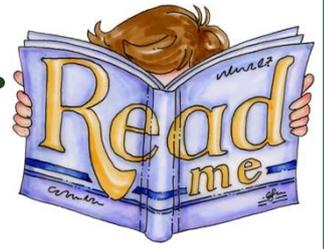




MEPS Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 2 2025 – 7th February, 2025

DIARY

Term 1 2025

FEBRUARY 2025

Monday	10	Preps full-time (8.45am - 3.15pm) Endeavour Program (5D)
Tuesday	11	Endeavour Program (5T) Parent Teacher Connect Meetings (1.30pm – 4.30pm)
Wednesday	12	Parent Teacher Connect Meetings (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Friday	14	Senior Summer Lightning Prem - Bowls Coaching
Monday	17	Endeavour Program (6B)
Tuesday	18	Endeavour Program (6T)
Wednesday	19	School Tour 9.30am
Friday	21	Senior Summer Lightning Prem - Bowls Coaching Cyber Safety Project Incursion (Yr 4, 5 & 6)
Wednesday	26	School Tour 9.30am
Thursday	27	URSTRONG Day of Friendship Workshops (Prep, Yr 1, 2, 3 & 4)
Friday	28	Senior Summer Lightning Premiership - Bowls Coaching

MARCH 2025

Monday	10	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday	11	Curriculum Day (no students required at school)
Friday	14	Senior Summer Lightning Prem - Bowls Coaching
Monday	17	Cyber Safety Project Incursion (Yr 1, 2 & 3)
Friday	28	Cyber Safety Project Incursion (Prep)

APRIL 2025

Friday	4	Final day of Term 1
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Uniform Shop

REMINDER – HATS ARE COMPULSORY IN TERM 1

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 1.

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 1, the Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following Thursdays.

8.30AM – 9.00AM:

- THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY
- THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY
- THURSDAY 6 MARCH
- THURSDAY 20 MARCH
- THURSDAY 3 APRIL

NB: There are a lot of uniforms in lost property, in the 3/4 building. Please ensure that your child's name is on their uniforms so that they can be easily returned.

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.campaustralia.com.au.

Our collaboration with Camp Australia sees them offer free lunchtime clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays for our students. These engaging sessions are designed to help children develop social skills and collaborate with their peers in a fun and interactive environment. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to enhance their teamwork abilities while enjoying their lunch breaks. We encourage all students to participate and make the most of this wonderful initiative!

ACTING PRINCIPAL – MR DARREN THRESHER

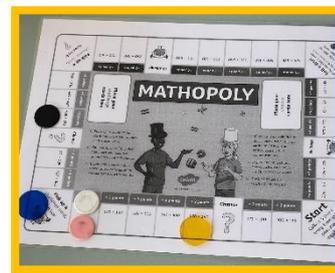
Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting start as we warmly welcomed back our community to the start of the 2025 school year. It has been a pleasure catching up with students and families to share stories of the break and talk more about what we were looking forward to in the new year. We also welcomed the start of our new preps for 2025 who proudly wore their MEPS uniform with a beaming smile and immediately took over like they had been here for years! It was great to have so many families join us on the school grounds during the first few days to assist their children in transitioning back to school.



Staff focus in classroom learning and the yard to start the school year has been centred around visible values and high expectations. Intentional crafting of supportive, structured, engaging and challenging learning environments in every classroom contributes to overall achievement and the creation of learning conditions that help students to thrive. To support student wellbeing, the school has implemented changes to yard duty structures at recess and lunch to provide additional adult assistance and support to all children during their less structured, independent play.

I would like to remind all families about our upcoming Parent Teacher Connect Meetings scheduled for February 11th and 12th. This important school event allows us to work in partnership with you to know more about your child and work collaboratively on goals for the upcoming year. We are hopeful we can meet with as many families as possible over these two days. Please see COMPASS communications for further information and booking details. School photo permissions have also recently gone to families on COMPASS. If possible, we would like all families to consider a minimum of school level permission as it allows us to more effectively celebrate your child and their learning and include them in group photo opportunities for usage within the school grounds.



