

# Mount Egerton Primary School Newsletter

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## CALENDAR DATES:

- **May 19th**  
Mount Clear College:  
Working Together  
Evening
- **May 22nd**  
Star Lab Excursion  
Gordon PS
- **May 22nd**  
Gary: Patrick Griffin PD
- **May 28th**  
Gary: Regional Director's  
Meeting Ballarat
- **June 3rd**  
Jo + Gary: Regional  
Network Literacy  
Workshop.  
Ballan Mechanics Hall

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

**Junior Classroom:**  
Linda Harrison

**Senior Classroom:**  
Bonita Brugger

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS AWARD:

We are pleased to announce that the Positive Behaviours Award for last week went to:

**Lilliya Howard**

## Birthday Book:

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

No birthdays this week

## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Well there has been a lot going on since I last wrote a newsletter. Thank-you to Ms Venner for ensuring that there was a Newsletter produced during that time. The Grampians Region Principal's Conference provided a lot of food for thought in relation to how we might better use technology in our classrooms, the importance of PLAY BASED activities both at home and at school to develop creativity while incorporating learning and how we all think about the environments that we live in.

Thank-you to **all** of the parents and school community members who were involved in the successfully running of our Parent's Club Mother's Day Stall. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by the Staff and Students.

We were fortunate to be able to welcome Adam Ersen to our school earlier in the week. Adam joins us from Daylesford PS and will be in Year 6. This week has been occupied by two major tasks: the undertaking of this years NAPALN Assessments by the Year 3 & 5 students and the Building Education Revolution (BER) Grant funding. The children, right across the whole school have been fantastic in relation to the interruptions caused by NAPLAN and the participation of those involved.

The goal posts keep moving when it comes to the BER Grant money so it has been both challenging and time consuming keeping up with the process as it all unfolds. The challenge for School Council and us as a School Community is to ensure that we get the best possible value out of the \$250,000 available to the School.

We are also seeking currently two other grants: **1.** an Environmental Sustainability Grant worth up to \$50,000 (for harvesting the sun's energy and water harvesting) **2.** an Asian Studies Grant worth between \$20,000 and \$40,000 (to learn more about Asia and possibly introduce a Language Program) Schools are never dull and there is always much more happening behind the scenes than people are aware. At times I think that many of us forget the efforts and sacrifices that the staff and some of the parents in order that the children of Mount Egerton have the best possible opportunities every day. The focus of our school is the children and their learning and it is sometimes important to remind ourselves of that fact.

Next week we are looking forward to our opportunity to learn more about outer space through the visit of 'Star Lab'. As a school we will travel to Gordon Primary School and join with a number of other small schools to hear what the people from the CSIRO have to tell us about Outer Space.

Once again, thank-you to all staff, parents and children for a great couple of weeks.

Regards, Gary White

**Blue Light Disco:**

Ballan Primary School Gymnasium  
**Friday the 12th June 2009,**  
 Between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

**Parent's Club Activities:**

- The next Health Lunch will be held on Wednesday, May 29th
- Trivia Night Saturday, August 15th
- Second Hand Uniform still available from the school
- Sunscreen (roll-on) available at the never to be repeated price of \$3.50. 30+ waterproof

- **Mother's Day Raffle** winners: 1st Nicole Armitage, 2nd Zac Spiteri, 3rd Zelma Brugger.

**Parent's Club:**

The next meeting of the Parent's Club will be held at **9:00am** on **Tuesday, May 19th.**

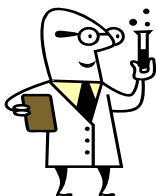
All parents are welcome come join in on the friendship and fun!

**School Council:**

The next meeting of the School Council will take place on **Tuesday, June 9th** at **6:15pm** in the Mount Egerton Staffroom.

**THINKER'S CORNER****Science Corner Quiz**

In this very spot each weekly newsletter will now contain a set of Science Quiz questions. The first person to make contact with all Mr White each week either in person or via email, with the most correct answers will win the weekly prize. It's all about effort. How keen are you to win this weeks prize?



in length and 2.3 metres in diameter. I am a marine animal. I have no brain and I have no skeleton. I have a polyp and a medusa stage in my life cycle.

