

Mt Egerton Primary School

Living and Learning Together Since 1856



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Upcoming Dates

Principal's Message:

It has been another fantastic and busy fortnight at Mount Egerton Primary School, with students continuing to demonstrate our school values of kindness, perseverance, resilience and community in all that they do.

Across the school, students have been highly engaged in their learning programs, and it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and confidence they are bringing to the classroom each day. From literacy and numeracy learning to our specialist programs and Bush Classroom experiences, students are continuing to challenge themselves, support one another and celebrate successes.

Our Chinese program continues to be a highlight, with students enjoying opportunities to build their language skills while also learning about Chinese culture and traditions. It has been pleasing to see students growing in confidence as they participate in conversations (short phrases), games and hands-on learning activities. The last fortnight the juniors have focused on numbers 1 -5 and the seniors' numbers 1-10.

A special shout out to Xander and Justin for their outstanding efforts at SSV Cross Country today. We are incredibly proud of the way you both approached the event with determination, resilience and a positive attitude. They represented Mount Egerton Primary School beautifully, and we congratulate them on their efforts and achievements.

Today we also celebrated our mothers and grandmothers at a school BBQ. Thank you mums and grandmothers for attending. As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank all the incredible mothers, grandmothers and special people in our students lives. The care, support and encouragement you provide each and every day plays such an important role in helping our children grow into confident, kind and resilient young people. We hope all our families enjoy a wonderful Mother's Day filled with love, appreciation and special moments together.



Junior School Council Milkshake Mondays

Fortnightly in Term 2

Chocolate & Strawberry \$2 beginning

Sunday 10th May

Mother's Day

Monday 11th May

Milkshake Monday

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

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Mount Egeon Early Explores visit (9-11am)

Monday 8th June

Kings Birthday Holiday – No School

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 Brooklyn for demonstrating our school value of Kindness. Brooklyn is always looking out for and helping her friends when they need assistance.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Brooklyn on achieving Aussie of the month for the month of April. Brooklyn demonstrates excellent mateship, respect and kindness towards her classmates. Well done Brooklyn!



Chinese – Number Show Case



Wipe for Wildlife Persuasive Texts

Thank you to the junior classroom for your persuasive writing pieces regards moving the school to a more sustainable, financial and "comfortable" toilet paper option. These pieces of writing have me considering our current brand. I appreciate your time, effort and reasons. I am very impressed with you research and look forward to a more sustainable option in our school.

07/05/26

to M.S.T

We need to
change recycled
to 100% recycled
now!

if you know 27,000
trees are for toilet
paper
from Max



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THING AND SAID THE
WILD LIFE BY SING
RECYCLED BOTTLE PER
FROM KLQ.



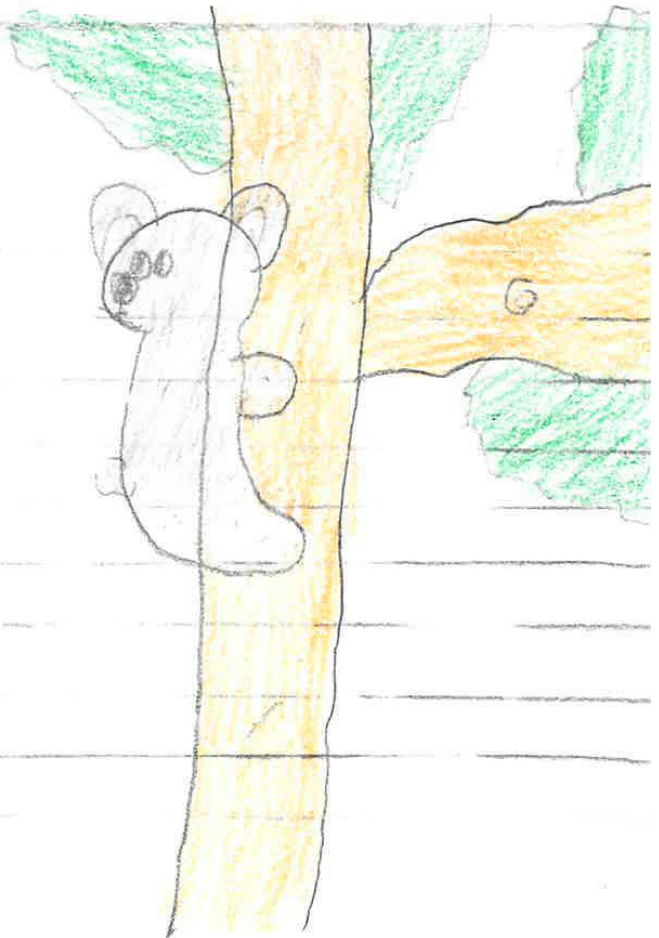
Dear Ms.T,

The Junior's are working with Zoos Victoria on the Wipe for Wildlife campaign.

We are very sad because the toilet paper is not recycled, so can you please let us change to 'icare toilet paper'?

Did you know that the average person could use three hundred rolls in their lifetime and recycled toilet paper uses less water!

And I really want you please to get the icare toilet paper! From Lily. P.S you are the best!!



Dear M.S.T,
We are working with Zoos
Victoria on their Wipe
For Wildlife Campaign.

The Junior class
The Junior class is very
disappointed that we
don't use recycled toilet
paper at our environmently
friendly school! We are
Very sad.

Approximately 348 trees
are cut down just to
wipe our bottom! ← Fact

P.S From Archie P.

P.S
You are the best Principal





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

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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.



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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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2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

MOUNT EGERTON REC RESERVE

**SUNDAY
29TH MARCH**

Market & Carboot

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

**SATURDAY
2ND MAY**

World Food Night

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

**SATURDAY
18TH JULY**

Winter Fest

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

**SATURDAY
15TH AUGUST**

Paint & Sip

Create, sip and laugh the night away,,,

**SATURDAY
24TH OCTOBER**

Halloween Party

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

**SUNDAY 29TH
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

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



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

**Steptoes
OpShop**

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

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.



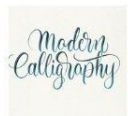
CHILDRENS ART CLASSES
Wednesday 22nd April–24th June, 4pm–5.30pm, \$100 Term
 (minimum of two children for class to proceed)
 Join Miranda, President of Wombats Regional Art network as she teaches basic art theories and puts them into practice with your primary aged children.



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

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