



# Mount Evelyn Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

Term 3

18/09/2026



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*And just like that, I find myself writing the next end of term reflection. Once again, another term has flown by, punctuated by myriad opportunities and successes for our students. Whether it be in the classroom, on excursions, in the sporting arenas, or on the stage, Mount Evelyn students have embraced opportunities to learn, grow, and challenge themselves. The many successes we have witnessed this term are a testament to the hard work, perseverance, and positive spirit of our entire school community.*

*The term began with productive three-way meetings in which students were able to share, celebrate and reflect on their learning with parents. Extra curricular opportunities enjoyed by students include: the annual Yr 2 sleep over -their first foray into our camps program, 5/6 Hooptime basketball, various excursions to extend and enrich classroom learning. Foundation students proudly celebrated their much anticipated 100 days of school celebration, while others participated in a day of learning strategies to prevent bullying with Project Rokit.. Visits to secondary schools to see their musical productions were inspirational for 5/6s, as was the author visit with Andrea Rowe in book week. Our book fair and book week character dress up in which we saw so many creative and varied costumes was again a highlight. The father's day stall and afternoon with dads and special men, a visit from members of Victoria Police, and the energetic disco continued the excitement for students.*

Finally, the resoundingly successful whole school production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean* – a pun-filled, fun-filled swash-buckling adventure on the high seas – concluded an outstanding term. It's not surprising then, that students and teachers alike are feeling a little tired at the end of term. On behalf of the whole community I would like to acknowledge the dedication, energy and endless hours planning, rehearsing, and directing that Mrs Jayne Setford committed to ensure that once again our students put on an incredible performance. Whole school productions don't come together based on the efforts of one person alone. Jayne has been supported by a vast team of teachers and parent and community helpers behind the scenes to rehearse lines, teach and practice choreography, organise costumes and create sets and props. The opportunity to participate in school productions often creates life long memories and are reflected upon for years to come. They also create opportunities for students to explore and develop new skills in the performing arts and the confidence gained from stepping outside one's comfort zone to perform on stage can lead to ongoing enjoyment and participation in the performing arts. It's the students though that were the real stars of the show. Led so confidently by the senior cast, an extremely talented group of young performers, all students are to be congratulated for the incredible performance that we were privileged to witness. They should all be very proud of their efforts to learn their song, dances and lines. In the days since, I have had numerous parents and family members giving glowing praise for our students and teachers. It was truly a wonderful community effort.



This week you will receive access to your child's Term 3 interim report – a snap shot of your child's progress this term including a self-reflection of their achievement. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child and celebrate their achievements. Amidst all these exciting opportunities for our students, the school undertook its four yearly School Review early in the term. The review panel, comprising external reviewers, regional staff and current practising principals, spent two days immersed in our school observing and discussing our teaching practices, classroom cultures and routines and analysing school data. With student, staff and parents all provided the opportunity to provide the panel with their insightful perspective, the panel was able to gain a thorough understanding of our school as a whole. It was both pleasing and affirming to receive their feedback which acknowledged the impact of the improvement strategies that have formed our work over the past four years. The panel highlighted many of the strengths that are evident throughout the school including consistency of practice, our calm, orderly classrooms in which well established routines were observable, and the strategies we have in place to engage students and support their learning. The role of the panel was to also provide thoughtful observations, constructive feedback, and challenging questions that will help shape our next four-year strategic plan. Pleasingly, much of this was already known to us and already being planned for and worked upon.

Hopefully you saw my previous communication about a significant change to our bushfire risk rating which comes into effect from the beginning of Term 4 this year. The Department of Education has reviewed the fire risk for our school and has amended our rating from a Category 3 to a Category 2 on the Department's Bushfire at Risk Register. The significant change all parents and carers must be aware of is that in addition to completely closing on days with a fire danger rating of Catastrophic, the School will now relocate on days with a declared Extreme fire danger rating in the Yarra Ranges Shire as well. When such a day is declared, all staff and students will be directed to attend school at Mooroolbark East Primary School instead of attending our school. Mount Evelyn students will engage in their learning separate to the students from Mooroolbark East PS. I recognise that relocation may potentially cause minor disruption to learning and inconvenience to families. However, I hope our community can appreciate the Department's decision has been made with broader safety of our community as the primary consideration.

