

# Mount Evelyn Primary School

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Issue 1

NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Report

Dear families, students and friends,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope all members of our community managed to have a break from the business of life and were able to recharge the batteries for the year ahead. I would especially like to welcome our new families to the school, both in Foundation and across other year levels. I look forward to getting to know you as we partner together to provide the best opportunities for your children. Students across the school have taken the return to school in their strides and returned with a positive attitude, eager to continue school life and learning. It has been wonderful to be greeted with so many smiling faces and warm welcome backs by students each morning. Our new Foundation students have settled in well and are already learning so much about school life and making new friends.



As always, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers in preparing for the year ahead. Many hours were put in over the holiday period preparing classrooms and planning for the year ahead. This year we welcome several new staff to our community who I am sure will very quickly become valued members of our team. Welcome to teachers Miss Emily Allwell 3/4, and Mrs Emily Fox 5/6, and education support staff Cobie Scott, Stephanie Hall, Denise Lloyd, Ebony Staggard and Tania Orton (first aid/library).

You will have received a notification via School Stream at the start of the year informing you of our transition to a new communication app called Xuno. This program consolidates various platforms used by parents, staff and the office and will hopefully make communication more streamlined. If you haven't already downloaded the app and registered, I encourage you to do so asap. We will shortly be discontinuing with School Stream. Xuno will allow you to inform us of absences, communicate with staff, provide consent and payment for excursions, book parent teacher interviews, see a calendar of events etc. The newsletter will also be sent out this way. If you need any support with downloading or logging in using the Xuno app, please do not hesitate to contact the office. However, we are still learning the system ourselves so we apologise in advance if there are any teething problems.



The start of the school year always provides an opportunity for some important reminders. Firstly, student supervision in the mornings begins at 8.45. We ask parents to refrain from dropping off students prior to this time. In the afternoon students should be collected by 3.45. Students not collected by then, will be taken to the office. Anyone who has been on the roads around our school in the morning and afternoon will know how busy it can get. We encourage parents to walk or ride with their children where possible to reduce congestion. Car parking is an ongoing issue around the school. Please keep the service lane outside the school as a drop and go zone before school. If you need to park longer, please do so over the road and use the crossing. Likewise, in the afternoon if you want to stay and chat with other parents, please do not use these spaces. This allows for the quick and safe drop off and collection of students. The staff carpark near the gym is reserved for school and OSCH staff only. Parents should not use this carpark for morning drop off or to collect students at 3.30. The collection of students later in the afternoon from OSCH is permitted. Please also be considerate of our neighbouring businesses and refrain from parking in their driveways.



Being a SunSmart school, all students are required to wear a school hat during terms 1 and 4. Whilst the weather hasn't been too bad so far this term, the UV rating is still high. Hats are available from the office if your child still does not have one.

Tomorrow will be our first whole school assembly for the year, with our new captains ready to lead us. We are fortunate to have Ms Bridget Vallence attending our assembly this week to announce further student leaders and present them with certificates.

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We will be holding our 'getting to know you' interviews in a few weeks time on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. These quick 10 minute interviews are a great opportunity to share information between home and school and will assist us in providing the best learning opportunities for students. Further details will be sent home soon about how to book. Heads up... bookings will be through Xuno so download it now!

Next week, our 5/6 classes are heading off on a three day adventure to Camp Rumbug. This camp provides the opportunity for teachers and students to get to know their classmates better and establish important connections and expectations for the year ahead. I am looking forward to accompanying them on this camp.

I look forward to the year ahead, hopefully one which has less disruptions than the last few years. Please do not hesitate to get in touch directly with me or our teachers if you have any concerns or questions. I encourage open communication with our families.

Regards,

Trevor

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SCHOOL HOURS WORK?

Gundiwindi Lodge School Camp (Wandin/Silvan) seek a casual weekday kitchen assistant including food prep & service .

### Position Details:

Casual

Up to 4 days p/week, Tuesday – Friday, school term times only.

9.00- 9.30am start - with a 1.30pm finish.

Start time can be flexible and can include earlier starts if suitable for the applicant. This is an ideal position for a school parent looking to return to work.

Hourly rate and job description provided upon application...

IMMEDIATE START

Please send your application/ position enquiry to [gundiwindi@gundiwindi.com.au](mailto:gundiwindi@gundiwindi.com.au) Attention: Tracey



## Talking Tweens

**A Parents Building Solutions Program  
For Parents of Children Aged 8 to 13 years**

### Do you want to:

- Understand tween development?
- Improve communication with your child?
- Deal with anger and anxiety?
- Establish boundaries with your child around challenging behaviors?
- Deal with conflict?
- Improve relationships?
- Connect with other parents of tweens aged 8 to 12 years?

