

# Mount Evelyn Primary School



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NEWSLETTER

Hello Mount Evelyn Primary School community,

My name is Flick Curnow and I am so privileged to be joining you for the next 5 weeks as your Acting Principal. I can only imagine how hard this time is and know that some of you may be feeling anxious or worried about what the future may hold. I am here to assure you that you have the most amazing staff and students and Angie and her legacy is ingrained in all of the people that walk through the hallways. I have been hearing the most beautiful stories about Angie and how many people's lives she has touched, and I am so grateful that I am able to be here for your community.

There have been several parents asking about Angie's funeral, at this stage we have no funeral details. As soon as this is known to us we will put out a School Stream to inform you of the family's wishes. Students and parents have also been putting forward ideas for a tribute to Angie, we are taking these suggestions on board, and we are collaborating with Angie's family as to how best to remember her.

I have been welcomed with open arms by staff and students and I look forward to getting to know everyone in the coming weeks. Please feel free to come and see me with any worries or concerns or just to introduce yourself.

Have a great week.

*Flick*

## Valé Angie O'Hare

It is with a heavy heart that I find myself writing this message, as you will know our wonderful principal Angie O'Hare passed away last week. Angie truly loved our school, her influence and ideas are evident in every brightly lit classroom, colourful display and outdoor space.

Our school values reflect Angie's vision to create an environment in which every child reaches their intellectual, social and emotional potential. She worked tirelessly to ensure this became our reality.

The outpouring of condolences and support from the school and wider community over the last week stands as testament to the impact Angie had on so many people's lives. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank everyone who has laid flowers, written emails, sent cards and even baked cookies. I'm sure if Angie saw the flower tribute around our school sign it would put a smile on her face as she stood out the front greeting families.

Angie was a phenomenal woman who influenced and supported an entire community; she was a mentor, inspiration and friend to so many. Angie will be greatly missed but her legacy will always live on in our school and our hearts.

*Sarah Orme*

Acting Vice Principal





## IMPORTANT VACCINATION UPDATE

Dear families. Please be advised that all schools have received updated information regarding vaccination requirements for parents, carers and other visitors not performing work.

All parents, carers and other visitors attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code and schools must sight vaccination information.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer
- when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

This vaccination requirement applies to all school activities inside school buildings, including but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition activities, fetes, school theatre and music production.

Any adults attending these events, regardless of whether they are **held indoors or outdoors**, must be vaccinated, in line with community requirements.

In these instances, parents, carers and adult visitors must check in using the QR codes (located at suitable entry points for outdoor events and gatherings) and schools must sight vaccination information.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements should be held virtually.



# Lockdown of Dreams



Expectation



Reality...?

Any dads & father figures feeling disconnected?

You are encouraged to come and connect with other

Mt Evelyn PS folks in the same boat.

Organised in partnership with The Fathering Project.

Event Details: Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 7-9.30pm, In the MEPS Community Building.

This is a Free Event, Light drinks and snacks will be provided.

Dad's and Father figures are all welcome!

Included in the night will be group discussions and a guided Q&A.

Come along with your positive questions and care for each other.

(This is an adult only event, (unless the family needs require children to join for supervision).

Covid Safe Policy Applies: All Participants need their proof of vax status green tick, sing a QR code to sign in, and masks will be worn indoors.

Contact Mt Evelyn Primary School Office to RSVP by Mon 22 Nov.



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We look forward to meeting you,  
Ben Weeks, Rose Chafer & Liam Jackson



### CARE Giving roles

We are a local In-home care provider assisting older Australians to stay at home longer and we are looking for CAREGivers to help us provide that care in the local area.

This role is perfect for a parent, as it can be done in and around school hours. It is local work and is very flexible.

The role of a CAREGiver is to assist with light house cleaning and personal care services. We have in-house training to support new people to the industry.

To find out more about this role you can email [recruitment@homeinsteadmoe.com.au](mailto:recruitment@homeinsteadmoe.com.au).



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### CANTEEN NEWS

Last day for canteen is Friday 3rd of December.

Thank you to our lovely canteen helpers. We look forward to seeing you again next year.



**Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings**

The Lions Club of **Croydon** and **Mooroolbark** support many local people and communities.

One way we do this is through the sales of our Christmas cakes and Puddings.

Order your cakes via email and Bank transfer for pick up from the Mooroolbark Lions Op Shop.

Or call: 0411 041 994



### Dads Toolkit Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive

Are you a dad who would like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Look at how being a dad is different now to how it was in the past?
- Look at what being a good role model for your children involves?
- Have agreements that work?
- Further develop your relationship with your young people?
- Get your head around what they need from you?

**When:** Wednesday 9th December 2021  
**Time:** 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
**Where:** Online - Via Zoom  
**Who:** Dads  
**Cost:** Free (Bookings are essential)  
**Bookings:** [Click Here](#)  
**Questions:** Call us at Parentzone 9720 3629 or 0400 066 496

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### Alleviate Your Child's Anxiety Interactive Online Workshop

Join Laurie Arrowsmith from Eastern ParentZone for a 2-hour interactive parenting workshop.

Discover the causes of anxiety and learn a parent-led approach to alleviating your child's worries.

Learn the skills of resilience, and strategies to help your child obtain a more resilient mindset.

Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 12 years.

Questions? Email Laurie at: [laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au)

**When:** Monday 15th November 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Online via Zoom  
**Cost:** Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region

**Limited Places. Bookings Essential:** Email Laurie to register your interest: [laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au)

**Please note:** This parenting workshop includes group discussions and activities. You will need a device that has access to video and audio, as well as a quiet child-free place to be able to participate.

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