



MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
1000 STEPS – FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018  
GRADES: 5G 5H 5J 5/6S



5<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Grade 5 students are heading to Ferntree Gully to tackle the famous 1000 Steps as a culmination activity to round out our introductory unit. The focus of this unit is on teams and working effectively with others. The 1000 Steps doubles as a memorial to the Australian involvement in Papua New Guinea during World War 2 and in particular the Kokoda Track. The unit uses this historical context to highlight the way Australian soldiers worked together to eventually hold back the Japanese advance on Australia. The students will examine the importance of working with a range of people towards a common goal and on the day of the walk they will advance up the track in teams of 6 or 7 and complete a series of tasks making sure to arrive at the top with their entire team. In the week prior to the challenge we are walking to the Moorooduc Quarry as a rehearsal for the big day. The 1000 Steps is a challenge, but one that is within the reach of all students.

The Ranger at the 1000 Steps will also take the students through a full Anzac Day style ceremony to honour the efforts of the three Australian Infantry Battalions that participated in the defence of Papua New Guinea. The ceremony ends with the playing of the last post and a presentation by the Ranger on Kokoda, prior to the students tackling the 1000 Steps.

**We really need a group of parents to get involved** on the day of the walk, as they will head up the track prior to the students, who will leave at staggered times in their groups. The parents will be positioned along the track and given tokens that each group must collect along the way. This will ensure safety and that groups are sticking together. This is a terrific opportunity to get involved and we really encourage your participation. **Please fill in the form if you are available to assist us on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February for our 1000 Steps excursion.** Feel free to come and see the classroom teacher to clarify anything you are unsure of.

We will be travelling by bus, leaving at 9:00am sharp and will return to school by 3.00pm. The cost of this excursion (covered by the excursion levy) is \$16.00. The payment and form is due back by Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. No late payment or forms can be accepted.

Students will be required to wear school uniform and bring the following:

- \* a small back pack containing appropriate weather protection
- \* school sunhat
- \* snack
- \* lunch and a water bottle.



Thank you,

JESSICA HOLMES, HAYLEY GREGORY, JAVETTE WESTLAKE AND BRENT SCHUSTER



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**PLEASE RETURN THE PERMISSION FORM & MONEY NO LATER THAN  
MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

**WE REALLY DO NEED AS MANY HELPERS AS POSSIBLE FOR THIS WALK PLEASE. YOU WILL  
TRAVEL UP ON THE BUS WITH US - OR CAN DRIVE YOURSELF IF YOU WOULD PREFER**

**(Please note that late payments and permission forms cannot be accepted)**

My child ..... Grade ..... has my permission to attend the above incursion.

- I enclose \$ 16.00 for full payment
- Please deduct payment from my incursion/excursion levy
- I am able to assist on the following date: please tick**

I authorise the teacher in charge to consent where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to the child's receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I accept all operations, blood transfusions and/or anaesthetic risks involved and the responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

Parent/Guardian's name and phone no. during the day: .....

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Parent/Guardian's signature: .....

**Medical Condition details:**

Please tick if your child suffers with the following Medical Conditions:-

- Asthma
- Allergies (please specify) .....
- Other .....

