

METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

... the village school

Term 3

Week 3

Friday 28th July 2023

"It takes a village to educate a child"

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School no.3050

Acting Principal
James (Jim) Allen

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>	Wednesdays	<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY from 9.00am	ICY POLES	NEW DAY! METUNG P.S. PLAY GROUP	LUNCH ORDERS
		9.00am-11.00am	

CALENDAR

August		
Wed 2nd — District Athletics		
Thu 3rd — MARC Library Please return borrowed books		
Tue 8th — East Gippsland Shire Mobile Library		
Thu 17th — Prep Orientation 9.00-11.30am		
Thu 24th — Prep Orientation 9.00-11.30am		
Thu 31st — Prep Orientation 9.00-11.30am		

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. A copy of the newsletter will also be emailed out.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi Everyone,

We have had some beautiful weather during the week. During yard duty, it was lovely to feel the warmth from the sun again. That was something that seemed to be missing for the last couple of months.

There has been a lovely feel around the school and it is always lovely to see parents with their children using the playground after hours. There is a wonderful connection between our school and our community.

It is around that time of the year where we as a staff start discussing what the grade structure will look like next year. If you know of anyone in the community who is looking at enrolling their children at Metung for next year, it is time to encourage them to come and see me. This does not need to be a guarantee, but the beginning of discussions can be very important. We are going so well. Our community school is definitely the best place for our community children.

Throughout the week we have had Jenny Allit from Fish Care come in and give a great talk to all the students about how we care for our waterways. This was a very thorough and engaging presentation.

In the 5/6 classroom we are reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. I have mentioned to the students and at assembly that students are welcome to come in fancy dress, wear witches' hats and bring along their wands any time on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, as that is when we read the book.

Mrs. Anketell has been supporting the students whilst they have been preparing their speeches for the Lions Club competition. I have been amazed and very impressed with the efforts of our students. A huge thanks to Wendy for devoting time and effort to this. Leonie and Lisa have also been amazing. They have been working with the 3-6s to type up cue cards and help edit and time the duration of the speeches and so much more.

Mrs. Bennett read the story *Sandy Beach* by Bob Graham and then the students in P-2 made an awesome picture about the beach. The artworks even had real sand! Great stuff, as per usual from an incredible teacher. We are so lucky to have Mrs. Bennett at Metung.

Please continue to check in with uEducateUs. As I receive more information regarding the upcoming events, such as the district athletics day, year 6-7 transition at LESC and BSC and Yellow Day, I post it there. It is well worth checking in on that app for the latest news.

Please keep your eyes out for copies of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets. We are looking for copies of these texts to add to the school library.

In the yard lots of the children are building cubbies, and there has been lots of imaginative play. This helps develop the imagination, is great fun and develops social and problem-solving skills.

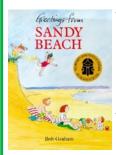
Best wishes to you all and have a wonderful weekend.



Jim Allen

CLASSROOM NEWS

JUNIOR GRADES—MRS. BENNETT



This fortnight we are studying the picture story book 'Greetings from Sandy Beach'. The children have been busy writing retells about the text, painting their own beach scenes (using fabric and sand) and using their own painted handprints to create fish. They are also completing language based booklets linked to the text.

The children were very excited to participate in an AFL Football Clinic last week where they were introduced to a wide range of skill based activities.

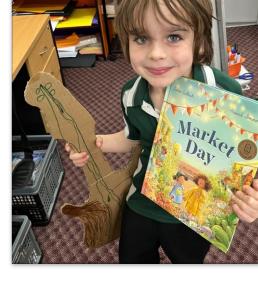
This week they have participated in a session called 'What Lives under the Water in the Gippsland Lakes?' This was a very informative lesson for the students.

- 'I learnt to put the puffer fish back into the water' (Vi)
- 'I learnt it is important to measure the fish' (Adelyn)
- 'I learnt to take the hook out slowly' (Abraham)
- 'I learnt that the sea grass is a flowering plant that discharges dissolved oxygen into the water. The fish can take the dissolved oxygen' (Zack)
- 'I learnt that sharks are different to fish and we measure them differently (Sathi)
- 'I learnt when I see someone doing something illegally you ring 13 Fish' (Daisy)
- 'I learnt that slime covers the scales on the fish to protect them' (Lucas)
- 'I learnt about dolphins' (Lily)
- 'I learnt that seahorses hide in the water' (Chelsea)
- 'I learnt about fish' (Sanaya)
- 'I learnt that you can eat shark' (Arnoux)
- 'I learnt that if you catch a certain fish you immediately kill it' (Henry)
- What lives under the water- dippliand Laxes
- 'I learnt to throw a puffer in the water immediately after you have caught it' (Harry)
- 'I learnt that seahorses need to be protected' (Olivia)

CLASSROOM NEWS

MARC LIBRARY—MR. ROBERTSON







CLASSROOM NEWS



Students were informed by Jenny about what they can do to look after the creatures that live in our beautiful Gippsland Lakes on Wednesday during the 'What Lives Underneath the Water' session.

Mr. Allen got very creative this week, working on the display for his classroom's 'Harry Potter' book study.



Students thoroughly enjoyed singing along with Mr. Allen on Wednesday afternoon.

