

Mount Egerton Primary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR DATES:

- **February 1st—15th**
Swimming Program
(see the information /
timetables sent home)
- **February 4th**
Aboriginal Culture
Centre
- **February 5th**
Gary: Principal's meeting
Ararat
- **February 8th**
Sovereign Hill
- **February 12th**
Parent Welcome BBQ
- **February 13th**
Swimming Carnival
(Parents Welcome)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Junior Classroom:
Commencing next week

Senior Classroom:
Commencing next week

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS AWARD:

We are pleased to
announce that the
Positive Behaviours
Award for this week
goes to:

Cory Harrison

Birthday Book:

The staff and students of Mount Egerton Primary School would like to send a very big Happy Birthday wish to:

Bonita Brugger, January 26th
Tasmynn Waterhouse, January 28th

Principal's Message:

I would like to welcome all of our children, parents and teachers back for a wonderful 2008 school year. In particular I would like to welcome our newest children and their family's to the school it is fantastic to have so many new families involved in the school this year. On behalf of all of our school community I also extend a very warm welcome to our two new teachers, Mrs Josephine Venner (Prep -2 classroom) and Miss Kylie Symons (Year 3-6) Despite starting Prep this year, for Molly and Amy starting school seemed such an easy step, however for those children moving from other schools it was much more challenging, with vary degrees of nervousness being experienced. Secretly even our new teachers suffered first day nerves along with myself. I'm looking forward to a fantastic school year. The high level of positive energy among the staff, children and parents is nothing short of infectious and motivating.

Already we have had a fantastic couple of days, firstly the teachers worked together planning the swimming program and looking at and gaining an understanding of our 2008 whole school focus of developing:

*'Shining Eyes'
and a
Learning Community'*

For the children our aim is to have them as excited about learning as they are at Christmas or on their Birthday or even a trip to a local shop to buy a special treat, hence that facial expression of **'Shining Eyes'**. For the wider school community our aim is to work even more closely so that we may share our knowledge and resources and that together we become life long learners and value knowledge. Also that we see ourselves as being pieces of the same jigsaw, the **'Mount Egerton Learning Community'**.

The Parent Welcome BBQ will be held on **Tuesday, February 12** commencing at 5:30pm. This will also be a very special occasion as we will officially open our New Library and launch our new Computer Technology. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet informally with all of our school families and having the opportunity to share how wonderful our school grounds look because of the voluntary work of a dedicated group of Mount Egerton School Community members.

Thank you to Frances McCallum particularly for spending far to much time at school over the holidays gardening, painting, feeding cats, letting in tradesmen and the list goes on and on. Thank you to Peter Shawcroft, Natalie Waterhouse, Kim Triance, Terri Middleton & Liz Shawcroft who have all contributed in some way to the wonderful start to our school year.

I am looking forward to a great school year, we have a wonderful mix of children and staff, along with an enthusiastic and supportive group of parents.

Parent’s Club Fundraisers:

Parent’s Club still has for sale some of the Sunscreen fundraiser roll-ons. If you need sunscreen for your child during the swimming program please contact either Natalie Waterhouse, Liz Murphy or the school.

Parent’s Club Meeting:

The next Parent’s Club meeting will be held at the school on **Monday, February 4th at 2:00pm**. All parents welcome to attend and all new parents are encouraged to attend.

Parents are invited to meet with the Principal and have their questions answered and enjoy a relaxing tea / coffee.

School Council Meeting:

The next School Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 13th** at 7:00pm.

All parents are welcome to attend School Council meetings, however only School Council members are able to vote.

Nominations and elections for vacant School Council positions will take place during March so keep an eye out for notices coming home with the children.



A N N O U N C E M E N T S

PARISH SACRAMENTAL CATHOLIC PROGRAM

Available on application to children (grade 3 onwards) whose parents in consultation with Father Michael O’ Toole determine they are ready for the Sacraments.

Sr Veronica Quinn, S.G.S from Diocesan Religious Education Office will be assisting the Sacramental Team

INFORMATION EVENING:

Tues Feb 5th St Patrick’s School Gordon - 7:30 pm
 Thurs Feb 7th St Bridgid’s School, Ballan - 7.30 pm

Parents are required to attend one of the above meetings.

The school has had two new signs made up and installed to promote our very important existence. One is located in the main street of Mount Egerton between the General Store and the Community Hall.

They read as follows:

Mount Egerton Primary School

‘Living and Learning Together Since 1856’

‘Small Schools Are Great Schools’
 Call us and find out why!
 Enrolments are being taken now
 Phone: (03) 5368 9357

Mount Egerton Primary School Welcomes you to Mt Egerton

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IMPORTANT

Bullying: Cruel, not Cool:

Bullying includes these actions: teasing, pushing & shoving, name calling, hitting & kicking, gossip, starting and spreading rumours, excluding, mean tricks, insulting someone's family, insulting someone's intelligence, tripping, theft and other types of physical violence.

It's Not OK to be Away'

In the event of an absence please phone: 5368 9357

Note: Parents are requested to make non-urgent doctor and dentist appointments at times outside school hours *where possible*.

Our School Purpose

To provide a friendly and caring learning environment that engages students to work to achieve their personal best in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation while assisting them to become valued members of the community.

Our School Values

Remember our school values of **respect, learning, commitment, perseverance** and **honesty & trustworthiness** are important everyday of our lives.

Let's live by these in 2007 and beyond.

FEBRUARY 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Day 1 of Swimming Program	2	3
4 Day 2 + Aboriginal Culture Centre visit	5 Day 3 Swimming / Gary; Ararat meeting	6 Day 4 & return to school	7 Day 5 & return to school	8 Day 6 + Sovereign Hill visit	9	10
11 Day 7 & return to school	12 Day 8 & return to school 5:30 Parent BBQ	13 Swimming Carnival + School Council 7:00pm	14 Day 9 + Ballarat Library Visit	15 Day 10 + Ballarat Wildlife Park visit	16	17
18 Gary: Moorabool Collegiate meeting	19	20	21	22 Gary: Regional Big Day Out	23	24
25	26 Parent / Teacher meetings (10 mins)	27	28 Census Day	29		

