

Mt Egerton Primary School

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Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Principal's Message:

It has been another terrific fortnight at Mount Egerton Primary School. The students had an awesome time at the Ballarat Art Gallery.

It's a busy term ahead with lots on, so please keep an eye on the calendar to see what's happening next.

Just a few reminders:

The Parent Opinion Survey is on Compass; we kindly ask all families to take a few minutes to complete this survey. Survey closes Friday 30th August.

Hot lunch order forms have been sent home. Orders and money are due by Friday 30th August.

School Council will meet on Tuesday 3rd September @ 3:30pm, all welcome.

Silent Auction:

Our online silent auction is happening now. This is our major fundraiser for Term 3. We need assistance from all families to collect donations, gifts, vouchers, services. We also need full support from family, friends and the community in bidding for items on our Facebook page, so please encourage others to follow our page. A huge thank you to staff and families who have donated.

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Monday 26th – Tuesday 27th August

Grade 6 Excursion to Earth Ed – 2 days

Tuesday 27th August

MARC Van

Friday 30th August

Parent Opinion Survey closes
JSC Hot Lunch orders due

Sunday 1st September

Father's Day

Tuesday 3rd September

School Council Meeting @ 3:30pm

Wednesday 4th September

Moorabool Kids Day Out

Thursday 5th September

JSC Hot Lunch

Tuesday 10th September

MARC Van

Wednesday 18th September

Planning Day (students at school)

Thursday 19th September

Water Bugs Incursion

Friday 20th September

End of Term 3 @ 2:15pm

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 Lily for demonstrating our school value of Resilience by putting in 100% effort on all tasks in class, even ones she finds challenging.
- ❖ Congratulations to Ben for demonstrating our school value of Perseverance by working hard in Maths and Science on his learning activities.
- ❖ Congratulations to Arlo for demonstrating our school value of Perseverance by extending himself in writing lessons.

Reading Awards

Congratulations to Lily for reading 75 nights!

Congratulations to Justin for reading 100 nights!

Congratulations to Nate for reading 125 nights!

Congratulations to Ben, Maisie and Angus for reading 175 nights!



Family Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Angus for winning the Week 6 family maths challenge Lego draw!

Complete the family maths challenge and hand your answers in to Miss Millar to earn 3 tickets for you and your family towards the Lego prize draw! Entries close on Friday 6th September, to be drawn at our Week 8 assembly.

Book Week Dress Up



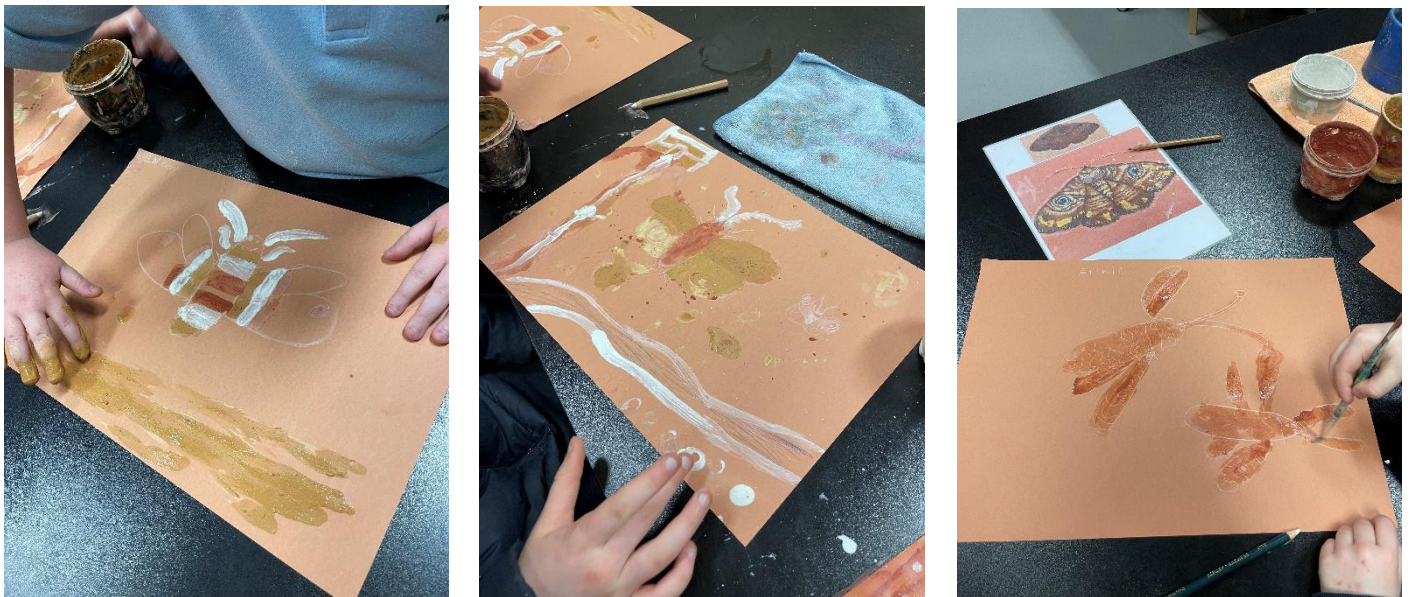
Golden Spottos

Congratulations to Justin, Nate, Finley and Abby for completing the Golden Spottos challenge! Each student has demonstrated actions that reflect our school values of Resilience, Perseverance, Kindness and Community, as well as acts of Respect and Leadership, to earn the 6 Golden Spottos. Well done! Keep up the fantastic work. They have each redeemed a Lego prize for earning the 6 Golden Spottos.



Ballarat Art Gallery Excursion

Mount Egerton students enjoyed their day out at the Ballarat Art Gallery. Students were immersed in the cultural stories of the Wadawurrung people, learning about the changes to Ballarat's landscape and people throughout time. Each student practised using ochre paint to create an image of the Bogong moth and had fun doing the Moth Dance. Students also had the chance to explore other exhibits and completed a creative writing project, inspired by the artworks.



School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in South West fire district.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking compass and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan if you have any concerns.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their [Bushfire Survival Plan](#) on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)

- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the [Bushfire At-Risk Register \(BARR\)](#). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the [Category 4 List](#).

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.

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Guitar Lessons

Ages 12-25

BYO Guitar
or FREE hire

FREE



Ballan (BYZ)
Wednesday
Fortnightly 4.30pm-
6pm



Darley (Studio 22)
Tuesday Weekly
4pm-5:30pm



DURING SCHOOL TERMS

TO SIGN-UP, SCAN THE QR CODE

Contact: youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au



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-1am daily)
For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/ehheadspace

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

1800RESPECT

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

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.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

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527 (6pm-10pm daily)
qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)

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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