



NEWSLETTER

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*Metung Primary School aims to promote integrity, life-long learning
and the attainment of excellence.*

CALENDAR

**FRIDAY 20
NOVEMBER**

Devon Meadows
Band at LEPS.

**MONDAY 23rd
NOVEMBER**

Swimming
program
commences.

**THURSDAY 26th
NOVEMBER**

Prep Orientation
day 4.

**THURSDAY 26th
NOVEMBER**

M.A.R.C. Van.
Library bags
please.

**THURSDAY 3rd
DECEMBER**

Open evening.
Sausage sizzle
and concert.

**SUNDAY 6th
DECEMBER**

Carols at
Patterson Park at
6.30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello everyone.

As Metung PS is on the Bushfire-at-risk register, the following is relevant:

The 2009/2010 bushfire season is underway and much of Victoria – and Australia – is already experiencing high fire risk days.

Schools, school bus routes, off-site activities, after hours care and children's services identified as being at high-risk of fire and included on the Department's Bushfire At-Risk Register will be closed on days when the Fire Danger Rating is declared by fire authorities as being Code Red (as per National Framework for Fire Warnings).

On Code Red days, closure advice will be provided by the respective DEECD regional office. The DEECD website will also list all potential and actual closures of schools and children's services.

On days declared as being Extreme risk, schools and children's services should monitor CFA and DSE websites and media services for updates and keep in contact with their respective Regional Office.

Regardless of fire risk rating, schools and children's services should always be prepared to enact their Emergency Management Plans in the event of a fire or other emergency.

When organising off-site activities during the bushfire season, all schools must continue to assess the likely threat of fire. Off-site activities in areas affected by a predicted Code Red day should be cancelled or recalled.

At Metung we have recently updated our Emergency Management Plan (which includes evacuation procedures). This plan is available on the School website.

Have a good weekend.

Rod Cameron

Principal

VICTORIAN CRICKET SQUAD RAFFLE BOOKS

Please could they be returned to school a.s.a.p. (even if unsold). It is critical that all tickets be accounted for as this raffle will be audited. All money and unsold tickets must be accounted for.

P/1/2 COSTUMES FOR CONCERT

Could all P/1/2 students please wear a black top/black shorts for their ants' costumes.

CONCERT RAFFLE

A Christmas hamper raffle will be sold at the school concert. We are asking parents to please donate a Christmas item towards the hamper. Items can be left at the office.

Also on the night of the concert the School Council will be having a sausage sizzle from 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Families are invited to attend and buy a sausage. School Council will also be selling Glowstix bracelets and necklaces for \$1.00 and \$1.50. Classrooms will be open and organised sport such as Kanga cricket will also be happening.

MOSQUITOES

At this week's School Council meeting it was agreed to trial an effective mosquito repellent in the school grounds. This is in response to the current mosquito population which is affecting Victoria in general, and the Lakes area specifically. The spraying will be done on the weekend.

DEVON MEADOWS BAND (with apology)

The School is travelling by bus to Lakes Entrance Secondary College tomorrow. While permission forms for this event were sent last week, it was an oversight that a description of the event was not included in the newsletter. If your newsletter has a permission slip attached, please return tomorrow. Children without permission will remain at school.

SWIMMING

Swimming commences on Monday. All students will need to bring bathers, towel and a plastic bag for wet clothing.

CAROLS AT PATERSON PARK

School children are invited to join the school for carols at Paterson Park on Sunday 6th December. The school children will perform 'Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer' and 'Jingle Bells Rock' at this event. Attendance will be voluntary and school children who attend are asked to wear 'best' school uniform. The children are asked to be at Paterson Park by 6.30 p.m.