

Mt Egerton Primary School

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Newsletter



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Upcoming Dates

Term 2 Week 5

What a big two weeks it has been! I heard great reports about our Grade 3-6 camp. The juniors also enjoyed their excursion to Sovereign Hill and athletics day. We were so lucky with the weather. I want to thank Warrenheip Primary School for organising camp and allowing us to join them. Staff have been doing a number of professional development sessions this year with Warrenheip and it has been great linking up our schools even more. And to top off the last two weeks, a terrific turn out at our open night! The students enjoyed playing games and doing activities with their families. Thank you for coming out and enjoying it! Congratulations Archie on your lucky door win! Enjoy your Lego set!

Morning arrivals

We have noticed students coming into class later than usual the past couple of weeks. We start our lessons at 9:00am sharp – students should already be in class at this time, not unpacking their bags. Please aim to get your child to school by 8:55am at the latest so we can make the most of our learning time.

Slippers

Students are able to bring in a pair of named slippers to wear inside the classroom. They will be stored on the shoe rack at the front door.

Family Challenge Term 2 #3

This newsletter we have a matchstick problem. You get three raffle tickets (per family) for solving it! Bring in a drawing of the answer and give to Ms Bell to receive your raffle tickets. Entries for this challenge close 31st May.

Move 2 matchsticks
to get 5 squares.



Tuesday 21st May

MARC Van

Wednesday 22nd May

Dance incursion

Thursday 23rd May

Hot lunch orders due

Friday 24th May

Curriculum day

Monday 27th May

Pie drive order forms due

Thursday 30th May

Hot lunch

Tuesday 4th June

MARC Van

MP visit to senior class

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June

Ms Bell attending maths training in Ballarat

Monday 10th June

King's Birthday public holiday

Wednesday 12th June

School Council 3:30pm

Thursday 13th June

Pie drive delivery (collection at 3:15pm)

Monday 17th June

Earth Ed excursion (details to come)

Tuesday 18th June

MARC Van

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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Updated policies

School council has reviewed a number of policies including: bullying prevention, dogs at school, visitors and Aboriginal learning, wellbeing and safety policies. They have been uploaded onto our website.

Premiers' Reading Challenge 2024

All students are signed up to the Premiers' Reading Challenge. When your child finishes reading a book (or if you read a book to them), you can log into the portal and log the book. I will verify it. I am also logging books we read at school. The challenge closes 6th September. Students in grades P-2 must read 30 books (20 off their list); students in grades 3-6 must read 15 books (10 or more from the list). You will find a list of the challenge books here:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge-book-lists>

Dogs at school

For all of our families and visitors to be aware, if you bring your dog to school – whether that be for drop off, pick up or during the day, it must be on a leash at all times. Please see our dogs at school policy for more information.

Student Awards

- ❖ Congratulations to Finley for demonstrating our school value of courage for meeting new people and trying new experiences on school camp.
- ❖ Congratulations to Michael for demonstrating our school value of wisdom for contributing to class discussions and sharing his vocabulary knowledge.
- ❖ Congratulations to Maisie for demonstrating our school value of kindness for being the first person to offer help to others in our classroom. Thank you for your help!
- ❖ Congratulations to Arlo for demonstrating our school value of kindness for helping to pack up after PE and carry the skipping equipment.

Principal Award

- ❖ Congratulations to Maisie for participating in every event at Athletics Day – that was a terrific effort!

Family maths challenge winner

Well done Michael on winning this half of term!





Our 2024 school leaders were presented with their badges at this week's assembly.

Teaching and Learning Weeks 6-7

Junior students P-2

Reading: During Reading, we will be exploring how author's organise information texts and why. We will also begin to explore how our background knowledge can help us understand new content about a topic.

Writing: Students will be working through the writing process to draft their Information Report based on an ocean creature. They will explore how to write an interesting beginning that engages the reader.

Number: In Number, students will be exploring different subtraction strategies that they can use to solve subtraction problems. We will also look at how addition and subtraction are linked.

Respectful Relationships: Students will be learning about asking others for help when self-soothing strategies are not helping to calm their worries. They will be exploring strategies and language they can use, through role-play and drawing activities.

LOTE (Prep): Students will be learning to sign numbers 1-20, while learning more about deaf culture.