Some Housekeeping

Each year it is important to re-visit some important information that assists the school in running smoothly. It is important to remember that we all work together as a team to ensure all our children are safe, engaged and learning at the optimum level; and the following information is designed to keep these goals at the fore:

- School begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. Any students who are late to school must come to the school office to sign in before going to the classroom.
- Teachers are on duty from 8:30am before school, therefore for 'duty of care' students should not arrive prior to 8.30 am, and on duty until 3:30pm after school. If children are at school outside this supervision time, they should attend the Camp Australia program in the Old School House.
- As a SunSmart school, hats are required from August to the end of April and when the UV rating is 3 or above. Please ensure that your child has their hat and sunscreen at school so that they can enjoy working or playing outdoors.
- Parents are encouraged to establish a consistent pick-up point for their children each afternoon – this reduces a child's anxiety when they can't find their parent/carer; and reduces interruptions to the office.
- Parents should make every effort to organise drop-offs and pick-ups with their child/ren before the school day as we are unable to phone classrooms during learning time. In the case of an emergency where a change to a child's pick-up arrangement occurs, parents should contact the office so a message can be passed on to the child.
- For the safety of our children, any child who arrives late or departs early, needs to be signed in/out at the office. This should be done by one of the people listed as a contact for that child. If someone else is to pick up your child within school hours, written notification must be made to the office and your child's teacher otherwise the child is unable to depart school early.
- If a child is absent from school, we must be notified through the Compass parent portal. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the Compass Parent Guide on our website [here](#).
- Valuable items should not be brought to school. The Department of Education does not hold insurance for students' personal belongings and has no capacity to pay for lost, stolen or damaged items. Parents are welcome to take out their own private insurance for items if they wish.
- Please clearly label your child's clothing. Lost property is stored in the Year 3/4 Building, opposite the bathrooms.
- Toilet locations: Years P to 2: Year 1/2 building external toilets; Years 3 & 4: Year 3/4 Area (Block B) internal toilets; Years 5 & 6: BER external toilets (entry from Passive Play area). • No skate boarding, scooter riding or bike riding is permitted on the school grounds.
- Parents should not enter the staff carpark unless prior permission has been gained from the Principal. Please use the service road for school drop-offs and pick-ups. More information can be found below under the heading Parking at Mt Eliza Primary School.
- All visitors to the school must sign the Compass visitor's register on the iPad at the front office. Any volunteers/parent helpers working with students must also provide a Volunteer WWCC (Working with Children Check) and have read/completed the MEPS Child Safety Induction Pack for Volunteers.
- Snack and lunch: to support our focus on sustainability, we ask that students bring food without wrappers or packaging ('nude food').

PLEASE REMEMBER – DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS UPDATE

Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.



From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will have received an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive

on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store/online at Fashion Club Wear and State School Relief. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at the above suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au

VOLUNTEERS AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

There are many opportunities for parents to get involved at Mt Eliza Primary School. At the beginning of each year, parents are asked to indicate areas in which they are willing to assist, e.g. reading, kitchen garden, swimming, camps, excursions, fund-raising activities, etc. Each year level has a Parent Class Coordinator, whose initial function is to compile a class contact list and then to act as a liaison between parents. They may also arrange social get-togethers for your child's class.

A **'Working with Children Check'** and a signed Volunteer Confidentiality form is required if you wish to assist in a grade or if you attend excursions/camps, etc. WWC Check Application Forms are available online [here](#) and are free for volunteer helpers.

In addition, volunteers must read the MEPS Child Safety Induction Pack, sign the Volunteer and Confidentiality form and return the form to the office.

Child Safety Induction Pack - Click [here](#) to view.

Volunteer and Confidentiality Form - Click [here](#) to view and sign.

Please contact the office if you require assistance.