Lunch Orders

Hello Everyone,

Aroma Café has new owners, and they would like to continue providing the school with lunches.
In the section below, please write any suggestions that you would like for lunch order menu options, possible pricing limits and potential day or days you would like lunch orders.
This is a great opportunity for you to get what you want from a provider who is very willing to listen and provide our children with lunches.
Please return this to Aroma Café.
Best Wishes,
Jim Allen

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 incentive for the children, with many records broken last year.

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

25 Nights	50 Nights	75 Nights	100 Nights	125 Nights	150 Nights
Lucas		Chelsea			Arnoux
					Daisy
175 Nights	200 Nights	225 Nights	250 Nights	275 Nights	300 Nights
Daisy					
Talitha					
Elvis					





To Adelyn for being a hardworking and enthusiastic student who has settled beautifully into our classroom.

<u>To Daisy</u> for reading and spelling the most common 300 words.

<u>To Lucas</u> for being a very hard working student who has made excellent progress in the area of doubling numbers.

SCHOOL NOTICES

HAPPYBIRTHDAY

JULY

Harry—22nd

AUGUST

Jacob —7th Zack—17th Abraham—17th Henry —25th Sam—30th



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 into primary school.

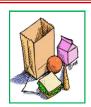


ICY POLES

Icy Poles on sale at school each WEDNESDAY.
50 cents each

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

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

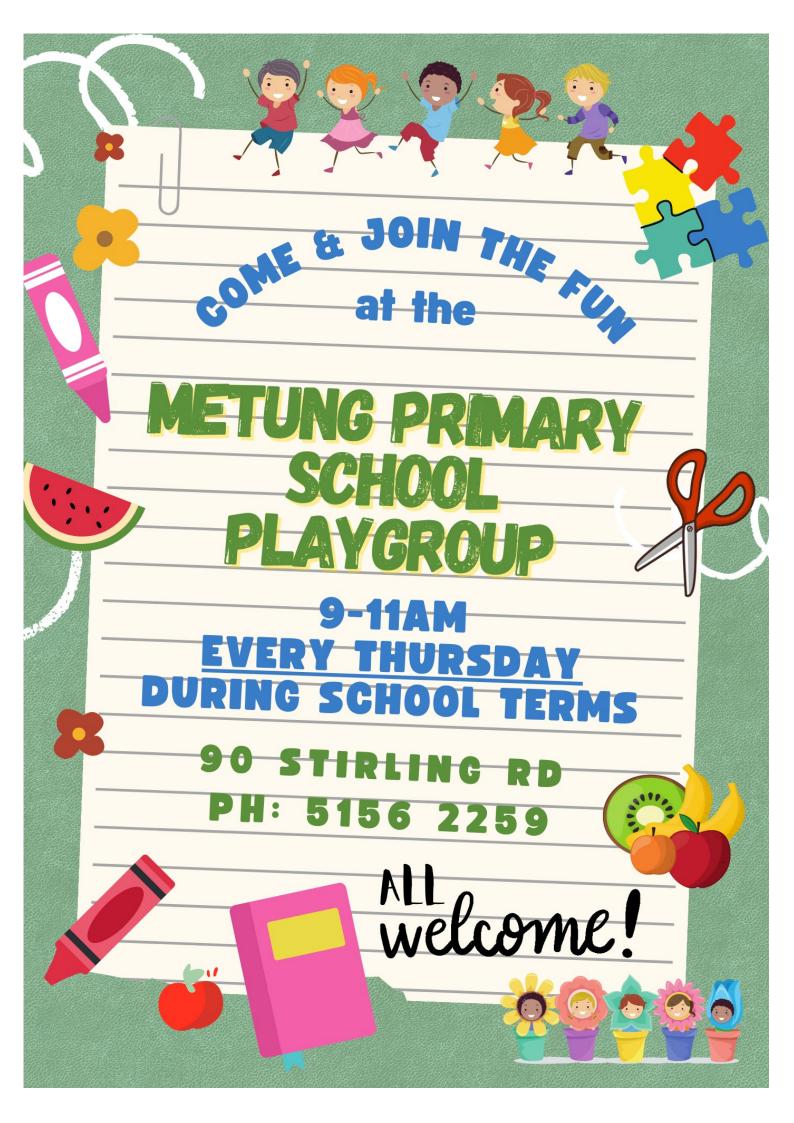


METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEPOSITS.

Metung Primary School Official Account: Commonwealth Bank

BSB - 063 000

Account # - 14182698



SUICIDE INTERVENTION TRAINING

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- Half-day training in suicide alertness skills
- Learn four basic steps to create a life-saving connection
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

5PM THURSDAY AUGUST 24 & 10AM FRIDAY AUGUST 25

safeTALK developed by LivingWorks, a leading world provider of suicide intervention training. Delivered by the Danny Frawley Centre. Bookings essential.









Term 3, 2023

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 3 topics:

- eSafety 101: How eSafety can help you (30 min)
 For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- Online boundaries and consent (30 min)
 For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- Getting the most out of gaming (45 min)
 For parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.
- Online relationships and consent: Sending nudes and sexting (30 min) For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram (30min)
 For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

For more information and to register now: eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



