

# Mount Evelyn Primary School

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NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Report

Dear families, friends and students,

What a wonderful evening our Christmas Market was last Friday. With a large number of families and community members enjoying the carols, food trucks, sweet treats, crafts and games, raffles, auctions, and market stalls, the atmosphere was perfect. It was a great example of our community coming together to celebrate the festive season as we head towards the end of the year.

On behalf of the community, I would like to say thanks. Thanks to the many members of the community engagement team who were instrumental in making the event happen. Thanks to everyone whose contribution, whether big or small, helped make this a wonderful event for our school. Thanks to those who donated items, those who sought donations, set up, packed up (in the rain), ran a stall, sold raffle tickets, bought a raffle ticket, bought an auction item, supported the market stalls, bought a sausage or potato, brought along family and friends, or simply came along and encouraged our kids singing. Without you the night wouldn't have been the same. I would also like to mention Matt Stone (from Noise Craft) and his family who provided the audio equipment and additional entertainment, and the local CFA who escorted Santa.



We hope you all enjoyed the evening.

This week we again thanked our parent community at the helpers' morning tea. There was a great turn out of volunteers who have helped in many ways across the year. The morning tea is just a small gesture of appreciation from the staff. We really do value the contribution you make and the students love having their parents in the classes or coming on excursions. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you next year.

Tomorrow morning, students in foundation to level 5 will meet with their new classes and teacher for 2024. A lot of thought and effort has gone into forming classes, with many factors considered. We are confident that all students will have a successful year again in 2024. In the last newsletter I shared about three staff members who will be moving on to new roles next year and we announced 4 new teachers are joining our team. Next year the class structure and teaching teams will be as follows:

**Foundation:** Mrs Kelly Hobson, Ms Olivia Cubitt, Ms Courtney Pitts, and Mrs Sarah Jefcott,

**Level 1/2:** Mrs Christa Somers, Mrs Catherine Corner, Mrs Jody O'Callaghan, Ms Nina Dykstra (3 days)/Mrs Lauren Craig (2 days) and Mrs Emily Fox (4 days)/Mrs Lauren Whitehead (1 day)

**Level 3/4:** Ms Courtney Wheeler, Ms Emily Allwell, Ms Grace Read, Mrs Paula Kruger, Mrs Debi Johnston

**Level 5/6:** Mrs Ashlee DeClercq, Ms Tamara Wescombe, Mr Sean Hewitt, Ms Ange Wilson, Mrs Jessica Tannock (3 days)/Mrs Karen Barratt (2 days)

**Specialists:** Mr Paul Harris, Mrs Adele Haining, Mrs Karen Johnston, Mrs Carly Molnar, Mrs Gayle Fraser, Mrs Vanda Camm.

You will notice from the structure above that we have planned five, 1/2 composite classes next year. There are many reasons for this, and I am confident that with this structure the team will continue to deliver the high quality programs that meets the needs of all students, regardless of where they may be on their learning journey.



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As our year 6 students rapidly turn their thoughts to moving on to secondary school, they will be participating in a celebration week next week. A range of fun activities have been planned across the week in the lead up to graduation on Friday. This includes their official Year 7 orientation day next Tuesday. All our year 6 students should be proud of their growth and achievements over their time at primary school, and I am sure they will experience continued success at secondary school., I look forward to celebrating this milestone with them at graduation and saying a final farewell at the final graduation assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last whole school assembly for the year.

While the year 6's are celebrating the end of year next week, all other students will be participating in the swimming program. Always a tiring, but fun week, it's a great chance to brush up on some important water safety skills in the lead up to summer. Please make sure that your children have all they need including bathers, towels, dry clothes to change into etc. Note that the year 5 students will be leaving at 8.50am, so be aware the drop off area at the front of school will be reserved for busses. Please use alternative parking areas to drop off your children.

Final semester 2 reports will be sent home via Xuno in the last week of school. The reports share your child's successes and achievements across the year and are a great celebration of their learning.

Have a great weekend.

**OSHC Program Curriculum Days**  
**"Craft Day" & "Alphabet Day"**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Booking Form**  
***Opening 6.30am – Closing 6.30pm***  
**(Breakfast until 8.00am)**

Please note that you will need to be registered for our service in order to enrol in this curriculum day program.

Children will need to bring their own morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. *Please ensure your children still wear appropriate foot and clothing wear.*

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January activities will be craft based activities.

CHILD'S\CHILDREN'S NAME:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January will be activities letter based. Please dress up in 1<sup>st</sup> letter of your name.

CHILD'S\CHILDREN'S NAME:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's / Guardian's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



## Yarra Ranges Council

### Summer School Holiday Program

for all children aged 2 - 8 years and their families

Tuesday 9th January 10am-11am Mooroolbark

Let's Build Lego - Quiet Session

This Lego session is designed for children who require a smaller group, quieter environment and support with play.

Wednesday 10th January 10am-11.30am Monbulk

Paper Plate Makers

Enter a world of creativity with paper plates and some simple craft items. Use different colors, textures and materials in your design.

Thursday 11th January 10am-11.30am Yarra Glen

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Wednesday 17th January 10am-11.30am Mt Evelyn

Grand Lego Challenge

Grandparents, parents, carers and children are invited - design your own lego masterpiece or join in a lego challenge.

Wednesday 17th January 6.30pm-7.30pm Lilydale

Dad and Me - Pirate Storytime and Craft

Ahoy Me Mateys - Discover the world of pirates through stories and songs, then make your own pirate hat.

Thursday 18th January 10am-11am Belgrave

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Monday 22nd January 10am-11.30am Yarra Junction

Grand Lego Challenge

Grandparents, parents, carers and children are invited - design your own lego masterpiece or join in a lego challenge.

Tuesday 23rd January 10am-11.30am Lilydale

Pirate Treasures

Hey you Scallywag, come and make your own pirate treasures - treasure box, pirate hat and eye patch and find your pirate name.

Tuesday 23rd January 10am-11.30am Mt Evelyn

Dad and Me - Lego Challenge

Dad's, Grandfathers, carers and children are invited - design your own lego masterpiece or join in a lego challenge.

Wednesday 24th January 10am-11.30am Seville

Paper Plate Makers

Enter a world of creativity with paper plates and some simple craft items. Use different colors, textures and materials in your design.

For more information about FREE and low cost School Holiday Programs or to book for an activity visit:

[www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family) or contact Yarra Ranges Council Early Years on 1300 368 333



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### Important Information



22-25 January, 2024



8am-6pm



Mooroolbark (with a daily bus trip to Britannia Park, Wesburn)



Girls aged 10-14

FULL WEEK &  
SINGLE DAY  
PLACES  
AVAILABLE

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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.

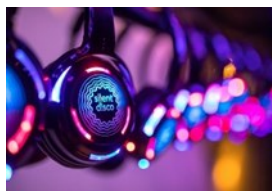
Mount Evelyn Primary School OSHC services are an accredited childcare provider and eligible families can apply for **CCS** subsidy. Please contact us by phone or email.

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Phone Number: 97362123

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