ATTENDANCE



It is important to note that if your child/ren will be absent, you must notify the school via the **Compass Education App**. Compass Education provides a Parent Portal which includes the ability to mark your child/ren absent if you know your child/ren will be absent from school. Parents will need to download the Compass Education app to access this service (which is available on both Apple and Android devices).

Once on the Home Screen, please click on the “Add Attendance Note” banner button at the top of the page. From here parents can key in all information required for the absence, including dates, times and most importantly, the reason for the absence. Please note if parents do not enter their child’s absence, you will receive a text message letting them know that the child’s absence is unexplained, with a link to provide an Attendance Note on the Compass Education app.

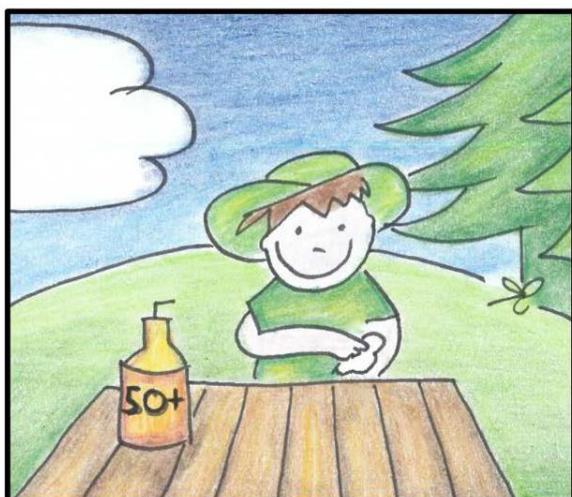
The **Compass Parent Guide** can be viewed or downloaded from the school website [here](#).

UPDATE STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Thank you to the families who have already returned their **Student Emergency Contact** details forms which were sent home for at the beginning of this week.

To ensure we have the correct emergency contact information for your child/ren, please check the details on the form, make any corrections necessary, sign the form and return the signed form to your child’s Teacher ASAP.

Sun Smart Expectations When Outside



- Hats required
- Wear sunscreen

No hat, no outside learning or play.

The Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund (“CSEF”) helps ensure that no student misses out on important educational opportunities. To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a Government school must:

- On the first day of Term One; or
- On the first day of Term Two:
 - a. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder; or
 - b. Be a temporary foster parent; and
 - c. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

If you applied for CSEF last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your circumstances (e.g. change of school, change of family circumstances, change of name, change of concession card number or new siblings starting school).

You are welcome to submit your CSEF application form and health care card to the school office now.
Please note: Applications for CSEF close on **4 July 2025**.



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:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



PREP 2025 CSEF PACKAGE

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- On the first day of Term Two:
 - a. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder; or
 - b. Be a temporary foster parent; and
 - c. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

As part of the CSEF package, prep parents are entitled to a 2025 prep uniform package.

Applications for the Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package are open now. You are welcome to submit your application form, order form and health care card to the school office now.

Please note: Application close at the end of Term 1 and vouchers have an expiry which must be redeemed before the expiration date.

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package.

UPDATE FOR FAMILIES.

Applications for the Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package are now open.

What you need to know.

Who is SSR?

State Schools' Relief (SSR) is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. We provide assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms, footwear and range of other essential educational items.

Introduction to Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Through government funding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more, or to apply for assistance, please refer to the [Department of Education website](#).

SSR offers two uniform packages every year to all Prep families/carers eligible for CSEF funding.

Prep 2025 Summer Uniform Package for CSEF recipients

Prep students for 2025 that are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for this uniform package and/or voucher.

What's in the package?

The Prep 2025 summer package contains the following items:

Tops x 2 pcs (i.e., polo shirts / school dress)
Bottoms x 2 pcs (i.e., shorts / skorts / trackpants)
Outerwear x 1 pce (i.e., windcheater / bomber jacket / polar fleece jacket)
Socks x 2 pairs
Shoes x 1 pair

Please note:

- a) PE items are not included as part of this package
- b) Shoes must be requested in UK sizes (please see our [shoe size conversion chart here](#))

Cost to families

Where State Schools' Relief is unable to provide a uniform item directly that contains a logo (due to contractual agreements with uniform retailers) you will receive a voucher for \$85 that subsidises the cost of the items. The voucher can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop or independent uniform retailer.

