MEPS Newsletter

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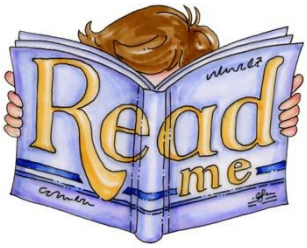
Term 1, Week 4 2025 – 21st February 2025



DIARY

Term 1 2025

FEBRUARY 2025		
Friday	21	Senior Summer Lightning Prem - Bowls Coaching 2M Nature play – beach program
Wednesday	26	School Tour 9.30am Year 4 Oz Harvest Cooking Program
Thursday	27	URSTRONG Day of Friendship Workshops (Prep, Yr 1, 2, 3 & 4)
Friday	28	Senior Summer Lightning Premiership - Bowls Coaching 2P Nature Play – Beach program
MARCH 2025		
Monday	3	Yr 5 Beach (Water & Safety) Program – Day 1
Tuesday	4	Yr 6 Beach (Water & Safety) Program – Day 1
Wednesday	5	Yr 4 Beach (Water & Safety) Program – Day 1 School Tour 9.30am
Thursday	6	Yr 4 Beach (Water & Safety) Program – Day 2
Friday	7	2W Nature Play – Beach program Yr 5 & Yr 6 Beach (Water & Safety) Programs – Day 2
Monday	10	Labour Day Public Holiday (no students required at school)
Tuesday	11	Curriculum Day (no students required at school)
Wednesday	12	Year 4 Oz Harvest Cooking Program
Friday	14	Senior Summer Lightning Prem - Bowls Coaching
Monday	17	Cyber Safety Project Incursion (Yr 2, 4 6)
Tuesday	18	Cyber Safety Project Incursion (Yr 1, 3 5)
Wednesday	19	School Tour 9.30am
Thursday	20	Prep 2026 Information Evening 6pm & Twilight Tour 5.30pm
Wednesday	26	Year 4 Oz Harvest Cooking Program
Friday	28	Cyber Safety Project Incursion (Prep)
APRIL 2025		
Friday	4	Final day of Term 1

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 the 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 Coordinator

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 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 – MICHELLE WRIGLEY

Dear parents and carers,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I introduce myself as the new Acting Principal of Mt Eliza Primary School. Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the hard work of Mr Darren Thresher and the leadership team in getting the 2025 school year off to a fabulous start.

As I step into this new role, I wanted to share a little bit about myself so we can get to know each other better. I have been married for 20 years to my amazing husband and together, we have two incredible teenage boys who keep us busy. In my downtime, I love eating out with friends and family and exploring different restaurants and cafes around town. Staying active is also important to me and I love my weekly gym classes. I am a huge “Swiftie” — not only does her music bring me joy but I admire the way Taylor spreads kindness and is a fantastic role model for young people. When I'm not belting out my favourite Taylor Swift songs in my car, you can usually find me with my nose buried in a good book. I absolutely love to read and escape into all the different worlds books open up to us.

With over 22 years of experience in education, I am honoured and grateful to take on this opportunity and contribute to this wonderful school community. I believe our students deserve a learning environment where they feel valued, challenged and supported. With the encouragement of our amazing staff and the partnership of our families, I’m looking forward to working together to continue building a nurturing, safe and engaging environment where our students are empowered to reach their full potential. I am eager to meet each of you and to embark on this wonderful journey together. I would love to hear from you and learn more about how we can make this school year the best one yet! Thank you for welcoming me into the MEPS family. Here’s to exciting times ahead filled with growth, learning and new friendships!

Warm regards,

Michelle Wrigley

Acting Principal

APPROVALS PROCESS FOR ALLIED HEALTH THERAPIES AT SCHOOL

At Mt Eliza Primary School we are continually reviewing and evaluating our learning programs in the pursuit of excellence. To ensure responsible management of allied health services, we have an approvals process to maintain our child safe obligations and consider the impacts on all students’ learning. To be considered for onsite therapy access, please follow the outlined steps below.

- ***Step 1: Request Information- Parents and carers consent form.***

  Parents provide details regarding the student, therapist and proposed therapy.

