



MEPS Newsletter



PO Box 305, Mt Eliza 3930 – Phone 9787 1385
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www.mtelizaps.vic.edu.au

10th December, 2020

DIARY

Term 4

December

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| Fri | 11 th | Grade 2 EOY Excursion – Enchanted Garden Grade 5 Camp Manyung Excursion |
| Tue | 15 th | Grade 6 Graduation |
| Wed | 16 th | Grade 4 End of Year Excursion |
| Thu | 17 th | Prep EOY Celebration Day – 'Inflatable Land' Grade 3 Celebration Day - Pizza & Movie Grade 6 EOY Gumbuya World |
| Fri | 18 th | Term 4 concludes – Grades Prep - 2 will be dismissed at 1.15pm Grades 3 - 6 will be dismissed at 1.30pm |

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.campaustralia.com.au



Uniform Shop

Mt Eliza Primary School Uniform shop is accepting online sales only until further notice.

Orders can be placed by following the link below

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

Claire McAvoy
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Stir Crazy Kids - Canteen

No Canteen Next Week
Tomorrow, 11th December is the last day the canteen will be trading for the year. No canteen next week.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are coming to the end of week 10. What a year it has been! At the end of every year, the school reflects on its progress in relation to the Annual Implementation Plan. I am so proud of the achievements that have occurred during a very challenging and ever-changing period. It is worth noting feedback from our SEIL (Senior Education Improvement Leader) in relation to these achievements:

School leadership and the School Improvement Team and staff are to be congratulated in the management, monitoring and responsiveness throughout both periods of remote learning, in particular, the successful transition of students back to onsite learning and the health and wellbeing of its school staff. It has been a demanding year on so many levels and both leadership and staff are to be applauded for their continued commitment to students and parents during this period.

In terms of teaching and learning, the school is to be commended for its high level of preparation, management, monitoring and responsiveness of the remote learning environment for staff and students. Professional learning opportunities and the organisation of meeting and planning schedules encouraged high levels of staff collaboration, flexibility and adaptability to meet the needs of students and the school. Learning tasks provided by teachers allowed for strong levels of learner agency, a strengthening of communication opportunities with parents, and a consolidation of the home - school relationship. Congratulations!

There was such a buzz of excitement on Tuesday morning as everyone prepared to join their 2021 classmates and teachers for Up Day. I was so impressed by how smoothly it all went with students moving calmly to their new classrooms, our new Grades 1-6 students easily transitioning to school and our 2021 Preps confidently starting their 'big school' adventure. I want to extend a huge thank you to staff and students for making everyone feel so welcome.

Please find below the 2021 teams.

| Grade | Teacher A | Teacher B | Teacher C | Teacher D |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Prep | Mrs Helen Ferguson PLC Leader | Mrs Michelle Polley | Mrs Donna Wheatley | |
| Grade 1 | Mrs Katherine Dalton | Mrs Christine Down (Mon/Tues); Mrs Karen Morcombe (Wed - Fri) | | |
| Grade 1/2 | Mrs Nicole Chester G1/2 PLC Leader | | | |
| Grade 2 | Mrs Liz Shelton | Mrs Lynne Congiusta | | |
| Grade 3 | Mrs Linda Golding PLC Co Leader | Mrs Carly Forbes PLC Co Leader | Mr Brent Schuster | Ms Hayley Gregory |
| Grade 4 | Mrs Amy Hille PLC Leader | Mrs Lisa Grgic | Mr Jack Lolait | |
| Grade 5 | Mrs Claire Thorn PLC Leader | Mrs Melissa Shalagin | Mr Matt Barrett | |
| Grade 6 | Mrs Cathy O'Toole PLC Leader | Mrs Javette Westlake | Mr Phil Leonard | Mrs Fiona Schulinus |
| SPECIALISTS | | | | |
| PE | Mrs Tracy McLaughlin | | Ms Christie Brown | |
| Music, Dance & Drama | Mrs Donna Taggart | | | |
| LOTE Indonesian | Mrs Donna Taggart | | | |
| Visual Arts | Mrs Jodie Croft | | | |
| Tutoring Initiative | Mrs Julie Purcell | | Ms Christie Brown | |
| Education Support Staff | Mrs Marie Boundy | | Ms Karen Stewart | |
| | Mrs Pauline Collins | | Mrs Nicole Ridge | |
| Library Assistant/ Kitchen Garden | Mr Sathiya Veerappan | | | |
| Office Staff | Mrs Madeleine Bryan | | Mrs Lyn White | |
| | Mrs Deb Hawkins | | Mrs Pauline Collins | |
| Business Manager | Ms Sharyn Wanstall | | | |

