

Mt Egerton Primary School

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Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Term 1 Week 7

It would be great to see as many students as possible participate in the Ballan Autumn Festival parade (see below for details). We will be giving every participant in our parade a raffle ticket to win some Lego. The draw will happen on the last day of school.

Ballan Autumn Festival Reminder

This year, the Ballan Autumn Festival is taking place on Sunday 17th March. Please meet Miss Millar and Ms Carly at the intersection of Stead and Stiglitz Streets at 10am. The theme for the parade this year is 'What makes you a community?'.

Our students voted on how they would like to dress up and we are excited to share our school theme as 'Wadawurrung Country: the bush, wildlife and land we live on'. Dress up ideas from our discussion included:

- animals where you live (kookaburras, magpies, kangaroos...)
- local bush and Autumn colours.

Family Challenge #2

There are 5 people in Sammy's family. When their ages were added together, the total came to 128.

What might be the ages of each family member?

1-2 responses earns 1 raffle ticket

3-4 responses earns 2 raffle tickets

5-6 responses earns 3 raffle tickets

7 or more responses earns 4 raffle tickets

Remember to hand your answers to Ms Bell for your raffle tickets! Entries for this challenge close 27th March.

Excess supplies

We have a number of 1L lactose free UHT milk that expires in May – if any families would like some please let us know, as we would prefer it to be used than expire



Sunday 17th March

Ballan Autumn Festival (parade at 10:30am TBC)

Monday 18th March

Mrs Filmer and Ms Carly at First aid training

Hot cross bun orders due

Tuesday 19th March

Miss Millar attending music PD
School Council 3:30pm (AGM followed by our first meeting of the new school council)

Wednesday 20th March

Open morning for prospective families
9:30am

Thursday 21st March

Dress up day – PJ/Oodie theme (students to make a donation to the Royal Children's Hospital)

Tuesday 26th March

MARC Van

Ms Bell at Term 1 Principal forum

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Term – dismissal at 2:15pm

Monday 15th April

Term 2 begins

Friday 19th April

Cross country

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC Day public holiday

Kindness: Being friendly, generous and considerate...

Wisdom: Having experience, knowledge and good judgment...

Integrity: Being honest, respectful and having strong moral principles...

Courage: The ability to face challenges; bravery...

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Working bee

A massive thank you to all of our staff, the Murphy family, the Milroy-Matthew boys and Mrs Filmer's husband for helping at our working bee! The school looks so fresh!

Student Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Michael for demonstrating our school value of wisdom by breaking your persuasive letter up into paragraphs and using statistics as a persuasive device.
- ❖ Congratulations to Finn for demonstrating our school value of integrity by making great choices during swimming week and travelling well on the bus.
- ❖ Congratulations to Finley for demonstrating our school value of wisdom for sharing ideas for reasons and evidence we could use in our whole class writing.

Reading Awards

Congratulations to Archie, Michael, Justin and Nate for reading 25 nights!



Teaching and Learning Weeks 8-9

Junior students P-2

Reading: During Reading, Foundation students will be focussing on different decoding strategies they can use when they come across an unknown word. Grade 2 students will continue to develop their comprehension strategies by inferring the characters feelings from the illustration.

Writing: We will continue to work through the writing process of planning, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing our persuasive writing. Foundation students will also work through the writing process and participate in some shared editing.

Number: Students will continue to focus on place value and developing their understanding of different ways we can make numbers. They will also use hands on materials to help develop their understanding in this area.

Applied maths: We are focusing on capacity for the next two weeks, using sand and water. We will be looking at estimating and careful checking.

Senior students 3-6

Reading: Students are focusing on their comprehension skills by incorporating elements of questions into their answers to help provide further details and clarification to their readers. Our levelled rotational activities have been working very well, with Epic being a big hit for diverse virtual texts.

Writing: Senior students will begin their persuasive writing assessment next week, focusing on the prompt: Mount Egerton Should Have Its Own High School. This topic was passionately brought up by students in our earlier practice lessons and lends itself to being a forward-thinking topic for our whole community.

Number: Students are exploring the concepts of place value and patterns through a range of conceptual tasks that encourage students to enter the 'learning pit' and to problem-solve creatively in order to answer problems. Mistakes are being encouraged as powerful tools for learning, which is a newer way of thinking for our class. This way of learning was highly encouraged at our Teacher STEM Day at Earth Ed this week.

Applied maths: Senior students are revising perimeter and area, as we move into volume and working with 3D objects. Students are being encouraged to think conceptually about 3D shapes as physical objects, working with sporting equipment, books and drink bottles to help students better perceive 3D concepts and ways of measuring.

AUSLAN: Next Friday, students will participate in a virtual AUSLAN check-in with teachers from AUSLAN Education Services. This event will allow students to communicate with deaf community members and deaf translators to showcase their learning and skills in AUSLAN.

Other curriculum areas to note:

Civics and Citizenship with Miss Millar: Senior students are learning about the nations that make up Australasia and how our countries interact with one another through culture, trade and travel. Next term, we are excited to be hosting our guest speaker, Mr Joe McCracken MP, for an incursion on the Australian parliamentary system, social sciences and politics.

ICT with Mrs Filmer: During ICT we have been learning about digital safety and digital technologies. Students have investigated what digital technology is, different types of digital technologies and their purpose, hardware and software, peripheral devices, input and output and networks. In the next week they will be demonstrating the knowledge they have learnt around these topics in ICT this term.

Last Day of Swimming

Students enjoyed their last swimming lesson for Term 1. The pool put out their inflatable obstacle course, which was a big hit! It was great to see so many smiling faces and brave students tackling the inflatable slide.



Community News:



BUNINYONG VILLAGE AUTUMN MARKET

**BUNINYONG TOWN HALL
SATURDAY 23 MARCH
2PM TO 6PM**



Parents of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6
are warmly encouraged to attend our



Information Evening

Wednesday 20th March 2024

**WOODMANS HILL
SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.
Bookings essential.



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See learning as it occurs!