

**Mt Eliza Primary School
Year 3 Camp Day
Merricks Lodge
Tuesday, 14th December, 2021**

15th November, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is very exciting that the Grade 3 students will be able to participate in a day camp at Merricks Lodge. Your child will be involved in a number of outdoor educational activities which include bush cooking, orienteering, canoeing, team challenges and kite making. These are the same activities that the students would have been completing if we had been able to do the planned two night camp at Merricks earlier in the term.

We will be departing MEPS on Tuesday, 14th December by bus at 8.15am and arriving back at 4.30pm. It's a long day, but it allows students to experience all the activities Merricks has to offer. It will be heaps of fun!

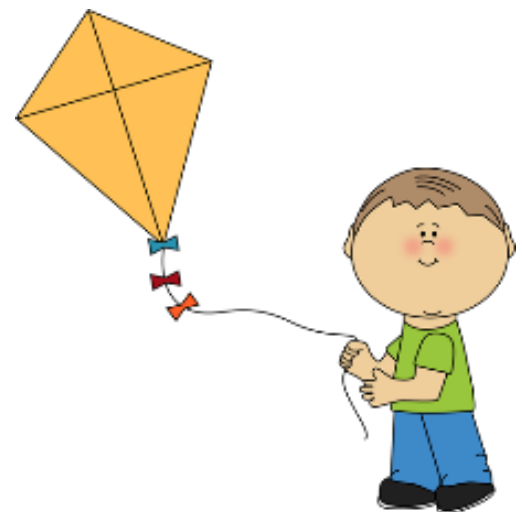
The total cost of the camp will be \$70.00 and is covered by the excursion levy. Please complete the permission form and return with payment, if you do not have a levy, by Tuesday, 30th November, 2021. No late forms or payments can be accepted. As the school needs to pay for the number of students we have confirmed will be attending, we are unable to offer refunds if your child is absent on the day.

Students will need to bring a backpack with plenty of snacks, lunch and a drink bottle (no food is provided by the camp). They will need a hat, sunscreen and if the weather looks miserable, a raincoat. Students do not need to wear school uniform, but must make sure they wear suitable clothes for outdoor activities. It would also be great if students could please bring an old pair of runners/shoes and extra socks for canoeing as they will get very muddy and wet. The camp will have some beach shoes available, but they have limited sizes.

We are looking forward to a fun, action packed day !

Regards,

Brent Schuster, Linda Golding, Hayley Gregory and Barbara Coley
GRADE 3 TEACHERS



Dept of Education Important information

Student Behaviour

'I understand that in the event of my child's misbehaviour or behaviour that poses a danger to himself/herself or others during the excursion, he/she may be sent home. I further understand that in such circumstances I will be informed and that any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.'

Student Illness

'I understand that in the event excursion staff determine it is necessary for my child to be sent home early due to illness, any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.'

Cancellations or alterations

'I understand that the Principal may need to cancel or alter excursion arrangements at short notice, for safety reasons or due to circumstances beyond the control of the school, and while the Principal will try to minimise inconvenience or financial losses to parents, these may be unavoidable.'

Student accident insurance and ambulance cover

The Department of Education does not provide student accident insurance or ambulance cover. Parents may wish to obtain student accident insurance from a commercial insurer and/or ambulance cover, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

Contract Tracing

Some excursion venues are required to collect contact details and are responsible for managing record keeping for contract-tracing in line with current public health directives.

Most venues are required to use electronic record keeping that connects with an Application Programming Interface (API) linked provider or a digital system provided by Services Victoria.

The Department of Health has **strongly recommended** that a contact number for each individual student is provided. A school phone number alone is not considered sufficient. Providing contact details for individual students will expedite contact tracing so that individuals can be contacted by the Department of Health if required.

Parents/carers/guardians are advised that, when required, the school will be providing excursion venues with contact details for students. The phone number on school file for the student will be provided as the nominated contact number.

Venues will be collecting student names and contact phone numbers for a legitimate purpose and are subject to Victorian privacy laws so will handle the information securely and only retain it for the required 28-day period