- ***Step 2: School Council NDIS Funded Therapy License form and child safety agreement.***

  Therapist signs and returns school licensing agreement and provides all additional requested documentation.

- ***Step 3: Assessment of therapy request***

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  Once we have received completed documentation, our inclusion team will assess our ability to accommodate your therapy request. Key considerations include but are not limited to: impacts on curriculum delivery, availability of appropriate facilities, suggested dates/times and the nature of the therapy provided. Please note, our duty of care requires staff supervision of allied health professionals, and all approved therapies will need to take place in a safe and suitable location that can be overseen by a staff member. Final decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis and considering all relevant factors. The school will endeavour to respond to the request within 10 business days. The school reserves the right to review and request changes to allied health school access at any time.

New requests will be assessed in due course. Should you have further questions about allied health access at school, please contact Cathy O'Toole our Disability and Inclusion Leader Catherine.OToole@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,

Darren Thresher

Assistant Principal

A MESSAGE FROM AMY HILLE

Dear Mt Eliza Primary School Community,

It has been an absolute privilege so far this year to wander around the school every morning to visit our classrooms in my role as Acting Assistant Principal. It's been wonderful to see engaged students in calm and focused learning environments, settling into their routines and building positive connections with their peers, teachers and the broader school community.

Our Parent-Teacher Connect meetings were overall a great success, and we would like to thank our dedicated staff for their professionalism and knowledge of their students. We also extend our gratitude to families for taking the time to connect with staff, share valuable insights and to discuss meaningful academic and social goals for their child's future. These meetings are invaluable in strengthening our home-school partnerships and ensuring the best possible learning journey for every student.

There has been a real buzz around the school these last few weeks as students have embarked on a range of exciting incursions and excursions. Our senior students have begun training for the Summer Lightning Sports Premiership, demonstrating teamwork and enthusiasm as they prepare for upcoming matches. I was also fortunate to attend part of the launch into our Senior School Endeavour Program at the *Survival & Camouflage* excursion to Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve. It was inspiring to witness students showing resilience as they stepped out of their comfort zones, tackled challenges and supported each other through new experiences such as covering themselves with mud! We have also had the excitement of welcoming our Acting Principal, Michelle Wrigley, who has already been a warm and positive presence around the school, connecting with staff, students and families.

Meanwhile, our Prep students have completed their first full week of school and it has been heartwarming to see their confidence grow as they form connections with their peers, teachers and families. They even got to purchase their first icy pole this week!

Our PTA held their first meeting of the year and the strong sense of community spirit was evident. We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing efforts—not only for their financial contributions to the school but also for the events they organise, strengthening the bond between families, school and the wider community. There are so many exciting events planned for the year ahead, so if you have a moment of time, knowledge or any connections you are willing to contribute towards each cause or event, please do.

Looking ahead, we have some fantastic events coming up, including the Cyber Safety Project incursion for Years 1-6 students and the URSTRONG Day of Friendship for Years Prep-4, where students will engage in activities to build strong, positive relationships with their peers. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students participate in their Beach Program, enjoying outdoor learning experiences that foster teamwork and resilience. Additionally, our Year 1 and 2 students will participate in their Nature Immersion Program, exploring the natural world and deepening their connection with the environment. These opportunities provide rich and engaging learning experiences and we are excited to see our students embrace them with enthusiasm.

We would also like to remind families about the Class Coordinator and Contact Details event via Compass. This is a simple and effective way for you to share your preferred contact details with other families within your child's class, making it easier to arrange playdates and year-level events. Our Class Coordinators work together to help support our school and enjoy organising class or year-level gatherings outside of school. We encourage families to participate, as these connections enrich both the student and parent experience at MEPS.

Additionally, we want to highlight the importance of Photo Permissions. Where possible, we encourage families to select the "School Only" option. This allows your child to have photos taken of their work and of themselves participating in school activities, which can then be shared in portfolios at the end of the year, displayed in the classroom or shared within the school grounds like our Office. Please be aware that students without photo

permission will be asked to step out of these moments, so we appreciate your understanding as we respect individual choices.

