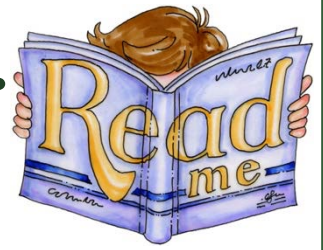




MEPS Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 4 2024

DIARY		
Term 2 2024		
May 2024		
WEEK 5		Education Week
Monday	13	7pm PTA Meeting – POSTPONED TO NEXT WEEK
Wed	15	8.50am Early Years & Middle School Assembly in BER – Kind on Purpose Awards 9.30am School Tour Year 3 Healesville Excursion
Thursday	16	8.50am Senior Sub School Assembly – Kind on Purpose Awards
Friday	17	Year 1 Nature Play
WEEK 6		
Monday	20	District Cross Country 7pm PTA Meeting
Wed	22	8.50am Whole School Assembly – Resilience Awards 9.30am School Tour Year 4 Science Excursion
Thursday	23	Crazy Hair Day – SRC Fundraiser
Friday	24	Curriculum Day Friday 24 May – no school
WEEK 7		
Wed	29	8.50am Whole School Reconciliation Assembly – Challenge Awards 9.30am School Tour Division Cross Country
Fri	31	Year 1 Nature Play
JUNE 2024		
WEEK 8		
Monday	3	7pm School Council Meeting (online)
Wed	5	8.50am Whole School Assembly – Responsibility Awards Year 5 Camp – June 5 - 7 Chess Tournament @ Peninsula Grammar
Thursday	6	Year 6 Space incursion
Friday	7	Year 1 Nature Play
WEEK 9		
Monday	10	King's Birthday Public Holiday – no school
Tuesday	11	7pm PTA Meeting
Wed	12	8.50am Middle Sub School Assembly 9.30am School Tour
Thursday	13	8.50am Senior Sub School Assembly
Friday	14	8.50am Junior Sub School Assembly
Saturday	15	MEPS PTA Trivia Night
WEEK 10		
Wed	19	8.50am Learning Endeavour Awards Assembly Years 5/6 Winter Lightning Premiership 9.30am School Tour
WEEK 11		
Tuesday	25	P/T Interviews 8.50am Assembly (Academic Achievement)
Wed	26	P/T Interviews
Friday	28	End of Term - finish at 2.15pm

Uniform Shop

REMINDER – HATS ARE COMPULSORY WHEN THE UV RATING IS 3 OR ABOVE.

Please make sure your child has a hat so that they can learn and play outside. Note opening hours below.

Opening Hours

Monday – 8.30am – 11:30am

Wednesday – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Uniforms may be purchased online – see link below:

<https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/mt-eliza-primary-school-online/>

Processed orders will be delivered to your child's classroom in Term 2.

FCW School Uniform Shop only accepts CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.

Zoe Grey - zoemgrey25@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening

During Term 2, the Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following Thursdays from 8.30am – 9.00am:

- 16 and 30 May
- 13 and 27 June

Camp Australia

Before and After School Care is available in the Old School House. To register your child please phone Camp Australia on 1300 105 343. Registration is available online at www.campastralia.com.au

Key Dates

Jogging Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 8.30am

Mt Eliza Primary School	
★ KEY DATES 2024	
MAY 10	MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
JUN 15	MEPS TRIVIA NIGHT
JULY 24	WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT
AUG 30	FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
NOV 8	150 YR CELEBRATION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - MS KIM WHEELER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying this lovely Sunday weather. Last week saw us celebrating extremely strong community connections, with our PTA front and centre across a number of our events.

Our celebration of mothers and special friends is not just an opportunity to honour our mums but also an opportunity to recognise the invaluable support and guidance provided by special friends and family members in our students' lives. Whether it's a mother, grandmother, aunt, mentor, or any other significant figure, their love and encouragement play a crucial role in shaping the lives of our students.

Last week we came together as a community to celebrate and express our gratitude to these remarkable individuals. Our students eagerly prepared heartfelt poems, cards and thoughtful gestures to convey their appreciation.



PTA Mother's Day Stall

I hope all mums, grandmothers and special friends enjoyed their beautiful gifts on Sunday morning, chosen with love and care by our children from the PTA stall. We are so grateful to Zoe Grey and the PTA volunteers for facilitating this wonderful opportunity for our students to purchase lovely gifts as well as providing important authentic financial mathematics skills.

