



Mount Evelyn Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Term 2

26/06/2026



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we approach the end of another rewarding term at Mount Evelyn PS, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, opportunities and successes that have made our school such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

One of the strengths of our school continues to be our commitment to continuous improvement. Throughout the term, our staff have engaged in ongoing professional learning across a range of areas, working collaboratively to strengthen teaching practices and ensure we provide the very best learning experiences for our students. Their dedication to professional growth is a testament to their commitment to every child in our care. Key focus has been on developing our responsive teaching practices, deepening our understanding of our Phonics program and strengthening our commitment to building positive, calm and orderly classroom learning environments. A key highlight has been our teachers' willingness to open up the classrooms for peer observation visits in which we learn from each other's expertise.

Our students have once again represented the school with pride across a variety of sporting events. Congratulations to all students who participated in Cross Country, demonstrating determination, perseverance and school spirit, especially to Amy Yr 6 and Harley Yr 4, who progressed through to the regional finals, an incredible achievement. Our Year 3 and 4 students also competed in the Hoop Time basketball competition, where they not only performed admirably on the court but were repeatedly praised for their excellent behaviour, teamwork and sportsmanship. Our team cheerfully encouraged each other from the sidelines. Similarly, our students who participated in the Girls AFL Gala Day embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm, courage and a positive attitude, making the most of a fantastic day of competition and connection.

Learning beyond the classroom has also been a highlight this term. Our Year 2 students enjoyed an engaging excursion to CERES, while our Year 1 students explored the Mount Evelyn township, strengthening their understanding of the local community through authentic, hands-on experiences. These opportunities enrich classroom learning and help students make meaningful connections with the world around them.

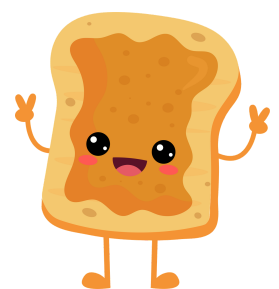
A special congratulations goes to our Yr 5 & 6 students who attended Somers Camp this term. The growth, resilience and participation demonstrated by these students was outstanding. They embraced new challenges, developed independence and represented our school exceptionally well throughout their time away. Miss Allwell and Miss McKellar, who also attended as visiting teachers, were also super impressed with our students who time and time again stood out for their support and encouragement of other students and their overall behaviour. As someone who has attended the Somers Camp as both a student and a teacher, I know first hand what a wonderful experience this was.



One of the aspects of school life that makes me most proud is the compassion and leadership shown by our students and community. The launch of the Let's Talk initiative has been a highlight with the Let's Talk Buddies proudly, confidently and kindly supporting students in the yard to ensure they are Seen, Heard and Valued.

This term we have seen several student-led fundraising initiatives supporting causes that are important to them. The Do it for Dolly Day and the Cozy Clothes day both led by the SRC both highlighted the empathy, social responsibility and initiative that our students possess and reflect the values we strive to nurture within our school community. The huge pile at the office of donations for homeless services is evidence of this. This term, Mrs Douglas has enlisted the help of yr 6 students to facilitate the breakfast club each Wednesday. Without fail, each week students have proactively and diligently help set up , serve our students and clean up afterwards. Mrs Douglas has been nothing but impressed with how they step up each week.

Breakfast Club



It was exciting to witness the first performance of our newly formed school rock band. Their energy and enthusiasm were on full display, and they provided a glimpse of what promises to be an exciting musical future for these students. The support and encouragement from the audience was also wonderful to see. We look forward to seeing the musical talents of our students continue to shine next term with a major focus on our whole school production, *The Pirates of the Curry Bean* sure to be a highlight of the year.



Our school's positive culture is evident during the weekly school tours. It is always wonderful to meet prospective families and hear the positive feedback they have received about our school from current families and members of the wider community. The reputation of our school is built upon the collective efforts of students, staff and families. Consistently, visitors to our school comment on the calm, orderly atmosphere they experience when they walk through our classrooms. This is something we could all be proud of. Our students consistently demonstrate respectful behaviour, friendliness, positive learning habits and a commitment to making our school a welcoming place for everyone. These strong learning environments are a credit to our students, staff and families who work together to uphold our shared expectations.