At last week's assembly, we congratulated our first Value Award winners, who were recognised for demonstrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Challenge and Connectedness. I wonder if we will see a Resilience Award presented at our next assembly! For a list of our award winners, please see the table at the end of this article.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the MEPS community for your support during my time as Acting Assistant Principal. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I am grateful for the collaboration, kindness and commitment shown by staff, students and families. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Darren Thresher and Michelle Wrigley for the remainder of this term as Leading Teacher, supporting our wonderful school in fostering a positive and engaging learning environment for all.

Kind regards,

Amy Hille.

Week 3: School Values Award Recipients			
1F	De Cheng	4A	Judah E
1R	Charlie A	4B	Edwina C
1S	Sonny P	4C	Ava S-L
2M	Mikayla R	5D	Archie T
2P	Cody D	5T	Asher C
2W	Stalla M	6B	Cooper R
3H	Ella C	6T	Ophelia C
3M	Thomas B	SNR	5T and 5D
3N	Genevieve W	LOTE	2M
STEM	2W and 3M	ART	
		MDD	

SENIOR ENDEAVOUR PROGRAM SURVIVAL AND CAMOUFLAGE

On Monday and Tuesday, the Year 5 students went on an exciting excursion to the Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve as part of the Endeavour program. We ventured beyond our comfort zones, completing multiple activities and we had far too much fun for a school day! ***(Frazier H)***

SHELTER BUILDING

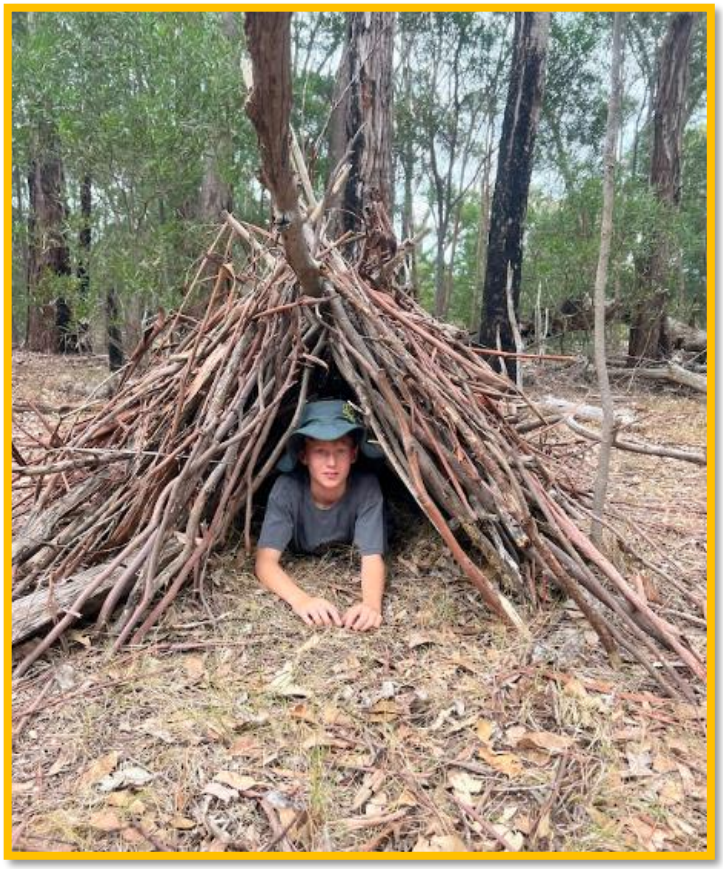
One of the first things we did was explore the local environment and discover the vital skills needed to survive in nature. We learned about the four key elements of survival, with shelter being the most important. We worked in groups to build shelters using natural materials like sticks, bark and leaves. This was a really fun and hands on task that took strong teamwork and communication. We were really proud of our survival shelter that looked similar to the ones you can see in the images above. They had to be big enough to fit one human in lying down but small enough to stay warm in the elements. ***(Harley D)***

