

# Mount Evelyn Primary School

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Issue 16

NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Report

Dear families and friends,

Welcome back to the final term of the year. I trust families had a relaxing term break. As an Essendon fan, it was hard for me to watch Collingwood win the grand final and then return to school on Monday morning to the celebrations of the Collingwood fans on staff.



The start to the term has once again been full of highlights with the colour fun run being a wonderful community event. Despite the wet weather, the kids (and one grown up kid in a unicorn onesie) had a ball running the obstacle course and getting 'coloured'. I am blown away by the fundraising efforts of our school community with over \$24000 raised. This is an amazing effort and far surpasses our previous total. Well done everyone. I would like to especially thank Tarah, Darcy, Rose and the team of volunteers who organised such a fantastic event for our students. Thanks also to the CFA for coming along with their truck and hoses, and students from Lilydale High School who helped squirt the coloured powder.



Another significant event to start the term was the 3/4 camp to Waratah Bay Beach Camp. Again, we were impacted by wet and cold weather, but this didn't dampen our students' spirits as they participated in all activities with gusto. It was a privilege to attend and watch so many children demonstrate independence, resilience, and determination as they took all aspects of school camp in their stride. Well done to our 3/4 cohort for your excellent behaviour and enthusiasm on camp. The camp host commented how great our students had been.



Last week a group of students represented our school at the Divisional athletics finals. Mr P was very impressed with how our students performed on the day, with a few now progressing to the upcoming regional competition. Good luck.

This week saw our 2024 Foundation students join us for the first time. This first step in their primary school journey is an exciting one for students and parents alike. They will be back several more times throughout this term before the final orientation day December 12th. In contrast, at the other end of the school, our senior students participated in the first of their weekly "Soar" wellbeing sessions run by the SE Phoenix basketball club. These sessions aim to reinforce students' wellbeing learning over the years as they begin the transition to secondary school.

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The recent holidays saw the continuation of our internal refurbishment, with new carpets laid in the Year 1 and Auslan classes, and the completion of the painting. If you haven't been in to school this term, come and check out the new colours. The rest of the school will be recarpeted over the January holidays. We also had the school entry sign brought back to life by Elaine, one of our Foundation parents. It looks fabulous once again. Thanks Elaine.



Finally, next Monday will be a special day at Mt Evelyn PS. After months of planning and more months of work, our new nature play space/outdoor classroom and memorial walk in honor of our friend and colleague Mrs Angie O'Hare, will be officially opened. We were all extremely saddened



at the sudden passing of Angie nearly two years ago. This grounds development project was envisioned by Angie and will serve as an ongoing reminder of her legacy at the school. The ceremony will commence at 2pm and conclude with a chance for students and families to explore the new spaces. Parents and friends are more than welcome to attend. If you can not make it, please feel welcome to come and visit the space at another time.

Have a great weekend.

A showcase of student work in Primary and Secondary School.

# Yarra Hills Community Art Show 2023

**Mt. Evelyn campus: 15 Burdap Drive**

Opening night: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 20th October 2023  
and Saturday 21st October 2023 10 - 4

**SPONSORS:** RINGWOOD & CROYDON camerahouse, BUNNINGS warehouse, zart, Cavalier ART SUPPLIES, 6 Marbry Craft

**OTHER TEXT:** PRIZES!, GOLD COIN ENTRY PLEASE, see you there





# Book Club



Book Club supports our school by giving families access to great books they can read and enjoy for leisure at affordable prices.

This issue, families can get even more savings with **50 EXTRA BOOKS** only available **online** and are all reduced by 60-80%! More details on the back page of Book Club.

Order for Christmas available, gift function can be activated online.

(Gift wrapping not included, books will be given to parents not kids, when gift function is activated)

## How to order online:

1. Your child will bring home their Book Club catalogue from school.
2. Browse the pages with your child and help them choose books that suit their age and interests.
3. Order online via Book Club [LOOP](#).
4. The books are delivered back to your child's classroom where the teacher will hand them out to very excited students!

**Orders Due : Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx>**



Dear Families,

On behalf of the Mount Evelyn Primary School Combined OSHC, we would like to invite you to join our Vacation Care Program. Booking forms and enrolment packs for the **January 2024 school holiday program** are available from MEPS OSHC service, OSHC and school office or on the Mount Evelyn PS web site. We are open to the community for Vacation Care bookings.

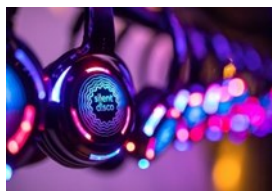
Mount Evelyn Primary School OSHC services are an accredited childcare provider and eligible families can apply for **CCS** subsidy. Please contact us by phone or email.

