



METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

... the village school

Term 1

Week 5

Friday 27th 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

March

Thursday 5th
MARC Library
(students may borrow library books & return them each fortnight)

Friday 6th
Cricket Clinic

Monday 9th
LABOUR DAY Public Holiday

Wed 11th-Mon 23rd
NAPLAN Assessments

Friday 13th
Cricket Clinic

Tuesday 17th
School Photos
School Council AGM

Friday 20th
Cross Country, Buchan

Friday 27th
Cricket Clinic

April

Thursday 2nd
LAST DAY Term 1

Friday 3rd
GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday

Monday 20th April
STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 21st April
FIRST DAY Term 2

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,

This week has been another wonderful and quiet week at school.

We welcomed Mrs. Laura Dickson into our school this week where she will be working on some administration tasks and working with some of our students. Mrs. Dickson has spent the last 13 years working at St. Brendan's in Lakes Entrance and is looking forward to working in a government school to see how we work and to start the next phase of her career. We wish her the best of luck and hope that her time at Metung Primary School is successful and enjoyable.

Next Friday MPS is hosting a cricket clinic for our students. This is being presented by Cricket Victoria who will send a coach to work with our students to help develop an understanding and foster a love for this wonderful game.

Also, next Friday marks the beginning of the inter-school sports competition for grade 4/5/6. This has been organised by Mr. Chandler from Tambo Upper. Metung Primary will host Nungurner PS for a game of Tee Ball. The following Friday we will travel to Swan Reach PS. If there are any parents of our 4/5/6 students that may be able to drive students there and back, please contact the office. You will need fully comprehensive car insurance and a Working With Children Card. This will be an ongoing commitment for our students and should be a lot of fun. Parents are welcome to come and watch and support their children. You will need to sign in at the school office and present your WWC card.

A reminder to please read with your child at home. Reading, along with discussion of your child's day, are great ways to help you child understand their school life and it also helps reinforce the skills that are being taught during the day. Your children are only little for a short period of their lives, please help them to make the most of it whilst also enjoying the experience yourselves.

Next week the preps begin attending school 5 days a week. Mrs. Bennett and the rest of the staff understand that the students get tired, but please persevere and send your child to school. We will help them through the day and manage their workload. We need all our students to attend every day and not take 'soft' days off. We do understand that families take holidays during school terms as sometimes that is all your work will allow. We understand that.

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

Have a great weekend,

Jim Allen.

SCHOOL IS MADE FOR ADVENTURES

Selfies of the Week



Prep Classroom

Pen Pals Program

This year we are planning to continue the long-standing Pen Pals Program with our community members from St Johns Church. The students are allocated a pen pal and are encouraged to write letters to them in their classroom writing sessions. Students then receive letters in response throughout the year. The Pen Pals program has been beneficial to establish and maintain strong links with local people and community groups. This is yet another way we are actively involved in our community. We are looking forward to meeting our pen pals on the last day of term when we will enjoy hot cross buns and an Easter egg hunt.



We all enjoyed a session in the art room this week. The children discussed their favourite fairy tales and then painted a picture of them. They had lots of fun experimenting with colours, painting characters and scenery and then talking about their paintings. Parents are welcome to view the paintings which are on display in the classroom.



AROUND THE GROUNDS



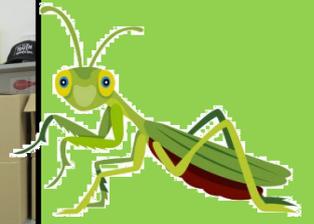
A special little visitor.



Thank you to Nanny Sue for looking after our gardens. You're the best!



Another little visitor.



Music with Mr. Allen



Fun with Miss. Elli

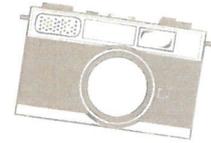


Before & After School Care



Mrs. Bennett even dropped by for a quick round of four square.





