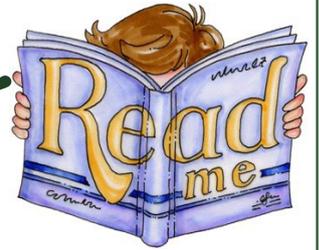




# MEPS Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 4 2025 – 16 May 2025



## DIARY

### TERM 2 – 2025

#### MAY

Tuesday	20	Year 3 Stand Tall Incursion Mt Eliza Rotary Club Dinner School Tour @ 11am
Wednesday	21	Year 6B Mt Eliza House
Monday	26	District Cross Country Year 5D Millbank Excursion
Tuesday	27	Year 3 Stand Tall Incursion Year 6T Millbank Excursion
Wednesday	28	Year 6T Mt Eliza House School Tour @ 9.30am
Thursday	29	Hub Store in Senior Hub *Refer to details in newsletter
Friday	30	Hub Store in Senior Hub

#### JUNE

Monday	2	Hub Store in Senior Hub Year 5T Millbank Excursion
Tuesday	3	Hub Store in Senior Hub Year 6B Millbank Excursion
Wednesday	4	Year 6B Mt Eliza House Division Cross Country RSPCA Burwood – Year 5 & 6
Thursday	5	Chess tournament School Tour @ 9.30am
Friday	6	Curriculum day – No students required at school
Monday	9	Public holiday - King's Birthday – No students required at school
Wednesday	11	Year 6T Mt Eliza House School Tour @ 9.30am
Wednesday	18	Year 6B Mt Eliza House Region Cross Country
Thursday	19	School Tour @ 9.30am
Wednesday	25	Year 6T Mt Eliza House Winter Lightning Premiership School Tour @ 9.30am

#### JULY

Friday	4	End of term 2 – Finish at 2:30pm
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## UNIFORM SHOP

### 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 – [mteliza@fcw.com.au](mailto:mteliza@fcw.com.au)  
 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 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

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 register online at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://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 wonderful initiative!

## PRINCIPAL REPORT – MICHAEL KENT

Hello to the MEPS community,

My name is Michael Kent and I am honoured and grateful to have been enjoying my very first week at MEPS as the newly appointed Principal. I feel very fortunate to be connected to such a great school within such a positive school culture that values community. This was evident just recently (which I unfortunately missed) at the Mother's Day Breakfast. Amazing effort by the PTA and those that supported but also such a great turn out of families to enjoy the celebration.

It has been a fantastic week where I have had the pleasure of meeting all of our students and parents (and trying to remember all the names at the moment). It has been so much fun this week exploring and sharing in the wonderful programs and opportunities that are provided at MEPS. I have been fortunate enough to visit and enjoyed the PE, ART, STEM, Languages, all the classrooms, the OHSC program, the canteen, the wellbeing spaces, enjoyed playing with the students during the break times in the wonderful yard and play spaces, see and share in the yummy food prepared by the year 3/4 students in their program, celebrate the year 6 students heading to the Mt Eliza village to conduct surveys with local community members....so much happening! (and that's my first week!)

On Wednesday I conducted my first MEPS Prep 2026 tour. It was so nice to showcase and celebrate the school and also to hear the positive sentiments coming from the local and broader community about MEPS.

Thank you to the parents who have reached out to me over the first few days and to those parents who were able and available to stick around after assembly today to say hello.

As I shared in my email on Monday, I am passionate about education and believe strongly in building strong communities where strong relationships are central to supporting the social, emotional and academic needs of all students. I welcome the opportunity to connect with everyone and my door is always open. I value your opinions and feedback about all things MEPS and look forward to working in close partnership to support our school and its people.

My wife and teenage daughters will soon be relocating from Melbourne and we are all excited to be living and working within the community.

I'll also share that I am a Hawthorn supporter, and this was received well by some students and not so well by others in my visiting and introducing myself to the students throughout the week.

You'll be hearing a lot more from me over the journey but now, a huge thank you for the warm welcome and the opportunity to engage, support and connect with your children and your family.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead!

**Michael Kent**  
**Principal**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT – DARREN THRESHER

Dear Parents and Carers,



The start of term has been an opportunity for staff and students to participate in many engaging and exciting learning opportunities in and outside of the MEPS classrooms. It was a pleasure to be able to spend a day with the Year 5s at Sovereign Hill on their recent camp where many of them showed they were much better gold miners than I was as we panned for gold in the creek.

