Mt Egerton Primary School

Living and Learning Together Since 1856



Newsletter

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Principal's Message: I hope everyone enjoyed the Melbourne Cup long weekend and had the opportunity to relax, recharge and spend some quality time with family and friends. With only six weeks of the school year remaining, it is hard to believe how quickly the term is flying by! Over the coming weeks, teachers will begin completing final assessments to review student learning and progress throughout the year. Regular attendance is especially important during this time, as students need to be at school to participate in these assessments and demonstrate what they have learnt. When students are absent, they may miss scheduled assessments, making it more difficult for teachers to gather an accurate picture of their learning and achievement.
We appreciate your support in ensuring students attend school regularly and arrive on time, while remaining at home when unwell.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Sunday 22nd November
A reminder that our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser is coming up on Sunday 22nd November, and we are seeking volunteers to help make the day a success! We need three volunteers for each time slot and would love to see as many families as possible lend a hand. If you can spare some time, please jump onto Compass and follow the link to sign up for a shift. Can't volunteer on the day? You can still help! We are also seeking donations of supplies. Families are invited to donate a slab of canned drinks (coke, coke zero, lemonade or Fanta) or any of the following items: tomato sauce, barbecue sauce, mustard or napkins. There is no expectation for families to provide everything, a donation of just one item would be greatly appreciated. This reduces the costs of running the BBQ, allowing us to keep more of the money raised for our school and students.

Save the Date – End of Year Celebrations!
Please mark Thursday 17th December at 2:30pm in your calendars for our End of Year Assembly, Christmas Carols performance by students and Afternoon Tea. This will be a special opportunity for our school community to come together, celebrate the achievements of our students and enjoy some festive cheer as we reflect on another wonderful year at Mount Egerton Primary School. We look forward to seeing our families there!

As we head into the final weeks of the year, thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. We have plenty to look forward to as we finish the year together.

Upcoming Dates

JSC Freezy Fridays
Every Friday Term 4
Zooper Doopers - $1 each

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November
Junior Excursion – Fighting Extinction

Tuesday 17th November
MARC Van

Sunday 22nd November
Save the date - Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – volunteers will be required see Compass Note

Tuesday 24th November
School Council

Tuesday 8th December
Statewide Transition Day

Friday 11th December
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

Friday 17th December
End of year Assembly and Carols

Friday 18th December
Last day of term – 2:15 pm finish

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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Student Awards

- Congratulations to Maisie for demonstrating our school value of Community. Maisie has been a keen supporter of school events and volunteering in the Op Shop.

Reading Awards

- Congratulations to Justin for reading 275 nights!
- Congratulations to Archie & Ben for reading 250 nights!
- Congratulations to Finley for reading 125 nights!
- Congratulations to Bella for reading 50 nights!

Aussie of the Month – August

- Congratulations to Maisie for receiving Aussie of the Month for October. Maisie has demonstrated increased resilience in Bush Classroom and PE. Giving all new experiences her best go and being an inclusive mate towards all her peers.

Principal Award

- Congratulations to Bella. Bella has been a caring and sharing member of our school.

Spelling Awards

M100W

- Congratulations Brooklyn F on receiving an award for Green M100 Words
- Congratulations Addy on receiving an award for Violet M100 Words.
- Congratulations Max on receiving an award for Purple More Magic Words





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…*

📌 **School Policies:**

Becoming a volunteer at Mount Egerton Primary School

We have updated our Policy. Members of our school community who would like to volunteer are encouraged to speak with the principal Janet Tuaine to complete the Child Safety Induction, as well as complete a volunteer OHS induction.

Throughout the year, the school may call on volunteers to assist with things like fundraising activities, excursions, sport events etc., this will be done via the newsletter and/or emails to families. Induction lasts for 12 months.