As Communication Leader Raya mentioned at Assembly, *"It was like walking into a shopping centre, but it was just for our mums and special friends."*

As a fundraiser, the PTA raised over \$3,000 at our stall and wish to thank the community for generously supporting us in this endeavour.



MEPS Mothers' and Special Friends' Breakfast

It was with great pleasure and excitement that we welcomed our community onsite for our pinnacle event of the week. We won't ever forget the mouth-watering brekkie we had on Friday morning. Not only was it delicious, but our MEPS Mothers' and Special Friends' Breakfast allowed our community to spend time together over a croissant and pain-au-chocolat. The inclement weather couldn't dampen our spirits and it was wonderful to have our mums and special friends come to share time with us at our phenomenal school.

A huge thanks to PTA President Nick Richards for all the pre-event organisation and to Alisha Howells for taking over the logistics on the day. They both spearheaded this event with great style. Thanks also to our amazing volunteers and helpers who assisted with setting up and making sure that all of the brekkie boxes were ready for everyone. Thanks for all you do to make our school a more connected and happy place to be.



Amazingly, over 400 brekkie boxes were sold! And 200 free hot drinks were enjoyed thanks to the sponsorship of the Coffee Van by Marshall White Real Estate in Mount Eliza.



Special Assembly

We treated our special guests to a fun-filled assembly full of student participation, singing, dancing and jokes! It was great to see everyone join in our 'Ay-Yay! Dance'. For anyone wanting to practise this at home, here is the link - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UY6ZwKAM_8o.



In the spirit of World Laughter Day held last week, some of our Year 6 students shared their favourites. Why not try out some of these jokes at home too...

Isobel:

What do you call a dinosaur with one eye?
A 'do you think he saw us'.

What do you call a cow in an earthquake?
A milkshake.

Emmy:

What's big and red and eats rocks?
A big red rock eater.

Why did the boy throw his clock out the window?
Because he wanted to see time fly!

Hugo and Bill:

Why couldn't the old man see the well?
Because he couldn't 'see that well'.

I made a bad chemistry joke one day...and it didn't get that good of a 'reaction'.

How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?
With a pumpkin patch.

What is a mummy's favourite song?
Rap music.

What do you say when a pirate turns 80?
Ah...matey.

Crazy Hair Day – Thursday 23 May

At Assembly, SRC Leader Phoebe G and Mrs Breen shared that we will be having a Crazy Hair Day in a few weeks' time. This is an SRC initiative, and all gold coin donations will be put towards purchasing new Netball dresses so that our senior Netball Team looks professional when competing at the upcoming Winter Lightning Premiership. Just a reminder that students are to wear normal school uniform with their crazy hair.



Crazy Hair Day SRC Initiative on Thursday 23 May



As you can see, our Year 6 girls have been busy practising their netball shooting at lunchtime in preparation for the interschool competition. It is great to see such enthusiasm to practise during their lunchtimes.



Brushes and Biscuits Session in Prep

Our Prep team organised a lovely 'Brushes and Biscuits' session straight after assembly. It was wonderful to see the children and their guests creating beautiful art together. We have some very talented members of our MEPS community, that's for sure!



Dance Club Prep to Year 2 - Friday Lunchtimes

With many of our students interested in dance, we have recently commenced a special lunchtime club which brings together movement and song. Thank to Ms Brennan and Ms Harris, Dance Club is bringing joy to many of our Early Years students each Friday.



Kids Connecting to Kids

Our Year 6 students spent time with the Preps on Friday afternoon. What better way to make connections than story time in our lovely Library?



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Ritchies IGA Benefits - Shopping at Ritchies IGA in Mount Eliza

Please note that families shopping at Ritchies IGA in Mount Eliza have the opportunity to sign up for a Community Card which allows you to link the school to the rewards scheme.

Over the many years that we have been connected, Ritchies has generously donated thousands of dollars to the school for resources.

If you haven't already done so, please download the Ritchies Community app or register your existing card, then nominate MEPS as your choice of beneficiary.

This is a great way for our students to benefit from the generosity of the wider Mount Eliza community.