It has been amazing to participate in a few exciting classroom moments here at the school too as there have been several incursions and excursions to speak further with the children about. I am looking forward to continuing to share conversations with students about what they are learning about in the term ahead.

### Mother's Day Events

Another big thank you to our PTA for their contributions to the school delivered through the successful running of the Mother's Day stall and breakfast. This community celebration was a good chance to better recognise and acknowledge the role many mothers and other carers play in supporting the children of the MEPS community. We were able to follow our community breakfast with an assembly where MEPS mums received all the values awards for their ongoing kindness and demonstration of values shown in our community.

Some of the awards won were,

**Kind on Purpose** - For demonstrating kindness by being patient and caring with your children, even when they ask the same question for the fourteenth time.

**Respect** - For demonstrating the school value of respect by being willing to share your knowledge, skills and talents with others to help them improve and learn.

**Responsibility** - For demonstrating the school value of responsibility by helping your children to take responsibility and giving them safe ways to fix up their mistakes.

**Challenge** - For demonstrating the school value of challenge by being up to the challenge, every day, of supporting your families in a million different ways.

**Connectedness** - For demonstrating the school value of connectedness by being the connection to school and communicating with teachers, other parents and partners about what is going on in school life.

**Resilience** - For demonstrating the school value of resilience by never giving up in your efforts to support your children to thrive at and outside of school.

### Mad @ MEPS

Over the past few assemblies, I have spoken to students about the benefits of being MAD at MEPS. This has not been an attempt to get them angry at the school but a chance to reflect more deeply on how they can 'Make A Difference' at MEPS. There have been some incredible actions so far this year to make a difference to others including the recent Wheelathon which raised over \$5,000.

Students are also starting a clothing and cooking drive this term to support a local charity. Although these whole community actions are truly impressive, students were encouraged to do small, everyday actions that could make a difference to others.

We looked more closely in assembly at the impact of every student picking up one piece of rubbish a day. With all the students at our school, we “did the maths” and discovered that if we all picked up one piece of rubbish a day over the course of the school year, we could pick up 164,250 pieces. This small action when done together, could make a significant difference to others. It has been wonderful following this assembly to see many different students actioning this idea.

**Darren Thresher**  
**Assistant Principal**



## MEPS COMMUNITY CLOTHING AND COOKING DRIVES

As part of the Endeavour Program the senior students are very excited to announce their upcoming clothing and cooking drives to support vulnerable members of our community. **Clothing donations can be dropped in the donation bin at the school office or directly to the senior hub at the back of the school from Monday 12 May to Wednesday 21 May.** We would love your support.

Mrs Humphreys and the Year 5 and 6 Students.



## MEPS COMMUNITY CLOTHING AND COOKING DRIVES



As part of the Endeavour program, Year 5 and 6 students are excited to announce their upcoming Community Clothing and Cooking Drives!

These student led initiatives will support both our school and the wider community by raising funds for MEPS through the sale of donated items and by providing essential clothing and nutritious meals to those in need via the Mornington Community Support Centre (MCSC).

For the clothing drive, YOU can help by:

1. Donating gently used clothing in excellent condition (no rips or stains please)
2. Providing clothes hangers to help us display the clothing neatly.
3. Lending named clothing racks or rails which can be returned after the drive.
4. Attending 'The Hub Store'

THE **HUB** STORE IS COMING!!

**Attending 'The Hub Store' (our pop up shop)**

**Starting in Week 6 on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May, our student-run 'Hub Store' will be open before and after school for 4 DAYS ONLY, offering gently used clothing for purchase at highly affordable prices: just \$3 for all kids clothing and \$5 for adults clothing! - WOW! Please put the dates in your diary and visit us in the Senior Hub behind the oval at drop off or pick up.**

**Please note that clothing donations can be dropped off in the donation bin at the school office or directly to the Senior Hub at the back of the School Oval from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 21st May.**

**For the cooking drive, we will be holding our 'cook up day' on June 5<sup>th</sup> and will kindly be asking for donations of any required ingredients closer to the time. We hope to have these exact ingredient requests sent out at the end of week 5. Thank you for your understanding.**