CAMOUFLAGE / CAPTURE THE FLAG

We then explored the art of camouflage, which is basically blending into your surroundings, using natural elements of the land. Basically, we got REALLY MUDDY! The teachers encouraged us to connect to the world around us, reminding us of how important it is to observe and respect nature. We made mud from dirt and water and then covered ourselves as much as we felt comfortable. Then, the real fun began as we played a competitive game of Capture the flag in the woods which was my favourite part! We had to hide our teams flag and try to stay camouflaged as we tried to find and steal the opposite teams' flag instead. There was a lot of laughter and competitiveness and luckily each team came home with a win! ***(Darcy R)***

As you can tell, we all had an awesome time and the lucky Grade 6's get to do the same thing next week. In this excursion we didn't just learn survival skills, we also learned about the importance of teamwork, persistence and problem-solving. We faced lots of different challenges and all emerged stronger and more confident at the end.

A big congratulations to all the Year 5 students who took part. You truly embraced this term's challenge to "venture beyond your comfort zone" and we hope the rest of you are excited to face challenges like we did in the future. ***(Ava K)***



SCHOOL SAVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

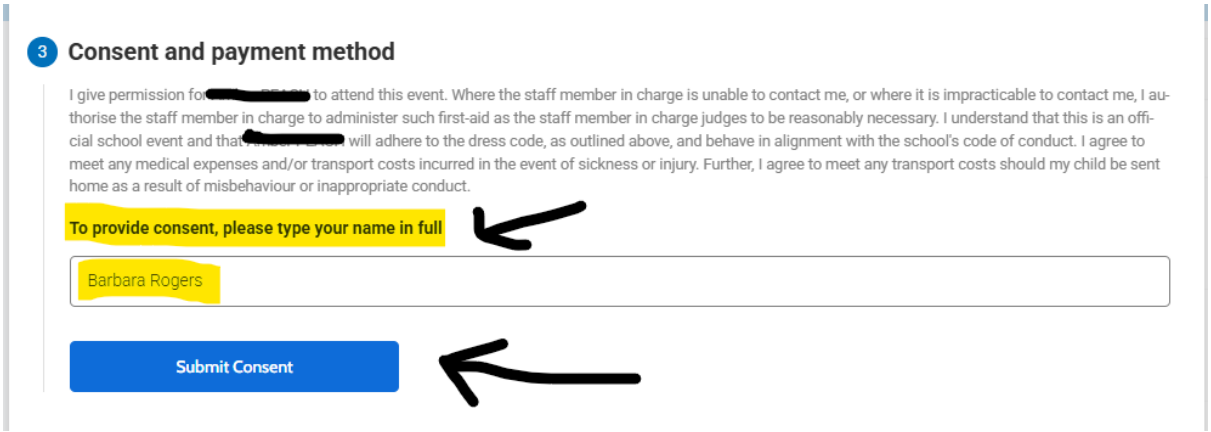
We understand that there has been confusion about the School Saving Bonus and the interim solution we have suggested to help.

Please read this carefully!

If you would like to use your SSB for activities/excursions NOW, you will need to allocate all or part of the balance to activities – please refer to page 6 of the attached guide for instructions.

In Compass, some parents/carers have the option of using CSEF/credit/SSB for an activity by selecting a tick box. Apparently not all parents have this choice appear. We have highlighted this problem with Compass, and we are waiting on their advice that this problem has been rectified or the option of a SSB box added.

In the interim, **(after you have allocated the SSB to activities)** if you cannot use the tick box on Compass, we will need you to go to **"consent and pay"** and type your name in full, then select – **"submit consent".** See the graphic below. This will then identify that you have given permission for your child to attend and that we should allocate the SSB for payment. Once you have consented on compass please send an email to ssb@mtelizaps.vic.edu.au with the following details – Child's name, Name of excursion/Incursion and the cost.



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

Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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.

