

# Mt Egerton Primary School

*Living and Learning Together Since 1856*



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**Principal:** Janet Tuaine

## Upcoming Dates

### Principal's Message:

Welcome back to term 2. I hope all families enjoyed a restful break and spent some quality time together. It has been wonderful to see our students return with smiling faces, ready to learn and reconnect with their classmates and teachers.

Term 2 promises to be another exciting and productive term, with many learning opportunities, events and activities ahead. We encourage all students to continue demonstrating our school values, trying their best and making the most of every opportunity.

A reminder to families to please keep an eye on Compass for important updates, event information and key dates throughout the term.

Today we attended the ANZAC Eve Ceremony at Mount Egerton Memorial Park 🌸. Our school walked down to the Mount Egerton Memorial Park. This service was a quiet and reflective acknowledgement, created in partnership with Mount Egerton Memorial Park Committee. Thank you and well done to Abby and Archie for reading, and Justin and Lily for laying our wreath honouring those from our district who served, and ensuring their stories continue to be remembered by future generations.



We look forward to a fantastic Term 2 together and thank you for your ongoing support of our school community.

### Junior School Council Milkshake Mondays

**Fortnightly in Term 2**

**Chocolate & Strawberry \$2 beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Milkshake Monday

#### **Thursday 7th May**

Wathaurong Team Sports Day (3-6)

#### **Friday 8th May**

SSV Cross Country (Ballarat High School) & Mother's Day BBQ (Lake Wendouree Adventure Playground)

#### **Tuesday 12th May**

School Council 3:30pm  
SSV Soccer (selected students)

#### **Wednesday 13th May**

GRIP Leadership Conference (seniors)

#### **Thursday 14th May**

Athletics Day (P-6 Llanberris Athletic Reserve Ballarat)

#### **Tuesday 19th May**

MARC

**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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## Newsletter

### Student Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Sadie for demonstrating our school value of Community. Sadie always turns up to school with a positive outlook and ready to learn.
- ❖ Congratulations to Abby for demonstrating our school value of Resilience. Abby demonstrated great resilience with her Moorabool Young Writers story after tech issues.

### Reading Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Justin, Abby, Ben, Archie, and Max for reading 75 nights!

### Principal Award

Congratulations to Archie. Archie stepped up to read last minute at the ANZAC Eve service. Thank you and well-done Archie!





**WE NEED YOUR  
TOKEN VOTE  
THIS MONTH!**

## Grill'd Local Matters Program

**Support Mount Egerton Primary School for the month of April**

**We still have a week remaining!**

Grill'd Local Matters is a community donation program where each restaurant gives back to local causes every month. Customers receive a token with their burger purchase to vote for one of three local, non-profit groups, splitting a total of \$500 monthly, with the winner receiving \$300 and runners-up getting \$100 each. Mount Egerton Primary School is part of this program for the month of April, so please spread the word to family and friends. Every token counts.

**How it Works:** When you or someone you know purchases a meal, you get a token to drop into one of three jars representing local community projects (e.g., charity, sport, or school groups). Mount Egerton Primary School will be

there for the month of April, so encourage those you know to donate their token to our school.

## **TO ALL OUR BEAUTIFUL MOUNT EGERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS**

**Mount Egerton Primary School**

# Mother's Day BBQ LUNCH

*You're invited!*

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BBQ LUNCH TO CELEBRATE AND THANK THE AMAZING MUMS AND GRANDMAS IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

- WHO:** All our beautiful mothers and grandmothers
- WHEN:** Friday 8th May
- WHERE:** Lake Wendouree Adventure Playground
- TIME:** 12:30pm

*We can't wait to celebrate with you!*



# Mount Egerton Early Explorers Program MEEEP

Our Early Explorers Program, MEEEP, is a specially curated Pre-Prep learning program for children who are considering attending Mount Egerton Primary School for their Foundation year. The program is designed to ensure a smooth & connected transition experience for your child. Our Mount Egerton Early Explorers Program runs from term one to term four, offering several morning sessions.

Facilitated by our experienced Junior Room teacher, MEEEP will enable your child to:

- Become confident with Foundation routines & school.
- Meet staff & form friendships with other Junior room peers.
- Participate in engaging early literacy & numeracy activities. As well as enjoy indoor & outdoor learning opportunities.

Please contact Principal Janet Tuaine to arrange your child's participation in MEEEP for 2026!