**Feel free to check out the wonderful work being done (including their 'free cafe') by the Mornington Community Support Centre at [www.mcsc.com.au](http://www.mcsc.com.au)**

**Know that every single contribution will make a significant difference in our community so we thank you very much in advance for your support!**

**Mrs Humphreys and the Year 5 and 6 students**



## YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO SOVEREIGN HILL

Two weeks ago, our year 5 students experienced a stimulating, immersive camp at Sovereign Hill. They had the opportunity to expand upon the knowledge learnt in their inquiry history unit about the effects of The Gold Rush and Eureka Rebellion on the Australian Colonies. With experiences indoors, outdoors, in costume, in creeks, above ground and below ground - an enjoyable and action-packed camp was had by all.

- *My sparkle moment on camp was hanging out in the cabins and buying lollies from the shop. I loved wearing the top hats and mining for gold.*
- *The marm's at costume school were angry when you got the answer wrong.*
- *The AURA sound & light show was probably my most favourite thing. I was shocked when the walls opened up and told a really cool story. Who knew learning could be fun.*  
- **Archie T**
- *My sparkle moment on camp was buying and eating raspberry drops.*
- *The marm's at costume school were annoying but I got used to it.*
- *The AURA sound & light show was absolutely amazing. I loved how they showed the different conflicts during the gold rush.*  
- **Dexter C**
- *My sparkle moment at camp was the costume school because it was fun acting like kids from the 1850's and dressing up in costume.*
- *The marm's at costume school were fun because they were good at teaching.*
- *The AURA sound & light show was really good and interesting. It taught me lots of new things.*  
- **Maggie C**
- *My sparkle moment at camp was the costume school because it was fun to dress up in 1850's clothes.*
- *The marm's at costume school were strict and funny.*
- *The AURA sound & light show was incredible because the 3D glasses made everything come to life.*  
- **Summer M**





## YEAR 4 LIVING CULTURE INCURSION

In Term 2, the Year 4's have been learning about Indigenous peoples' rich culture and history as part of our Inquiry unit focusing on the First Fleet and British colonisation. Last Thursday, the Year 4's were visited by Hudson from the Living Culture organisation, who showcased some incredible artifacts and provided students with great insight into his family and cultural background.

Students explored a range of artwork that contained symbols and drawings that were used to tell a family story and created their own painted story onto a Boomerang! We are super proud of the students' engagement and demonstration of our school values during the incursion, which led to some incredible pieces of artwork being made!



## YEAR 2 NATURE PLAY AT CAMP MANYUNG

Our Year 2 students had an unforgettable day at Camp Manyung, connecting with nature through hands-on activities and outdoor exploration. They worked together to build huts from sticks, then got creative making clay creatures using natural items like gum nuts, leaves and acorns.

Around the campfire, students enjoyed cooking and tasting damper they made themselves. An alphabet nature walk encouraged them to find different things in the environment starting with each letter. Later, crawling through bush tunnels brought plenty of laughter and adventure.

To end the day, students practiced mindfulness by quietly sitting and drawing in nature—taking time to reflect on the beauty around them.

The Nature Play experience was a wonderful opportunity for teamwork, creativity and developing a deeper appreciation for the outdoors.



## PTA FUNDRAISERS – THANK YOU!

The **PTA** would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the incredible volunteers who helped make both the **Mother's Day Stall** and **Breakfast** such a huge success.

Whether you were setting up the stall, wrapping gifts, flipping bacon at the BBQ, or helping our little shoppers pick the perfect present — your efforts were truly appreciated! You all went above and beyond, bringing energy, enthusiasm, and that wonderful community spirit that makes our school such a special place.

Thanks to your hard work and generosity, we raised a fantastic **\$5,313.28 in profit** between the two events! These funds will go a long way in supporting our school and our students, and it's all thanks to YOU!

**Here's a big shout-out to our wonderful volunteers:**

### 🌸 Stall Helpers:

Suzie M, Zoe Grey, Ange P, Toni, Alisha H, Sabrina

### 🎁 Gift Wrapping Superstars:

Tess R, Julia H, Elise M, Josie D, Marina L, Anthea P, Jemma S, Billy Y, Steph P, Kristina K, Lisa L, Nicole K, Andrew M, Rachel M, Courtney B, Rani F, Jenna V, Sheree C, Liz O, Taylor S, Chelsy N, Jill C, Aleesa S, Louise C, Laura R, Georgia R, Kate D, Kirsty E, Becky P, Suzanne G.