SCHOOL PORTRAITS ORDER FORM

ORDER DETAILS

Family Name _____ Parent's Name _____
 Phone Number _____ Email Address _____
 School Name _____ Order Date _____

PACKAGES

PACKAGE 1 \$ 40
 (1) 5X7 INDIVIDUAL PHOTO
 (1) 8X10 CLASS PHOTO
 (1) 8X10 SCHOOL PHOTO
 (4) 4X6 INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

PACKAGE 2 \$ 65
 (1) 5X7 INDIVIDUAL PHOTO
 (1) 8X10 CLASS PHOTO
 (1) 8X10 SCHOOL PHOTO
 (4) 4X6 INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS
 PRINT READY DIGITAL FILES

PACKAGE 3 \$ 40
 Print ready digital files,
 including class and
 school

EXTRAS- Only available in addition to package

PRINT SHEET \$ 25
A4 sheet with multiple size images, designed to cut & share.
 _____ quantity

(1) 8X10 PRINT \$ 12
 _____ quantity

(1) 5X7 PRINT \$ 10
 _____ quantity

(4) 4X6 PRINTS \$ 10
 _____ quantity

SIBLING PHOTO \$ 28 PER FAMILY (4) 6 x 4 prints
 (2) 5x7 prints
*Families adding sibling photo, will receive one less school photo

STUDENT NAME	CLASS	PACKAGE	EXTRAS	TOTAL
SIBLING PHOTO \$28 PER FAMILY				

PAYMENT

cash
 direct deposit

Account name- Lauren Anderson Photography
 BSB-733270
 Account-690089
 Please use child's full name as reference

GRAND TOTAL

\$

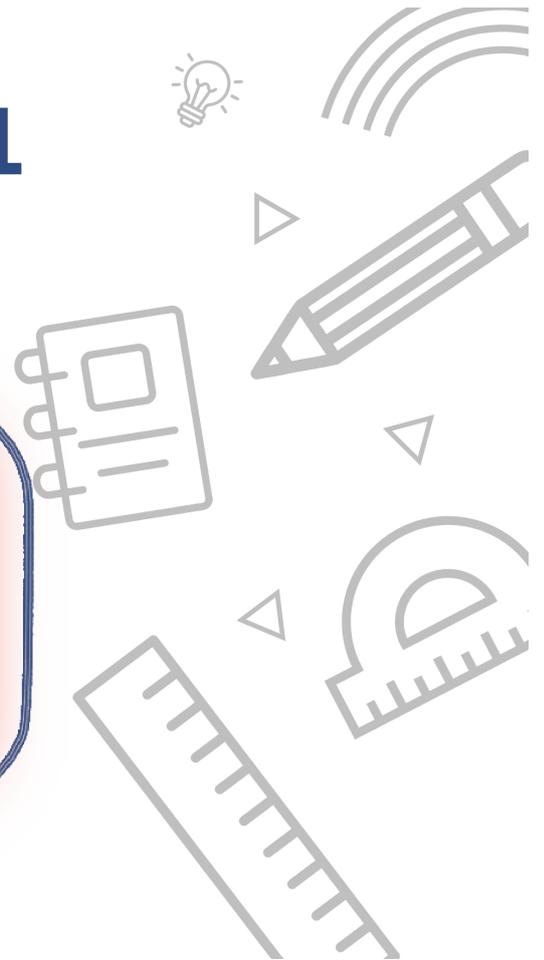
THANK YOU

METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTOS - 2026

Photo date March 17th 2026



Please note: orders close 13th March



School Council Elections

Metung Primary School will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 5:15pm.

There are three School Council positions available.

School Council provides a valuable opportunity to learn more about how our school operates and to contribute to its future direction. Members are expected to attend eight meetings per year, each running for approximately 1.5 hours. This is a manageable commitment across the year and a meaningful way to support our school.

If you are interested in nominating or would like further information, please speak with Jim, Jo, Jacinta, or any current parent member, who will be happy to assist you.

Joining School Council is a wonderful way to become more involved in our wonderful school community.

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!

25 Nights	50 Nights	75 Nights	100 Nights	125 Nights	150 Nights
Mia Ned S. Matilda Vi Ned Sanaya Tahli Charlotte Lily Toby Larkin Isla					
175 Nights	200 Nights	225 Nights	250 Nights	275 Nights	300 Nights



Achievement Awards



Last weeks award recipients

To **Mia** for being a considerate student who is making excellent progress in the area of handwriting.

To **Halle** for being a kind and caring student who is developing some lovely friendships in the classroom. She is also demonstrating an excellent understanding of pattern work.

To **Tahli** for her great work on fables and Readers Theatre.

To **Alex** for his novel study work on Matilda.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY

29th
Aurora

MARCH

1st
TOBY

9th
Vi

16th
Sathi

22nd
Ned S.

22nd
Ezra

24th
Ollie

31st
Marlow



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.

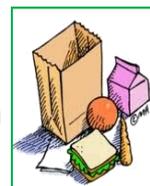
\$10.00 is charged for the first child per session, with each subsequent child charged \$5.00.

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



TRADERS WANTED!

Clear out & cash in!

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 \$\$ & sell at our
Community Market every 3rd Sunday of the month!