

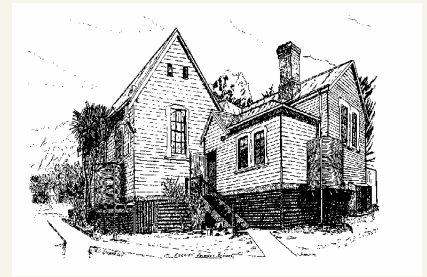
Mount Egerton Primary School

Newsletter

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CALENDAR DATES:

- **October 21st**
School Council Working Bee (whole school)
10:00am start
- **October 25th - 26th**
Grade 5 2 day Sovereign Hill visit
- **October 29th**
Student Free Day. Staff Professional Development: CAST Program
- **October 30th**
Kanga Cricket Coaching Clinic (comp to follow)
Senior Students only

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Junior Classroom:
Luke Dobler
(effort & commitment)

Senior Classroom:
Brad Dobler
(perseverance & effort)

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS AWARD:

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

Cameron Strachan

Principal's Message:

It was been very pleasing this week to see all of the children embracing our maths challenge. Our fun new Maths program called '*Mathemagical*' is designed to assist all of the children to learn their number facts better and therefore become Mathematical Wizards.

In all cases, the children have taken the challenge to test themselves against time in order to reach a new level of expertise. Some have not managed to move a level as yet however that is **not important**, the important fact is that they are keen and are having a go! The energy and enthusiasm is fantastic. As a school we are so pleased, that we intend to invite the DEECD Regional Office to publish our success story in their regional newsletter and invite the local newspapers in to see and hear about our program. All parents are invited to checkout the Library area and see the powerful display which has been created by the teachers.

We are very proud of each and every child's achievements and encourage continued support for the learning of their number facts, as part of their homework routine each week.

Student Free Day:

There will be a student free day held on **Monday, October 29** and the children will not be required at school on the day. The day will be devoted to developing a Student Well-being Program. Guest presenters will help us with the development of the CAST Program (Cool At School Together). Staff will be learning how help to develop Resilience in our chil-

dren.

IMPORTANT Working-Bee:

The School Council will be holding a Working-Bee on **Sunday, October 21st** from 10:00am. All families are requested to be represented at the working-bee. If for what ever reason you are unable to attend please call 0417 514 426 and let us know that you care.

We will need to lawns mown, trimming around fence line (snake prevention), complete the paths, spray weeds, weed garden beds, collect up all fallen debris and other items on the day.

Launchpad:

Launchpad is a West Moorabool Group that is working hard to improve opportunities in this region for 11— 18 year olds. They have been given a \$10,000 grant for the purpose of making a difference in our area. Your input will help develop a showcase of ideas that will benefit young people in our community. Please fill in the attached survey and return it to the school next week. The surveys will then be passed back to Sarah Peckham from Launchpad and this will be the first step ensuring that we make a difference for the 11— 18 year old group in our community.

Learning Journal Home Visit:

Your child's *Learning Journal* has been sent home for you to share this week. Parents are requested to make a comment about the Learning Journal on the *Parent Comment* page and then return it to school as soon as possible.

The Learning Journals are a memento of 2007.

Individual Learning Plans:

Your child's *Individual Learning Plan* (ILP) for second semester is being sent home today. This plan includes goals, achievement ratings, suggested activities to support learning at school and at home and a student comment. All parents are asked to read and discuss the ILP's with their respective children and establish a home routine in order to achieve the home goals that have been set. Should you have any queries regarding this Individual Learning Plan please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Second Hand Book Sale:

We have taken some of the older books off the shelf in our Library and are offering the opportunity for all children / families to purchase these books at a cost of 50c each.

The books are still in reasonable order but are becoming old in their language and the concepts but still make good reading. Again the children will be able to inspect the books available and purchase any that take their fancy. Simply bring 50c—\$2.00 and purchase these books. We will eventually donate the unwanted books to the



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FREE Second Hand Computers:

The school is now the proud owner of some great new computers however this means that we now have some old computers which are still in working order but need a good home.

Parents, families and friends who would like to apply to have one off these computers should apply in writing stating why you would like to give one these older computers a good home and we will pick the best applications and allocate the computers accordingly. They work and we would love to see them being used.

First in, best dressed as they say!

Salvation Army Fundraiser:

The Parent's Club will be collecting bags of clothing for a fundraiser and in support of the Salvation Army.

The school will receive \$5.00 per bag collected and the bags will be collected towards the end of November. So please start collecting now.

Parent's Club:

There will be a Senior (Adult) Disco held in the Mount Egerton Hall on **Saturday, December 1st**. More details to follow but mark the date on the calendar for a special night of 70s, 80s & 90s music. BYO drinks and nibbles.

Parent's Club Fundraiser:

The Parent's Club will be selling sunscreen again this year so contact the school before purchasing sunscreens. Good Quality. Cheaper Prices.

School Council Meeting:

The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 30th 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.



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.

It's Not OK to be Away'

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.

October 2007

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| 3 | 4 | 5 Gary: Moorabool Collegiate Conference | 6 Gary: PM SRP Budget Management PD | 7 Warrenheip Sports Day | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Gary: Coaching Session | 11 | 12 Senior Camp Roses Gap | 13 Senior Camp Roses Gap | 14 Senior Camp Roses Gap | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser Parents Club |
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