### 🍷 BBQ Legends:

Ange P, Krista L, Stu B, Matt S, Craig P, Matt A, Lucky S, Luke H, Jeremy W, Leigh R, John M, Brenden K, Rani F, Katie A, Rachel M

You are all truly amazing, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your time, your effort, and for making this Mother's Day a memorable one for everyone involved!

The PTA would also like to thank those who helped with the **sausage sizzle and bake sale on election day**. Your hard work again helped raise an insane **\$4,428.75** in sales and have made a phenomenal **\$3,517.66** in profit.

With heartfelt thanks,

**The PTA Team**



## YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION



Supporting students transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7 is a key shared priority for Mt Eliza Primary School and surrounding secondary schools. This process began when the official transition forms were sent home to students last term.

Currently, secondary schools have the transition forms and in accordance with the Placement Policy, letters will be sent home to families from **Tuesday, 1 July 2025**. An acceptance slip will be included with the outcome, which parents/carers will need to return to your child's teacher to accept or decline the secondary school enrolment. The acceptance slip must be returned to your child's teacher by no later than **Tuesday, 12 August 2025**.

We look forward to supporting you as you embark on the wonderful journey of transitioning from primary to secondary school.

Please contact the school office on (03) 9787 1385 with any questions regarding transition.

## 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.



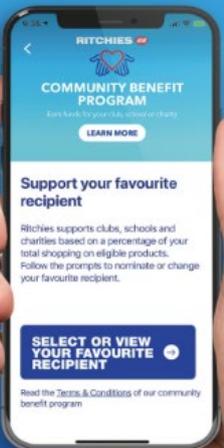
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Primary School**

- 1 Download or update the Ritchies Card App



- 2 Search and select our name when prompted to nominate a club, school or charity
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\*CONDITIONS APPLY. Go to [ritchies.com.au/loyalty](http://ritchies.com.au/loyalty) for further information.



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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](mailto: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 then,
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>



# PREP CSEF AUTUMN/WINTER UNIFORM PACKAGE 2025

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

Applications for the Prep 2025 Autumn/Winter 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 3 and vouchers have an expiry which must be redeemed before the expiration date.

## STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF Prep CSEF Autumn/Winter Uniform Package 2025

### UPDATE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Applications for the Prep CSEF Autumn/Winter Uniform Package are now open



### What you need to know.

#### Who is State Schools' Relief?

State Schools' Relief (SSR) is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year SSR provides assistance to thousands of families experiencing financial disadvantage by supplying new school uniform items and footwear.

#### Introduction to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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](#).

**SSR offers two\* uniform packages each year to ALL Prep families/guardians that are eligible for CSEF funding.**

#### Prep Autumn/Winter Uniform Package for CSEF recipients

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

*\*If students received the Prep Summer Uniform Package, they are still eligible to receive the Autumn/Winter Package.*

#### What's in the package?

The Autumn/Winter package contains the following items:

Outerwear x 1 pce (i.e., jacket / parka / puffer)  
Tops x 2 pcs (i.e., windcheater / polo shirt / rugby top)  
Pants x 2 pcs (i.e., trackpants / leggings)  
Socks x 2 packs  
Pair of Shoes x 1

#### Important:

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

#### Cost to parents & guardians

Where State Schools' Relief is unable to provide a uniform item directly that contains a logo (due to contractual agreements with uniform retailers) a voucher for \$85 will be provided that subsidises the cost of the uniform item/s. 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 redeemed before they expire.*

#### How do I apply for the Prep CSEF Autumn/Winter Uniform Package?

Applications are made through your child's school. Please refrain from contacting State Schools' Relief directly as we 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?

All items and/or vouchers provided by SSR will be delivered directly to your child's school. The school will contact you to arrange handover of these items and/or vouchers.

#### Important:

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

### What you need to do.

Your child's school will be in contact with you regarding the 2025 Autumn/Winter Uniform Package. Please fill out the 'Prep CSEF Autumn/Winter Uniform Package Order Form' and return it to the school for submission.

