

# Mt Egerton Primary School

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## Upcoming Dates

**JSC Milkshake Mondays**

**Weekly in Term 3**

**Chocolate & Strawberry \$2 beginning  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tuesday 4th August**

School Council 3:30 pm

**Wednesday 5th August**

Parent Teacher Interview PM

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

MARC

**Monday 17th August**

Moorabool Kids Day Out

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Junior School Zero Plastics Incursion

**Tuesday 25th August**

Book Week Dress Up Day

MARC

**Wednesday 26th August**

Junior School Werribee Zoo Excursion

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

School Photos

**Tuesday 1st September**

School Council 3:30 pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Father's Breakfast – 8 am

**Principal's Message:** It has been wonderful to see our students continuing to grow in confidence and enthusiasm for learning. As we continue through the term, I do encourage all our students to keep building their resilience, especially when faced with change. Change is an inevitable part of life, and learning to adapt is an important skill. By approaching challenges with a positive mindset and persevering through them, our students are developing the confidence and resilience they need for success both at school and in life.

We were very excited to welcome the children from **Gordon Kindergarten** to our Bush Classroom on Wednesday 22 July. It was fantastic to see the students exploring, learning and connecting with nature in such a beautiful setting. We look forward to continuing to build this valuable partnership with our local kindergarten. Our **MEEP** students also had a wonderful time when they joined the us on Thursday 23 July. It was a pleasure to see our older students confidently taking on leadership roles, building relationships with the younger children and sharing in the learning experiences together.

Another exciting opportunity this term has been the **Young Fit** program delivered by the **Underground Gym**. Our students have wholeheartedly embraced the program, demonstrating enthusiasm, teamwork and a willingness to challenge themselves while developing their skills. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and enjoyment grow with each session.

As the weather remains cold, please ensure children come to school with a warm jacket and clearly labelled clothing. Regular attendance remains one of the most important factors in student success, and we appreciate your support in ensuring students attend school every day they are well enough to attend.

A reminder that our next **School Council meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 4 August at 3:30 pm**.

Parent Teacher Interviews – there are still some bookings available on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Please continue to keep an eye on Compass and our newsletters for information about upcoming events and important dates.

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

#### Bush Classroom Certificate of Achievement

- ❖ Congratulations to Zander, Ben, Justin, Finley & Xander for successfully completing the "Beginners Whittling Assessment". Well done!

### Reading Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Brooklyn & Maisie for reading 100 nights!
- ❖ Congratulations to Max for reading 150 nights!
- ❖ Congratulations to Abby & Justin for reading 75 nights!



**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...



## 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 – Next Session Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August



### 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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# YNG<sup>U</sup>FIT

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## Book Week Dress Up Day Reminder

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

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:report.racism@education.vic.gov.au)
- **Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission:** 1300 292 153
- **Victorian Aboriginal Education Association (VAEAI):** 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.

# Mount Egerton Primary School Child Safety Code of Conduct



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Mount Egerton Primary School Principal.

## Purpose

Our Child Safety Code of Conduct sets out the expected behaviour of adults with children and young people in our school.

All Mount Egerton Primary School staff, volunteers, contractors, service providers, school council members and any other adult involved in child-connected work must follow the Child Safety Code of Conduct.

The Child Safety Code of Conduct applies to all physical and online environments used by students. It also applies during or outside of school hours and in other locations provided by the school for student use (for example, a school camp).

## Acceptable behaviours

As Mount Egerton Primary School staff, volunteers, contractors, and any other member of our school community involved in child-connected work, we are responsible for supporting and promoting the safety of children by:

- upholding our Mount Egerton Primary School commitment to child safety at all times and adhering to our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- treating students and families in our school community with respect in our school environment and outside our school environment as part of normal social and community activities
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of students, particularly if they disclose that they or another child or student has been abused or are worried about their safety or the safety of another child or student
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal students, students with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, students with a disability, international students, students who are unable to live at home and lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer, questioning and asexual (LGBTIQA+) students
- ensuring, as far as practicable, that adults are not alone with a student – one-to-one interactions between an adult and a student are to be in an open space or in line of sight of another adult.
- reporting any allegations of child abuse or other child safety concerns to the Principal.
- understanding and complying with all reporting and disclosure obligations (including mandatory reporting) in line with our [Child Abuse \(including grooming\) Identification and Response Policy & Procedure](#) and the [PROTECT Four Critical Actions](#).
- if child abuse is suspected, ensuring as quickly as possible that the student(s) are safe and protected from harm.

## Unacceptable behaviours

As Mount Egerton Primary School, staff, volunteers, contractors and member of our school community involved in child-connected work we must not:

- ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions or disclosures of child abuse or harm
- develop a relationship with any student that could be seen as favouritism or amount to 'grooming' behaviour (for example, by offering gifts)



- display behaviours or engage with students in ways that are not justified by the educational or professional context
- ignore an adult's overly familiar or inappropriate behaviour towards a student
- discuss intimate topics or use sexualised language, except when needed to deliver the school curriculum or professional guidance
- treat a child or student unfavourably because of their disability, age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability, sexuality or ethnicity
- communicate directly with a student through personal or private contact channels (including by social media, email, instant messaging, texting etc) except where that communication is reasonable in all the circumstances, related to schoolwork or extra-curricular activities or where there is a safety concern or other urgent matter
- photograph or video a child or student in a school environment except in accordance with the [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy](#) or where required for duty of care purposes
- consume alcohol against school policy or take illicit drugs in the school environment or at school events where students are present
- have contact with any student outside of school hours except when needed to deliver the school curriculum or professional guidance and parental permission has been sought.

## Breaches to the Child Safety Code of Conduct

All Mount Egerton Primary School staff, volunteers, contractors and any other member of the school community involved in child-connected work who breach this Child Safety Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary procedures in accordance with their employment agreement or relevant industrial instrument, professional code or terms of engagement.

In instances where a reportable allegation has been made, the matter will be managed in accordance with the Department of Education Reportable Conduct Scheme Policy and may be subject to referral to Victoria Police.

All breaches and suspected breaches of the Mount Egerton Primary School Child Safety Code of Conduct must be reported to the principal, Janet Tuaine on 53689357 or [janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au).

If the breach or suspected breach relates to the principal, contact the department by phone on 1800 338 663, via the Enquiries form, or by email at [enquiries@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@education.vic.gov.au)

### Approval and review

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Created date</b>     | June 2022                                                     |
| <b>Consultation</b>     | School Council June 2026<br>Newsletter to community June 2026 |
| <b>Endorsed by</b>      | School Council and Principal                                  |
| <b>Endorsed on</b>      | 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                                    |
| <b>Next review date</b> | June 2028                                                     |

### School Policies:

## Child safety and wellbeing at Mount Egerton Primary School: Information for families and the school community

Mount Egerton Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: [Policies](#)

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Janet Tuaine - Principal on 53689357 or at [janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au)

# 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.



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TERM DATES:  
20<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 7<sup>TH</sup> 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>