Sadly, we will be farewelling a number of staff at the end of this year:

- Mrs Sarah Joyce who retires after 16 years of service to MEPS. Sarah's kindness, and commitment and dedication to Science and sustainability will be sorely missed.
- Ms Prue Fawke will be heading to Balnarring Primary School next year. Ms Fawke has been an amazing member of staff, ably leading the Grade 6 team for the last two years.
- Mr Nathan Martin joins the Pearcedale Primary School community in 2021. His calm approach in the classroom has made a positive impact on all of the students he has taught.
- Ms Lauren McInnes leaves us to take on a new position at Carrum Primary School. We will miss Ms McInnes' enthusiasm, her ability to develop relationships and to make learning fun.
- Mrs Christie Urquhart will be taking up a position at Red Hill Consolidated Primary School in the new year. We will miss Christie's passion for teaching and her support for student voice and action. She was an outstanding driver of the SRC during her time at MEPS.
- Mrs Diana Bothe leaves MEPS for family reasons. We have really appreciated Mrs Bothe's skills and expertise in ICT; she has really helped us to up-level during this year online.
- Mrs Jane Barnett will be leaving us to work full time at Carrum Primary School in the Kitchen Garden program. We have had many delicious experiences through Jane's tutelage; thank you Jane.
- Mrs Maria McKay will be taking a year's leave of absence and we wish her all the best as she pursues new horizons in the retail sector.
- Mrs Jan Hutson has been working as an Integration Aide with a number of our students in the senior school. We thank Jan for her patience and calm demeanour - she has made a real difference for a number of our children.
- Thanks to Mrs Deb Scott who has been supporting the 2S class this term. Her knowledge of the curriculum and of the children has assisted with the smooth continuity of the program.

We sincerely thank all of our staff who will be taking on new challenges and adventures in 2021. Their contribution to the school has been significant and they will always be considered as part of the MEPS community.

New staff to our community in 2021, include:

Grade 6

Mrs Fiona Schulinus

Mrs Schulinus joins us from Somerville Rise Primary School where her current role has been a Grade 5/6 shared classroom role as well as being responsible for the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) program across the school. Fiona promotes student voice and innovation through the integration of STEAM approaches across all areas of her teaching and is looking forward to bringing her expertise to the Grade 6 team.

Grade 5

Mr Matt Barrett

Mr Barrett has grown up on the Mornington Peninsula and is an active member of the Peninsula Surfriders Club; he feels a strong sense of connection and responsibility to the local area. Matt's recent experience has been covering multiple terms of Long Service Leave at Balcombe Grammar, as well as assisting with their implementation of the online program in Terms 2 and 3.

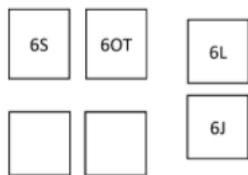
Grade 4

Mr Jack Lolait

Mr Lolait comes to us from Southmoor Primary School where he has been currently teaching Grade 2. He has gained international and intercultural experiences through volunteering to teach in China. Jack has a passion for cricket; and is very keen to engage in the life of the school and contribute actively to both the classroom and extra curricular programs.

