



18th July, 2019

**MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRADE 5 SCHOOL CAMP - SOVEREIGN HILL
Wednesday, 11th - Friday, 13th September, 2019**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Gold Fever is rapidly reaching the Grade 5 area! The Grade 5 camp departs on Wednesday, 11th September, 2019 and returns on Friday, 13th September. The total cost of the camp is \$350.00. The first payment of \$200.00 is due, Wednesday, 14th August, (further details attached). Payment may be made in two instalments with the final payment of \$150.00 and balance of the camp due by Wednesday, 4th September.

This year a different school camp experience is offered. The Sovereign Hill Costumed School Program is a unique, two-day role-play experience where children are fully immersed in the 1850s; learning lessons taught, fashion, behaviour and re-living the discipline of 'school life' on the goldfields. This year our accommodation will be at the "Eureka Holiday Park" and we will be shuttled to and from Sovereign Hill each morning. The children will be in small cabins, sleeping between 3-6, with ensuite provisions in each cabin.

As well as the usual clothing list that will be sent home later in the term, the children will also need to bring some additional items for their time in school. Start having a look around Op shops or asking friends for **brown or black boots or leather lace-ups** that your child will need to wear whilst at school, (no velcro, colours or writing on the boots) and 2 pairs of long plain white socks (further information attached).

Your child will need to be at school by 8.15 am on the day of departure. We are fortunate to have Mrs Collins as our First Aid Officer for the camp. **All medication is to be clearly labelled and should be handed to Mrs Collins in 5H no later than 8:00am on Wednesday, 11th September, 2019.**

As part of the Camp experience, children will have the opportunity to spend pocket money on the last day of camp, as well as purchasing dinner before the trip home - students will not be provided with an evening meal. We suggest a limit of \$30 and at least \$10 of this saved for their evening meal. This should be placed in a purse/wallet and be clearly named, **as we collect this for safekeeping prior to departure.**

On the last day of camp we will be **leaving Sovereign Hill at 5.00 pm** and will arrive back at **Mt Eliza PS at approx. 7.30 pm**. It is important that you are at school on time to collect your child. If someone other than yourself will be collecting your child, please advise your child's teacher prior to going on camp. If we are running either ahead or behind schedule we will send out a Flexibuzz alert so be sure you have downloaded this (free app) prior to camp.

Due to ratios, there are only four **male** positions available to assist on camp for parents or guardians. If you are interested, please fill in the section below and **return it to school by Friday, 26th July**. Parent Helpers are required to have a current "Working With Children Check". This is obtained on-line, free of charge.

Thank you for co-operating in making this camp an exciting and rewarding experience for the children. If you have any queries about any aspect of the camp, please contact your child's classroom teacher. **If you are wishing to discuss a payment plan to assist in funding the camp please do not hesitate to contact Ms Bev Harvey and make an appointment so this can be organised ASAP.** No late payments or forms can be accepted.

Regards,

Grade 5 Classroom Teachers,
JESSICA HOLMES, LAUREN BLACK, RICHARD KORNFELD & MELISSA SHALAGIN

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Please complete the details below **if you would like to be considered** to attend the grade 5 camp. Only male volunteers needed please.

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone: _____