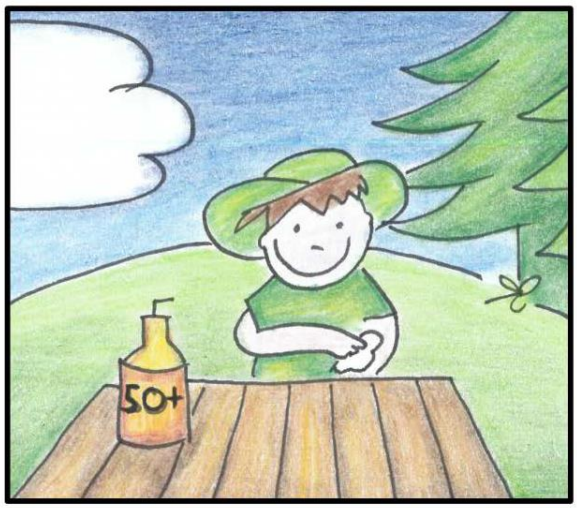
The **Compass Parent Guide** can be viewed or downloaded from the school website here.

UPDATE STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Thank you to the families who have already returned their **Student Emergency Contact** details forms which were sent home at the start of Term.

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.

CSEF

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

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PREP 2025 CSEF PACKAGE

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    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.

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

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.

State Schools' Relief Ltd | 1/8 Johnston Court, Dandenong South VIC 3175 | contact@ssr.net.au | 03 8769 8400 | stateschoolsrelief.org.au

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

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 Saftey Regulations all Paper Bags must be new

Stir Crazy Kids .com.au

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CANTEEN MENU

Nutritional Guide

All The Food in this Canteen Menu has be 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

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
☺	Vegie Chips (Gluten Free)	$2.30
☺	Grain Waves	$2.30
☺☺	Large Pop Corn	$2.30
	Small pop corn	$1.00
☺	Ginger Bread People	$3.00
☺☺	Vaalia Yoghurt Tubs— 100ml Tropical, Mixed berries, Blueberry, Lemon Crème, Passionfruit & Vanilla Available fresh or Frozen	$2.00
☺☺	Quelch—Frozen Fruit Icy Pole	$1.00

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 .$1.00c. 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

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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. Next PTA meeting

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. There is also a car park at the back of the school on the corner of Nepean Highway and Canadian Bay Road.

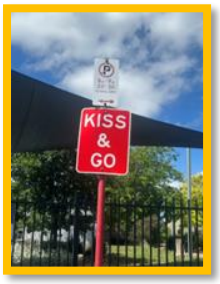
There is no visitor parking in the staff car park, therefore as a duty of care and due to a safety concerns please **do not walk through the staff car park**.

For the safety of students, please observe parking signs

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.

SCHOOL TOURS AND PREP 2026 ENROLMENTS

To start primary school in 2026, your child will need to **turn 5 years old by 30 April 2026.** Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.

Prep (Foundation) application for enrolment can be completed between the **22 April and the 25 July 2025**.

How do I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

1. Find your local school on the findmyschool.vic.gov.au website, which hosts the most up-to-date information about Victorian school zones. This will be updated from 22 April 2025.
2. Click to download the Prep (Foundation) enrolment information pack here. *(The pack will be available by Tuesday 22 April 2025 and will include an application form*).
3. Click to download the Factsheet for Prep (Foundation) enrolment 2026 here
4. Submit an enrolment application for Prep (Foundation) by **Friday, 25 July 2025.**
5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between **Monday 28 July** and **Friday 8 August 2025.** If you receive an offer, you should accept the offer by **Friday 22 August 2025.**
6. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4 2025.
7. Your child will start Prep (Foundation) from a date advised by our school, in 2025.