## 2026 PREP ENROLMENTS AND SCHOOL TOURS

Enrolments are now open for all families looking to enrol their children for Prep 2026. Prep 2026 Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website [here](#). Enrolment forms along with your child's birth certificate and immunisation certificate can be returned to the office by hand or via email to [Barbara.rogers@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Barbara.rogers@education.vic.gov.au)



The banner features the Mt Eliza Primary School logo in the top left corner, which includes the words 'RESILIENCE', 'RESPECT', 'RESPONSIBILITY', 'CHALLENGE', and 'CONNECTEDNESS' around a central tree icon. The main text on the left reads '2026 Prep Enrolments NOW OPEN' in large, bold letters. On the right, a circular inset shows a young girl in a green school uniform and hat, smiling. At the bottom left, the website 'mtelizaps.vic.edu.au' and phone number '(03) 9787 1385' are listed. The bottom right corner features the slogan 'TOGETHER WE GROW' in a yellow box.

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](http://findmyschool.vic.gov.au)
2. website, which hosts the most up-to-date information about Victorian school zones.
3. Click to download the Prep (Foundation) enrolment information pack.
4. Click to download the Factsheet for Prep (Foundation) enrolment 2026.
5. Submit an enrolment application for Prep (Foundation) by **Friday, 25 July 2025**.

6. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between **Monday 28 July** and
7. **Friday 8 August 2025**. If you receive an offer, you should accept the offer by **Friday 22 August 2025**.
8. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4 2025.
9. Your child will start Prep (Foundation) from a date advised by our school, in 2026.

**School Tours can be booked online via Try booking [here](#) or by clicking the flyer below.**

If you require further information regarding Prep Enrolments, please contact the office on (03) 9787 1385.



The flyer features a background image of a school building with a sign that says 'Welcome'. A circular logo for MT Eliza Primary School is visible, containing the words 'RESPECT', 'RESPONSIBILITY', 'CONNECTEDNESS', and 'CHALLENGE'. A chalkboard sign reads 'Come see our school in action'. The text is primarily in white and yellow on a dark green background.

## 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](http://mtelizaps.vic.edu.au) | 03 9787 1385

# Timeline for 2025-26

2025 Dates	Activity
<b>Term 2: Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Friday 4 July 2025</b>	
<b>Terms 1 and 2, 2025</b>	Primary schools conduct tours, information sessions and other activities for families seeking Foundation (Prep) enrolment for their child for 2026.
<b>By the start of Term 2, 2025</b>	School zones for the 2026 school year go live on <a href="https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au">findmyschool.vic.gov.au</a> Parents and carers should go to <a href="https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au">findmyschool.vic.gov.au</a> to locate their designated neighbourhood school (local school) for 2026. The Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers is available to download from <a href="#">Enrolling in Foundation (Prep)</a> .
<b>From Week 1, Term 2 2025</b>	Primary schools may distribute the Enrolment Information Packs to prospective families and their local community.
<b>From Week 1, Term 2, 2025</b>	<b>Enrolment applications open</b> – parents and carers submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school from this date.
<b>Term 3: Monday 21 July 2025 – Friday 19 September 2025</b>	
<b>By Friday 25 July 2025</b>	<b>Enrolment applications due</b> – parents and carers submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school by this date.
<b>Between Monday 28 July and Friday 8 August 2025</b>	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.
<b>By Friday 22 August 2025</b>	Parents and carers sent a letter of offer indicate acceptance of their child's place by this date.
<b>By Friday 22 August 2025</b>	<b>Closing date</b> for parents and carers to submit a written appeal to a primary school.
<b>By Friday 5 September 2025</b>	Primary schools notify all parents and carers, in writing, of the outcome of their appeal by this date.
<b>By Friday 19 September 2025</b>	<b>Closing date</b> 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.
<b>Term 4: Monday 6 October 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025</b>	
<b>During Term 4, 2025</b>	Primary schools host transition sessions.
<b>By Friday 31 October 2025</b>	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.

Outside School Hours Care

## Newsletter

09/05/2025

Mount Eliza Primary School



Your  
OSHC.



### A message from your Coordinator

Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a great week and a lovely Mother's Day!

We have been busy at OSHC. Last week we held a Lego Competition, the challenge was to build an Eco-Friendly House. We had so many amazing builds, was very impressed! The kids also made Heart Wreaths and Stencil Art Cards for Mother's Day. For one afternoon, we had Blueberry Muffins in which the kids helped bake. They are excellent chefs!