Working with students

Mount Egerton Primary School values the many volunteers that assist in our classrooms, with sports events, on camps, during excursions, in breakfast club, and in other events. To ensure that we are meeting our legal obligations under the *Worker Screening Act* and the Child Safe Standards, Mount Egerton Primary School is required to undertake suitability checks which in most cases will involve asking for evidence of a Working with Children (WWC) Clearance and may also involve undertaking reference, proof of identity, qualification and work history involving children checks.

Where prospective volunteers are required under the law and our volunteer policy to have a WWC Clearance, the principal has the discretion to accept evidence of a WWC check application in order to commence volunteer work, provided the volunteer provides the school with evidence of the application outcome (clearance or exclusion) as soon as practicable after the applicant receives it.

In the case of nominating for school council, the person must already hold a WWC Clearance to be eligible to nominate (it is not possible to nominate with only an application for a WWC Check).

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Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 21st November until Saturday 28th November

*CONDITIONS APPLY

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher, or discount

Discount available on full priced Beleza School Uniforms branded items only



Families can also purchase tickets directly using the link below:
https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/GreendaleCFADriveIn2026-1670639

Keeping Culture update from VACCA

Support

- **24 Hour Telephone Support Services** - Emergency phone numbers.
- **Wellmob** - Social, emotional and cultural wellbeing online resources
- **Ask Izzy** - Search over 450,000 support services.
- **Become a Foster Carer** - Submit an online enquiry.
- **Victorian Aboriginal Services Directory** - Contact and social media links
- **VACCA Services** – Supporting a broad range of needs
- **BLKTRX Service Directory** - Culturally safe mental health support.

Stories

Health - **Koori Community Kitchen RECIPE BOOK (pdf)**
Download and Save! More ideas and recipes to eat healthy and warm this winter. Produced by the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation in NSW.

Community - **GLaWAC NAIDOC Family Day (Facebook Video)**
If you couldn't make it to our NAIDOC Family Day, or if you'd like to relive the fun, here's a look back at a deadly day of culture, community and connection.

Kids - **Little J and Big Cuz (iView)**
All episodes - 4 seasons. Little J and Big Cuz are a couple of First Nations Australian kids living with their Nanna and Old Dog. There's always something surprising going on whether it's at school, in the backyard... or beyond.

Community - **AFL star and Matildas ace to headline Nanyak Burras Youth Summit** Hosted by Rumbalara Football Netball Club, the two-day summit will bring together young people, prominent Indigenous speakers, entertainers, community leaders and prospective employers on Wednesday, July 29 and Thursday, July 30.

Movie - **Last Cab to Darwin (SBS On Demand)**
Comedy/Drama. A terminally ill cab driver picks up an Indigenous drifter and a backpacker while travelling through the Australian outback where he plans to die with dignity.

Culture - **Understanding how Australia's landscape changed over time**
Article with Boandik man, Uncle Ken on how he has taken on the job of sharing these stories with the next generation. (from 2024)

Community - **The next frontier of an Australian First Nations economy**
Uncle Ian Hamm joins VAN Talks to argue that true self-determination requires shifting from rights-based social policies to macro-economic participation and wealth independence.

Community - **Burraja Cultural Centre - open for bookings - WODONGA**
Indoor and outdoor areas, Burraja Cultural Centre is available to book for individuals and orgs. Host cultural events, community gatherings, activities, workshops, conferences, meetings, playgroups, school holiday activities, youth programs, community consultations or forums.

Events

EOi Dec - **Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program guidelines - VIC**
Assists in addressing a range of barriers to the community's participation in sport and active recreation across the state. Applications open until funding allocation is exhausted.

1 Dec - **Cultural Yarns for Carers of Aboriginal Children - ONLINE**
These sessions are designed to support carers to strengthen their confidence, knowledge, and practical skills in nurturing the cultural identity, belonging, and wellbeing of Aboriginal children in their care.

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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Mount Egerton Early Explorers Program – Term 4 Session
Thursday 19th November, Thursday 26th November, Thursday 3rd December & 8th December.

