

Mt Egerton Primary School

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Upcoming Dates

Principal's Message:

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and families for the start of what will be a cold but exciting Term 3. I hope you all had a safe, relaxing, and restful winter break, despite the colder weather.

With the routines of the school year deeply established, this term offers our students the perfect opportunity to focus intensely on their academic goals, build resilience, and stretch their capabilities. Reflecting on our recent mid-year reports give us a great opportunity to check in on student goals and motivate them toward continuous improvement. To support this, we are offering Term 3 Parent-Teacher Interviews on Friday 31st July and Wednesday 5th August. These conversations provide a vital opportunity to align our efforts and discuss practical strategies for your child's success this term. Bookings will open on Compass, Monday 20th July. If these timeslots don't suit, please arrange an alternative time with your child's classroom teacher.

We have a remarkably busy and exciting term ahead. Over the next ten weeks, our calendar is packed with events, including Book week dress up day, incursions, excursions, SSV Athletics, Footy Colours Dress up day, School Photos and more. All dates have been added to the Calendar on our school website and updated each newsletter.

A strong partnership between home and school is vital for student success. We ask that you continue to support your child by ensuring they arrive at school on time each day, ready to learn, and dressed warmly in their correct uniform. If you have any issues or concerns, please organise a time with your child's classroom teacher or me to discuss.

This term we are very excited to welcome Gordon Kindergarten to our school. Gordon Kinder will be running a Bush Classroom session fortnightly on a Wednesday morning.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's work together to make Term 3 a fantastic, productive term.

JSC Milkshake Mondays

Weekly in Term 3

**Chocolate & Strawberry \$2 beginning
Monday 20th July**

Tuesday 28th July

MARC

Friday 31st July

Parent Teacher Interviews AM

Monday 27th July

Junior School Bird World Excursion

Wednesday 5th August

Parent Teacher Interview PM

Tuesday 11th August

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Monday 17th August

Moorabool Kids Day Out

Friday 21st August

Junior School Zero Plastics Incursion

Tuesday 25th August

Book Week Dress Up Day
MARC

Wednesday 26th August

Junior School Werribee Zoo Excursion

Monday 31st August

School Photos

Mount Egerton Primary School respectfully acknowledges the Wadawurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land on which our school is built. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our community.



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Newsletter

Student Awards

Reading Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Ben & Archie for reading 150 nights!
- ❖ Congratulations to Finley & Lily for reading 75 nights!

Principal Award

- ❖ Congratulations to Brooklyn. Brooklyn demonstrates respect by consistently greeting others with kindness. Well done Brooklyn!



Picasso Cow



Today we welcomed Miss Milly Milkshake, our Picasso Cow from Dairy Australia.

This term, our students will be learning about the health and nutritional benefits of dairy products, how Aussie farmers care for their animals and environments, and how dairy products travel from farm to plate.

Stay tuned for Milly's colourful transformation!



Smile Squad is coming to our school

How to access free dental care

Grampians Health will be sending to your school the next generation of oral health professionals and your child will be seen by a dental/oral health student working under the supervision of a qualified smile squad clinician. We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. To be seen on site at school you must tick YES in the box to be seen by a student.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by the 10th of Aug 2026

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will have received a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. If you prefer to attend your child's appointment, you can take your child to the community dental clinic. The Grampians Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.



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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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.



Ford aussie hoops **TERM 3 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

- LEARN THE BASICS OF BASKETBALL IN A FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.
- OPEN TO AGED 5 TO 8 YEARS OLD GIRLS AND BOYS.

TERM DATES:
20TH JULY – 7TH SEPTEMBER
SESSION TIME:
MONDAY 5.15PM TO 6.00PM
LOCATION:
BALLAN PRIMARY GYM - STEIGLITZ ST BALLAN.

Register:
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/8872dd>





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Policy Update: Preventing and Responding to Racism

At **Mount Egerton Primary School**, we are committed to fostering a welcoming environment where racism is never tolerated. Racism harms students' mental health, learning, and sense of belonging. It is up to all of us to ensure our school is a safe, respectful, and inclusive space for every culture, ethnicity, and faith.

Our Commitment

Following the Department of Education's policy, we work with staff, students, and families to build a culturally safe school. We do this by:

- Running programs that celebrate diversity and build empathy.
- Using practices that support all students to thrive.
- Providing clear, accessible pathways to report racism.

How to Report Racism

If your child experiences or witnesses racism or religious discrimination at school, please tell us immediately. You can contact your child's teacher or:

- **Principal/Wellbeing Coordinator – Janet Tuaine** at janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au or call 53689357

External Support Channels

If you do not feel comfortable reporting directly to the school, or are unhappy with our response, you can contact these independent services:

- **Department of Education Hotline:** 1800 722 476 | report.racism@education.vic.gov.au
- **Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission:** 1300 292 153
- **Victorian Aboriginal Education Association (VAEI):** 03 9481 0800

When an incident is reported, Mount Egerton Primary School will always take it seriously, act quickly, support your family, and respect your privacy.

School Policies:

At [Mount Egerton Primary School](#), we maintain clear policies to ensure our school remains a safe, fair, and positive environment for every student.

Families can view our complete list of official documents on the [Mount Egerton Primary School Policies Page](#), including:

- **Student Safety:** Child Safety & Wellbeing and Bullying Prevention.
- **Day-to-Day Operations:** Student Dress Code, Attendance, and Mobile Phones.
- **Health & Welfare:** First Aid, Asthma, and Anaphylaxis Management.

Please take a few moments to familiarise yourself with these guidelines. If you require a printed copy of any specific policy, please contact the office.



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