## Dates for your diary



### October

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Term 4 Begins

**Thursday 8th**

Divisional Athletics

**Friday 16th**

\*Foundation Healesville

Sanctuary Excursion

\*Hooptime Regionals

**Tuesday 20th**

Graduation Photos

**Wednesday 21st**

Pupil Free Day

**Friday 23rd**

Level 1 Late Night Experience

### November

**Tuesday 3rd**

Melbourne Cup Day

**Friday 6th**

Level 1 Mont DeLancey

**Wednesday 11th**

Lvl 2 Kew Traffic School

**Friday 20th**

Ride to School Day

**Wednesday 25th-27th**

Lvl ¾ Camp Adanac

### December

**Wednesday 2nd**

Xmas Carols & Picnic

**Tuesday 8th**

Orientation Day

**Monday 14th**

Year 6 Graduation

**Monday 14th-17th**

Swimming F-5

**Thursday 17th**

Last Day of Term

3.30pm Finish

If an Extreme Fire Danger day is declared we will provide families with clear directions about the relocation. If you are a user of OSHC at our school you may be able to access Mooroolbark East's OSHC program provided by Camp Australia. On a relocation day. However, this does require pre enrolment. Please contact their OSHC provider directly if you think you may need this service on a relocation day.

As term 4 gets underway, staff will begin the complex process of assigning students to classes for 2027. If you have class placement requests for your children for 2027 you must put these in writing to myself asap. As in the past, requests will only be considered based on genuine student wellbeing or academic grounds and cannot be guaranteed. Requests for specific teachers will not be accepted. Students will again have the opportunity in class to list friends they would like to be with. Similarly, if you are planning any changes to your child's enrolment for next year, please inform the school asap as this can have an impact of our class structures.

Finally, we extend warm congratulations to Ms Emily Fox who is getting married this term break.

I wish our students and staff a well deserved and restful term break and trust you find the time to relax and recharge for the final term of the year which will, no doubt, be just as busy and exciting as term 3 (with hopefully less curry and beans!).



# Community Advertisements



## Free children's dental care in Lilydale

### School holiday pop-up clinic

The Smile Squad team from Each will provide free dental care for children enrolled in a government school:

- Full dental check-ups
- Preventive care
- Any necessary treatment

### Clinic details

**When:** 21 September–2 October

**Where:** Smile Squad Hub  
18–22 Lakeview Drive, Lilydale

**Cost:** Free

Call **9757 6200**  
or scan the QR  
code to book  
your child's  
appointment.



1300 003 224 | each.com.au

## COME AND TRY BOWLS!

**FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS GRADES FIVE & SIX**

**SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS GRADES FIVE AND SIX

**SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**1PM - 2:30PM**  
(PARENTS WELCOME TO STAY)

**EASTWOOD GOLF CLUB**  
LIVERPOOL RD, KILSYTH

SESSION RUN BY EASTWOOD BOWLS COACHES

ALL COACHES HAVE WWCC's

BOWLS SUPPLIED

LIMITED PLACES

COST \$10pp

PLEASE CONTACT MARIA ON  
**0435350333**  
TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

**EASTWOOD BOWLS CLUB**

## There's nothing quite like Scouting.

Looking for an alternative to run-of-the-mill after-school activities?  
Find something for everyone at Mt Evelyn Scouts.

|  |                                  |
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|  | <b>Joeys — Thu 6–7 pm</b>        |
|  | <b>Cubs — Tue 6:30–8 pm</b>      |
|  | <b>Cubs — Wed 7–8:30 pm</b>      |
|  | <b>Scouts — Thu 7:30–9:30 pm</b> |

**Find out more or book a free intro night:**  
[gl.1stmoutevelyn@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1stmoutevelyn@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

## Girls, COME PLAY TODAY!

Try cricket for free in a welcoming, fun and all-girls program.

