

Mount Evelyn Primary School

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NEWSLETTER



Principal's Report

Dear families and friends,

Last week's long awaited opening of our new nature play space / outdoor learning area in memory of our friend and colleague Mrs Angie O'Hare was a special occasion. After the on again/off again rain teased us all day, the weather cleared up enough for the whole school to gather along with Mrs O'Hare's family, colleagues and members of our school community, in the newly landscaped area. We heard from our school captains and Chris Brannigan, our school council president, about the person and leader Mrs O'Hare was, and how much everyone is looking forward to enjoying the new play space. To conclude the ceremony, two monks from the Buddhist monastery next door gave a blessing to the site and those present. Since its opening the play space has been abuzz with students each breaktime and by classes during the day (when it hasn't been raining).



Congratulations to some upcoming sporting superstars who have had recent success at the Eastern Metro Regional finals. Our boys 4x100 relay team came fourth in what Mr P described as a perfect race. Well done to Ryan, Asher, Hugo and Blake. Charlotte in year 5, came second in the shotput for her age group with a personal best distance. Charlotte will now progress to the state finals next week, which is a huge achievement; one she should be extremely proud of regardless of the result next week. She has been training hard with Mr P and goes to the state finals with the full support of our entire school willing her on. Good luck Charlotte.



Did you see our exciting news on Xuno? School council has recently approved a new set of playground equipment. Students across the school were presented with several options for various apparatus and after a close vote, a final design was selected. It will be installed over the January break. In further student voice news, the various courts on the asphalt will be repainted in the coming weeks. Our student representative council raised this as an issue earlier this year, so we are pleased to be able to make this suggestion happen – just in time for a four square tournament planned by Mr P!

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Thanks to the families who have completed the OSHC survey. The information is very useful, with results collated so far being overwhelmingly positive. The survey is still open for another week so please take the time to complete the survey, regardless of whether you are an OSHC user or not.

In the coming weeks, teachers will begin the process of allocating students to class groupings for next year. Teachers spend a significant amount of time and consider many factors (academic, social, wellbeing, balanced classes etc) when placing students into classes for the following year. To support this process, we seek friendship requests from students, encouraging them to think about peers they would like to be with socially but also those who they believe they would work well with. Occasionally, parents provide additional information to support this process. We try to accommodate these where we can, but only do so on academic or wellbeing grounds. We do not accept requests for a particular teacher. Please put any requests, along with the grounds for the request, in writing addressed to the principal, before November 10th.

We hope to see lots of grandparents and special persons tomorrow afternoon from 2pm. Our students are excited to show their family members around the school and share some learning together.



Likewise, we are looking forward to celebrating all things Mount Evelyn at the Street Party on Sunday. We will have a school stall set up and some of our 3/4 students will be performing some AUSLAN on the main stage. We would love to see lots of families join us in the opening parade. See Xuno for more details.



Finally, tomorrow is World Teachers Day. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderfully talented and dedicated team of teachers at the school. They work tirelessly to bring out the best in our students, academically, emotionally and socially, and their efforts to build a positive and engaging learning environment which fosters genuine relationships with and between students, enables our students to thrive at school. If you happen to see them in person tomorrow, please join me in thanking our teaching team for everything they do.

Have a great weekend. See you in the sun at the Street Party.

Regards,

Trevor





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.

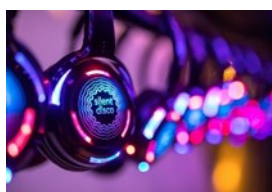
Mount Evelyn Primary School OSHC services are an accredited childcare provider and eligible families can apply for **CCS** subsidy. Please contact us by phone or email.

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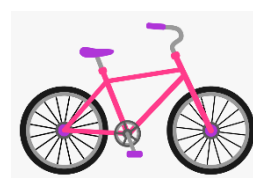
Nominated Supervisor hours, Melissa McDonald - Monday to Friday 5.30am – 1.30pm

Service Hours - Monday to Friday 6.30am – 6.30pm



January 2024 School Holiday Program

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