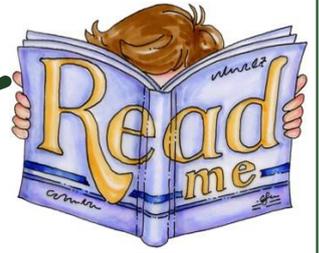




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Term 1, Week 10 2025 – 4 April 2025

DIARY

TERM 1 - 2025

APRIL

Friday	4	Last Day of Term 1 – Finish @ 2.30pm
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TERM 2 – 2025

Tuesday	22	First day of Term 2
Wednesday	23	Year 6B Mt Eliza House Year 6T Aged Care
Friday	25	Public Holiday – Anzac Day – No students required at school
Tuesday	29	Year 1 Moonlight Sanctuary 2M Manyung Nature Play
Wednesday	30	Year 6B Aged Care Year 6T Mt Eliza House
Wed - Fri	30-2 May	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

MAY

Monday	5	2W Manyung Nature Play
Tuesday	6	2P Manyung Nature Play Year 3 Stand Tall Incursion
Wednesday	7	Year 6B Mt Eliza House Year 6T Aged Care
Friday	9	Year 6 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
Tuesday	13	Year 3 Stand Tall Incursion
Wednesday	14	Year 6B Aged Care Year 6T Mt Eliza House
Tuesday	20	Year 3 Stand Tall Incursion
Wednesday	21	Year 6B Mt Eliza House Year 6T Aged Care
Tuesday	27	Year 3 Stand Tall Incursion
Wednesday	28	Year 6B Aged Care Year 6T Mt Eliza House

JUNE

Wednesday	4	Year 6B Mt Eliza House Year 6T Aged Care
Friday	6	Curriculum day – No students required at school
Monday	9	Public holiday - King's Birthday – No students required at school
Wednesday	11	Year 6B Aged Care Year 6T Mt Eliza House

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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.
FCW School Uniform Shop only accepts CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.

Zoe Grey – zoemgrey25@gmail.com
Uniform Shop Coordinator

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours

During Term 2, the Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following Thursdays between **8:30 – 9:00AM**

Thursday 1 st May	Thursday 12 th June
Thursday 15 th May	Thursday 26 th June
Thursday 29 th May	

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 or online at www.campastralia.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!

ACTING PRINCIPAL REPORT – MICHELLE WRIGLEY



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this final report, it is with a mixture of emotions that I reflect on my time at Mt Eliza Primary School this term.

First School Council Meeting

This week we held our first School Council meeting of the 2025 school year with our newly formed Council, marking a significant step forward in enhancing the collaboration between staff, students, and parents. I would like to formally welcome our new parent members; Sabrina Males, Esther Edney, Krista Lenders, Anthea Patching and Az Stephenson and Community member, Rebecca Mattison as well as returning Department of Education members; Darren Thresher, Amy Hille and Amy Harris.

A special thank you and appreciation to our outgoing members; Chelsie Millar, Timothy Campbell, Matthew Hardacre, Bianca Dobson, Melanie Mills and outgoing School Council President, Dean Charge. On behalf of the school, we thank you for your service and support.

I am delighted to report the following Office Bearer positions were appointed for the 2025 school year:

- School Council President – Gary Howells
- Vice President – Az Stephenson
- Treasurer – Anthea Patching
- Secretary – Darren Thresher
- Assistant Secretary – Amy Hille

Term 1 Reflection

Term One is usually a busy time for schools and this term has been no different for the students and teachers of MEPS. Some of this term's events have included:

- F-2 Parent Phonics Information session
- Prep Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Curriculum Day
- School Photos
- Nature Explore & Nature Play Excursion
- Onsite Evacuation Rehearsal
- Beach Program
- Ozharvest
- URStrong Day of Friendship
- Cybersafety Incursion
- Yr 6 Summer Lightning Prem
- 2026 Foundation Information Evening

These activities and experiences are such important complements to the excellent learning that happens in our school every day, and I thank our teachers and leaders for their dedication and hard work in providing these positive learning opportunities.

New Principal Appointment

The following message was provided to the school community on Compass earlier this week:

Dear Parents and Carers of Mt Eliza PS,

I am writing to update you on the recent recruitment process to find a new Principal for Mt Eliza PS (MEPS).

After a thorough and merit-based recruitment process, I am delighted to announce that Michael Kent has been provisionally appointed the next Principal of MEPS.