## Our Service:

- ✔ Engaging Pre-Prep Program
- ✔ Stimulating School Environment
- ✔ Qualified & Nurturing Teachers
- ✔ Creative, Fun & Hands-On
- ✔ Indoor and Outdoor Learning

# Community News



## 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.



Raising Children Australia is your complete and trusted online parenting resource.

At [raisingchildren.net.au](http://raisingchildren.net.au), we provide free, reliable, up-to-date and independent information to help your family grow and thrive together. We're funded by the Australian Government, reviewed by experts and non-commercial, so you know you can trust us.

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Our articles, videos and interactive resources are tailored to different ages and stages, taking you from nurturing a newborn to raising a confident, resilient teen - and helping you to look after yourself as a parent too.

[raisingchildren.net.au](http://raisingchildren.net.au) is here for you, every step of your parenting journey.

## Mental Health Services and Support

### Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636  
[beyondblue.org.au](http://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](http://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](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

### Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14  
[lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au)

### Suicide Call Back

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

1300 659 467  
[suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

### 13YARN

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

13 92 76  
[13yarn.org.au](http://13yarn.org.au)

### Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78  
[mensline.org.au](http://mensline.org.au)

### 1800 RESPECT

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

1800 737 732  
[1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au)

### QLife

LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral

1800 184 527  
[qlife.org.au](http://qlife.org.au)

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



# 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

MOUNT EGERTON REC RESERVE

**SUNDAY  
29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

## **Market & Carboot**

Browse, buy, sell. Grab a coffee and snag.

**SATURDAY  
2<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

## **World Food Night**

Share a dish from your home country and a laugh with your neighbours

**SATURDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

## **Winter Fest**

Embrace the cold, warm-up together and celebrate winter Egerton-style.

**SATURDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

## **Paint & Sip**

Create, sip and laugh the night away,,,

**SATURDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

## **Halloween Party**

House of Horrors, terrifying bush walk and loads of laughs!

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER**

## **Car Show**

Shiny Cars, loud engines, big smiles.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for additional events through out the year

**More Information:**

Facebook.com/mountegertonreserve or 0433093282

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have vacancies on our Board, Food Relief & Cafe Program & our Op Shop (unpacking & packers needed)  
Find our more - [ballanneighbourhoodhouse.com.au](http://ballanneighbourhoodhouse.com.au)

Our volunteers are the heart of everything we do, making a meaningful difference across every area of our organisation. Whether they are offering hands-on support, sharing their expertise, or simply giving their time to listen and care, their dedication strengthens our programs and enriches the lives of those we serve. Across all our initiatives, their compassion, energy, and commitment help build a more connected, supportive, and resilient community.

## GOT A SPECIAL TALENT?

Ballan Neighbourhood House is looking for people who can share skills as a tutor or facilitator.

Your passion or hobby could be a new course in 2026!

Connect with us today: [manager@bnh.org.au](mailto:manager@bnh.org.au)



## VENUE HIRE.- For Occasions and Activities.

We do both a local resident rate and a community supporter rate. Please contact us on 5368 1934 for more information.



Supper Room

Hall

Craft Room

Kitchen

## Steptoes In Da House

Ballan Neighbourhood Houses' Steptoe's is finally moving under the same roof as Ballan Neighbourhood House.

We are thrilled to permanently house Steptoe's here at 143 Inglis St ensuring the long term viability of our community treasure.

We will be open for business soon.

Thursday 9:30am - 1:00pm

Friday 9:30am - 2:30pm

Saturday 9:30am - 1:00pm

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity your support truly makes a difference. When donating, we kindly ask that you consider the resale value of your items.

To help keep our team safe, we are **no longer** able to accept furniture or large household items due to manual handling requirements.

If you're ever unsure about an item, please feel free to check with the manager — we're always happy to help. Thank you again for thinking of us and for supporting our work.

## BALLAN FOOD RELIEF & CAFE'

Every Thursday  
10.30 am-12.30pm



Proud supporters of our Cafe & Food Relief Program



Zest Licensed Cafe

Shezza's Diner



## BOOKING A CLASS ON WEBSITE

Visit our website and go to "What's On" → "Booking a Class." Select your class and you'll be taken straight to the registration page.  
[www.ballanneighbourhoodhouse.com.au](http://www.ballanneighbourhoodhouse.com.au)

## WHAT'S ON

BALLAN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

TERM TWO: APRIL - JUNE 2026



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**BALLAN COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
**Tuesday 21st April–23rd June, 6.30pm–8pm, \$72 Term**  
 Come along, sing, have fun and be part of the new Ballan choir! All ages & abilities welcome.



