



# METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

*... the village school*

Term 2

Week 5



Friday 17th May 2024

*"It takes a village to educate a child"*

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Metung Primary School acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.  

## REGULAR EVENTS

<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
<b>SCHOOL ASSEMBLY</b> from 9.00am	<b>FREE ICY POLES</b>	<b>PLAY GROUP</b> 9.00am-11.00am	<b>LUNCH ORDERS FROM</b> <b>AROMA@METUNG</b>

## CALENDAR

### **May**

- Tue 21st — **School Dentist**
- Thu 23rd — **MARC Van Library**  
(Please return borrowed books)
- Tue 28th — **East Gippsland Shire Library**  
(please return borrowed books)
- Wed 29th — **Pirate Day with Swan Reach Kindergarten** 9.30am—12.30pm  
All students can dress up in a pirate theme-related costume.

### **June**

- Mon 3rd — **School Photos**
- Mon 10th — **KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Tues 11th — **REPORT WRITING DAY**  
(student free day)
- Tue 18th — **School Council Meeting**
- Thu 20th — **Book Week Parade**
- Fri 28th — **Last Day Term 2**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

As per Department guidelines, supervision is not required at school until 8.45am, therefore students who arrive before this time will be placed into our before school care breakfast club program and charged the relevant fee. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

You can find the full edition of our newsletter in the 'communication' section of uEducateUs.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi Everyone,

We had a wonderful turn out to our Mother's Day celebration on Friday afternoon. Thank you to all the mothers, sisters, grandmothers and other special people who came along for this lovely community event. There was, and still is, a wonderful positive vibe around the school and long may it continue.

There is a bit of illness going through the community at present and this is starting to have an impact on the school. There have been a few students away this week and last. Please use uEducateUs or send a text to the school mobile to advise of any absences, please.

On Monday Jacob, Grace, Camilla, Kaiabelle, Jesse and Talitha competed in the division cross country run. This was a terrific day and although the results were not favourable this time, everyone had a fun day out.

On Thursday Metung PS had the pleasure of welcoming Matt Carson and members of the Metung Country Fire Authority (CFA). Jess, Wayne, Dean and Anthony all made a very valuable contribution to an engaging discussion about the amazing things the CFA do in the community. The discussion often came back to the junior program that is offered by the Metung CFA, which is looking for new members to strengthen the program.



The students have been riding their bikes and scooters in the yard, which is wonderful. I would just like to ask parents to please make sure that any bikes and scooters are roadworthy.

In the senior room we have just finished reading *Superfudge* by Judy Blume. Our next novel will be *Nevermoor* by Australian author, Jessica Townsend. Also, across the school we have begun working on the assessment of all the students as this term is a report writing term.

On Wednesday I attended the Outer Gippsland Principals' Conference. These are often interesting meetings and I get to hear about the priorities of the Department of Education and talk to other principals from across Wellington and East Gippsland Shires. The more I talk with these other principals, the more I realise just what an amazing school we have here. Our staff, grounds, community and students are all amazing and we are very lucky. One of the items discussed was the importance of communication. If you have an issue, please come in and talk it through with us. It is important that we solve any issues that may arise. At the heart of all we do, we too, want the best for your child or children. But that is enough of the heavy stuff.

Well done to you if you have read this whole article. If you have, please let me know and I will give you a 'Principal's Award' sticker for you to wear on your shirt.

Best wishes,

*Jim Allen.*

SCHOOL IS MADE FOR ADVENTURES.

### JUNIOR GRADES—MRS. BENNETT

#### Prep/1/2 Music Program

This week the junior students were very excited to participate in their first sessions of the 'Music in Schools' program. We would like to warmly welcome Mrs. Caroline Monck who will be working with the students and mentoring staff throughout the program.



The focus for this week was on 'Beat' and we all enjoyed learning to keep a steady beat. Our class used colourful, sensory scarves in the warm up activity before using our bodies and untuned percussion instruments to keep a steady beat to the song 'Copycat'.

In the second session we revised the definition of a beat using the rhyme: "The beat never changes. The beat stays the same". The video 'Ocean Odyssey' provided us with the opportunity to keep a steady beat and we then progressed to singing while keeping the beat. We are looking forward to our next session on Monday.



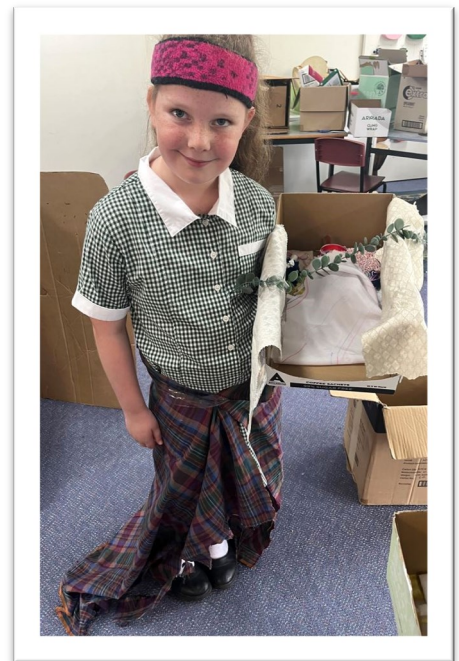
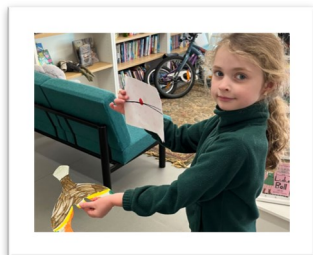
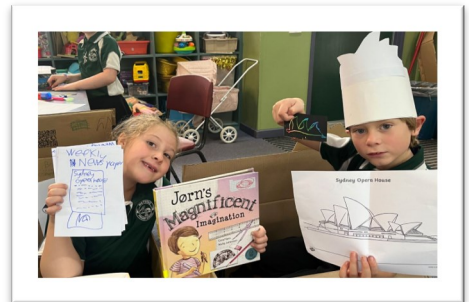
#### Prep/1/2 Science Program

This term we are linking our science program to our classroom theme 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and exploring how different types of food (bread, spaghetti, popcorn and chocolate) can be changed in a variety of ways. The students have been provided with hands-on, shared experiences of observable changes when foods are heated and cooled. A huge thank you to Rosemary for cooking the class spaghetti bolognese for lunch yesterday. It was so delicious!