Michael joins MEPS with a wealth of knowledge, having been a Primary School Principal for the past 15 years. Michael will be joining MEPS a few weeks into term 2, with a start date scheduled for Monday 12th May. Darren Thresher will step into the role as Acting Principal until Michael commences.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Michelle Wrigley who has been Acting Principal for the past two months. Michelle has done a wonderful job supporting staff and students commence the 2025 school year.

Lastly, my sincere thanks to the MEPS School Council who have supported the recruitment process.

Have a safe and restful term break.

*Andrew Schneider
Senior Education Improvement Leader
Bayside Peninsula Area
Department Education*

Farewell

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire school community for entrusting me with the role of Acting Principal. It has been a true honour to work alongside such dedicated staff, engaged students, and supportive families. Your warmth, collaboration, and commitment to our school's success made my time here a truly rewarding experience. Thank you all for your trust, support, and the opportunity to serve this incredible community. I look forward to hearing about all the great things that will continue to unfold here at Mt Eliza Primary School.

Kind regards,

Mrs Michelle Wrigley
Acting Principal

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

On Friday, March 21st all Year 6 students and a selection of Year 5 students competed against other schools in the district, for our Lightning Premiership.

Mr Darville and Mrs Westlake accompanied the A Boys, B Boys and A Girls cricket team across to Detmold Oval at The Peninsula School. The A team displayed quick reflexes on the field with some spectacular catches being made as a result of our skilful bowlers. They ended up placing second by 10 runs in their pool, to STM who ended up taking out the championship. The Boys B team were brilliant being undefeated in the 3 games they played. Considering they only had 6 players, the team did extremely well. The Girls A cricket team played spectacularly as a team of beginners, with lots of cheering and laughing. They were undefeated until the final where they finished as close Runners Up.

Mrs Hille and Jane (ES) accompanied the Tennis teams across to The Peninsula School also. The team's sportsmanship and skills made for a great day. The A Team did an amazing job with success in most matches. Unfortunately, they didn't make the finals as not having quite enough overall points.

Mrs Humphreys escorted the Lawn Bowls teams to Frankston Bowling Club where they showed off their skills all day. It was wonderful seeing the Mt Eliza Bowling Club volunteers, who had helped train the teams over the last few weeks, go down to support the students. The competition was so tight it came down to a 'bowl off' in the final where unfortunately, we came second by 1 bowl!

Mrs Tippet coached the softball team who had loads of fun playing their games. The A Team won the championships and will now compete in the Division Finals. It was a thrilling final with it coming down to the last innings, which left a tie of 13-13! The rule book was required as it came down to Fully Loaded and only 3 batters each. This also ended in a tie, so the process was repeated but only with 2 batters which we finally won! The B Team improved as the day went on and showed extremely good sportsmanship when losing all games.

Mrs McLaughlin, Mr Bell and Mrs Breen were at MEPS with the volleyball teams. MEPS hosted the day with the local schools coming to play in both our halls. The preparation and set up of the courts (thanks to Mrs McLaughlin and Nic R) was professionally done and the day ran on time and was very successful. All teams played amazingly with both A teams making the semi-finals. The B team worked well and improved skills throughout the day. The B Team dominated in all their games except against Peninsula which meant they could not progress any further.

Student Comments:

Cricket

Teddy O: I thought we played exceptionally well and I want to thank the Year 5's who filled in for us. I loved having the opportunity to play against the other schools and everyone got along well putting up a good fight.

Zane P: I loved that my dad came to support our team. The best part of the day was bashing sixes and seeing friends from other schools.

Hudson B: The best part of the day was winning our second game because we all played really well with batting and bowling. Everyone got a least 2 wickets each throughout the day.

Volleyball

Lucy P: My favourite part of the day was our last game because we were more competitive, and we worked well as a team. It was fun cheering on The Peninsula girls' team in the final as it was a really close score.

Oscar J: I had an amazingly fun day; it was exhilarating with being so competitive and making it to the semis.

Baki K: I loved that the B Team improved on their teamwork throughout the day by setting up the ball to create opportunities for team mates to shine.

Softball

Ophelia C: The thrill and excitement of the whole process.

Zack S: The best part of the day was working as a team with my friends.

Tennis

Ollie M: Tennis was really fun and I enjoyed the atmosphere and hanging out with all my mates from MEPS and other schools.

Lawn Bowls

Alex G: Lawn Bowls is much harder than it looks. Even though our team A1 didn't make the finals I liked cheering on my friends and I really liked how competitive it was.