Which ocean zone is closer to the surface; pelagic or benthic? Within State, Territory and Commonwealth waters, can marine protected areas include shipwrecks?

All answers can be emailed to [mount.egerton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.egerton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or written on a pieces of paper and passed to Mr White at school. Good luck with your Science research

**Week 8: Quiz Answers**

1. Elias applied for a patent for the 'automatic, continuous clothing closure', or 'zipper', in 1851, but never marketed it.
2. Tattoo ink is applied to the innermost layer of skin, the dermis layer. The outermost, or epidermis, layer is the skin that continuously sheds.
3. The only difference is where the telescopes are located. Ground-based astronomy telescopes are located on Earth and space-based astronomy telescopes are outside Earth's atmosphere.  
Hydrogen.

**Week 9: Quiz Questions**

1. What does the word 'quark' (a sub-atomic particle) rhyme with – cork, work or bark?
2. Are sunspots warmer or cooler than the rest of the Sun's surface?
3. What am I? I can grow over 36 metres

**Old Phones, New Fence Posts**

**Recycling Challenge:** This year we are proud to be part of the Mobile Muster, schools recycling challenge. Between now and June 5<sup>th</sup> we are asking our school community to collect and hand in as many mobile phone batteries, chargers and accessories as possible for recycling. The old phones will be used to make plastic composite fence posts and donated to the bushfire affected areas in Victoria. For every 5kgs of phones collected one plasma fence post will be donated. We appreciate your help in this challenge.

Junior Room Parents,

As part of our music program we as a class thought we would like to learn the recorder.

In this month's Lucky Book Club there is a recorder and a beginner music book being advertised valued at **\$9.00**. This is an excellent offer as a recorder on its own normally costs approximately \$15.00.

It is hoped that each child is able to purchase one of these recorders so that this can be a whole class learning experience. The children will be able to use their recorder for their entire school career at Mount Egerton as we can continue learning it each year.

Please confirm if you are able to purchase a recorder by placing \$9:00 in a envelop or a note in your child's diary by **Monday, May 18th**. We will need to order the recorders now.

Thank-you!



## FROLICS FROM THE JUNIORS

Well hello there from all of us. We are very happy to see everyone putting in a really big effort to get to school on time and looking gorgeous.

Currently we are looking at Settlement and Exploration of Australia with a focus on Discovery. So far we have learnt about the ship Endeavour and the things that this ship brought with it to Australia. We are going to begin looking at how settlement has affect Australia and what it was like to live in a land where no-one knew what to expect.

As for NAPLAN it is FINISHED but we had lots of fun doing it. We have looked at addition, multiplication, subtraction and money. We are now looking at patterns and will be moving onto time, shape, area and much more. We are continuing our story writing as well as recount writing.

We had some great experiences with baking Anzac Cookies as well as Anzac cake, we even tried our hand at making lamingtons (they were very yummy). We are going to learn more about music and hopefully we will all be learning to play the recorder (you might want to purchase some ear muffs for a short while - Lock up the cats).

Anyway enough for now we don't want to give too much away or we will have to deal with you severely. We hope to see you all at the BBQ tonight it is going to be fun.

# IMPORTANT

## Our School Purpose

To provide a friendly and caring learning environment that engages students to work toward achieving 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 values in 2009 and beyond.

## 'It's Not OK to be Away'

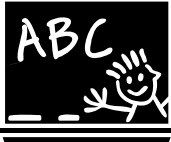
**In the event of an unavoidable absence please phone: 5368 9357**

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

## Bullying: Cruel, not Cool:

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

# MAY 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 <small>Gary: Grampians Conference</small>	2	3
4	5	6 <small>School Council Induction Night</small>	7	8	9 <small>Mother's Day Stall</small>	10
11	12 <small>NAPLAN School Council</small>	13 <small>NAPLAN</small>	14 <small>NAPLAN</small>	15 <small>Family BBQ 5:45pm</small>	16	17
18	19 <small>MCC Working Together session</small>	20	21	22 <small>Star Lab excursion Gordon</small>	23	24
25	26	27	28 <small>Gary: Regional Director's meeting</small>	29	30	31