School tours can now be booked online here https://www.trybooking.com/CZEWR

2026 Prep Information Evening and Twilight tour can be booked online here
https://www.trybooking.com/CZKLV

Timeline for 2025-26

2025 Dates	Activity
Term 2: Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Friday 4 July 2025	
Terms 1 and 2, 2025	Primary schools conduct tours, information sessions and other activities for families seeking Foundation (Prep) enrolment for their child for 2026.
By the start of Term 2, 2025	School zones for the 2026 school year go live on findmyschool.vic.gov.au Parents and carers should go to findmyschool.vic.gov.au to locate their designated neighbourhood school (local school) for 2026. The Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers is available to download from Enrolling in Foundation (Prep).
From Week 1, Term 2 2025	Primary schools may distribute the Enrolment Information Packs to prospective families and their local community.
From Week 1, Term 2, 2025	**Enrolment applications open** – parents and carers submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school from this date.
Term 3: Monday 21 July 2025 – Friday 19 September 2025	
By Friday 25 July 2025	**Enrolment applications due** – parents and carers submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school by this date.
Between Monday 28 July and Friday 8 August 2025	Primary schools notify parents and carers in writing of Foundation (Prep) enrolment outcomes, as per the department's Placement Policy. This may include a letter of offer, a letter confirming enrolment, or an unsuccessful application letter. Parents and carers sent an unsuccessful application letter may start submitting a written appeal to the primary school.
By Friday 22 August 2025	Parents and carers sent a letter of offer indicate acceptance of their child's place by this date.
By Friday 22 August 2025	**Closing date** for parents and carers to submit a written appeal to a primary school.
By Friday 5 September 2025	Primary schools notify all parents and carers, in writing, of the outcome of their appeal by this date.
By Friday 19 September 2025	**Closing date** for parents and carers to submit a written appeal with the relevant Regional Director, where they have been unsuccessful with their appeal to the primary school.
Term 4: Monday 6 October 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025	
During Term 4, 2025	Primary schools host transition sessions.
By Friday 31 October 2025	Regions notify all parents and carers in writing of the outcome of Regional Director appeals by this date. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Friday 19 September 2025.

PARENT HANDBOOK

A copy of the 2025 Mt Eliza Parent Handbook is available to view or download on the school website here.

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

Updated 24 January 2025

TEAM VIC INFORMATION SHEET 2025

The School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic representative program provides an opportunity for Victoria's emerging student athletes to challenge themselves against Australia's best school aged athletes across numerous sports at the annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships.

SSV coordinate the selection process for Team Vic teams in partnership with relevant state sporting organisations. Depending on the sport and team, the selection process involves either:

- Progressive or conference model
- State trial/s
- Results from event/s
- Based on rankings/results or talent identification program

To be eligible for selection, students must:

- Be a full-time student that attends school regularly with a School Sport Victoria member school;
- Have their selection in the team endorsed by their school Principal;
- Not be suspended / banned from competing in interschool, community/club or representative sport;
- Be available to attend selection trials and training sessions; and
- Meet the costs of participation.

Students registering for trials are indicating that they will be available for all stages of the trial process. For information on the sports and teams participating in the SSA Championships, please refer to the individual Team Vic sport pages on the SSV website.

REGISTRATIONS

All students must register to trial for Team Vic via the registration link on each Team Vic sport page. The registration dates for each sport can be found on the Team Vic Sport and Registrations Key Dates page.

Registration information for other teams will be published closer to the time of registrations opening through the SSV website, and may be published on social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram, and the SSV eNews. Please note the following:

- A fee of $35.00 applies to each sport registration;
- There is no late registration period for any sport in 2025;

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- It is the responsibility of the student/parent/carer, to check the SSV website for opening and closing dates for registrations;
- The registration opening and closing dates will differ for each team; and
- Registration confirmation will come from GameDay and not SSV.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

The team selection process varies amongst sports - generally, eligible students must be of a particular age. The table below outlines the age-based eligibility and is calculated as of 31st December in the year of competition (except where other specific age eligibility is applied for 18 Years & Under Tennis):

	Age										
Sport	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**
Aquathlon	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Australian Football	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Baseball	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Basketball	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
Bowls	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Cricket	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Cross Country	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Diving	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Football	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Golf	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Hockey	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Netball	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Rugby League	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Softball	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Swimming	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tennis	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Touch Football	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N

Sport	Age 9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Track and Field	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Triathlon	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Volleyball	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N

CONDUCT

Both SSV and SSA have Codes of Conduct to ensure a positive experience throughout the trial process and Championship events. It is imperative that all participants are familiar with these expectations as well as the consequences of breaching the codes prior to participating in the trials or in Championship events.

SELECTION PROGRESSION AND TEAM ANNOUNCMENTS

Trialists will be notified as to whether they have progressed to the next selection stage generally within a week of the trial(s) concluding. If it has been more than a week and you have not received notification, please contact a member of the National Programs Team at SSV.