Email: [osh@mtevelynps.vic.edu.au](mailto:osh@mtevelynps.vic.edu.au) [osh@woori@mtevelynps.vic.edu.au](mailto:osh@woori@mtevelynps.vic.edu.au)

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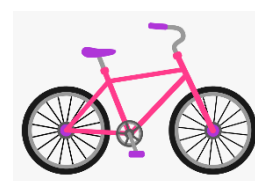
Nominated Supervisor hours, Melissa McDonald - Monday to Friday 5.30am – 1.30pm

Service Hours - Monday to Friday 6.30am – 6.30pm



### January 2024 School Holiday Program

Day/Date	Program
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Beach/Ocean Day
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Become a Detective Day
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Karate Day Incursion
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Wheels Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Silent Disco Excursion
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Topsy Turvy Day
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Splashtastic Water Games Incursion
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Twisted Science Excursion
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Frizbee Day
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Teddy Bear Picnic
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Reading Cinemas
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Australian Fusion Incursion
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> January	All things Australian
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Public Holiday-Closed







Sunday October 29

Free  
Event

# Mt Evelyn Street Party 2023

Live Music Food & Drinks  
Free Community Festival  
Activities for all ages

Youth Hub Market Stalls Cooking Demos  
Classic Cars Pin Up Competition Dance Demos



Wray Cres, Mt Evelyn 10am - 4pm

[www.mtevelynstreetparty.com](http://www.mtevelynstreetparty.com)



# Children's Week 2023

## in Yarra Ranges

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 31 - "Children have the right to relax, play and to take part in activities they enjoy"

All events are FREE  
Events are suitable for  
children aged 0-12 years  
unless otherwise stated.

**Drawing competition Saturday 21st - Sunday 29th October 2023**  
During Children's Week submit your drawing to go into the draw for a book voucher.

**Saturday 21st  
October**

**Walk on Country 10am-11.30am - Badger Creek**  
Connect mind, body and spirit to the land around you with this On Country cultural walk.  
Suitable for children aged 4 years and over.  
**Booking required**

**Rhythms of The World 11am-7pm - Wesburn**  
Celebrating 5 different cultures through music, food and art! African drumming workshop and interactive dance performances.  
**No booking required**

**Monday 23rd  
October**

**Little Garden Growers 10am-11.30am - Yarra Glen**  
Join the Community Garden team to decorate your own pot and plant a seedling.  
Suitable for children aged 3-6 years.  
**Booking required**

**Tuesday 24th  
October**

**Teddy Bears Picnic 9.30am-11.30am - Yarra Junction**  
bring along your teddy to enjoy a morning of activities and music.  
**No booking required**

**Reptiles and wildlife 10am-11am and 11.30-12.30pm - Kilsyth**  
Learn about the Australian bush and meet a diverse range of reptiles and marsupials.  
Suitable for children aged 2-6 years  
**Booking required**

**Wednesday 25th  
October**

**Teddy Bears Picnic 10.30am-12.30pm - Olinda**  
Bring a picnic and your teddy and enjoy a range of activities with a focus on feeling connected and safe in our environment.  
**Booking required**

**Spooky Science 4pm-6pm - Lilydale**  
Don't be scared, have fun developing spooky science experiments.  
**No booking required**

**Thursday 26th  
October**

**Pram Walk and Talk 9.30am-10.30am - Belgrave**  
Enjoy the natural surrounds and meet other local parents and carers as we walk around Birdland then enjoy a morning tea together under the trees. Morning tea provided - suitable for families with children in prams.  
**Booking required**

**Woori Kids Fest 3pm-6pm - Woori Yallock**  
Circus Workshops, market stalls, sausage sizzle, art activities, performers and raffle prizes  
**No booking required**

**Friday 27th  
October**

**Sensory Play 9.30am-10.45am - Mt Evelyn**  
Singing, dancing and exploring while building on fine motor, literacy and numeracy skills through messy play.  
Suitable for children aged 1-5 years.  
**Booking required**

**Lizard Wizard 10am-11am and 11.30am-12.30pm - Montrose**  
Get up close to a variety of native animals including snakes, lizards, insects, and turtles!  
Suitable for children aged 2-6 years  
**Booking required**

**Story Time 10.30am-11.15am - Yarra Glen**  
Join Rachel from Your Library for an interactive story time.  
Suitable for children aged 0-5 years  
**Booking required**

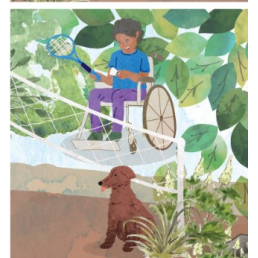


For more information about Children's Week or to book for an event visit:

[www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family)

If you require support to book an event contact us at Yarra Ranges Council on:

1300 368 333 / [earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)



Yarra Ranges Council supports Children's Week in partnership with the Department of Education and community organisations across Yarra Ranges.



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