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## MARC LIBRARY—MR. ROBERTSON



## MOTHER'S DAY STALL



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

# METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024

Photo date- 3rd June

ORDER  
HERE



Please note: orders close 29th May



# HOME READING

## AT-HOME READING

Metung Primary School values the importance of reading and encourages students to read at home each night.

Each time students reach a series of 25 nights reading, they will receive a special award.

The more they read, the more awards they receive!

This has proven to be a very popular reading incentive for the children, with many records broken in the past.

Watch this space.....HAPPY READING EVERYONE!

25 Nights	50 Nights	75 Nights	100 Nights	125 Nights	150 Nights
	Vi	Mikayla	Larkin Talitha Elvis Kaiabelle Camilla		



## *Achievement Awards*

To **Daisy** for reading and spelling the most common 800 words.

To **Arnoux** for reading and spelling the most common 100 words.

To **Ava** for being a wonderful helper in the classroom and showing pleasing progress in the area of reading.

This Week's Winners



## SCHOOL NOTICES

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

MAY

8th—Mikayla 22nd—Jhai 22nd—Jesse 23rd—Eli

24th—Matilda 30th—Elvis 31st—Larkin



### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE—AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL TERMS

Before School Care is available from 7.45am-8.45am Mon-Fri.

After School Care is available from 3.20pm-4.20pm Mon-Fri.

\$10.00 will be charged for the first child per session, with each subsequent child charged \$5.00. A concession rate of \$5.00 per child, per session, is available to all valid concession card holders.

Please let us know in advance if your child will be attending.

### PLAY GROUP

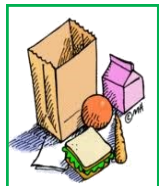
Play Group @ Metung Primary is held each THURSDAY of the school term, between 9.00am and 11.00am for pre-school aged children.

Our program is designed to familiarise children, and parents & carers, with the school environment, staff and routine for an easier transition to primary school.



### SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders are available to order from Aroma @ Metung on Fridays. Please place your child's lunch order directly with Aroma.



### METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEPOSITS.

Metung Primary School Official Account:

**Commonwealth Bank**

**BSB - 063 000**

**Account # - 14182698**



**COME & JOIN THE FUN**  
at the



**METUNG PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
PLAYGROUP**

**9-11AM**  
**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**DURING SCHOOL TERMS**



**90 STIRLING RD**  
**PH: 5156 2259**



**ALL**  
**welcome!**





## COMMUNITY NOTICES



The flyer features a blue background with a yellow spiral binding at the top. On the left, there is a smiling sun and a colorful pinwheel. On the right, there is a yellow rocket. At the bottom, there are illustrations of children playing on a trampoline, fishing, and playing basketball. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner with various icons for contact and location information.

### HOLIDAY OPTIONS PROGRAM (HOP)

HOP is a supported group recreation program that provides participants with opportunities to learn, develop new skills, make friends, and connect with their local community. Regular activities occur during school holidays and a limited number take place within school terms. Activities are between 6-8 hours in duration.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Aged 5-12 years, residing in Gippsland and have a NDIS plan.

**ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED BASED ON PARTICIPANT INTERESTS AND MAY INCLUDE:**

- EVENTS - shows, plays, exhibits.
- ACTION - kayaking, laser tag, rock climbing, snow, water parks, indoor play centers.
- CREATIVITY - dancing, music, art, craft, cooking.
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING - fitness, teamwork, exercise.

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY!**

 1300 736 765  [admin@icg.asn.au](mailto:admin@icg.asn.au)  [www.icg.asn.au](http://www.icg.asn.au)

 66 Commercial Road, Morwell

 278-280 White Road, North Wonthaggi

 13b & 14a Eastwood Village Shopping Centre, 30 Howitt Avenue, Bairnsdale



## Carer Camino Wellbeing Walking Retreat



**Tuesday 29th October to Friday 1st November 2024**

Would you like to take some time out to refresh and boost your wellbeing?

Join us for this Carer Camino as we walk the Great Southern Rail Trail from Fish Creek to Port Welshpool over 4 days / 3 nights.

Starting at the Fish Creek Hotel, we will walk 40 km to finish on the jetty at Port Welshpool, walking an average of 10 - 12 km each day (there is a bus available for those who require a pick up along the way).

Morning meditation sessions and afternoon wellbeing workshops will be facilitated. Each person will develop a Wellbeing Plan with simple strategies to care for your wellbeing when you are back at home.

Accommodation will be provided in Foster at the Prom Country Lodge, and meals at local venues.

The Carer Camino is open to carers who live in Gippsland and care for a person who meets the Disability Services Act 1986 eligibility criteria.

**Accommodation and food are included at no cost.**

**Interested?** Give us a call on **1300 736 765** or email us at **[admin@icg.asn.au](mailto:admin@icg.asn.au)**

**Places finalised by Friday 20th September 2024**