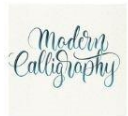
**CHILDRENS ART CLASSES**  
**Wednesday 22nd April–24th June, 4pm–5.30pm, \$100 Term**  
 (minimum of two children for class to proceed)  
 Join Miranda, President of Wombats Regional Art network as she teaches basic art theories and puts them into practice with your primary aged children.



**ANIMATION & CHARACTER DESIGN**  
**Friday 24th April–26th April, \$128.75 Term, 4pm–5.30pm**  
 Learn how to create characters in drawing for animation with Jonny Hall. Study the basics of character design, develop your knowledge of the underlying proportions of character construction and experiment with computer art styles.



**SIT N STITCH**  
**Monday 20th April–22nd June, 12 pm–3pm, \$50 Term, \$7 session**  
 A regular get together for community members who enjoy a stitch, a cuppa and a chat. Bring a project you have underway or come in for inspiration. All ages & abilities welcome.



**CALLIGRAPHY**  
**Wednesday 22nd April–24th June, 1.30pm–3.30pm**  
**\$154 Term, \$16 session**  
 Continue an ancient craft and personalise your messages with beautiful scripts as you explore styles, layouts and decorated letters with instructor Julie Nitschke.



**TAI CHI SESSIONS**  
**Thursday 23rd April–25th June, \$170 Term, \$19 session**  
**Beginners 6.30pm–7pm, Advanced 7pm–8pm**  
 Practice slow meditative physical exercise for relaxation, balance and health with Patrick Bonello, who trained in China and is part of the Lilac Moon Tai Chi School.



**CHINESE HEALTH EXERCISES**  
**Tuesday 28th April–23rd June, \$153 Term, \$19 Session, 9am–10am**  
 Join Instructor Patricia Kent and learn to cultivate personal energy to promote healing powers and your sense of wellbeing.



**BOOK CLUB**  
**4th Monday of Month, Starts 27th April, \$67 yearly, 6.30pm–8pm**  
 Join our social book group for lively and entertaining discussion on a chosen title each month, with members taking it in turns to provide a light supper.



**MEN'S PROGRAM**  
**Monday 10–12pm, \$50 Term, \$5 session**  
 All fellas welcome! Join this enthusiastic and active group for fellowship, community involvement and excursions. Come early for coffee and a chat before enjoying interesting talks and lunch.



**BALLAN MEN'S SHED**  
**78 Steiglitz St, Ballan (Behind the Mechanics Hall)**  
**9am–12pm Mon, Wed & Thurs. Women welcome Mon & Thurs.**  
 Enquiries email Frank at ballanmensshed@gmail.com  
 Cost \$5 per session (covers morning tea at 10am).



**RENEGADE BOOT SCOOTERS.**  
**Wednesday April 22nd–3rd June, 7pm–8pm, \$40 Term**  
 After 23 years of classes the line dancing craze is still going strong. **MUST REGISTER PRIOR.**



**CHEESE MAKING WORKSHOP**  
**Wednesday 11th June, 10am–5pm, \$238**  
 Join Barry for his second cheesemaking workshop, making both soft & hard cheeses. Two sessions: 10am–1pm, 1hr break then 2pm–5pm. Cost includes taking home 2kg of your own cheese.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Thanks to the following supporters who have assisted in the production of this programme:

## DISCOVER YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Lake Dewar Discovery Camp, Myrningong

- Perfect for Community Groups, Sporting Clubs, Social Gatherings and School Camps.
- Accommodates 40 - 160 people.



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- ▶ Upholstery Cleaning
- ▶ Tile and Grout Cleaning
- ▶ Emergency Flood Call-outs



## Get your business online with a local

websites : domain names : graphic design : marketing

websitesNOW.com.au 0419 338 473

Want to Advertise Your Business?

Why not promote your business in our Term Brochure?

We publish four brochures each year, with 3,000 copies printed and mailed out every term, giving your business great exposure within our community.

Advertising Rates (per term):

- \$300 - 11.5cm x 3cm advertisement OR \$600 - Larger option

If you're interested, please contact us:

Email: info@bnh.org.au

Phone: 03 5368 1934

We'd love to help showcase your business!

## STAFF NOTICE BOARD



Lesley  
Program & Marketing



Mary  
Manager



Ruby  
Community Development  
Coordinator



George  
Op Shop Coordinator



## FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

**Tuesday 26th May, 1.30–2.30pm, \$10**

CafS will be hosting a 1hr workshop for anyone who is interested in learning about financial wellness, as well as the dangers of gambling and gaming, especially in children. **MUST REGISTER PRIOR.**