If you have a child due to start school next year, make sure you have submitted an enrolment application before the end of July. Similarly, if you know a family with a child due to start school, encourage them to enrol or book a tour asap.

In staffing news, Kim Douglas, our student wellbeing officer, will be taking some well-deserved long service leave for all of term 3 and travelling through outback Australia. In her absence, all wellbeing issues should be directed to Renee Waters, our student health and wellbeing leader. We recently farewelled Mrs Lauren Craig, Yr 1 teacher, who has begun her maternity leave with her little baby due to be born in the coming weeks. We wish her all the very best as she and her husband prepare for this exciting time ahead.



Dates for your diary



JULY

Monday 13th
Term 3 Begins

Monday 20th & Wednesday 24th
3 Way Conferences

Friday 24th
Foundation 100 Days

AUGUST

Monday 3rd - 19th
Smile Squad Dental Program

Monday 10th
5/6 HoopTime

Friday 14th
Disco

Thursday 20th-25th
Book Fair

Friday 21st
District Athletics

Friday 28th
Ride to School Morning

SEPTEMBER

Friday 11th
Level 2 Sleepover

Wednesday 16th-17th
School Production

Friday 18th
Footy Day
Last Day of Term -
3.30pm Finish



At our most recent School Council meeting, we reviewed and revised our Student Dress Code policy. Whilst the policy remains largely unchanged, Council has reworded the requirements about hair, particularly colours and accessories. Students' hair should be of natural tones with permanent or temporary coloured hair dyes not permitted. Similarly, hair accessories such as extensions or "mermaid" braids should align with the policy and be limited to school colours (navy, maroon, black). We understand that holidays are often a time for fun and creative hairstyles, including styles such as mermaid braids. If students do return to school with holiday hairstyles, a couple of days' grace will be provided at the beginning of term for these to be removed. After this time, we ask that these styles be kept to the school holiday period only. The new policy is available on our school website.

As we conclude the term, I would like to thank our students for their hard work, our staff for their dedication and professionalism, and our families for their ongoing support and partnership. Together, we continue to create a school community where students feel safe, supported and inspired to "be their best". This week student Semester One reports will be available for parents to download from Xuno. I strongly encourage families to read and celebrate their child's learning with them. Our annual Three-way conferences have been scheduled for Week 2 next term. Please look out for the Xuno notice with instructions on how to book an interview.

I wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to welcoming students back for another exciting term of learning.

Warm regards,
Trevor Vass
Principal





GOOD CLEAN FUN

MOUNT EVELYN PS
TERM 3 AUSKICK CENTRE

Wednesdays | August 5th - 26th | 3:45pm - 4:45pm

**ALL GIRLS
GROUPS
AVAILABLE**



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CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!



HELPING KIDS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE IN THE OCTOBER 2026 CAMP!

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Fri 23rd – Sun 25th Oct 2026

\$85 Full Fee *

www.kidsofgold.org.au

Open to Primary kids in grades 4-6 in 2026 (and 9 year olds in grade 3) including those who have entered Year 7 in 2026. This is a Level 1 camp, run primarily for those who have not been to Kids of Gold before.

Activities are fun: from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and challenging interactive sessions.

Starting in Feb 2003, this camp has continued for one reason— because it works! It builds kids to be much more confident and increases their self esteem.

Google kids of gold to see who we are, what we do and to apply online or download a form for the May 2026 camp. The form and website have more on how the camp started and where it is situated in the beautiful Yarra Valley.

Held at Lyrebird Park
Beenak Rd, Yellingbo
Melways 307 K10

*Cost of \$85 is subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and Yarra Ranges Council.

Contact Kids of Gold
0447 309 832 (Gary) or 0403 271 987 (Melissa) to hold a place and/or find out more

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Smile Squad Free Dental Pop-Up Clinic During the School Holidays

Dear Families,

Smile Squad, the Victorian Government's free school dental program, will be running a free dental pop-up clinic during the school holidays from 29 June–10 July at 18–22 Lakeview Drive, Lilydale.

The Smile Squad team may have already visited your child's school, or may be due to visit later in the year; however, this school holiday pop-up clinic may be a more convenient option for some families.