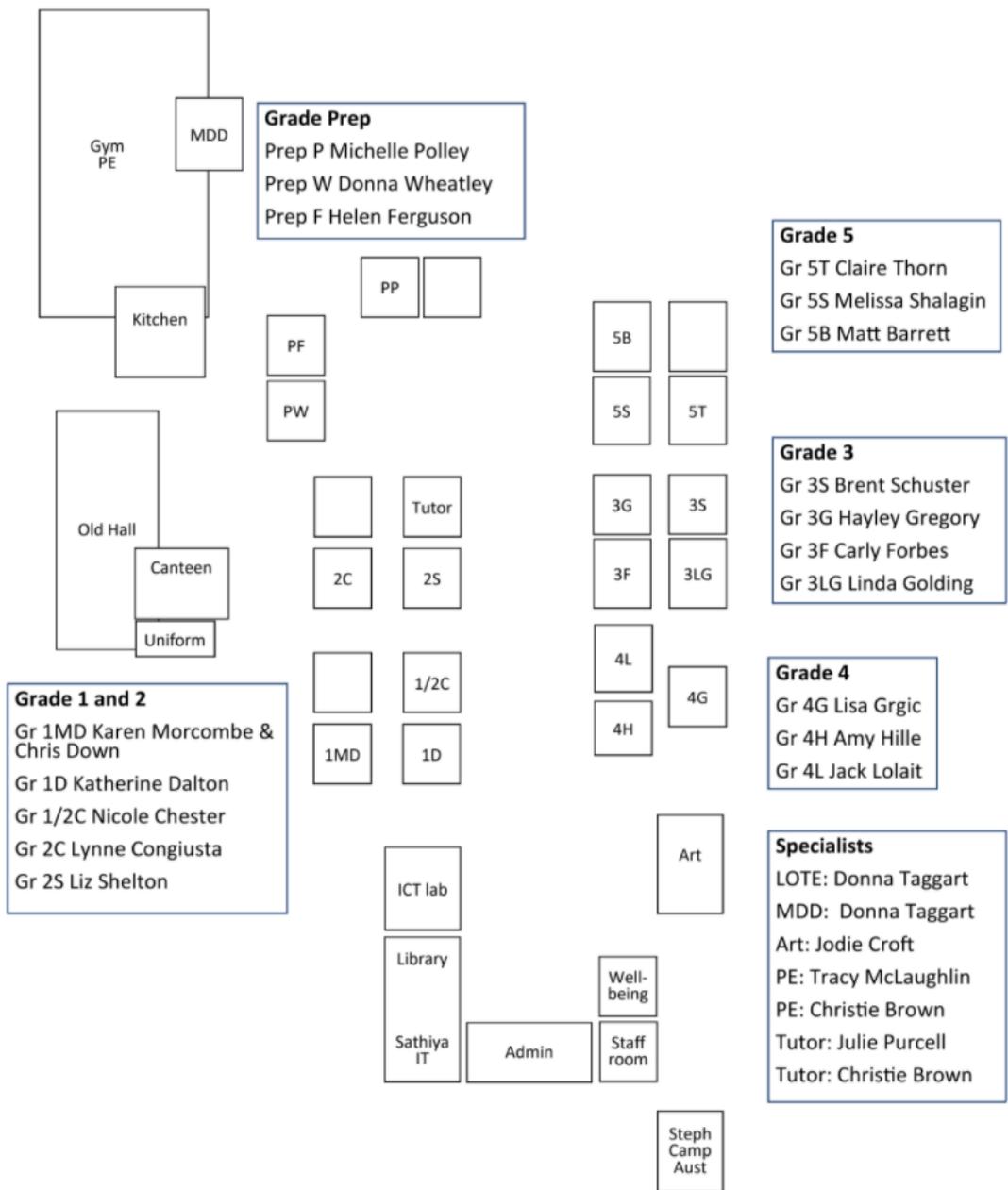
We also welcome back Mrs Carly Forbes who returns from parental leave. Please join me in welcoming our new staff as they commence their teaching journey at MEPS.

Please find the classroom map for 2021 for your reference.



Grade 6
 Gr 6L Phil Leonard
 Gr 6J Javette Westlake
 Gr 6OT Cathy O'Toole
 Gr 6S Fiona Schulinus

Mt Eliza Primary School Classroom map Sem 1, 2021



Kind regards,


Kim Wheeler
 Principal

[ONLINE BOOKLIST ORDERS REMINDER– last week for free delivery](#)

Please be reminded that this is the **last week for free delivery of the booklist**.

This year, all booklist ordering and parent contributions will be made online through our provider, Winc. They are offering **free delivery to your home if you order by Sunday 13 December**.

Simply visit wincschools.com.au and follow these steps:

1. Search for your school, Mt Eliza Primary School, Mt Eliza, VIC and enter your school access key **3QU3Q**
2. Complete the **student's details** and **select the relevant year level**
3. Review your requirements list and make additions as required.
4. Proceed to checkout

Please note: For home deliveries - **if you have more than one child at the same school, please repeat the process.**

Delivery Fees

- Free delivery for orders placed before 13 December 2020
- \$12.95 delivery for orders placed after 13 December 2020

Orders Placed:

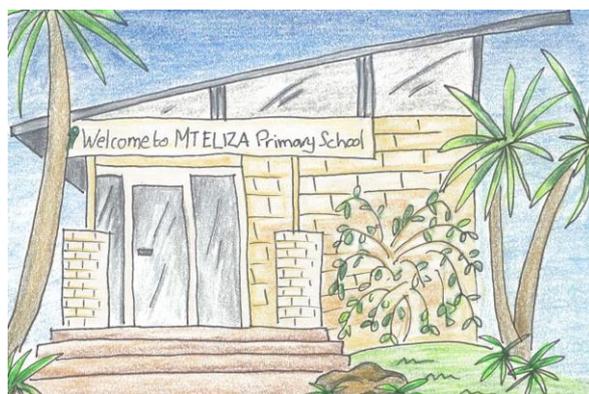
- On or before 31 December 2020 will be delivered before the start of Term 1 2021
- After 31 December 2020, delivery is not guaranteed prior to Term 1