Senior students 3-6

Reading: Senior students are loving their new novel study on The Wild Robot. We have teamed up with the senior class at Warrenheip PS to plan and share the experience between the two classes.

Writing: We have recently begun our information reports unit, with each senior student focusing on writing their first report about an Australian ocean animal. They will have the chance to complete a second report on an ocean animal of choice from anywhere in the world.

Number: Students are learning strategies for solving a range of subtraction problems, including equations with whole, decimal and negative numbers.

Applied maths: We will be continuing to work on creating line graphs, pie graphs and choosing the most appropriate graph to display given data.

Respectful Relationships: Students are learning how to be brave during situations that make them feel anxious or scared.

Other curriculum areas to note:

Applied Maths (Prep) with Ms Carly: Students will be collecting and sorting data from their peers and the world around them. They will continue using data to create column graphs, pie graphs and pictograms using fun interactive manipulatives.

Critical and Creative Thinking with Miss Millar: Students learnt about the importance of bees and helped to gather sticks to create small pollinator nests for travelling insects. We went to the bush classroom to place the pollinator nests in the trees, which the playgroup went out and explored. Instructions were sent home with students to make more complex pollinator nests at home with their families.



Our Latest School Experiences!





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practice Auslan at
home with your
family.

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episodes!**



**Auslan learning,
signing songs,
interviews and
Deaf guests!**



Auslan Time with Geo



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School Saving Bonus

Dear parents and carers

You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. We are sharing more information about how families will be able to access and use this support.

This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025.

It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025.

Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children's activities and uniforms.

Existing supports

The School Saving Bonus support will be in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for [camps, sports, excursions](#) and uniforms.

The application-based [Affordable School Uniform program](#), through State Schools' Relief, will continue to be available to families experiencing financial hardship or other forms of vulnerability and short-term crisis. This program allows schools to make multiple applications for support on parents' behalf throughout the year if needed.

There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

Kind regards

Tegan Bell

Principal

Community News:

Ballarat Table Tennis Association has won the rights to host the 2024 Paris Olympics Qualifiers for the Australian Olympic table tennis team.

This event will take place on **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May, from 10.30am to 6.30pm each day at our world class stadium - 499 Dowling St Wendouree.**

This is a FREE event for the Ballarat community to come along to.

This is a huge win for our sport and indeed for Ballarat to be able to host this event and will see the best 24 male and female table tennis players in Australia vie for spots in our Olympic team in what is arguably the best table tennis stadium in Australia. No need to book, just turn up and watch! Hot and hot food available on the day and our stadium is heated!



Remember to sign your child up for Jump Rope for Heart at jumprope.org.au/parents



Join us for Reconciliation Week 2024

Bacchus Marsh - Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Flag Raising Ceremony

Monday 27 May, 10-11am

The Village Green, 197 Main Street

Light refreshments served from the Bacchus Marsh Supper Room.

Ballan - Wadawurrung Flag Raising Ceremony

Wednesday 29 May, 10-11am

Ballan Council Office, 15 Stead Street

Light refreshments served from Council Chambers.

Libraries - Special Storytime

Ballan Library - Wednesday 29 May, 10am

Lerderderg Library - Thursday 30 May, 10am

Learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements.

Bacchus Marsh & Ballan MAPP Galleries

Local artist, Tanisha Quilliam -

“The interconnection between our ancestors and land”

On exhibition from 14 May - 29 July 2024

moorabool.vic.gov.au/events

Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land which includes the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung people. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.



From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Ballarat

Wed 19 Jun 2024, choice of 11am OR 6:30pm sessions

(3 hr seminar incl question time, doors open 10:30am & 6pm)

Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss **Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day** giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Leash) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

Exhibitor

Living on the Spectrum:
livingonthespectrum.com

LIVING
ON THE SPECTRUM
Autism directory and Neurodiversity Hub

Early Bird
Tickets
until 5 Jun!



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Order of Australia
Medal Recipient
& Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
Daniel's Dad

Leash Purcell
Daniel's Sister
and Educator



ABN: 11 965 440 100

Venue

North Ballarat Sports Club (Mars Stadium)
725 Creswick Rd, Ballarat VIC

Tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Autistic people, family & carers
\$30.50* early bird | \$35.50* regular

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.)
\$75.50* early bird | \$85.50* regular

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