

Mount Egerton Primary School

Newsletter

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CALENDAR DATES:

- **December 12th**
Student Free Day
Assessment & Reporting
- **December 14th**
Parent's Club Student
Disco Community Hall
- **December 19th**
Year 6 Special Lunch &
Bowling, Ballarat
- **December 19th**
School Council End of
Year Dinner meeting
- **December 20th**
Break-up & Graduation
Family Bush Dance
- **December 21st**
Last Day of Term
School ends 2:30pm

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

Quote:

The road to success is almost always under construction.

'Small schools are great schools'

Important Principal's Message:

The year is fast approaching the end and as is usual in schools, there are many things to complete prior to the children leaving and the school closing for the holidays.

It is with a great deal of sadness for our school and a degree of happiness for Laura that I let you know that Laura Edwards will be leaving our school at the end of the 2007 school year. Laura has accepted a fulltime position at Ballarat North Primary School, which is something that our school, would not have been able to do in the very near future. Laura will take over as the teacher in charge of a 1/2 composite classroom and I'm sure that they will be very lucky children and have a most enjoyable 2008 school year. So, as the year comes to end it would be great for the children and parents to acknowledge the great contribution that Laura has made to the school over the past twelve months.

Laura worked very hard to ensure that she became an integral part of our teaching team and has spent many, many hours of her personal time working for the school in her usual quiet manner. Her efforts to take over management of the school library from Glenda Brown and make it her own, has been fantastic! Laura has been responsible for overseeing the establishment of the new facilities

and if you ask her, she can locate any resource in less than the blink of an eye. As a school we will have the opportunity to thank her at Graduation, over the next couple of weeks each family should take a moment to thank her personally.

On a more positive note, yesterday we interviewed a quality field of Graduate Teachers to replace Laura in 2008 and the panel has selected Mrs Josephine Venner to replace Laura. Josephine comes to us with a wealth of life experiences, a background in legal practice, a major in psychology, along with having a young family of her own. We are very much looking forward to having her commence with us in 2008.

The children were very excited to witness the installation of a former Police Station Office block on our school ground on Wednesday. The facility will be used by Pam Sharpe as she works to support the classroom teachers by providing one-on-one support for any child that the school identifies as needing additional support for what-ever reason. Our aim will be to ensure that **no child** falls more than six months behind their expected levels in Reading, Writing and Number. The facility has been provided free of charge and in the next week it will have all the necessary connection completed ready for 2008.

The School Strategic Plan for 2008—2010 will hopefully be approved by School Council next week and it will set our school direction and focus for the next three years, so am again looking forward to discussing it with you and working together to achieve the goals.

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 wont 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.

**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 finish on , **December 10**. If anyone have a last minute bag of clothing that they would like to get rid of please bring it into school on Monday. Remember the school will receive \$5.00 per bag collected, so please bring those bags in for collection on Monday.

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 6:30pm

Parent's Club Meeting:

The next Parent's Club meeting will take place on **Monday, December 10** at **9:00am** in the staffroom.

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	19 Year 6 Lunch & School Council Dinner	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	