WIN \$5,000
FOR YOUR NOMINATED CLUB, SCHOOL OR CHARITY

REGISTERED MEMBERS WHO SHOP AT RITCHIES GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN THEIR NOMINATED CLUB, SCHOOL OR CHARITY \$5000!

PLUS! Any Ritchies Member who scans their app or card will go into the draw to win 1 of 5 \$1,000 Ritchies Gift Cards!
First drawn out wins their nominated organisation \$5,000.

JOIN TODAY!

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM

MORE THAN \$53 Million
Comes back to the community since 2013

CELEBRATING 30 Years OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Terms and conditions apply. Go to ritchies.com.au for full details. There is one \$5,000 Ritchies gift card for one lucky club, school or charity. There will be 5 \$1,000 Ritchies gift cards to be won for registered Ritchies Card members who actively shop online or in-store. Promotion runs 1/8/24 and ends 28/9/24. *Maximum spend of \$10 in one transaction over including groceries & tobacco products, gift cards, alcoholic beverage and items marked reduced to clear.

Prep Enrolments 2025



Welcome to Prep at MEPS in 2025

Prep applications and enrolments are now open for the 2025 school year. Please contact the office for appropriate forms. These are now also available on our website.

Please note that Enrolment Forms are for families who are within the school's catchment zone and 2025 siblings. Application Forms are for families applying from out-of-zone. Please check your zone via the following link - <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>.

We will be sending out confirmation letters shortly. Children who have their enrolments confirmed for 2025 will have the opportunity to commence Story Time sessions with Mrs Merritt fortnightly in Term 3 in preparation for the formal transition sessions in Term 4.

URGENT - Year 6 to 7 Transition Applications Due Last Friday 10 May

All applications for Year 7 Placement 2025 were due to your child's Year 6 teacher last Friday 10 May. If you are yet to hand these in, please do so urgently. Do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions about this.

School Saving Bonus 2025

You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus 2025, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover various school related costs in 2025. It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025. Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts.

The School Saving Bonus support will be in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for camps, sports, excursions and uniforms. There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

Enjoy a brilliant week coming up.

Kind regards,



Kim Wheeler
Principal

Is your
imagination
running
wild?

TELL
US YOUR
STORY
AND WIN
\$500



MAYOR'S
SHORT STORY
WRITING AWARDS

Whatever story idea you have, write it down and enter it in the Mayor's Short Story Writing Awards!

Lucky winners will receive \$500 cash prize plus bookstore vouchers!

Award categories:

8–12 Years

Maximum 500-word fiction story

13–17 Years

Maximum 1,000-word fiction story

The Awards are open to Mornington Peninsula Shire residents only.



Entries will open on 1 May and close at midnight on 21 June 2024

For more details please visit our webpage:

 mornpen.vic.gov.au/writingawards

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MT ELIZA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 2
TOUR DATES



Come and see our
school in action

- Wednesday 17 April | 9.30am
- Wednesday 24 April | 9.30am
- Wednesday 1 May | 9.30am
- Wednesday 8 May | 9.30am
- Wednesday 15 May | 9.30am
- Wednesday 22 May | 9.30am
- Wednesday 29 May | 9.30am

TO BOOK A TOUR CONTACT OUR
OFFICE STAFF ON

(03) 9787 1385

“ Mt Eliza Primary School develops a love of learning through interesting and engaging lessons. They develop a sense of belonging, showing a real interest in my child. Teachers are warm and embracing.
MEPS Parent /Grade 2 Child ”

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 13th May until 14th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey is available in a variety of different versions to enable all students to participate.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research purposes only. Identifiable information, such as student name or Victorian Student Number (VSN) is **not** used for linking datasets. Some student demographic data (i.e. year level, gender, age, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status) is derived from department-held

administrative records and is linked to the individual student login ID during survey set up work to support survey administration.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times, personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file that ORIMA Research provides to the department. All data is stored on servers located in Australia and access is restricted to staff who are working on the project.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014* (Vic), the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic) and the *Public Records Act 1973* (Vic), as well as the Department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

How will results be reported?

Aggregated state-wide survey data will be used to report on initiatives and may also be used in public discussions of issues relating to student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community.