YEAR 4 OZ HARVEST

The Year 4 students have continued to engage in the OzHarvest program, and recently cooked French toast as part of their learning about food sustainability and nutrition. Under the guidance of parent helpers and teachers, the students learn how to prepare this simple yet delicious dish using rescued ingredients, reducing food waste while enhancing their culinary skills. Students have continued to learn about teamwork, healthy eating habits, and an appreciation for the importance of minimising food waste in their daily lives. Check out some of the action below!



Inquiry Project

Students embarked on an exciting journey to design a fun and functional playspace. Throughout the project, they researched various elements that make a playspace enjoyable and safe, considering aspects like accessibility, creativity and environmental impact. Students were then challenged to sketch a design of their playspace, before using crafts and materials to create a diorama of their playspace. They explore the importance of including different types of equipment for all ages and abilities, ensuring the space promotes physical activity, imagination and social interaction. By the end of the project, students not only gained insight into the design process but also developed a sense of responsibility in creating spaces that are inclusive and sustainable for their community.

YEAR 1 NATURE PLAY

This term our Year 1 classes have immersed themselves in Nature Play led by ranger Kim Schroeder from Wild Kindling as part of our Year 1 Nature Immersion Program. Students spent two full days at Overport Park exploring the local bush, using their senses to investigate, working with their peers to create nature huts, mini villages and other nature craft activities. Thanks also to our amazing parent helpers who help us to make this program possible.





OUR LITTLE LEARNERS IN PREP, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2!

It has been a fantastic start to literacy learning in the MEPS Junior School! Our teachers, support staff and students are thoroughly enjoying the Little Learners Love Literacy program and we are already seeing incredible growth in reading and spelling confidence. We would like to send a huge thank you to the MEPS PTA for their generous fundraising efforts, which have allowed us to significantly enhance our junior school resources. It was an exciting day when a massive order of class materials and decodable books arrived – there were so many boxes that we needed two trips with a fully loaded trolley! Our teachers are already utilising the Little Learners online lessons and students are already engaging with the new games and learning resources in class. We can't wait to get the decodable books stamped and ready for students to enjoy at home with their families very soon.

We are also reorganising our existing books into themes for student agency in choosing books that are interesting to them. Look out for the new theme stickers in Year 2 and coming later in the year in Prep and Year 1.

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a love of literacy at MEPS!

Monica Waterworth
(P-2 Learning Specialist)



CYBER SAFETY

Students across the school have recently worked with the Cyber Safety Project to better understand how to be good digital citizens and protect themselves from any dangers that they may encounter while online. This important learning topic assists to give students the needed information and skills to make better informed choices when not at school and is something we will continue to work collaboratively with families to educate for. It is important that families continue to assist and monitor their child's online activities and access, to ensure that it meets the values and expectations they have of how their children communicate and find out unknown information. There will be a wide range of family values regarding screen time and the use of technology, and it is important that children understand and are respectful of other classmates' particular rules and expectations.

To assist students, parents and educators, some valuable online resources have been created to promote the safety of children as they learn the complexities of navigating online environments. Most apps, games and social media sites also have age related restrictions to guide appropriate usage.

[E Safety Commissioner](#) - A resource to answer questions regarding screen time, setting restrictions and questions that parents may have about online dangers.

[Commonsense Media](#) - A resource to determine the age appropriateness/suitability of games, movies, books, apps, etc for your child from an adult and child perspective.

[Kids Helpline](#) - A resource you can use with your child, or they can use, designed for 5–12-year-olds to manage their feelings about the internet and a range of other topics that may worry a child.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL THROUGH RITCHIES IGA

We are excited to announce an opportunity to support our beloved Mt Eliza Primary School by simply doing your regular shopping at any participating Ritchies IGA supermarket or liquor store across VIC, NSW or QLD.

By nominating **Mt Eliza Primary School** as your preferred charity through the Ritchies Community Benefit Program, a percentage of your total sales (above \$10) will be donated back to our school each month. It's a simple yet impactful way to contribute to our school's ongoing growth and development.

Signing up is easy:

1. Scan the QR code provided to download the Ritchies app.
2. Register and activate your membership.
3. Select "**Mt Eliza Primary School**" as your nominated charity.
4. Shop as usual and feel good knowing you are helping our school with every purchase.

Terms and conditions apply. For more details, visit [Ritchies Card Terms](#).

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.



