



MEPS Newsletter

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www.mtelizaps.vic.edu.au



15th October, 2020

DIARY

Term 4

October

- Tue 20th Grade 6 2021 Tops orders close
- Fri 23rd Grand Final Public Holiday
- Mon 26th School Council Meeting - 7.15pm – 9.00pm

November

- Tue 3rd Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wed 11th Remembrance Day

December

- Fri 18th Term 4 concludes.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop will have online sales only.
See page 5 in this newsletter for details.

Claire McAvoy
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Stir Crazy Kids - Canteen

CANTEEN NOW OPEN

Our Covid-safe canteen is now open for sales.
Online orders preferred but will accept cash for snack items.

STUDENT ABSENCE NUMBER – 0439 454 239

Please **text** the above number by 9.30am and state your child's Name, Grade and the reason your child will be absent.

Camp Australia

Before and After School Care is available in the Old School House. To register your child please phone Camp Australia on 1300 105 343. Registration is available online at www.campaustalia.com.au



Welcome back

Stay safe

And don't forget to wear your hat ☺



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

How amazing it has been to have the children back on site! On the whole, we have had a very smooth return to school, with lots of happy, smiling faces from students, staff and parents.

The children have eagerly reconnected with their friends and have settled into learning in the classroom with ease. We have noticed a lot of growth in independence and engagement - there certainly has been a noticeable buzz in the air.

In preparing for the students' return, our teachers have been very mindful in their programming to ensure that the social and emotional needs of the children are highly considered in conjunction with providing learning engagements that target student needs. I have visited every class this week and can attest to the fact that the children are working incredibly well; I am most impressed!

School opening times

Please remember that the school officially opens at 8.30am for Grades 3 - 6; children will not be allowed on the grounds before this time as supervision commences at 8.30am.

Hat Blitz

As the days are becoming warmer and the UV rating is consistently high, we are doing a 'hat blitz' to ensure that all students are following our SunSmart practices as per our policy. We take your child's health and wellbeing very seriously. Please ensure that your child has their broad-brimmed hat at school.

Class placement for 2021

Mt Eliza Primary School recognises the importance of fostering and maintaining high quality peer relationships and connections. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have both similar and different interests. The process of allocating children to grades is very complex, with teachers and coordinators spending considerable time developing class groups based on sound educational factors, including teacher knowledge of individual student needs, student learning peer requests and relevant background information from parents.

We endeavour to place children with at least one (1) child from their learning peer group. This process supports student agency as well as ensuring that class groups are well balanced academically, and socially and emotionally.

Parents may provide a written placement request based on educational and social factors only. We are yet to finalise our staffing profile for 2021 and, whilst we take parent feedback about your own child into consideration, please note that **we are not able to facilitate parent requests for specific teachers.**

Any requests by parents must be made in writing to the Principal, Kim Wheeler, by 4.00pm on Friday 30 October. These requests must outline the educational and social factors for the request.

- Verbal requests will not be considered.
- Late written requests will not be considered.
- Only this year's request will be considered, so please do not rely on letters (or conversations) with the teacher, Principal or Assistant Principal from past years.

Parents should be aware that requests can place significant limitations on options for placement and there is no guarantee that a request can be met. You will be advised of your child's allocated grade for 2021 on Tuesday 8 December.

Communication re 2021 family plans

Whilst we are very proud of our school and believe that it is an exceptional learning environment, we understand that there may be some movement from year to year as families move house or make changes in their lives. To assist with planning for next year, it is important that you please let the school know as soon as possible if your child is relocating schools for 2021.

We are very lucky to be part of such a warm and welcoming community. Hope your child has enjoyed their week as much as I have.

Kind regards,



Kim Wheeler
Principal

ON-LINE LUNCH ORDERS

You can now order your child's lunch online @
www.myschoolconnect.com.au/

Download the App at the App Store or Google play

We have everything ready to go to make Lunch orders easy. All you need to do is register, add your kids, don't forget their grades, choose their lunch and we will take care of the rest. You can order in advance or on the morning until 8.45 am Too easy!!

Canteen Reminder

Please remember our Covid-safe Canteen is open for sales this term.

Online orders preferred. This is to help us to maintain Covid-19 safety advice.

Cash will still be accepted for snack items.



Second Hand Uniforms notice

Dear parents,

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions, **Second Hand Uniform sales will not** be available until further notice.



A message from the Uniform Shop

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the uniform shop will be processing online orders only until further notice. Orders can be placed by following the link below

<https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/mt-eliza-primary-school-online/>

We will do our best to get all orders fulfilled as promptly as possible.

If we are out of stock of any items we will try and get it to school as quickly as possible.

There will be no trying on of uniforms or purchases at the shop at this time.

When your online order is complete it will be sent home with your child/ren when school resumes.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Claire McAvoy

Fashion Clubwear

Prep 2021 Enrolments Update

Families who have enrolled their child to commence Prep 2021 will have received communication from our Principal, Kim Wheeler, welcoming their child to Prep @ MEPS. A number of key resources have been made available to families via our website at <https://mtelizaps.vic.edu.au/prospective-parents/> including:

- **'Ready for Prep' presentation video.** This video has been specifically designed for parents and carers to **learn all about the upcoming Prep adventure** from the comforts of their own home. In this video, we also **unpack our plans for Transition in Term 4.**
- **Q&A Factsheets to assist with transition**, including topics such as 'What to bring on the first day?'; 'What school uniform do I need?' and 'What does outside play look like at MEPS?'

Unfortunately, current health advice does not allow us to facilitate on-site transition sessions, however, we are working to develop ways in which we can make connections with Prep 2021 families and children throughout the term. One way is by partnering with families to find out more about their child and their transition needs through an individual Parent Survey. Furthermore, families will be invited shortly to a 'Meet and Greet' with the Principal as another touchpoint with the school.



It would be greatly appreciated if anyone who has not as yet returned their child's enrolment form to do so ASAP either by dropping the documents off in the box at the front of the office, email them to Madeleine.Bryan@education.vic.gov.au or mail them to **Administration, Mt Eliza Primary School, PO Box 305 Mt Eliza Vic 3930.**

In the meantime, you can access school information by visiting MEPS website www.mtelizaps.vic.edu.au

Madeleine Bryan
Prep Enrolments



PTA Report

Hello everyone,

Our Cook Book is still currently in the hands of the editor. We cannot wait to share it with you all. For those who missed out on buying our Cook Book, we are ordering extra copies which will also be available to purchase.

Don't forget to shop at Ritchies 'Where the Community (and our school) Benefits' and don't forget to download the app.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>



You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Nicole Valasis and your PTA team

It's wonderful to have everyone back at MEPS