Please note: vouchers do have an expiry date and must be used before this date.

How do I apply for the Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package?

Applications are made through your child's school. Please refrain from contacting State Schools' Relief directly as staff are unable to accept applications directly from parents/families. Should you have any questions, or wish to apply for assistance, please speak directly with your child's school.

How do I receive the uniform package?

1. All items and/or vouchers provided by SSR will be delivered directly to your child's school. The school will then contact you to arrange handover of these items and/or vouchers.
2. The voucher will advise whether you collect items from the school uniform shop or a retailer. If it's a retailer, please check with your school to find out the nearest store.

Please note:

Vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. State Schools' Relief does not make cash payments to schools or parents/families.

What you need to do.

Your child's school will be in contact with you regarding the 2025 Summer Uniform Package. Please fill out the 'Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package Order Form' and return it to the school in order for them to submit the application.



CANTEEN

To order from the Canteen, please visit the Stir Crazy Kids website [here](#) and follow the instructions to download the App on iPhone Apple store or Google play store.



MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL



TERM 1 2025

CANTEEN MENU



TUMMY TEASERS

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

☺☺	Orange 1/4	.60c
☺☺	Slinky Apple	\$1.50c
☺☺	Slice of Fruit in Season	\$1.50c
☺	Mini Muffin	\$1.50c
☺	Anzac Biscuit	\$1.50c
☺	Gluten Free cookie	\$1.80c
☺☺	Garlic Bread	.60c
☺	Jumpys (Chicken/Salt&Vin)	\$1.20
☺	Veggie Chips (Gluten Free)	\$2.30
☺	Grain Waves	\$2.30
☺☺	Large Pop Corn	\$2.30
	Small pop corn	\$1.00
☺	Ginger Bread People	\$3.00
☺☺	Vaalie Yoghurt Tubs— 100ml Tropical, Mixed berries, Blueberry, Lemon Crème, Passionfruit & Vanilla Available fresh or Frozen	\$2.00
☺☺	Quelch—Frozen Fruit Icy Pole	\$1.00

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



LAVAZZA

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

PH 0405110407

DRINKS

☺☺	Juice Box 250ml— Apple /Orange Apple & Blackcurrant	\$2.80
☺	Oak Milk 300ml	
	Choc / Straw & Van Breaker	\$3.50
☺☺	Plain Milk	\$3.50
☺☺	Lactose Free Choc Milk	\$3.50
☺	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

- ☺☺ Sushi Rolls with Carrot & Cucumber
Serving size 2x1/2 Rolls Choose from:
Tuna, Chicken, Honey Soy Chicken
Or Avocado \$7.00
2x Soy Sauce fish .30

TASTY TUESDAY

- ☺☺ Beef or vegie Burger \$6.50
Add Cheese \$1.00
With burger or tomato sauce .30ea

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

- ☺ Steamed Dim Sims \$1.50
Gluten Free \$1.80
Soy sauce .10c

FANCY FRIDAY

- ☺ Hot Dog or Vegan sausage
In a white long roll \$5.80
Add Cheese \$1.00
Lactose free cheese \$1.50
Vegan Cheese \$1.50
Tom BBQ sauce or mustard .30ea

SPECIAL MEAL DEAL

Include an Oak Milk or Plain Milk for \$3.30

Add a Slinky Apple, Anzac or a Mini Muffin for 1.30 each

RIGHT-ON-WRAPS

Mon -Thurs

Tortilla Style Wrap with your choice of:

- ☺☺ Cheese & Salad \$6.80
- ☺☺ Ham & Salad \$7.80
- ☺☺ Chicken & Salad \$7.80
- ☺☺ Tuna & Salad \$7.80