Team Vic teams will be announced via the SSV website generally within 7 business days of the final trial.

MULTICLASS

Information regarding multiclass events, classification, scoring and sporting opportunities is available on the Multiclass page on the SSV website.

PARTICIPATION COSTS

Participation in SSV Team Vic representative teams is fully self-funded, so families will be required to meet the costs of their child being a member of a team. Such costs include host state and administration levies, training and team equipment costs, uniform, transport, accommodation, and meals.

Please note, a parent/carer is required to travel with their child to the SSA Championship and be primarily responsible for the supervision of their child outside of official SSA Championship activities.

SSV can provide some indicative costs to help families budget and meet the costs of participation. The cost of the SSA Championships host state and administration levies

and Team Vic uniform is approximately $1400.00 per student. All costs associated with travel, accommodation and meals for a student and parent/carer will be in addition to the costs above. These costs will vary and depend upon the location and timing of the Championship and are the responsibility of the parent/carer.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Information regarding the various financial support options available can be found on the Financial Assistance page on the SSV website.

The main fundraising approach available to families is the Australian Sports Foundation, which provides an online platform to assist with the costs of participating in the SSA Championships. The platform enables enable prospective sponsors, schools, community clubs, families and friends to assist with your fundraising efforts.

Furthermore, the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund grants $1000.00 scholarships to emerging athletes facing financial hardship. Athletes aged 10-18 years old who have been selected to represent their state, territory or Australia are eligible to apply on their website.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In the first instance, please refer to the Team Vic FAQs page.

For further information about Region-level trial queries related to the following teams, please contact your Primary Region Coordinator:

- 12 Years and Under Australian Football– Boys
- 12 Years and Under, Basketball - Boys and Girls
- 12 Years and Under Cricket – Boys
- 12 Years and Under Football (Soccer) – Boys
- 12 Years and Under Netball – Girls

If you are unsure who that is, visit the SSV website, click on the Region icon, select Primary and then your region.

For Conference or State trial queries, please contact a member of the National Programs Team at SSV.

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To
Mt Eliza Primary Earlyact Club

February 4th, 2025

Our club was so excited to hear from Carolyn about all the amazing collecting you've been doing for our Toothpaste+ project! I'm so glad your club decided to put in the extra effort to support our community on the Mornington Peninsula and help us in Peninsula Rotaract give back to those doing it tough with the cost of living.

The Toothpaste+ project began because I was concerned about a lack of access to hygiene products in community support centres across the Peninsula. Being a regular volunteer at the Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre myself, I know first-hand how much locals rely on these important initiatives, and how there's never enough stock to meet the demand.

To me, the Toothpaste+ project is evidence of what we can achieve when people from all walks of life come together as one and contribute our time towards something even greater than ourselves.

It was only with your commitment to this cause that we were able to collect a grand total of 1,181 individual hygiene items worth over $3,500 in value - all going towards the Rosebud and Mornington Community Support Centres to help people in need throughout the Peninsula.

We're super grateful for what you were able to help us achieve; but rest assured this project is not over. This milestone is but the first of many positive achievements we aim to reach through our Toothpaste+ project. From here on, we will be working with pharmacies across Frankston & the Mornington Peninsula to collect spare hygiene products and working with more schools and clubs to reach even greater outcomes.

You were able to exceed the expectations of not just myself, but of our entire club. You should be proud of yourselves - we look forward to working with your club in the near future.

Thank you again for the support, and I'd love the chance to meet you all in person sometime soon!

Lily Setnik
President
Peninsula Rotaract Club Inc.

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MORNINGTON NETBALL CLUB

Limited spots are available for the 2025 netball season!

We are still filling teams in all age groups, from **U9 Beginners*** to **U18s.**

Everyone is welcome—from beginners to experienced players. Our players come from various local schools. We are a fun, inclusive club with fantastic coaches.

If your child wants to be part of a team, now is the time to sign up!

* U9B must be 7 years old.

Email us for more information at:
Morningtonnetballclub1@outlook.com

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