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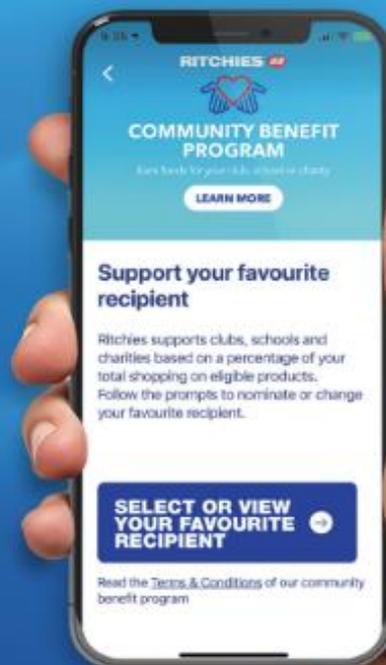
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SCHOOL SAVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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 through the [SSB online system](#).

1. Log in using your unique SSB code from the Department of Education and email address.
2. Click School Activities
3. Select amount to nominate to transfer (this cannot be changed or reversed). Please allow 48 hours for transfer to take place (The amount does not appear on Compass – only your school account)
4. You will receive an email confirmation

After you have allocated the SSB to activities you will need 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 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. **A reply may not always be received unless we require additional information.*

3 Consent and payment method

I give permission for [redacted] to attend this event. Where the staff member in charge is unable to contact me, or where it is impracticable to contact me, I authorise the staff member in charge to administer such first-aid as the staff member in charge judges to be reasonably necessary. I understand that this is an official school event and that [redacted] will adhere to the dress code, as outlined above, and behave in alignment with the school's code of conduct. I agree to meet any medical expenses and/or transport costs incurred in the event of sickness or injury. Further, I agree to meet any transport costs should my child be sent home as a result of misbehaviour or inappropriate conduct.

To provide consent, please type your name in full

Barbara Rogers

Submit Consent

If the event is marked as,

- **“Awaiting consent and payment”** – You have not consented or paid for the event and must do so by the due date and your child may miss out.
- **“Awaiting payment”** this confirms that you HAVE consented to the event and SSB can be used we will use the SSB on your child’s account (whereby SSB can be used as a form of payment). Please ensure to read the event description carefully as it will advise what forms of payment can be used.
- **“Attending”** – You have consented and paid/SSB has been allocated to payment

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).

Steps to add an absence

1. Open the Compass App.
2. Click on your child's photo at the top of the Home Screen
3. Click on **Attendance**
4. Click the blue + icon
5. 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.

If you received a text saying your child is absent

1. Click on the link in your text message OR Follow steps 1-2 above
2. Click the un-explained tab at the bottom
3. Select each unexplained absence date and complete

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

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:

