



# METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

*... the village school*

Term 1

Week 2

Friday 6th February 2026

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

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School no.3050**

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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

### Mondays

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**  
from 9.00am



### Fridays

**LUNCH ORDERS FROM  
METUNG BAKERY &  
AROMA@METUNG**

## CALENDAR

### February

**Tuesday 10th**

East Gippsland Shire Mobile Library

*(students may borrow library books & return them each fortnight)*

**Thursday 19th**

MARC Library

*(students may borrow library books & return them each fortnight)*

### March

**Monday 9th**

**LABOUR DAY Public Holiday**

## INVITATION

If you would like to join our **CLOSED** (parents, guardians and staff only) Facebook group then please send a request to 'Metung PS Parent Group' and one of our admins will add you.

Posts you are likely to see on our page include: lost & found, reminders, free uniform items, free food close to expiry and lots of other little bits & pieces.

### 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,

I do not think we could have asked for a more wonderful start to the 2026 school year.

It has been fantastic to see all the new prep students arrive at school and begin to settle in to their new routines. We have started this year with 11 new faces in the junior room and there are some characters amongst them.

The grade 1/2/3 looks to have settled in well with Miss Middleton and Leonie. Every time I have walked through, the students seem happy and engaged. The Year 1's who have come up from Mrs. Bennett's grade look to be adjusting to their new surroundings very well. There are new friendships being forged and we, the teaching staff, have seen this develop into some wonderful play in the yard.

Mrs. Anketell and Mr. Kenyon are telling me that the senior grade is fantastic. The Year 4 students are working hard and adjusting to a new way of completing their learning tasks. Again, when I have been in the classroom, I see many smiling faces and a willingness to show me what they are doing and tell me about the tasks.

A reminder that all students **must be wearing a school hat** in the yard during Terms 1 & 4. Full school uniform is required when leaving the school for excursions. Please come and buy a school hat from the office if you do not have one or it needs to be replaced (\$15). Hats need to be clearly marked with your child's name. I know it is hard to believe, but schools have had issues with students losing hats in the past and the best way to lessen the probability of this is to clearly name items of clothing. It really does help.

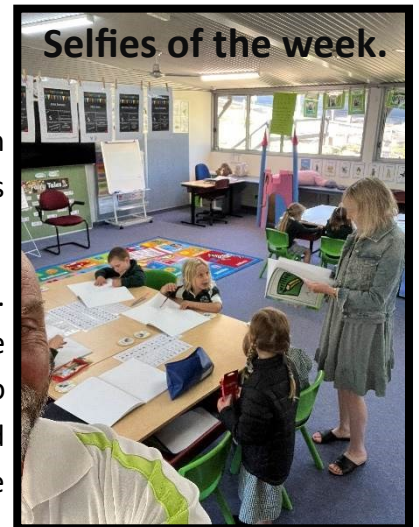
Attendance awards for Term 4, 2025 will be handed out at assemble on Monday morning.

If you are new to our wonderful school community, WELCOME to Metung PS. Please come and have a yarn when you are ready. We are all working with the same goal. Your children are very important to us.

Have a great weekend,

*Jim Allen.*

SCHOOL IS MADE FOR ADVENTURES.





# Grade Prep

What an excellent start to the year! It is lovely to welcome our 11 new Prep students (Halle, Mia, Ned, Billy, Matilda, Rose, Aurora, Zaeli, Otis, Charlotte and Mitchell). All the students have settled in quickly to the classroom routine and have been enjoying making new friendships.

Every Monday and Friday mornings we have Show and Tell sessions. The children are invited to bring along a favourite item to share with the class or talk about a special experience. Parents are also welcome to email photographs or videos of something your child might like to share with the class on the big screen.

We realise the importance of establishing a strong school/home partnership to ensure each student is achieving to their full potential. Readers will be sent home each night and this is a special time to be enjoyed with your child. Could parents please listen to their child read each night, sign the reading booklet and return the reader cover to school each day.

We would love to have reading helpers in our classroom each day. Please let me know if you would like to listen to the children read any morning during the week at 9.00am for approximately one hour.

Every Friday morning we have a PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) in the playground. This involves the students participating in 4 different activities (e.g skipping, tennis, cricket, pedal cars). Parents and toddlers are welcome to join us for these sessions.



Looking forward to a fantastic year together!



# GRADE 1/2/3

## news

We have hit the ground running in Grade 1/2/3. We have a busy term ahead, but these are the main topics that will be covered in our little corner of the school!