The survey results will also be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. Data or results about individual students will not be shared with schools. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Where there are low numbers of students, the data will be suppressed so that the school cannot view the results for that group.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents and carers.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: jessica.merritt@education.vic.gov.au **before the survey commences on Monday May 13, 2024**

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email before the survey commencement date, as above, this will be taken as your consent for your child to participate in the 2024 Attitudes to School Survey. However, as noted above the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time.

Further information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria



MEPS trivia olympics



raffle / silent auction / prizes

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SPONSORSHIP
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Can you help support our kids by raising funds for our
key projects?

Silent Auction / Raffle Prizes & Event Sponsorship are
needed and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Donations will be gratefully received before 7th June, with
the Trivia night being held on the 15th of June.

Please contact PTA on 9787 1385 or
pta.mteliza.ps@gmail.com

TERM 2 STIR CRAZY KIDS CANTEEN MENU



MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL



ON-LINE LUNCH ORDERS

You can order your child's lunch online



Stir Crazy Kids

Down load the App at the App Store or Google play

We will have everything ready to go to make Lunch orders easy. All you need to do is register, add your kids, don't forget their grades, choose their lunch. Add it to your cart. Add another order if needed. Checkout for all students together, and we will take care of the rest.

You can order in advance or on the day

Ordering closes at 9am Too easy!!

Categories are the same as this menu.

Need some help? support@stircrazykids.com.au

Call or text Donna 0405110407

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

For orders direct to Canteen Please write the following details for your child's lunch order on a **Paper Bag**:
Child's Name & Grade, Food order, Cash amount enclosed
Food Allergies in **Red Pen**
Please provide one bag per order
*If a bag is not supplied 30c for a bag will need to be included.
* To help us to comply with Food Safety Regulations all Paper Bags must be new



TERM 2 2024

CANTEEN MENU



Nutritional Guide

All The Food in this Canteen Menu has been ranked by Nutrition experts using smiley faces. This allows you to make informed choices about your child's daily nutritional requirements.

😊😊=Green 😊=Amber

This Menu is in line with the DET School Canteen and other School food Policy "

Whilst we offer Gluten Free choices they are prepared with care in a Gluten environment

WWW.STIRCRAZYKIDS.COM.AU

Facebook/stircrazykidscanteen

TUMMY TEASERS

Available for lunch orders and every Canteen day at Recess and Lunchtime

😊😊	Orange 1/4	.60c
😊😊	Slinky Apple	\$1.30c
😊😊	Slice of Fruit in Season	\$1.50c
😊	Mini Muffin	\$1.30c
😊	Anzac Biscuit	\$1.30c
😊	Gluten Free cookie	\$1.60c
😊😊	Garlic Bread	.60c
😊	Jumpys (Chicken/Salt&Vin)	\$1.20
😊	Veggie Chips (Gluten Free)	\$2.20
😊	Grain Waves	\$2.20
😊😊	Cobs Pop Corn	\$2.20
😊	Small pop corn	\$1.00
😊	Ginger Bread People	\$2.70
😊😊	Vaalaa Yoghurt Tubs- 100ml	\$2.00
😊😊	Tropical, Mixed berries, Blueberry, Lemon Crème, Passionfruit & Vanilla Available fresh or Frozen	
😊😊	Quelch-Frozen Fruit Icy Pole	\$1.00

DRINKS

😊😊	Juice Box 250ml- Apple /Orange	
	Apple & Blackcurrant	\$2.80
😊	Oak Milk 300ml	
	Choc / Straw /Van	\$3.30
😊😊	Plain Milk	\$3.30
😊😊	Lactose Free Choc Milk	\$3.30
😊😊	Hot Chocolate	\$3.50
😊😊	Bottled water	\$2.20

Prices include the new State Gov Container Tax

Mt Eliza Primary School

SPECIAL MEAL DAYS

MUNCHY MONDAY

😊😊	Egg & Bacon Roll	\$6.00
	Add Cheese slice	\$1.00
	Tomato sauce	.30

TASTY TUESDAY

😊😊	Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.50
	Gluten Free	\$1.80
	Add Soy sauce	.10

WICKED WEDNESDAY

😊😊	Crispy Chicken Tender Wrap	\$5.50
	With Lettuce and Mayonnaise	
	Add cheese	\$1.00
	lactose free or Vegan Cheese	\$1.50