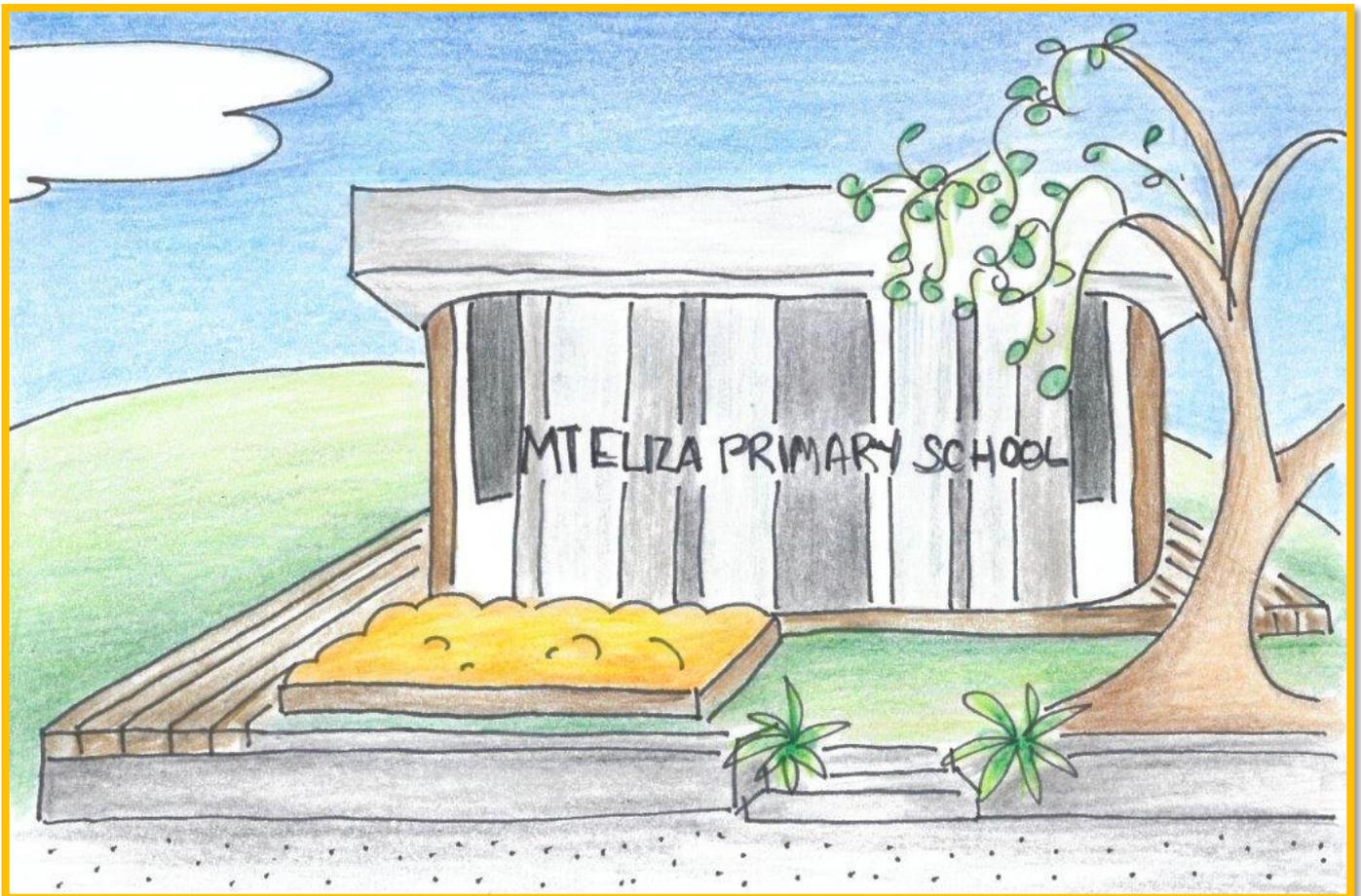
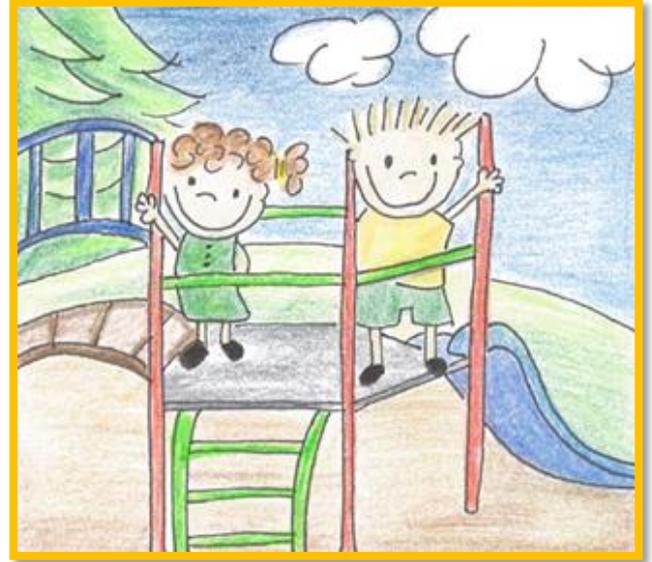
<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



SCHOOL GROUNDS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

Just a reminder, parents and children are not permitted on the school grounds BEFORE 8.30am and AFTER 3.30pm.

Teachers are on duty from 8.30am before school and therefore for “duty of care” students and parents should not arrive prior to 8.30am and on duty until 3.30pm. If children are at school outside of the supervision time they should attend the Camp Australia Program at the Old School House.



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: Applications 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.



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 findmyschool.vic.gov.au website, which hosts the most up-to-date information about Victorian school zones.
**Links and information packs will be updated from 22 April 2025.*
2. Click to download the Prep (Foundation) enrolment information pack. **Including an application form.*
3. Click to download the Factsheet for Prep (Foundation) enrolment 2026.
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 2026.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR TERM 2 ARE LIVE AND CAN BE BOOKED [HERE!](#)



The poster features a yellow circular graphic on the left containing the text 'MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 2 TOUR DATES'. To the right is a circular logo with 'MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL' in the center and 'RESILIENCE', 'RESPECT', 'RESPONSIBILITY', 'CHALLENGE', and 'CONNECTEDNESS' around the perimeter. Below the logo is a chalkboard with the text 'Come see our school in action'. A list of tour dates is provided, with times in yellow. At the bottom, there is a box with the contact information '(03) 9787 1385' and a QR code. A quote from a parent is at the very bottom, and the school's website and phone number are at the bottom of the poster.