Add cheese for .50. Lactose free cheese \$1.50 or avocado for \$1.50

SUPER SALAD BOWL

Mon -Thurs



- ☺☺ Super Salad Bowl \$6.20

Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber & Cheese

Add Chicken, Ham, Tuna, Egg, or Avocado \$1.50

Lactose free cheese \$1.50c

HOT ITEMS ANY DAY

- ☺☺ Crispy Chicken Tender \$2.50
- ☺☺ Penne Pasta with Cheese \$5.80
(Available Gluten Free) \$6.80
- ☺☺ Mini Corn Cob \$1.50
- ☺☺ Hard Boiled Egg \$1.50
- ☺☺ Chicken Zoomer with cheese \$6.80
- ☺☺ Tuna, Chicken or Ham Melt
Toasted with Corn & cheese \$6.00
- ☺☺ Pita Pizzas Margarita \$4.50
Garlic & Cheese \$4.50
Cheese & Vegemite \$4.50
Ham & Cheese \$5.00
BBQ Chicken \$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 \$3.20
- ☺ Honey \$3.20
- ☺☺ Cheese \$3.80
- ☺☺ Cheese & Vegemite \$4.20
- ☺☺ Cheese & Lettuce \$4.80
- ☺☺ Cheese & Tomato \$4.80
- ☺☺ Egg & Lettuce \$5.20
- ☺☺ Fresh Chicken \$4.80
- ☺☺ Fresh Chicken & Salad \$6.80
- ☺☺ Ham \$4.80
- ☺☺ Ham & Salad \$6.80
- ☺☺ Ham & Cheese \$5.80

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 \$3.20
- ☺☺ Cheese \$3.80
- ☺☺ Ham \$4.80
- ☺☺ Ham & Cheese \$5.80
- ☺☺ Chicken & Cheese \$5.80
- ☺☺ Cheese & Vegemite \$4.20
- ☺☺ Cheese & Tomato \$4.80
- ☺☺ Ham, Cheese & tomato \$6.80

Substitute with lactose free or Vegan Cheese for \$1.00

Order online Details PTO

Compass



Compass

Mt Eliza Primary School uses Compass as our main communication and administration portal. It is used to streamline many school operations, from attendance, communication, event management and reporting.

Parents can download the Compass App on iOS and Android devices and then search for Compass School Manager. Then search for **Mt Eliza Primary School (not Mount Eliza Primary)**.

Using the App parents can:

- View news feed
- Timetable and calendar
- Send and receive messages
- Consent and pay for events and excursions (No excursion payments taken at the office)
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Add attendance notes for absences
- View academic reports



PTA



Mt Eliza Primary School parents/carers are invited to be a member of the PTA, which is the main social group and fund-raising arm of the school. Working in co-operation with the Principal and School Council, the PTA's aims and objectives are to:

- contribute to the wellbeing of the school community
- encourage the participation of all parents in the life of the school and the education of their children
- provide opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about their child's school
- provide opportunities for parents to extend their understanding of school operations, and general education policy
- contribute to proposals on school policy and other educational issues (as identified or discussed with the Principal or School Council)
- raise funds for the benefit of the school

The PTA organise a variety of events throughout the year to provide funds for equipment or facilities that the school would not otherwise have and some events are purely social. The PTA Annual General Meeting is held in Term 1, when the new Committee is elected. Meetings are held each month, and all parents are invited to attend.

You can be involved with PTA on an ongoing basis, or with a once-only event. Whatever your preference, there will be many opportunities for you to help and, when you help, you are benefiting your School and therefore your child. For more information email pta.mteliza.ps@gmail.com.

PARKING AT SCHOOL AND ROAD SAFETY

There are many places available to park for families who are wanting to drop off or park and walk their child/children into school. The service road entrance on Wooralla Drive, St James the Less Church, Mt Eliza Way or streets leading off Mt Eliza Way are all viable parking options (**please do not park in the staff car park use the Vet car park**). For the safety of students, please observe parking signs. There is also a car park at the back of the school on the corner of Nepean Highway and Canadian Bay Road.

