

PREP - POWERED BY PLAY
NATURE IMMERSION PROGRAM – BEYOND THE GATES
TERM 4 - 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians,

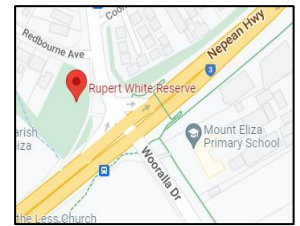
Our focus in the Early Years is to support our students with their education by leveraging play as a lens through which they access many parts of the curriculum. As part of this experience, we are excited to announce that in Term 4 the students in Prep will be participating in the Nature Immersion Program – ‘Beyond the Gates’ on 3 different occasions throughout the term. Each class will rotate through the activities over three days across the term. Nature Play Session 1 will involve the students exploring nature in the school grounds. Nature Play Session 2 will involve the students participating in an outdoor play experience at Rupert White Reserve between recess and lunch and Nature Play Session 3 will involve a full day of activities at Lorikeet Reserve, Mt Eliza. Kim Schroder, our expert guide and educator, will be leading the sessions with the support of the classroom teacher and other adults as required. **Please read the following details and class schedule in the timetable below.**

Nature Play 1; (At MEPS) – Introduction, using our senses, connection to land

The students will spend the whole day at Mt Eliza Primary School exploring nature on the school grounds.

Nature Play 2; Beyond the Gates (Walk to Rupert White Reserve after recess and return to school before lunch) – Connection to land and waterways, Indigenous culture

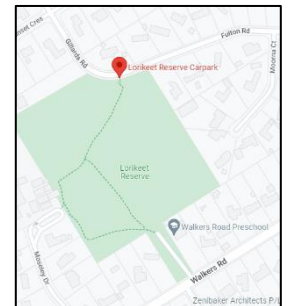
The students will start the day at Mt Eliza Primary School. Then, after recess the class will walk together from MEPS to Rupert White Reserve and return to school before lunch. **Therefore, please drop off and pick up your child from Mt Eliza Primary School during normal school hours.**



Nature Play 3; Beyond the Gates (Lorikeet Reserve - ALL DAY) - Deeper connection to land and animals

The location for Nature Play 3 will be at Lorikeet Reserve on Fulton Road, Mt Eliza.

We are asking that **parents please drop off and pick up their child from the Lorikeet Reserve Carpark. (Please refer to the map on the right).** Students are to arrive at the reserve between 8:45-9:00am, and be picked up from Lorikeet Reserve between 2:45 - 3:00pm.



Arrangements can be made for families to car pool if necessary; however, you must inform your classroom teacher of who is responsible for collecting your child prior to the Nature Play session.

Students are required to **bring a small backpack** with the following items:

- **SNACK** in a named disposable bag
- **LUNCH** in a named disposable bag
- **A plastic DRINK BOTTLE** named and filled with water

Class	Week 3 Monday, 17 th Oct	Week 4 Monday, 24 th Oct	Week 6 Monday, 7 th Nov	Week 7 Monday, 14 th Nov	Week 8 Monday, 21 st Nov	Week 10 Monday, 5 th Dec	Week 10 Thursday, 8 th Dec	Week 11 Monday, 12 th Dec	Week 11 Thursday, 15 th Dec
Prep W	Nature Play 1			Nature Play 2			Nature Play 3		
Prep C		Nature Play 1			Nature Play 2			Nature Play 3	
Prep A			Nature Play 1			Nature Play 2			Nature Play 3

The students will also be sharing their ideas and wonderings in a nature journal during each session and further research will be continued at school.

Students are able to wear **free dress** when their class is participating and will need to bring spare clothes. Please note that students will need to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. In cold weather, preferably gumboots (otherwise a spare pair of runners would be beneficial in case their feet get wet), warm clothes are essential and to bring along a jacket that is wind and rain resistant. In warm weather, students must wear runners, a broad-brimmed hat and active wear that covers their shoulders (t-shirt or polo shirt).

The cost is \$ 80.00 per child and can be paid by filling out the credit card details or deducting it from your excursion levy if you have already prepaid this. Please return the permission form and money by **Thursday, 15th September, 2022.**

No money or forms can be accepted after this date. If you have any further questions please contact me or your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you,

Lisa Grgic
LEADING TEACHER / EARLY YEARS LEADER

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

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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BEYOND THE GATES – TERM 4 2022

Please return permission slip with money by **Thursday, 15th September, 2022**

No late forms or money can be accepted after this date

I have read all of the information provided by the School in relation to the Prep – Nature Immersion Program and I give permission for my child in Grade to participate in the program on the specific dates that are outlined in the timetable on the first page.

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 transfusions and/or anaesthetic risks involved and the responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

- I have enclosed \$80.00 cash / credit card
- Please deduct \$ 80.00 from my excursion levy (if choosing this option, please ensure that you have already pre-paid this)

Name and phone no. during the day: ☎

Parent/Carer's signature: Date:

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