**MT ELIZA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 2
TOUR DATES**

- Wednesday 30 April | **9.30am**
- Wednesday 7 May | **9.30am**
- Wednesday 14 May | **9.30am**
- Tuesday 20 May | **11.00am**
- Wednesday 28 May | **9.30am**
- Thursday 5 June | **9.30am**
- Wednesday 11 June | **9.30am**
- Thursday 19 June | **9.30am**
- Wednesday 25 June | **9.30am**

TO BOOK A TOUR CONTACT OUR
OFFICE STAFF OR BOOK ONLINE VIA QR CODE BELOW

(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** ”

mtelizaps.vic.edu.au | 03 9787 1385

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.

Enrolling in a Government School for Year 7 in 2026

Enrolling your child in Year 7 is an important part of their education journey. In Victoria, your child has the right to enrol at their designated neighbourhood government school ('local school'). Your local school is determined by the school zone for your address. You can also apply to a school that is not your local school. The school should enrol your child if there is a place available.

How do I enrol my child in Year 7 for 2026?

Your child's primary school will give you a copy of the Application for Year 7 Placement form that you will need to complete and return by Friday 9 May 2025. You can also find the form on our website: vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers.

You can list up to 3 preferred government secondary schools on the application form. If you wish to enrol at a Catholic or Independent school, you must follow a different enrolment process. You can find more information on their websites:

- Catholic schools: veca.catholic.edu.au/choosing-a-catholic-school/
- Independent schools: is.vic.edu.au/independent-schools/

How do I find my local school and other schools in my area?

You can find the local school you are zoned for using the search function on the Find my School website:

1. Enter findmyschool.vic.gov.au into your browser.
2. Enter your current address under 'Enter your address to get started'.
3. Select 2026 under 'Enrolment year'.
4. Select 'Secondary' and '7' under 'School type'.

The map will then show the local school you are zoned for. Contact details for the school are available on the left of the map. If you scroll down, you will see a list of the five closest government schools to your address.

Can I apply to a government secondary school that is not our local school?

Yes, you can apply to schools other than your local (zoned) school. The school should enrol your child if there is a place available.

How do schools prioritise applications?

Schools must enrol all students who live within their zone. Schools should also offer enrolment to students who live outside their zone if there are available places.

If a school cannot enrol all students who live outside their zone, applications are prioritised for:

1. students with a sibling at the same permanent address who is attending the school at the same time
2. then all other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

Students who live outside the school zone may also be considered for enrolment on compassionate grounds in exceptional circumstances.

What if my information changes after I've submitted the application form?

Contact your child's primary school as soon as possible and they will update your form.

Can I appeal to my preferred secondary school if I don't receive an offer?

Yes, you can appeal to your preferred secondary school. You can use the department's Appeal Form to lodge your appeal. Your child's primary school will provide you with a copy of this form which includes information on the appeal process.

Where can I find more information on the Year 7 placement process?

You can find an information pack on the Year 7 placement process online: vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers. You can also ask your child's primary school for a copy of the information pack.

If you need help translating the information pack, please talk to your child's primary school.

Who do I contact for help?

The Year 6 Coordinator, Transition Coordinator or Principal of your child's primary school can help you with any questions you may have about the Year 7 placement process.

Useful links

Find my School – findmyschool.vic.gov.au

School zones – vic.gov.au/school-zones

Enrolling in school – vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol

Moving to secondary school – vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers

Disability and inclusive education – vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education

General enquiries

Email: enquiries@education.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1800 338 663

Timeline for 2025-26

2025 Dates	Activity
by Thursday 24 April 2025	Primary schools will provide the Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack to families of Year 6 students. This pack includes the Application for Year 7 Placement 2026.
by Friday 9 May 2025	Parents and carers submit the Application for Year 7 Placement 2026 to their child's primary school. If your child is currently home-schooled or attends a non-government primary school, submit the application directly to your preferred government secondary school.
Tuesday 1 July 2025	Parents and carers are notified, in writing, of their child's Year 7 placement offer for the 2026 school year.
Friday 25 July 2025	Closing date for parents/carers to appeal with their preferred secondary school.
by Tuesday 5 August 2025	Secondary schools notify parents/carers in writing of the outcome of their appeal by this date.
by Tuesday 12 August 2025	Parents and carers return their Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip to their child's primary school.
Tuesday 19 August 2025	Closing date for parents and carers to appeal with the Regional Director if they have been unsuccessful with their appeal to their preferred secondary school.
Friday 10 October 2025	Regions notify parents and carers of the outcome of their appeal to the Regional Director.
Tuesday 9 December 2025	Secondary schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students.



