



MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL
1000 STEPS – THURSDAY, 28TH APRIL, 2022
GRADES: 5B, 5H AND 5S

31st March, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Year 5 students are heading to Ferntree Gully to tackle the famous 1000 Steps as a post-Anzac Day memorial. This challenge is also an opportunity to develop team building skills by reflecting on the efforts of the Kokoda soldiers, and undertaking this challenging walk as a team. Due to the storms we had in November, the official trail is closed so we will instead be walking all the way up to One Tree Hill on a sloped trail, which is a 1.9km walk.

The 1000 Steps is a memorial to the Australian involvement in Papua New Guinea during World War 2 and in particular the Kokoda Track. This experience uses this historical context to highlight the way Australian soldiers worked together, to eventually hold back the Japanese advance on Australia. The students will examine the importance of working with a range of people towards a common goal, and on the day of the walk they will advance up the track in teams of 6 or 7 and complete a series of tasks making sure to arrive at the top with their entire team.

Prior to the students tackling the walk, the Ranger at the 1000 Steps will take us through a full Anzac Day ceremony to honour the efforts of the three Australian Infantry Battalions that participated in the defence of Papua New Guinea. The ceremony ends with the playing of the Last Post and a presentation by the Ranger on Kokoda. Several students will be selected to participate in the ceremony.

We need a group of parents to get involved on the day of the walk, as they will head up the track prior to the students, who will leave at staggered times in their groups. The parents will be positioned along the track and given tokens that each group must collect along the way. This will ensure safety and that groups are sticking together. This is a terrific opportunity to get involved and we really encourage your participation. The volunteers must have a current **Working With Children Check (WWC)** and have received **three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine**. It will be necessary to show evidence of their vaccination status and WWC at the office. The WWC check is free for volunteers.

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply-1>. **Please fill in the form by Friday, 8th April if you are available assist us on this excursion.** Feel free to email the classroom teacher to clarify anything you are unsure of.

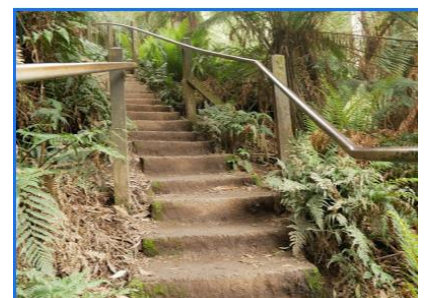
We will be travelling by bus, leaving at 9:00am sharp and will return to school by 3.00pm. If you are volunteering to accompany us on the day, you can either take the bus with us or drive your own car there. The cost of this excursion (covered by the excursion levy) is **\$25.00**, which includes a gelato from the café at the end of the walk. The payment and form is due back by Friday, 8th April. No late payment or forms can be accepted.

Students will be required to wear school uniform and bring the following:

- * a small back pack containing appropriate weather protection
- * school sunhat
- * snack
- * lunch, and a water bottle.

Thank you,

The Year 5 Team.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDELINES

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

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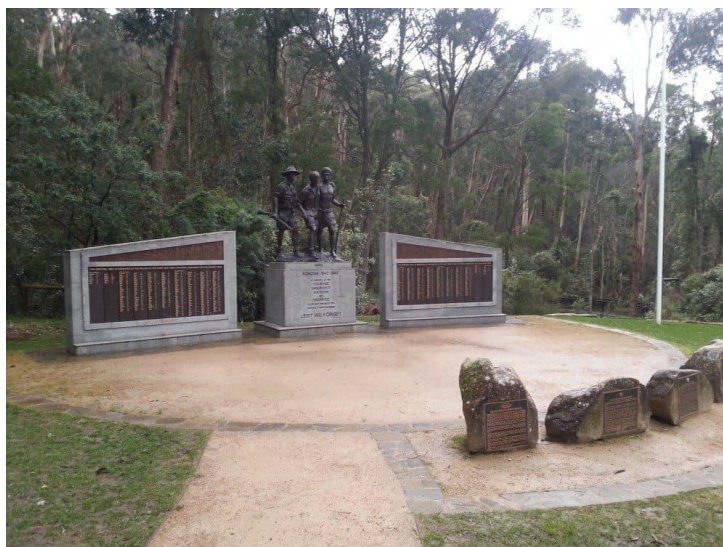
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PLEASE RETURN THE PERMISSION FORM AND MONEY
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 8TH APRIL , 2022.

WE NEED AS MANY HELPERS AS POSSIBLE FOR THIS WALK PLEASE. YOU WILL TRAVEL UP ON THE
BUS WITH US - OR CAN DRIVE YOURSELF IF YOU WOULD PREFER

(Please note that late payments and permission forms cannot be accepted)

My child Grade has my permission to attend the above
excursion.

- I enclose \$ 25.00 for full payment
- I would like to pay by credit card – details below
- Please deduct payment from my incursion/excursion levy
- I am able to assist on 28.4.22, have a current WWC and have had three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

I authorise the teacher in charge to consent where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to the child’s receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I accept all operations, blood transfusions and/or anaesthetic risks involved and the responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

Parent/Guardian’s name and phone no. during the day:

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Parent/Guardian’s signature:

Credit Card Payment

Card Account No.

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Please charge my:

- Master Card
- Visa

Expiry Date/..... Signature.....

Name Telephone No.....

Amount: \$.....