**HER GAME GROWS**  
CRICKET VICTORIA- FREE ALL GIRLS CRICKET PROGRAM  
VENUE: MOUNT EVELYN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
DATE: TUES 13<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup> AND THURS 15<sup>TH</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
TIME: 3.30PM-4.30PM  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

**PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY WESTPAC**  
Championing opportunities for women and girls in sport.

**Register Today**

**HER GAME GROWS**

# Community Advertisements



## LEVEL 1 CAMP

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> OCT 2026

**WEEKEND CAMP FOR GRADES 4 – 6**  
TO HELP KIDS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE

# SPECIAL AGENTS

**\$85**

full weekend  
camp fee

**\$35**  
deposit



0447 309 832



[info@kidsofgold.org.au](mailto:info@kidsofgold.org.au)



Yarra Ranges Council

## Early Years 2026 School holiday activities

Spring 2026: Monday 21 September to Sunday 4 October



### Bush Walk – Whose hiding at night?

- Thursday 24th September
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
- Mt Evelyn
- For all ages
- Booking required



### Gondwana Cyanotype Printing for Kids

- 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
- For all ages
- Booking required



### Gondwana VR

- On display until Sunday 1st November
- Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
- For all ages
- Free entry

Yarra Ranges Council

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- 23 SEP**
- Beauty and the Beast Ballet
  - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
  - 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
  - The Memo Healesville
  - For all ages
  - Booking required



- 24 SEP**
- Coffee Painting Workshop
  - 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
  - Arts Centre Warburton
  - For all ages
  - Booking required



- 24 SEP**
- Tiny Tunes
  - 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
  - Belgrave
  - For children aged 0 – 18 months
  - Booking required



- 24 SEP**
- Making Music
  - 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM
  - Belgrave
  - For children aged 0 – 5 years



- 1 OCT**
- Insect and Bug Headbands
  - 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
  - Yarra Junction
  - For all ages
  - No booking required



- 2 OCT**
- Let's Go Lawn Bowls
  - 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
  - Lilydale
  - For children aged 4 – 12 years
  - Booking required



- 2 OCT**
- Dad and Me Bowling
  - 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
  - Lilydale
  - Age: 4 – 16 years
  - Booking required



- 4 OCT**
- EEL Festival
  - 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
  - Yarra Glen
  - For all ages
  - No Booking required

For more information and bookings

1300 368 333

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

[earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)



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events and  
book now!



# Community Advertisements



Rotary  
Club of Emerald & District

**ROTARY**  
**KIDS FUN RUN**  
with **PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY**  
Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children

Trophies to 1st Girl & Boy, in each run!

Train rides on the day

Show bags & certificates for runners

Rotary  
CHILDREN'S  
HEALTH  
PROJECTS



**Registrations Now Open!!**  
**Kids Running for Kids**  
**29th November 2026**



<https://emeraldrotary.org.au/5395/Page/rotarykidsfunrunwithpuffingbilly>

**Mischief Makers Workshop**  
CREATE PLAY EXPLORE BELONG

REAL CREATIVITY HAPPENS HERE

SAME SPACE. MORE MISCHIEF!

Like our new backdrops?

**SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2026**  
**MISCHIEF MAKERS WORKSHOP - MONBULK HQ**

Hands-on holiday fun for kids, teens & families - creative, practical and a little bit mischievous!

