPOST ON FARM: ONLINE COURSE
 23 JUNE - 21 JULY
 @7.30 PM - 9.00 PM

- Want to make compost on farm with low costs methods?
- Want to make high-quality compost on your farm using simple, low labour methods

"A very comprehensive introduction to compost making with an excellent line up of experts and practitioners. Now that I understand more about composting I'm going to be making higher quality compost over less time." Sharon NSW



MAKING BIOFERTILISERS ON FARM: ONLINE COURSE
 24 JUNE - 22 JULY
 @7.30 PM - 9.00 PM

- Learn to make a range of biofertilisers on farm
- Learn about different biological products
- Learn how to make a range of basic Starter Cultures

Thank you again for delivering a fantastic session - Bioferts workshop Western VIC April 2023



SOIL LAND FOOD
 ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE

MORE INFORMATION OR SCAN TO BOOK

Learn how to make your own

Junk Journal

with Clunes Crafty Crone Hannah Collins

Workshop
Saturday 7th June
1:00pm - 4:30pm

Bookings essential
0474 036 574



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Creswick Neighbourhood Centre's

GAMES LAB

THURSDAYS
4 - 5.30PM

DURING SCHOOL TERM

YOUTH PROGRAM
FOR GRADES 5&6 AND YEAR 7&8

19 - 21 VICTORIA ST, CRESWICK

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