

Mount Egerton Primary School

Newsletter

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CALENDAR DATES:

- **November 28th**
Gary: University Cluster
Principal's Meeting
(all day)
- **November 29th**
'Life Education' Van
9:00 Parent Session
10:00 Junior Session
11:30 Senior Session
- **November 30th**
Fusion: Advent Pageant
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10:00am start
- **December 4th**
Year 6 Graduation Day
&
'Going Up Day'

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Junior Classroom:
To be announced

Senior Classroom:
To be announced

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS AWARD:

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

To be announced

Important Principal's Message:

For one reason or another it has been several weeks since we last had a newsletter, partially due to the extremely hectic pace but in part due to a distinct lack of enthusiasm.

You see I spend approximately ten hours a day working to promote and build the school to be a better place for all children and their families. But then I get phone calls, hear of conversations that take place between individuals and have visitors to my office that tell me of the derogatory conversations that take place in the car park and around the town at times. The participants include locals and others from outside our immediate parent group with the conversations often putting down other members of our school community, sometimes even the children who attend our school.

Recently I spoke to the Mount Egerton Community Development Association asking for extra community support for the school, particularly in the promotion of the school as a *great place to learn*. They listened well, asked logical questions and then made a commitment to take greater ownership of their town's school. All for the benefit of the school's kids and your children.

Therefore it seems to me that if individuals from outside the school are willing to promote and talk positively about the value of the school and the great job that we are doing, then why can't the parents and beneficiaries of the school do likewise?

We all need to take a personal role in the stamping out, once and for all, of the destructive conversations that undermine the true benefit and progress being made by the school.

'*Small schools are great schools*' and this is why we have enrolled four new children in the past two weeks for 2008.

Please help me to get our act together in all areas of the school!

The road to success is almost always under construction.

Graduation & Christmas Break-up:

The Graduation will take place on **Thursday, December 20** in the Mount Egerton Community Hall and it is hoped that this will be a great family evening. All the children are working very hard on practising their dancing. On the day the children will be required to come dressed in either, Aussie Farm Boy or Farm Girl outfits, to help them look the part and to feel special.

The Community Hall will be decorated with a Country & Western theme, and if we are all good Santa might even pop in for a visit.

A BBQ tea will be provided for all the families, salads are being made by the Parent's Club and ice-creams will be provided for the kids.

The Parent's Club would like each family to bring a dessert if possible. Please fill in the attached form and return it to the school no later than 14/12/07. This way the Parent's Club will know what sort of desserts are being made and this way we won't double up. Please note that this will be an alcohol free event due to the fact that it is a school event being held on public property. We thank-you in anticipation of your cooperation and understanding.

Christmas Gifts:

The school will be donating \$5.00 per child for an end of year Christmas gift, to be presented by Santa. Parents are also requested to contribute an additional \$5.00 per child towards the gift so as to enable Santa to provide a gift to the value of \$10.00 per child. It is hoped that this will assist to make the Graduation and End of Year Celebrations exciting for all children in attendance as they receive a gift from Santa.

Please send your \$5.00 along to the school

with your child’s name clearly marked on the envelope. If any family has another child member (pre-school age) that you would also like to receive a gift from Santa, then you are invited to send along an additional \$10.00 for that child with their name and age clearly marked on the envelope. The money will then be passed on to Santa so that gifts can be given on the night

Please help us to help Santa not miss out on presenting anybody with a gift and again thanks for your fantastic support.



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

Parent’s Club Fundraisers:

All of our Parent’s Club fundraisers are about to come to an end for 2007.

Sunscreen:

Could we please have all money handed in for the **Sunscreen** fundraiser and or, any left over sunscreens, by **Friday 30th November**.

Salvation Army Bags:

The Salvation Army Clothes Bag fundraiser will also be finishing soon. Anyone with a Salvo bag full of clothes needs to drop it into the school’s Art Room by **Friday, November 30th**. The school will receive \$5.00 per bag collected, so please start bring those bags in for collection now.

It’s Not OK to be Away!

As the year draws to a close it is important to remember that every day is important. Parents are requested to ensure that all children attend school to complete their school work, undertake assessments and prepare for the end of year activities. A note from home or a phone call is required for all absences.

Christmas Raffle Donations:

The Parent’s Club will be running numerous raffles on Graduation Night, but they can not happen without the wonderful support of the parents of the school community. When you are at the school you will notice that we again have a beautifully decorated Christmas box out the front of the office for any donations that parents are able to make. These donations need to be non-perishable items for our Christmas hamper, such as wine, toys, chocolates, Christmas wrapping paper, etc anything at all that would be found in a hamper would be wonderful and greatly appreciated. We would like to have all donations received at the school by December 14. Cost of the tickets will be 3 for \$2-00 and the hamper will be drawn at the Graduation / BBQ December 20. Everyone family should have their raffle ticket books by now, if you haven’t received one please see Kim Triance.

All books have been numbered and recorded, so please return all tickets, sold or unsold by December 14 so that the Parent’s Club do not have to chase the books.

School Council Meeting:

The next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00pm

Parent’s Club Meeting:

The date of the next Parent’s Club meeting will be announced soon. All Parents invited to meet with the Principal and have their questions answered and enjoy a relaxing coffee.

FREE S/H Computers:

The school still has some old computers that are still in working order but need a good home.

Parents, families and friends who would like to have one off these computers should contact the school. They still work and we would love to see them being used.

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.

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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.

DECEMBER 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			29 'Life Education' van visit	30 Advent Procession Ballarat excursion	1 Santa arrives Bridge Mall	2
3	4 Year 6 Orientation Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Student Free Day: Report Writing	13	14 Parent's Club MEPS Kids Disco	15	16
17	18 End of Year School Council Dinner 7:00pm	19	20 Yr 6 Graduation & Family Bush Dance	21 Last Day of Term 2007	22	23
24 School Holidays Commence	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	