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Project Incursion

Tue 08 Apr Adventure: Aussie Rules Road to Glory with No Limit Sports

Get ready for non-stop footy fun! This action-packed program with No Limit Sports will have you kicking, handballing, and sprinting through exciting drills, skill challenges, and mini games with expert coaches. Bring your A-game and get ready!

Full Fee \$139.66 | After Max. CCS* \$13.97



Excursion

Wed 09 Apr Big Art Day: Eco Masterpieces

Everyone's favourite day is back - and it's time to think BIG! Transform recycled materials into spectacular sculptures. Robots, animals, or wild inventions—the only limit is your imagination.

Full Fee \$89.16 | After Max. CCS* \$8.92



Base Camp Day

Thu 10 Apr Experience Takeover: Move & Groove Challenge

Get ready to dance, dress up, and take on the ultimate challenge! Learn your favourite dance moves, recreate viral trends, and bring the fun to life with exciting dress-up challenges. Strike a pose and own the stage!

Full Fee \$117.54 | After Max. CCS* \$11.75



Experience Takeover Incursion

Fri 11 Apr Project: Day Dreamers

Grab your PJs and join us for the ultimate feel-good day! Build a teddy with a recorded message, make yummy banana sushi and take part in wellness activities. It's a cosy, happy adventure to remember!

Full Fee \$111.16 | After Max. CCS* \$11.12



Project Incursion

Mon 14 Apr Operation: Storybook Quest

Step into a world of magic and wonder! Today, we'll bring fairytales to life with creative activities and imaginative play. Create your own happily-ever-after in this storybook adventure!

Full Fee \$89.16 | After Max. CCS* \$8.92



Base Camp Day

Tue 15 Apr Adventure: Rolling Thunder at SK8HOUSE

Let the good times roll as we go roller skating with friends! Race your way around the rink and learn the art of balance as you glide your way to glory and show off your smooth moves.

Full Fee \$137.66 | After Max. CCS* \$13.77



Excursion

Wed 16 Apr Project: Super Hero Academy

Swing into action! Build your own Bolt Blaster, craft Spider-Man masks, and join an epic Super Hero treasure hunt to help the masked heroes save the world from a powerful villain!

Full Fee \$134.76 | After Max. CCS* \$13.48



Project Incursion

Thu 17 Apr Operation: Hop, Skip, Play!

Get ready to jump into a day of fun and games! From bouncing challenges to creative activities, it's all about movement, laughter, and creativity—no bunny business, just pure fun!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Join us for Mount Eliza Secondary College's Open Night

We warmly invite families to experience MESC's Open Night on **Thursday, 1st May**. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear directly from our students, meet our dedicated teachers and leadership team, and discover the vibrant and supportive learning community that makes our school exceptional. We believe in fostering a learning environment where students are **happy, smart, and prepared**—ready to embrace the future with confidence. Our mission is to ensure every student is "**Educated for Excellence, Prepared for Life.**"

Our Open Night will feature a Q&A Panel with students from a range of year levels, who will openly share their experiences at our school. They'll provide key insights into our learning culture, academic programs, and extensive extracurricular opportunities. Families are encouraged to ask questions on the night to gain a deeper understanding of what makes MESC unique.

If you're looking for a school that values happiness, academic excellence, and future-readiness, MESC is the place for your child to thrive.

 **Date:** Thursday, 1st May  **Time:** 6pm  **Location:** Mount Eliza Secondary College, Banksia Hall

School Tours can also be booked separately to this event via the College website [MESC – Mount Eliza Secondary College](https://www.mounteliza.vic.edu.au)



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Colouring Competition - Years Prep - 3



Name: _____ Parent / Guardian Name: _____

School: _____ Parent / Guardian Phone: _____

Year Level: _____ Parent / Guardian Email: _____

Competition Details: Entries can be submitted electronically to peninsula@rtedgar.com.au or in person at one of our offices.

