

14th November, 2022



Year 6 Graduation Celebrations And End of Year Excursion

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The events that have been organised will celebrate the final primary school year for your child with a mixture of fun and formalities. These activities will give the students a chance to say goodbye to each other and celebrate their primary school years with teachers, friends and families.

Graduation Ceremony - Thursday, 15th December, 2022

MEPS Old School Hall - 9:30am

Thursday morning, a formal Year 6 assembly will take place at MEPS. This assembly will be an open invitation to parents, grandparents and carers of the students. No younger school aged siblings will attend as we like to keep an air of mystery around the ceremony so the students have something to look forward to. The ceremony will run from 9:30am to approx. 11am. The school canteen, run by Stir Crazy, will be open to purchase a drink and cookie if you would like. The students are expected to be in **full school uniform** for this event. A photographer will be there taking photos of your child as they receive their graduation certificate. These photos will be emailed out to parents, so please ensure that your child's teacher has your most current email address. There will be a space provided for you to take your own photos after the ceremony. The students remain at school for a normal school day after the ceremony.

Graduation Celebrations – Thursday, 15th December, 2022 – Students and teachers only

Mornington Golf Club - 6.00pm – 8.00pm

The students will be attending a 2 course sit down dinner at the Mornington Golf Club – Tallis Drive, Mornington. This will be a chance for students to feel grown up, showcase their best manners and dress to impress. Students will be entertained with a disco, photo booth with accessories to create their own memories of the night, as well as receiving a giftbag full of special mementoes and year book to have as keepsakes of their primary school years.

End of Year Excursion for the Year 6 students - Gumbuya World – Monday, 19th December, 2022

We are going to Gumbuya World! The students will spend the day at Gumbuya World, in Tynong North, exploring all three facilities: Water, Wildlife and Theme Park. Students will be required to meet at school at 8:45am-normal school time, for a 9am departure. We will arrive back at school at approximately 3:00pm.

Students may wear **casual dress with runners** and are asked to bring the following items on the day:

Bathers, rash vest, towel, hat, sunscreen, underwear, change of clothes, water bottle, thongs, plastic bag for wet bathers, lunch and snack. Students may bring money to buy an ice-cream or treat from the cafeteria.

Students MUST have a rash vest or Tee-shirt that covers their shoulders for the day.

These celebrations have been designed as the students' chance to say goodbye to each other in a super fun-filled experience. It should be a fabulous addition to their last week of school! **The total cost for ALL of the above events will be \$200.00.** As this is slightly higher than calculated last year when we needed to put our excursion levy together there may be a shortfall between the credit in your excursion levy and the payment – we will advise the outstanding balance to be paid after the levy allocation has been done.

Also, on this year's booklist for the Year 6 students (paid through Champion), a \$15.00 charge was included for the Year Book and also \$30.00 for the Leader Resilience program (this \$30.00 was not used against the program earlier in the year so will be taken off this cost instead). Therefore, if you paid for the Year Book and/or the Resilience Program when paying your booklist contributions this will be deducted from the \$200.00.

Each child will be given a notice that indicates the outstanding cost that they need to pay to ensure they are able to attend all celebrations.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Graduation Committee for all their work behind the scenes in sourcing materials, gathering donations and organising gifts to try and keep costs to a minimum.

Please return the permission form by **Wednesday, 30th November, 2022**. No money or forms can be accepted after this date and unfortunately no refunds can be given.

Thank you,

YEAR 6 TEACHERS

Cathy O'Toole, Phil Leonard and Javette Westlake

DET 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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Graduation Ceremony, Graduation Celebrations and Gumbuya World

Please return by Wednesday, 30th November, 2022 (No late forms or payments can be accepted)

I have read all the information and I give permission for my child of Grade to attend the Graduation ceremony, the Graduation celebration at the Mornington Golf Club on Thursday, 15th December and the excursion to Gumbuya World on Monday, 19th December, 2022. There are no part payments for the celebrations, they come as one package deal.

- I have enclosed \$200.00/credit card details for the all included Graduation Celebrations
- Please deduct \$200.00 from my excursion levy.

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.

Parent's/ Guardian's Name: Date:

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: Phone No. :

Medical Condition details:

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

Asthma Allergies (please specify)

Other

Credit Card Payment

Card Account No.

Expiry Date: / **Signature:**.....

Name Telephone No.....

Please charge my:
 Master Card
 Visa

Amount: \$ 200.00