Parents should be aware of the many parking restrictions surrounding the school. There are three main types of parking restrictions that apply during school drop off and pick up hours. The slip road is not part of the school and is managed by the Mornington Peninsula Shire and as such, infringement notices can be issued for disobeying the signs, double parking or dangerously crossing the road.

Students are supervised at the front and in the grounds of the school in the morning from 8.30am until 8.45am and in the afternoon from 3.15pm to 3.30pm. Please park your car correctly and collect your child/ren from the front of the school. Do not beckon your child across the road to your car. Children must not run between parked cars.

There are three designated parking areas in the Wooralla Drive service road:



Kiss and go

Kiss and Go is a No Parking area where you can pull in and either drop off or collect your children. The line marking is painted red to match the sign. N.B. No Parking means you can stop (for only 2 minutes) but not get out of your car.



Wait A While

This zone has a 15 minute parking restriction with orange line marking to match the sign



Stop and Chat

This is the area for All Day parking and has green line marking painted to match the signs.

The service road area is not a car park: it is a registered thoroughfare. Parking is only permitted in the marked bays. A stationary car with the engine running and driver present, waiting for a parking bay to become vacant, is considered illegally parked as it is not against the curb. Please do not double park. Offenders are regularly ticketed by Shire Parking Officers.

PARENT HANDBOOK

A copy of the 2025 Mt Eliza Parent Handbook is available to view or download on the school website [here](https://mtelizaps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/MEPS-Parent-Handbook-2025.pdf)
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Mt Eliza Primary School



PARENT HANDBOOK

Discover how Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) can support your family!

Your OSHC.

Before School
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Pupil Free Days



Virtual Info Sessions!

Join our upcoming virtual info session to learn about our programs, including the activities we offer, the benefits for children and parents, and how OSHC can fit seamlessly into your family's routine.



Learn more about our program and what's on in Term 1. Get details on registration, bookings, subsidies and more.

Monday	7:00pm	Tuesday
10 Feb		18 Feb
2025		2025

Reserve your spot now



Monday
10 Feb



Tuesday
18 Feb

www.campastralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions



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campastralia.com.au

Missed the sessions?

Visit your school's friendly coordinator or email us at: osho@campastralia.com.au



BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1 OUT NOW!

Book Club is back for 2025! Catalogues will be sent home with students this week and there are some extra copies at the office.

All sales earn our school Scholastic rewards to go towards new books and resources for our library.

Please place orders online through Book Club loop by **Tuesday, February 11th:**

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

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Thank you for your support,
Carina Thomas
Book Club Co-ordinator

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Brief Support Program



Family Life's **Brief Support Program** is over the phone, voluntary and free of charge. We offer short-term early intervention support to empower parents and carers with the tools and resources to navigate family challenges.

How we can support your family

1. Assessment and Information:

Our Brief Support Practitioners can provide your family with advice and resources around parenting infants, children and adolescents, to better understand their development, behaviours, and how to implement successful routines and boundaries.

2. Linkage into relevant ongoing services:

We will work alongside you and your family at this earlier stage, to identify and provide support around what is happening for you and impacting your household. We can link you in with relevant immediate or ongoing services to manage challenges, build on your family's strengths and increase your community networks.

Eligibility

- Families residing within the Baylands Peninsula region.
- Your family is **not** currently being supported by a Family Services Case Manager, DEPH Child Protection or a Family Violence Case Manager.
- Your household is the primary carer of a young person under 18 years of age. (If your child does not live with you, please contact us to discuss further)

If you require support for more complex challenges (such as current family violence, high risk mental health concerns or concerns around physical and sexual abuse) please contact The Orange Door on 1800 619 858.

How to Refer

Visit our website and search 'Brief Support Program' or Click this [link to complete our Request for Support form](#). Under 'Get Support' select 'Parent and Family', then select 'Brief Family Support'. If you are a professional referring a family, please ensure to add the parent/s and their child/s details into the referral form.



For further information please contact:

☎ (08) 8899 8488 or ✉ briefsupport@familylife.com.au www.familylife.com.au



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