82 Mount Eliza Way, Mount Eliza | 1 / 2 Watson Road, Mount Martha

Entries Close Tuesday 15th of April at 4pm and Winners will be drawn on Wednesday 16th April 12noon.

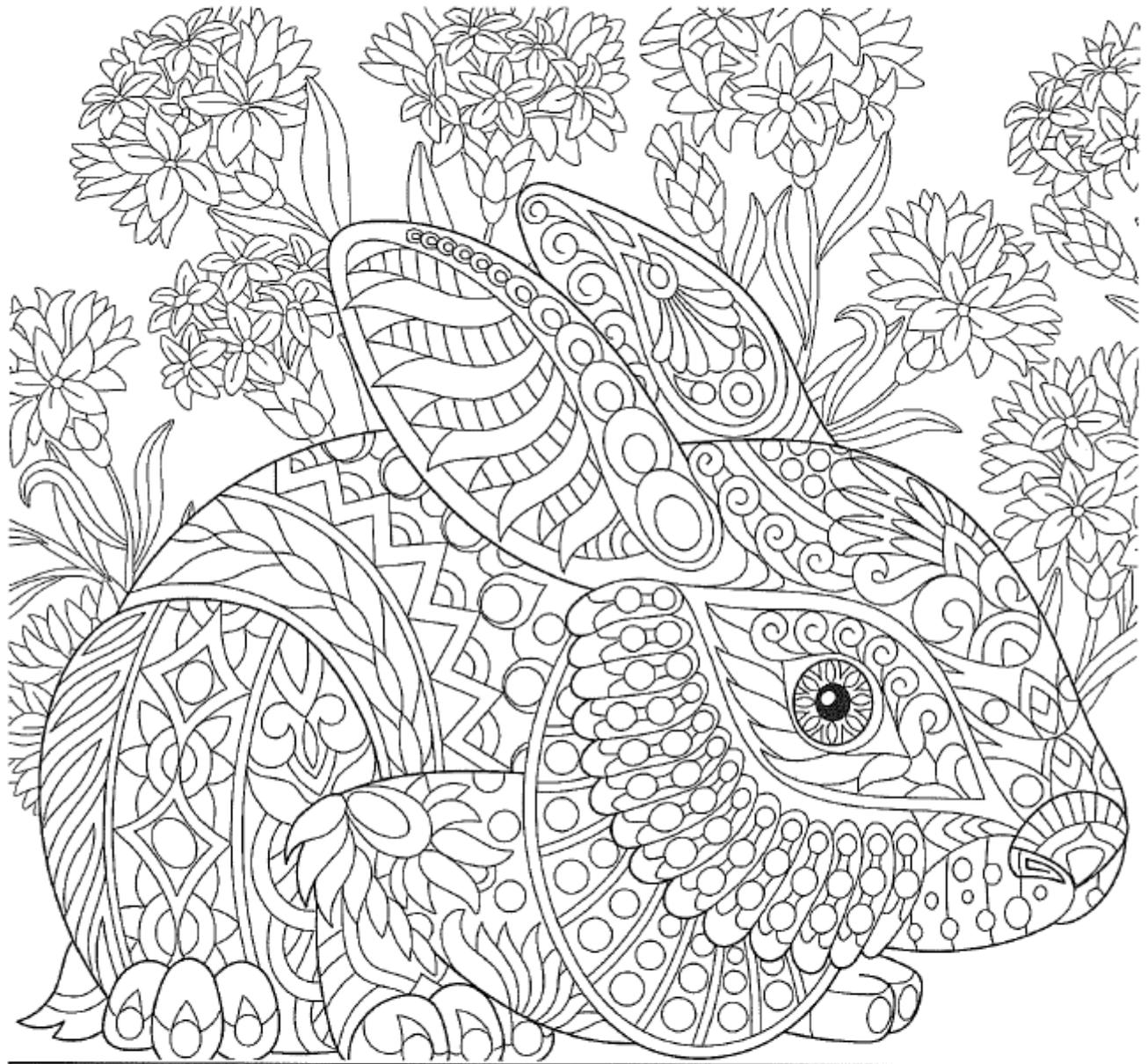
Easter Egg Count!

Pop into our Mount Eliza office to guess how many eggs are in the jar for your chance to win! Closest guess wins!

*1 Entry per person - Winner drawn on Wednesday 16th of April 12 noon

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Colouring Competition - Years 4 - 6



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