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| <p><b>FRI 18 SEP</b><br/><b>Mischief Fridays</b><br/>HOLIDAY KICK-OFF</p> <p>A relaxed family night with LEGO, craft, sport, games, fire-pit fun and plenty of good old-fashioned mischief.</p> <p>6:00-9:00 pm<br/>\$25 pp / \$30 family</p> | <p><b>MON 21 SEP</b><br/><b>Giant Hanging Art Challenge</b></p> <p>Go BIG! Create giant collaborative artworks on huge hanging canvases and help build our Giant Art Gallery.</p> <p>10:00-11:30 am<br/>\$25</p>               |
| <p><b>MON 21 SEP</b><br/><b>Jewellery &amp; Beading Workshop</b></p> <p>Design and make jewellery and tiny treasures using loads of beautiful beads, colour and laser-cut charms.</p> <p>1:30-3:30 pm<br/>\$40</p>                            | <p><b>WED 23 SEP</b><br/><b>Laser-Cut Mosaic Creatures</b></p> <p>Choose an animal or shape, then transform your laser-cut design into a colourful mosaic masterpiece to take home.</p> <p>10:00 am-12:00 pm<br/>\$40</p>      |
| <p><b>WED 23 SEP</b><br/><b>Giant Marble Run STEM Challenge</b></p> <p>Work solo or in a team to design, build, test and connect an enormous marble run through our undercover space.</p> <p>1:00-3:30 pm<br/>\$25</p>                        | <p><b>THU 24 SEP</b><br/><b>Mischief Makers MasterChef Challenge</b></p> <p>Teams, ingredients, judges, a challenge and a time limit! A fun cooking competition where creativity counts.</p> <p>10:00 am-12:00 pm<br/>\$30</p> |
| <p><b>THU 24 SEP</b><br/><b>Mischief Mayhem Nerf Battle</b></p> <p>2.5+ hours of battles, missions and team challenges, with hundreds of blasters to choose from. Kids, teens &amp; adults welcome.</p> <p>1:30-4:00 pm<br/>\$25</p>          | <p><b>FRI 25 SEP</b><br/><b>Fashion Mayhem - Runway #1</b></p> <p>Create a look from dress-ups, op-shop clothing, hats and accessories, then strut your stuff on the runway.</p> <p>1:30-3:30 pm<br/>\$25</p>                  |

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

[mischiefmakersworkshop.com.au/book-online](https://mischiefmakersworkshop.com.au/book-online)

429 Monbulk Road, Monbulk 0428 265 086

Online ticket booking fee applies. See website for full workshop details and booking conditions.

**MONBULK HQ**

- ✓ Huge undercover nursery spaces
- ✓ Hands-on - creative - welcoming
- ✓ All ages & families welcome

GOOD PEOPLE. MESSY IDEAS. BRIGHTER DAYS.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT



THE CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS  
WINNER



**Zeno Sworder**  
Bringing Stories to Life: Illustrating and Writing Children's Books



**NEW DATE**  
Friday  
2 October

### Zeno Sworder

Bringing Stories to Life: Illustrating and Writing Children's Books

Join multi-award-winning writer and artist Zeno Sworder for this creative and inspiring session!

Zeno is the artist and picture book creator of *This Small Blue Dot* and *My Strange Shrinking Parents*. His latest book *Once I Was a Giant* was the 2026 Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Picture Book of the Year. It was also named the Australian Book Industry's Book of the Year and won the 2026 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Children's Literature. In this interactive workshop, Zeno will read *Once I was a Giant*, share a range of art activities, and work with children to make a small picture book. Copies of Zeno's books will be available for purchase on the day.

**When:** 11:00am-12:00pm  
Friday 2 October 2026

**Where:** Belgrave Library,  
Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.

**Age:** 8-12 years

**Cost:** \$10

**To Book:**  
Call 9800 6489  
Visit <https://events.yourlib.org.au/event?id=82134>  
Or scan the QR code



Limited places. Bookings essential.

DANDENONG RANGES  
**Literary Festival**



This event is a proud partnership between the Library and the Dandenong Ranges Literary Festival.

# Community Advertisements

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing footy goods




**4-7 YEAR OLDS\***

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.




**7-12 YEAR OLDS**

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.



