

# Mount Egerton Primary School Newsletter

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## CALENDAR DATES:

- **June 11th**  
Gary: University Cluster Meeting
- **June 15th**  
School Council Working Bee: Stage 2 of Front Gate Up-Grade 10:00am
- **June 20th**  
Kids Disco Mount Egerton Hall 7:00pm—10:00pm
- **June 25th**  
Open Classrooms: Celebration of 'Gold' 2:30pm
- **June 27th**  
Footy Day & 2:30 finish. Come dressed as a footy fan / special lunch and prizes

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

### Junior Classroom:

Luke Dobler  
For being helpful

### Senior Classroom:

Cory Harrison  
For displaying initiative

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS AWARD:

We are pleased to announce that the Positive Behaviours Award for last week went to:  
Rhys Oliver  
Preparing an article for the Mount Egerton News Letter

### Birthday Book:

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

Nathan Brugger 11/6/08

### Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This week has been one which has contained some real highlights for the school. I am very pleased to be able to announce that I received a phone call earlier in the week saying that our application for 'Performance and Development Culture Accreditation' has been successful.

All government schools across Victoria are required to become accredited by the end of 2008. Mount Egerton Primary School can now boast of being one of a very elite small group of schools in the Grampians Region to have achieved accreditation. This simply means that the school has processes in place that enable staff to perform their tasks and develop skills with the support of these processes. Put simply, it means that the children and their teachers, regardless of who is in charge of running the school, are well supported. I would like to thank the all of the staff for the contributions to our successful bid for accreditation.

The working bee at the weekend was a huge success and again because we were able to put the children at the centre of everything that we do, we can see that many things were able to be achieved on the day. Much to everybody's pleasure we not only had staff, parents and children helping out on the day we had sev-

eral community members come along and add to the day's success.

As the Principal it stirred a great deal of pride seeing so many people actively working for the kids to make the school be a better place, so it was not a case of '*it's not all about me*' it was '*all about the kids*' and so it was at the end of the day that I felt truly blessed on behalf of the kids.

It is truly a great thing when members of our close community can come and lend a hand to work for the school. It demonstrates not only that they feel a great sense of pride in the school but for their community and the kids. Thank you to all those who attended, it was a great day.

At the request of the senior students we will be recommencing **ACT Time** or Active Choice Time. This means that the children will have some in put into the activities being undertaken on a Friday afternoon. In order for this to happen the children must correctly use our school values as they engage in the tasks being set during the week. They must also ensure that they have completed their set homework tasks in order to participate in this reward program.

Parents are requested to support their children by ensuring that homework is completed on a weekly basis. Those children who fail to hand in their homework will be required to complete it with me in the Library rather than enjoy ACT Time activities.

Regards, Gary White.

**Parent's Club Meeting:**

The next Parent's Club meeting will be held at the school on **Tuesday, June 24** at **9:00am**

Parents will also have the opportunity to meet with the Principal and have their questions answered while enjoying a relaxing cuppa and a chat.

**School Council Annual General Meeting:**

The school community is advised that the next School Council Meeting & Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 2nd** at **7:00pm**.

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

To bring items of importance to School Council's attention please contact a School Council member of your choice or the School Principal.

**O T H E R   N E W S****LAUNCH PAD:**

Josh Pearson has set up a fantastic, easily updatable communication website for LaunchPad get on the net and see what's events will be taking place in the near future.

<http://www.launchpadmoorabool.org>

As winter is now well and truly upon us, the students are looking for warmer jackets and clothing to wear. Shoes are also getting muddy. In an effort to look after the carpets students are required to remove their shoes. It would be great to see all students wearing slippers inside the classroom, to keep feet warm and toes protected. A change of clean, dry socks may also be appreciated by your child.

**Senior Room News**

Week Ending: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008

The students have taken on board a number of initiatives implemented over the last few weeks. This week sees the reintroduction of ACT (active choice time) that rewards students for consistently displaying the school's values.

Students have also been making a more concerted effort to hand in their homework on a daily basis and to have their student diary signed. It is the responsibility of the individual student to ensure they present their diary for the teacher's signature each day.

Don't forget on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** parents, family and friends are invited along to visit both the classrooms to view the students work on the unit of 'GOLD'. The students are looking forward to displaying and sharing their work. Classrooms will be ready for visitors from 2.30pm – 4.00pm (home time as normal, but the student's work will remain on display until this time).

# IMPORTANT

## 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.

## '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*.

## 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 2008 and beyond.

# JUNE 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 <i>Working-Bee 10:00am</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Gary: University Cluster Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Kids Disco Mount Egerton Hall 7:00pm	21	22
23	24 Parent's Club meeting 9:00am	25 Open Classrooms 2:30pm	26	27 <i>Last Day of Term</i>	28	29
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