

Mount Egerton Primary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR DATES:

- **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:
Aimee Scott

Senior Classroom:
Dylan Darley

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS AWARD:

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

Kitty Hamilton

Disco:

*Student Disco Mount Egerton
Community Hall Tonight.*

*'Put your Dancing Shoes on the Party
is about to Begin'*

Important Principal's Message:

Schools are places of great learning and as such must always be striving for change, particularly in the ways that we teach and the things that we teach. It is the very nature of change that many of us find difficult to cope with and can cause great personal stress.

Several of the Professional Development Programs that I have attended over the past two years, on behalf of the school, have been about coping with and leading change. All of us pass through the same six stages of coping with changes, however some of us spend more time than others in certain areas of the change process before we move on. This means that some of us remain stressed and upset for longer before moving on to the positives stages of embracing change and looking forward to the exciting times that lay ahead. (Arriving at the *half full* glass as opposed to the *half empty* glass)

Stages of Concern

High Impact:	6. Refocusing	5. Collaboration
	4. Consequences	
Task:	3. Management	
Self	2. Personal	1. Informational
	0. Awareness	

It is not only teaching and the types of activities which are constantly open to change in a school but also the composition of the teaching staff. Only last week I announced that it was with a great deal of sadness that Laura Edwards would be leaving our school at the end of the 2007

school year. This week I have to announce that Helen McNab will also be leaving our school at the end of the 2007 school year. Redan Primary School has offered Helen a twelve month teaching position with responsibility, which means an increased time fraction (number of days work) and increased pay, however at the end of the period Helen will then return to Mount Egerton Primary School. This will be a great opportunity for Helen to again work in a larger school environment and enjoy a large school experience. Again, it would be great for all the children and parents to acknowledge the contribution that Helen has made to the classroom over the past eighteen months and say thank you.

Again, as with last week, we interviewed a teacher with ten years teaching experience who is thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to our school community. Ms Kylie Symons will replace Helen in 2008. Kylie's understanding of curriculum is outstanding, as is her understanding of the demands and needs of a small school, having worked in a small school near Shepparton for several years before moving to Ballarat. Kylie and Josephine both come to our school with a wealth of life experiences which will ensure that the children of Mount Egerton Primary School will have all their needs met both socially and educationally.

I'm very pleased that both of our new teachers, Kylie and Josephine, have agreed to attend the School Council meeting next week. We are very much looking forward to having them commence with us in 2008.

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 Par-

ent'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.

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 in 2008 and all parents will be advised of the date early next year.

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

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	