2021 Enrolments

Late enrolments: If you are considering enrolling your child at MEPS for 2021, please contact the office – 03 9787 1385 to request an enrolment form. Completed forms can be dropped off in the box at the front of the office, emailed to Madeleine.Bryan@education.vic.gov.au or mailed to **Administration, Mt Eliza Primary School, PO Box 305 Mt Eliza Vic 3930**.

Every newly enrolled Prep family will receive a message from our Principal, Kim Wheeler, to welcome their child to Prep @ MEPS and to guide them to a number of key resources which 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 comfort of their own home.
- **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?'



Save this number! 0439 454 239
TEXT to Report Student Absences

If your child is, or will be absent from school, please notify us by text on 0439 454 239 by 9.00am
NOTE: It is important that you state the reason for your child's absence

Please remember – DET COVID-19 guidelines state 'If your child is unwell (no matter how mild), he/she must stay at home. Please read the information on page 8 in this newsletter.

PTA Report

PTA would like to thank everyone for supporting our Christmas Raffle. Bev Harvey kindly drew the raffle and the winners are:

- 1st prize Tessa B
- 2nd prize Lucy Maggio
- 3rd prize Tom & Sam Fehring
- 4th prize Zoe Cross

Extra Cook Books

We have also had a huge request for the extra Cookbooks we ordered (in case anyone forgot). I only have three left! If anyone wants one please contact me on Facebook.

Nicole Valasis and your PTA Team.

Second Hand Uniform request

Many thanks to all the families who have already responded to our appeal for second hand uniforms. This not only helps other families but is a great way of recycling.

As the Second-hand Uniform Shop has not been open for sales for most of this year, we are still very short of stock, so we're still asking for donations of uniforms that your child/ren may have outgrown.

Please leave your donation in the basket which will be at the front of the school Administration Office. It would be greatly appreciated if uniforms could be washed and in a reasonable condition.

Once we are given permission to re-open for sales, we will place a notice on Sentral and in the newsletter.

Joanne Patterson

Second-hand Uniform co-ordinator

Community Notice



1st Ranelagh Joey Scouts

Inviting all girls and boys,
5-7 years, to join us for
some fun.

Your first two visits are
FREE!

-  ADVENTURE
-  BADGES
-  GAMES
-  FUN

Mondays 5:00-6:00pm
John Butler Reserve,
4 Ranelagh Drive, Mt Eliza

Enquiries:
Sonya Loader OAM, Group Leader
0417 055 182

gl.ranelagh1st@outlook.com

Let the adventure begin!

Community Notice



Registrations are open

We are excited to confirm our nippers program will be running
from the 27th December - 28th March

Mornington Life Saving Club is an integral part of the local
community providing a safe environment, fun and friendly
nippers program, water safety and surf life saver training.

To register, head to www.morningtonlsc.com.au
Any queries to nippercaptain@morningtonlsc.com.au



MORNINGTON LIFE SAVING CLUB - MILLS BEACH, MORNINGTON





**Remember -
Be SunSmart
Wear your hat ☺**



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Wishing Good Luck to all the Grade 6 students who will be graduating from Mt Eliza Primary School on Tuesday night, 15th December.

Although this has not been a 'normal' school year, our students have continued to grow – academically, physically and in maturity and they have certainly learned to be very adaptable. This is definitely a year to remember!

Congratulations and well done to all.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER SCHOOL FINISHING TIMES

Please be reminded: On the last day of term 4, Prep to Grade 2 students will finish school at 1.15pm.

Grades 3 to Grade 6 students will finish school at 1.30pm.

If you are unable to collect your child/ren at this time, please make alternative arrangements. Any child not picked up from school by 1.45pm will be taken to After School Care and parents will be responsible for any costs incurred.

NEW PENINSULA COMMUNITY CARING INC

Thank you to the New Peninsula Community Caring Inc who have donated 8 x \$50 Woolworths Gift Vouchers for families within our community who are not as fortunate as some.

The generosity and support from groups such as NPCCI has made Christmas for lots of people that much easier and happier.

Thank you again for your generosity. *The true spirit of Christmas.*

