



**MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
YEAR 3 – 5 MEPS SWIMMING EVENT  
THURSDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021**

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**YEAR 3 AND 4 NOTICE**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to be offering Year 3 – 5 students the opportunity to participate in the first MEPS Swimming Event.

The purpose of this day will be threefold; firstly and foremost, it is to encourage all students to participate and have a go. Secondly, there will be a focus on water safety which many students missed out on this year due to swimming lessons being cancelled. Thirdly, it will take the place of the early morning swim trials that are normally held in the second week of the new school year, this will hopefully also help MEPS present a larger team for District Swimming in 2022.

The Year 3 – 5 MEPS Swimming Event will be held on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November at The Pines Aquatic Centre in Frankston**. We will be departing MEPS by bus at **9.30 am** and returning to school at **2.00 pm**.

Over the past few years, the State Government has provided schools with a “Swimming in Schools” grant with the intention of continuing and improving the delivery of swimming and water safety education programs. This rebate has subsidised the MEPS Swimming Event and as a result there will be no charge for students in Year 3 and 4. There will be a cost involved for the Year 5 students, as their allocation was deducted from the Beach program costs earlier in the year (separate notice for Year 5 students). **Please return the Swimming Preference and Ability form ASAP (by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November) to ensure students get race preferences and are grouped according to ability as much as possible.**

Students will require bathers, a towel, sunscreen, hat, snack, lunch, water bottle and to wear their HOUSE Colours. Even though there is no payment required it is essential that we still receive **your permission form by Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**. We are unable to accept late permission forms.

Unfortunately this year we are unable to have parent spectators, however we are hoping that next year we can invite our whole community to attend.

**Important information to note:**

Receiving a ribbon does not automatically qualify students for District Swimming – times will be calculated by Mrs McLaughlin and students advised if applicable.

Regards,

**TRACY McLAUGHLIN**  
**Physical Education**

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**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.

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**Swimming Preference and Ability form due by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

**Permission forms are due back by Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

**Please note no late forms can be accepted after this date.**

**Parent/Guardian's consent**

I have read all the information provided by the School in relation to the MEPS Swimming Event including any attached material.

I give permission for my child ..... Grade ..... to attend the MEPS Swimming Event at the Pines Aquatic Centre, Frankston on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**. I authorise the teacher in charge to consent where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I accept all operation, blood transfusion, and/or anaesthetic risks involved, and the responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

**Name and telephone in case of emergency:** .....  .....

**Medical Condition details:**

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

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

**No charge for Year 3 and 4 students.**

**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.

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





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RETURN FORM BY MONDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

Please assist your child to fill in the following information for the successful running of our Swimming Event.

It is important to note the **Pines Pool is 50 metres in length** and students must feel comfortable and confident in swimming that distance.

**NOVELTY RACE:** This is a fun 25 metre race only open to students NOT competing in any 50 metre events. It's to encourage all students to have a go in a fun, safe and supportive environment. Kickboards and noodles will be available and students can do any stroke they like.

**SLIDE:** All year levels will have 30 – 40 minutes allocated to the slide throughout the day.

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (students will be swimming according to their DOB)

Please choose events by ticking the box that best suits your swimming ability.

Events I'd like to participate in.	Ok Swimmer I know I can swim 50 metres, I may be a little slow.	Good Swimmer I can swim 50 metres at a good pace	Excellent Swimmer I have regular swim lessons or swim in squad
50m Freestyle			
50m Backstroke			
50m Breaststroke			
50m Butterfly			
25m Novelty Race (for those NOT competing in other events)			
Slide: all year levels have the 30 – 40 minutes.			

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget to wear your HOUSE colours.