This week we have started our Lego Masters Challenges; our best Lego builder will receive a prize at the end of the week. We have so many skilled builders, it will be hard to pick a winner. We've got plenty of other activities coming up for our non-Lego builders too.

Please feel free to reach out if you ever have questions! Enjoy your week 😊



### Activities coming up

- Tea Bag Painting
- Lego Challenge: Bees
- Making Apple Crumble
- Australian Animals Scavenger Hunt

### Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

# Meet the team

at Mount Eliza Primary School OSHC



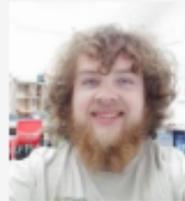
**Leah**

Service  
Leader/Coordinator

Hi everyone, my name is Leah and I am the Service Leader for Mt Eliza OSHC. I hold a Bachelor of Psychology in which I majored in Child and Family, currently I am studying my Diploma of School Aged Education and Care.

My favourite activity to do is teaching the children how to grow their art skills through drawing, crafts and colouring. Art is my main hobby, so it is exciting to help grow the children's artistic interests. In my spare time I enjoy attending concerts, wrestling events, and visiting art galleries.

It has been lovely getting to meet all the children at Mt Eliza Primary School, I look forward to spending time with the kids and helping them develop and grow their skills, interests, and hobbies.



**Dylan**

Educator

Hi if you don't know me yet, my name is Dylan. I am currently studying my Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

My favourite activity to do with the children is teach them music, as music is a big part of my life and something that takes up a lot of my spare time when I am not spending time with my two kids. I am also an avid video game collector and do my best to preserve physical media and enjoy talking to children about the art and effort that goes behind making a video game.

I look forward to seeing all your children in the future and helping them foster new and exciting interests and skills!

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Click on the flyers below to find out more about community notices.



**1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers**  
Pakenham, VIC



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register

**Free workshop**



**During the workshop you will learn about:**

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

**Wednesday 21 May, 2025**  
9:15am to 3:00pm

**Cardinia Cultural Centre**  
40 Lakeside Boulevard  
PAKENHAM VIC 3810

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

 **Interpreters available upon request**

For more information or to register visit:  
[www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC)  
[jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au)

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## Do you have a story to tell?







**MAYOR'S SHORT STORY WRITING AWARDS**

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

Lucky winners will receive cash prizes, bookstore vouchers and your story published in MP Magazine!

**Award categories:**  
 8-12 Years  
 Maximum 500-word fiction story  
 13-17 Years  
 Maximum 1,000-word fiction story

The Awards are open to Mornington Peninsula Shire residents only.

Entries open on 14 April and close at midnight on 30 June 2025.

For more details please visit our webpage



[mcpem.vic.gov.au/writingawards](http://mcpem.vic.gov.au/writingawards)

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### Mt Eliza 1305 Nepean Hwy Mt Eliza.

Phone (03) 9775 4999. *Please see us today.*






## Winter Appeal

We are excited to launch our 2025 Winter Appeal and this year the ask is BIG, with an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000!

Every day, we continue to assist new individuals and families facing unexpected hardship, people who never imagined they would need help. Their circumstances and backgrounds vary but there is a common link - they don't know where else to turn.

Everything we do is made possible by a small but skilled team of staff, over 200 dedicated volunteers and YOU, our community!

**What We Do....**

- Fresh Food - Thursday from 9.30am St Marks Uniting Church Barkley St, Mornington and Fridays at 320 Main St Mornington.
- Community Cafe - 320 Main St Mornington Monday to Thursday 10am-2pm. Free coffee, tea and food available.
- Op Shop - Monday to Thursday 10am-4pm, 70 McLaren Place, Mornington.
- MCSC - 320 Main St Mornington
  - Regular Fresh Food From front of Centre
  - Food Pantry
  - Financial Counselling
  - No Interest Loans (Nils)
  - Case Management and Advocacy
  - Counselling
  - Work Development Program (working off fines)
  - Help with Tax
  - Utility Relief Grant Scheme
  - My Aged Care Navigating
  - Public Computer
  - Shower Facilities
  - Share the Dignity Products
  - Needle and Syringe Exchange
  - Housing Support
  - Christmas Lunch and Toy Program
- Crisis Accommodation - The Ranch
- Volunteer opportunities - be part of a community.



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