



# METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

*... the village school*

**Term 1**

**Week 3**

**Friday 13th February 2026**

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

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School no.3050

**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**

**Mondays**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**  
from 9.00am



**Fridays**

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

## **CALENDAR**

### **February**

**Tuesday 17th**

School Council Meeting 5.15pm

**Thursday 19th**

MARC Library

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

**Tuesday 24th**

East Gippsland Shire Mobile Library

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

### **March**

**Monday 9th**

LABOUR DAY Public Holiday

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF (Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund). The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount for 2026 per student is:

\$400 for primary school students

\$400 for secondary school students

### **How To Apply**

Please complete the form that was sent via uEducateUs or get one from the office and return to with a copy of your valid concession card.

### **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,

Another wonderful week in our paradise under the sun.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding when it came to the potential closing of the school this week for extreme heat. As you may know, this is not a decision that is made by me, but rather by the Department of Education and relayed to me as early as possible. I expect that there will be other instances of potential closures before the term is finished. The procedure will remain the same. I will send out a message on uEducateUs to advise the closure and, on that day, you can choose to either relocate to Lakes Entrance for the day or have your child at home with you. If you choose the latter, please advise me via uEducateUs or SMS.

Last week the dress up box was out and the students got into costumes. So much fun watching them run around, dance and enjoy a bit of imaginative play.

The classrooms have been busy places this week. There is lots of great learning going on in the senior room. Please ask your child about what they are learning. In the middle room, Miss Middleton has been working on 'verbs' – action or doing words. It is great to see how the students are able to identify and use these word types in their sentences. The junior room is a hive of excitement and fun. Mrs. Bennett does a wonderful job teaching our youngest students how to learn and what to learn. Quite a feat as she makes it look so easy when it certainly is not.

All our students have been participating in music classes with me on a Wednesday or Thursday. This usually entails singing some songs, playing rhythm games and learning to play the ukulele.

Mr. Jeanes was in on Friday and has started to create 'Grass Haired Socks'. It has been suggested that it could be a cure for baldness for him and me.

There is lots going on in such a small rural school.

Have a great weekend,

*Jim Allen.*

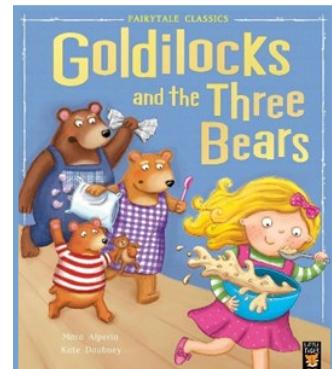
**SCHOOL IS MADE FOR ADVENTURES.**



# Grade Prep

This term our classroom theme is 'Fairy Tales'.

Over the past two weeks we have enjoyed integrating 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' into our program. The students have enjoyed listening to different versions of the story, viewing a PowerPoint presentation, illustrating the story, role playing, drawing pots of honey for the bears (one to one matching) and making porridge to enjoy.



In the area of reading, the Prep students are working in small guided reading groups. We have been focusing on 'Getting our Knowledge Ready' before reading texts. This includes looking at the cover and predicting what may happen in the story. We are building a range of reading strategies, such as using the pictures, getting our mouth ready and pointing to the words.

The students are also being introduced to decodable texts. In these sessions our focus is on a phonics warm-up, reading and enjoying the book, word reading, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension.

Each week the children will receive sight word and letter cards to practise. They also have their Mathletics and ABC Reading Eggs login details on the back of their reader covers. They are welcome to use these programs at home.



## 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 **Charlotte S** for a fantastic start to grade one. She has shown wonderful initiative and independence. Well done!

To **Arnoux** for his amazing work in maths—reading and writing six-digit numbers!

To **Sanaya** for her amazing work in maths—reading and writing six-digit numbers!

To **Oaklie** for showing initiative, having a go and taking risks in his learning. Amazing work Oaklie!

To **Ava. P** for showing initiative & completing all of her learning tasks to the best of her ability.

To **Charlotte M** for being a kind and caring student with beautiful manners who is trying very hard in the area of writing.

To **Aurora** for being considerate towards others and drawing some lovely pictures in her story writing book.



#### 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.

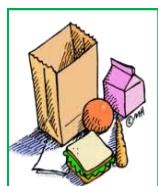
\$10.00 is charged for the first child per session, with each subsequent child charged \$5.00.

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



**FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS**  
since 1966

**BLACK BALL & BASKET  
MINI GOLF**

471 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 3909

**SELL FROM...**

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

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

**ROCK UP AT 8AM**  
Book a stall from just \$\$ & sell at our  
Community Market every 3rd Sunday of the month!



### 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  
[sielyc@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:sielyc@missionaustralia.com.au)  
or Kerri Sanders on 0498764636 or email  
[sandersk@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:sandersk@missionaustralia.com.au)



Department of Transport  
and Planning



**8AM PITCHES**

**TRADERS WANTED!**  
Clear out & cash in!

**SELL FROM...**

**CAR BOOTS**  
Preloved treasures

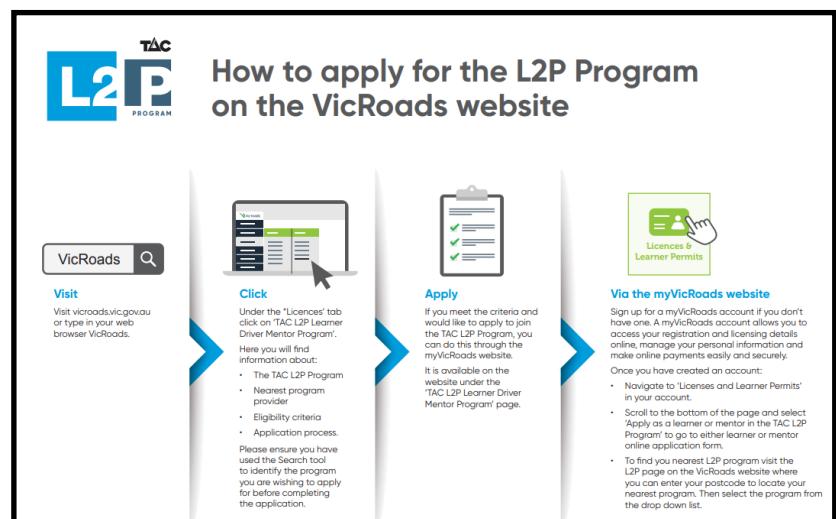
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**L2P PROGRAM**

**How to apply for the L2P Program on the VicRoads website**

**Visit**  
Visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au) or type in your web browser VicRoads.

**Click**  
Under the "Licences" tab click on "TAC L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program". Here you will find information about:

- The TAC L2P Program
- Nearest program provider
- Eligibility criteria
- Application process.

Please ensure you have used the Search tool to identify the program you are wishing to apply for before completing the application.

**Apply**  
If you meet the criteria and would like to apply to join the TAC L2P Program, you can do this through the myVicRoads website. It is available on the website under the "TAC L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program" page.

**Via the myVicRoads website**  
Sign up for a myVicRoads account if you don't have one. A myVicRoads account allows you to complete registrations, licensing details online, manage your personal information and make online payments easily and securely. Once you have created an account:

- Navigate to "Licences and Learner Permits" in your account.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Apply as a learner or mentor in the TAC L2P Program" to go to either learner or mentor online application.
- To find the nearest L2P program visit the L2P page on the VicRoads website where you can enter your postcode to locate your nearest program. Then select the program from the drop down list.