### PHONICS, READING & WRITING

Grade Ones will read several books over the term based on Australian weather, seasons, farming and the natural Australian environment. Grade Two are reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl this term, and Grade Three students are reading 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl. We will also be exploring fairytales, fractured fairytales, fables, myths & legends. We have started rolling out Phonics Plus for all students in the Junior grades. It is an evidence-based literacy program based on the Science of Reading. Phonics Plus is the explicit teaching of systematic synthetic phonics to strengthen early reading and spelling skills. We are also going to be writing narrative texts across all three grades.

### MATHS

In maths, we are kicking off the year with counting and place value across all 3 year levels.

### OTHER NOTES

Along with nightly reading, I will start sending home spelling words in the coming weeks. Students will be tested on their spelling words in class on Fridays.

If you have any questions or queries at any point, please do not hesitate to come and see me at any time. Please note, I do not work Wednesdays. With careful timetabling at the beginning of the year, students have art, music and humanities specialists on Wednesdays to accommodate my day off.

### OTHER SUBJECTS

We will also be learning some basic Auslan for Languages, and about food and nutrition in Design Technologies. We are very lucky to be able to provide a range of subjects with specialist teachers this year in our grade, including Mr Kenyon teaching History & Geography (+ Civics & Citizenship for Grade 3's), Mr Jeanes teaching Science and PE, Ms Eds teaching Art, Mr Allen teaching Music and Mr Robertson teaching MARC Van. So plenty of things happening this term!



## HOME READING & AWARDS

### 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!

<b>25 Nights</b>	<b>50 Nights</b>	<b>75 Nights</b>	<b>100 Nights</b>	<b>125 Nights</b>	<b>150 Nights</b>
<b>175 Nights</b>	<b>200 Nights</b>	<b>225 Nights</b>	<b>250 Nights</b>	<b>275 Nights</b>	<b>300 Nights</b>



### *Achievement Awards*

To **All Our Prep Students** for being happy and enthusiastic, and having a wonderful start to the year!

## SCHOOL NOTICES

# Happy Birthday

### FEBRUARY

1st  
Jethro

2nd  
Oaklie  
Olivia

3rd  
Kaiabelle

7th  
Aubren

8th  
Emily

21st  
Bodhi

23rd  
Alex

24th  
Ebony

29th  
Aurora



### 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.

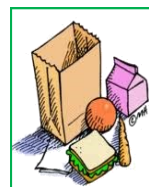
\$10.00 is charged for the first child per session, with each subsequent child charged \$5.00.

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.

### SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders are available to order from Metung Bakery or Aroma @ Metung on Fridays. Please place your child's lunch order either in person or online with each business.



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

Metung Primary School Official Account:

**Commonwealth Bank**

**BSB - 063 000**

**Account # - 14182698**



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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📅 Saturday 21 & Sunday 22, February 2026  
🕒 8:30am - 5:00pm  
📍 Lakes Entrance Aquadome - VIC

**LAKES ENTRANCE**

AUSTSWIM

**netball VICTORIA**

**UMPIRES IN THE FIELD**

## INTRODUCTION TO UMPIRING

Lakes Entrance Netball Association

7 February 2026  
1pm - 4pm

Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve -1 Rowe St

Presented by Judi Buhagiar




Work Safe

**TRADERS WANTED!**

**8AM PITCHES**

Clear out & cash in!

**\$5 STALL SITES!**

**SELL FROM...**

**CAR BOOTS**  
Preloved treasures

- Household goods
- Crafts & hobby items
- Bric-a-brac & books

**MARQUEES / UTES / TRUCKS**  
New or preloved




- Household goods
- Crafts & hobby items
- Bric-a-brac & books

**ROCK UP AT 8AM**

Book a stall from just \$5 & sell at our Community Market every 3rd Sunday of the month!

**netball VICTORIA**

## INTRODUCTION TO COACHING WORKSHOP

Lakes Entrance Netball Association

Saturday 7 February 2026

9:00am - 11:00am

Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve -1 Rowe St



Register using the QR Code







### MENTORS NEEDED

#### Help Learner Drivers Get Behind the Wheel

- We are looking for Volunteers with driving experience to help young Learner Driver's gain on the road experience through our TAC L2P program.
- All it takes is one hour a week!
- L2P is a program which provides access to Mentor drivers for young Learner Drivers who are facing significant barriers to gaining on road experience.
- Such barriers might include no access to a vehicle or a supervising driver.
- Insured vehicles are provided by the program as well supervisor driver training.

Our next TAC L2P Volunteer Mentor Training will be held on  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
9.30am – 4.30pm (Lunch provided)  
at

APM Building – 68A Macleod Street Bairnsdale

**For more information or to register your interest for this role**

**Please contact Cheryl Siely on 0419605533 or email**

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