\*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

## MONBULK ALL GIRLS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> | 9AM - 3PM**

**BAYNES PARK**



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## KILSYTH ALL GIRLS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> | 9AM - 3PM**

**KILSYTH RECREATION RESERVE**




## JOIN THE MT EVELYN TEAM!

JUNIOR TEAMS FOR BOYS & GIRLS OF ALL AGES & ALL ABILITIES

**PLAY. LEARN. GROW. BELONG.**  
MAKE FRIENDS. BUILD SKILLS. LOVE THE GAME.





**WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST**

5 - 8 YEARS  
BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND PASSION!  
*No experience needed!*

 **RUNNING WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

Get active, have fun and discover your love of cricket in a safe and supportive environment!

**UNDER 10's & 12's**

LEARN THE GAME. PLAY IN A TEAM. HAVE FUN!

 **RUNNING FRIDAY NIGHTS**

Perfect for players ready to learn the game, play in a team, make new friends and enjoy the excitement of Friday night cricket!

**UNDER 14's & 16's**

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS. CRICKET PATHWAY TO SENIORS. STAY CONNECTED!

 **RUNNING SATURDAY MORNINGS**

For players ready to grow, compete, develop their skills and be part of our future - on and off the field!

**SCAN TO REGISTER!**  
WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST REGISTRATION





**JUNIOR CRICKET (U10 - U16) REGISTRATION**

 **INCLUSIVE & WELCOMING**  **QUALIFIED COACHES**  **GREAT FACILITIES**  **PATHWAYS TO SENIOR CRICKET**

**BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THE GAME**  
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*Little Athletes Big Dreams*



**COME AND JOIN US FOR A FREE TRIAL**

- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Learn new skills

**For kids ages 5 to 17**

 **COMPETITION COMMENCES**  
Saturday 10th October

 **LOCATION**  
Morrison Reserve Athletics Track, Mt Evelyn

 **ENQUIRIES**  
yarraranges@lavic.com.au

 **REGISTER FOR A TRIAL NOW**  
<https://lavic.com.au/membership/new-member/>

**Come along, have fun, get active and be part of something great!**

# Community Advertisements



**BLUE HILLS**  
BERRIES & CHERRIES

**BLUE HILLS**  
CHERRY BLOSSOM SHOW

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**BLUE HILLS**  
CHERRY BLOSSOM SHOW

**A Fairy-themed event!**

**3 days only!**

Spend a spring day surrounded by spectacular cherry blossom.  
Cherry blossom only lasts a short time, so make sure you don't miss this stunning show of flowers.

Discover the fairy garden & even dress up as a fairy or elf if you wish.  
Flower crowns, wands, Harry Potter merch & fairy wings will be available to purchase on the day.

**What to expect:**  
Beautiful cherry blossom.  
Face painting for the kids for a gold coin.  
A roaming Blossom Fairy.  
Unicorn ponies.  
Free treasure hunt.  
Plant stall.  
Live musical entertainment.  
Food trucks.

Picnics welcome.  
Friendly dogs on leash welcome.  
Affordable school holiday fun!

**Dates: 25<sup>th</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Times: 10am – 4:00pm daily**

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to book your tickets.

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**COME AND PLAY**

**EJAYS** *Ejays*  
**LITTLE LEGENDS T-BALL**

Great for Beginners  
\$80 per player  
Ages Under 10's  
All equipment provided

**Fridays**  
**Starting Oct 16th**  
**- Dec 4th**  
**4.30 - 5.30pm**

**Playing alternatively at:**  
✓ Pinks Reserve  
123 Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth  
✓ Knox Softball Association  
Gilbert Park Dve, Knoxfield

**Register Here**  
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/lilydaleejays/events/379031>

**Contact Us for more info**  
Annette 0408 332 871

**LITTLE LEGENDS T-BALL**

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**Phantoms**

**FIRST SEASON OF U7 MINIBALL FREE!**

**2026/27 SUMMER SEASON**  
**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

We're looking for boys and girls aged 5-12 to join Fosters Phantoms Basketball Club. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a great attitude!

**Why join us?**

- ✓ Fun, supportive team environment!
- ✓ Games & training at local venues!
- ✓ Build confidence and skills!
- ✓ The best part? Make new friends & be active!

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