Eligible students can access free dental check-ups, preventive services and treatment through Smile Squad.

Parents and guardians will need to provide consent before students can receive dental care.

To register, follow this link: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

Phone: 9757 6209

Email: Smile.squad@each.com.au



ONLINE INFO SESSIONS

Wednesday 24 June @ 6.30pm

Tuesday 7 July @ 12.30pm

Thursday 23 July @ 7.00pm

Register to Attend!

1300 889 335

www.anglicarevic.org.au/fostering

- Full training, carer allowance and 24 hour support provided.
- Respite, emergency and longer term care options available. Flexible options to suit your lifestyle.



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ARTSPACE**

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Saturday: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Sunday: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Phone: 9735 9724

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School Holiday Softball Program

Unlock your Softball potential these July School holidays, with this fun and engaging program, designed for kids of all skill levels aged 7-14

Programs across metro Melbourne on various days, times and venues, visit the website or scan the QR code for further details



REGISTER HERE:
www.softballvic.org.au/events/363049

CONTACT: Tim Hatzi - State Participation & Development Manager
Email: tim.hatzi@softballvic.org.au
or Ph: 0479 104 403



About

- 4 hour duration
- Experienced Coaches
- Equipment Provided
- Safe & Inclusive & Fun Environment



2026 Junior Development Program

Get a head start over Winter, join the Softball Victoria Junior Development Program tailored to beginner to intermediate skilled players from 7 to 15 years of age, and develop fundamental skills and game sense leading into the 2026/2027 Summer season!

Venues across metro Melbourne and Regional Victoria, visit the website or scan the QR code for further details

Learn from experienced coaches and state representative players

Experience and develop the different elements of Softball including batting, fielding, pitching, catching and base running

2 hours each week over 6 weeks

\$90 registration includes participant pack with T-shirt, cap & drink bottle

*Shaping
Tomorrow's
Softball Stars*



REGISTER HERE:
www.softballvic.org.au/events/363067



Contact: Tim Hatzi - State Participation & Development Manager email: tim.hatzi@softballvic.org.au or ph: 0479 104 403

Elevate Mt Evelyn

The Community Hub Workshop

Sunday 5 July
1pm – 4.30pm

Mt Evelyn Hall
Birmingham Rd



Light
refreshments
provided

All welcome

Mt Evelyn is special because of its people.
Come help shape what's next.

What to Expect

- Connect with locals who care about this community
- Explore what makes Mt Evelyn unique
- Workshop ideas and opportunities for our future

What can you bring

- Bring your voice, your ideas and your vision for a stronger more connected Mt Evelyn

RSVP and
find out more



Mount Evelyn
TOWNSHIP GROUP

www.mtevelyntownshipgroup.org.au

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Looking for an **affordable activity** with **BIG benefits** for your preschooler? Come join an

INTERGENERATIONAL MUSIC PROGRAM



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Builds **confidence, social skills, self-esteem, emotional intelligence, empathy & kindness**

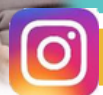


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An affordable way to enrich your child's week

More info & enrolments via QR to website
or email info@biglittlebuddies.org.au



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SCHEDULE

CREATIVE FUN FOR KIDS & TEENS!

PRICED BETWEEN \$25-\$40

TUESDAY
30 JUNE



TEAM BATTLE SESSIONS

Team up, strategise and battle it out in epic challenges!

1 - 4 PM



TUESDAY
30 JUNE



LEGO HANGOUTS

Build, create and hang out with friends in our LEGO wonderland!

10 AM -
12 NOON



MONDAY
6 JULY



CARDBOARD CITIES

Build houses, shops, tunnels, costumes and more! Let your imagination build a city!

10 AM -
12 NOON



MONDAY
6 JULY



TEEN PAINT & SIP WITH MILKSHAKES

Get creative, sip, relax and enjoy a yummy milkshake!

2 - 4 PM



TUESDAY
7 JULY



TEAM BATTLE SESSIONS

Team up, strategise and battle it out in epic challenges!

1 - 4 PM



TUESDAY
7 JULY



CUPCAKE DECORATING & FANCY CUPS OF TEA

Decorate delicious cupcakes and enjoy a fancy cup of tea with friends!

10 AM -
12 NOON



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