**When:** Tuesday evenings (6 sessions)

Tuesday February 21st to March 28th 2023

**Time:** 7:00 to 9:00pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom.

**Cost:** Free of charge

**Registrations:** [click here](#)

**Enquiries:** [sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)

**Please Note:** Participants will need access to a device with video and audio in order to participate

*Come along to these 6 interactive sessions. Learn strategies and share stories to parent 8 to 13 year olds.*

**PARENTZONE**

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## Raising Resilient Kids

**A Parents Building Solutions Program  
for parents and carers of children aged 4 to 12 years**

### Would you like to:

- Learn strategies to help your child bounce back from adversity?
- Support your child to cope with change?
- Deal with anger and anxiety?
- Improve your communication and with your child?
- meet other parents also wanting to raise resilient children

**Join us to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you.**

**When:** Tuesday afternoons (6-week program)

**Dates:** Tue 28th Feb to Tue 4th April

**Time:** 12:30 to 2:30 pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom.

**Cost:** Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

**Please Note:** You will need a device that has access to video and audio, as well as a quiet child-free place to participate.

**Bookings:** [click here](#)

**Enquiries:** [sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)

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## FREE Bookaburra Story Time

Excludes public and school holidays.

**Monday 9:15am - Mt Dandenong Primary School**  
13-15 Fardons Rd, Mt Dandenong

**Tuesday 9:30am - Mt Evelyn Reading Room**  
Wray Cres, Mt Evelyn

**Wednesday 9:15am - Japara Neighbourhood House**  
54-58 Durham Rd, Kilsyth

**Wednesday 10:30am - Monbulk Reading Room**  
Main St, Monbulk

**Thursday 9:15am - Chirnside Park Community Hub**  
33 Kimberly Dve, Chirnside Park

**Friday 9:15am - Victoria Rd Primary School**  
Victoria Rd, Lilydale

**Join volunteer story tellers and enjoy some favourite stories and songs.**



Suitable for children 0-6 years - No booking required!



For enquiries contact: Yarra Ranges Council  
1800 368 333 / [earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)

## Parenting Anxious Children

For parents and carers of children 0-8 years

**Does your child worry, feel anxious and seem stressed at times?**  
**Would you like to gain a greater understanding of anxiety and learn some helpful strategies to support your child?**

**Wednesday**  
**22nd February**  
**2023**

**7.00-8.00pm**

**Via zoom**



**This information session will cover:**

- Understanding the role of anxiety and normal childhood development
- The signs and symptoms in your children
- Types of anxiety disorders
- What's helpful and not helpful
- Methods and strategies to support your children
- Relaxation techniques and tools, mindfulness, breathing etc.
- Where to go for more information/help

To register visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CFBK6>

Enquiries Contact: Michelle Lehmann  
Early Years Community Support Officer  
[earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au) / 1300 368 333



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**Every child deserves to smile**

**Become a foster carer with VACCA**

[www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org)

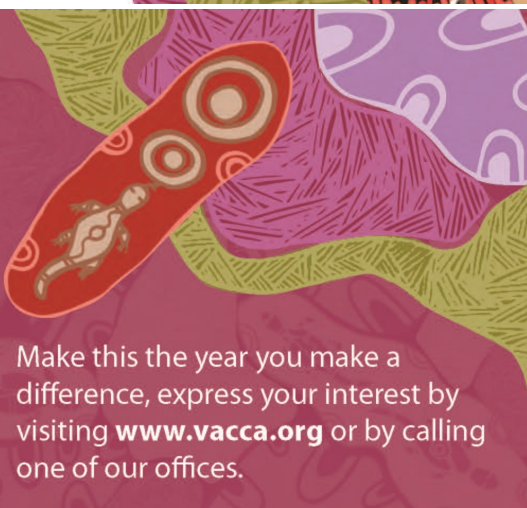


Have you been thinking about becoming a foster carer? Kids in your area need care!

Are you able to provide Aboriginal children and young people with a positive and nurturing family life experience that will support their needs?

Will you be prepared to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

At VACCA we are seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding; carers who believe that they can make a positive impact on a child's life.



Make this the year you make a difference, express your interest by visiting [www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org) or by calling one of our offices.