TEMPTING THURSDAY

😊	Mrs Macs Sausage Roll	\$4.00
😊	Mrs Macs Meat Pie	\$6.00
😊	Gluten Free Pie	\$7.00
😊	Vegan Pie	\$6.50
	Tomato sauce	30c

FANCY FRIDAY

😊	Hot Dog or Vegan sausage	
	In a white long roll	\$5.00
	Add Cheese	\$1.00
	Lactose free cheese	\$1.50
	Vegan Cheese	\$1.50
	Tom sauce or mustard	.30ea

SPECIAL MEAL DEAL

Include an Oak Milk or Plain Milk for \$3.10

Add a Slinky Apple, Anzac or a Mini Muffin for 1.10 each

RIGHT-ON-WRAPS

Mon -Thurs

Tortilla Style Wrap with your choice of:

😊😊	Cheese & Salad	\$6.50
😊😊	Ham & Salad	\$7.50
😊😊	Chicken & Salad	\$7.50
😊😊	Tuna & Salad	\$7.50

Add cheese for \$.1.00c. Lactose free cheese \$1.50 or avocado for \$1.50

SUPER SALAD BOWL

Mon -Thurs

😊😊	Super Salad Bowl	\$6.00
	Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber & Cheese	
	Add Chicken, Ham, Tuna, Egg, or Avocado	\$1.50
	Lactose free cheese	\$1.50c



HOT ITEMS ANY DAY

Meal Deal Any Day

😊😊	Penne Pasta & Oak Milk	\$8.60
	Add a Slinky Apple, Anzac or a Mini Muffin for 1.10c each	
😊😊	Penne Pasta with Cheese (Available Gluten Free)	\$5.50
😊😊	Mini Corn Cob	\$6.50
😊😊	Hard Boiled Egg	\$1.50
😊😊	Chicken Zoomer with cheese	\$1.50
😊😊	Tuna, Chicken or Ham Melt	\$6.00
😊😊	Toasted with Corn & cheese	\$6.00
😊😊	Pita Pizzas Margarita	\$4.50
	Garlic & Cheese	\$4.50
	Cheese & Vegemite	\$4.50
	Ham & Cheese	\$5.00
	Hawaiian	\$5.50

Substitute with lactose free or Vegan Cheese for \$1.00ea

SUPER SANDWICHES

& ROCK 'N' ROLLS Mon-Thurs

Your Choice White Hi Fibre/Wholemeal Rolls are available for an extra \$1.00

Gluten Free Bread \$1.00 Lactose Free Cheese \$1.50

😊	Vegemite	\$3.00
😊	Honey	\$3.00
😊😊	Cheese	\$3.50
😊😊	Cheese & Vegemite	\$4.00
😊😊	Cheese & Lettuce	\$4.50
😊😊	Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
😊😊	Egg	\$4.00
😊😊	Egg & Lettuce	\$5.00
😊😊	Fresh Chicken	\$4.50
😊😊	Fresh Chicken & Salad	\$6.50
😊😊	Ham	\$4.50
😊😊	Ham & Salad	\$6.50
😊😊	Ham & Cheese	\$5.50

Extra fillings, Tomato, Cheese, Carrot, Lettuce
All extra fillings \$1.00 each Avocado \$1.50
Substitute with lactose free or Vegan Cheese for \$1.00

Truly Tasty Toasties

😊	Vegemite	\$3.00
😊😊	Cheese	\$3.50
😊😊	Ham	\$4.50
😊😊	Ham & Cheese	\$5.50
😊😊	Chicken & Cheese	\$5.50
😊😊	Cheese & Vegemite	\$4.00
😊😊	Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
😊😊	Ham, Cheese & tomato	\$6.50

Substitute with lactose free or Vegan Cheese for \$1.00

Order online Details PTO



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



National Families' Week Expo

Tuesday May 14th 1-4pm



“Celebrating family diversity and connection”

Western Port Community Support along with Family Life are organising a free fun afternoon to celebrate local families.

Information available from local services, free activities including a mobile animal farm & outdoor games, and a free sausage sizzle! Peninsula Community Legal Centre Street Law coffee van will be onsite providing free coffee and legal support.

We hope you can join us!

Where: Western Port Community Support
185 High St Hastings, in the left side carpark

