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DIARY

Term 4

November

Mon 27th School Council Meeting
Wed 29th Grade 5 Digital Sound Hub Excursion

December

Tue 5th School Helpers' Morning Tea - 10.45am
Tue 12th Up Day – Prep Transition
Wed 10th Grade 1 Melb Museum & Imax Excursion
Fri 15th Grade 2 Enchanted Adventure Garden Exc
Wed 20th Grade 6 Graduation
Thu 21st Grade 3 Planks Incursion
Grade 5 EOY Excursion
Grade 6 EOY Excursion
Fri 22nd **Last Day of Term 4 –
Students dismissed 1.00pm**

Camp Australia

For more details on After School Care, Before School Care and School Holiday Program please phone Camp Australia on 1300 105 343. Registration is available online at www.campaustalia.com.au.



FlexiBuzz



Instructions for installing the FlexiBuzz app are on the last page of the electronic copy of the Newsletter which you will find on the school's website www.mtelizaps.vic.edu.au

***** FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY ONLY - 22ND NOVEMBER ***
WALKING WEDNESDAY WILL NOT BE HELD**

STAFF CAR PARK

Please be aware that the Staff Car Park is strictly for staff only. No visitor/parent parking. Please use the service road for parking.

No student pick up or drop offs at any time of day in the staff car park, unless you are collecting an injured child or have prior permission from the Principal.

For everyone's safety, please do not walk through the car park (please use the footpaths) and students are not permitted in the car park at any time.

PTA

Our Family Fun Day over the weekend was a great day. We were blessed with sunshine and a great crowd. A fun day was had by all who attended.

The PTA would like to extend a huge big thank you to the following people.

Nicole Valasis & Sarah Watson, Catherine Trenham, Emma Robinson, Tarnya Cook and Meaghan Church. As well as all the parents who helped co-ordinate the grade stalls - Natalie Martin, Jo Patterson, Megan Thripp, Mrs Thorn, Caitlin Anderson, Nicola Richardson, Kate Masterson, Lauren Campbell, Neisha Van Enk, Katie Stafford and Leesa Price.

Thank you also to Andrew MacKinnon for being our MC for the day and Simon Pentz for co-ordinating the sound. Also to Flight Centre, Hanks Orthodontics and Impact Realty for all their generous sponsorship contributions.

And a special thanks to all the extra helpers that came along and gave up some of their time before/after and on the day to help make the market such a great success.

This market would not be possible without the help of many people. Great job to everyone involved. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

Tarnya Cook - PTA

Gymnastics Championships

Congratulations to the students who competed in the Gymnastics Competition last week-end (see last week's newsletter).

One team came 2nd overall and the other team came 3rd. Well done girls!

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open on the following days -

Mondays – 8.30am to 11.00am

Wednesdays - 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Claire McAvoy, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

*****STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS*****

The new girls' summer uniforms are now in stock!
Unfortunately, the polo tops haven't arrived yet.

SLAPPED CHEEK DISEASE

Our school has been notified that two of our students have had a confirmed diagnosis of slapped cheek disease (also called Erythema Infectiosum). This is usually a mild illness with little or no treatment necessary. However, contracting the virus is serious for people with specific conditions such as pregnancy, weakened immunity and haemolytic blood disorders. Therefore, it is important that if you suspect your child may have contracted the virus, please seek medical advice and notify the school and any contacts you may know whose health may be compromised if they contract the virus.

The symptoms may seem like a cold and can include

- fever
- tiredness
- aching muscles
- headache
- sore throat, runny nose, coughing and sneezing

As these cold-like symptoms start to improve, a bright red rash appears on the face and is often itchy. The rash may also appear on the limbs and/or torso.

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A **HUGE** thank you to our very hard-working PTA and to everyone who came along to support our Family Fun Day. You did a sensational job and everyone had a wonderful time.

Your constant willingness to work towards the betterment of our school is truly appreciated by our school community.

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A letter was sent home on Wednesday, 8th November, informing you of a change to our whole school reporting process. Our school has undertaken a new initiative - the Sentral Student and Parent Portal, to provide both parents and students discreet information about each student's progress (including school reports and student attendance) in our school. The first step in using the Sentral Parent Portal will be for you to access your child's school report in December. Other features of the Sentral Parent Portal will be introduced in the future.

When your child's school report is published, you will only be able to access the report via the Sentral Parent Portal. A hard copy will not be sent home with students.

A notification will be sent from the school via FlexiBuzz, informing you that your child's school report is published and available in the Sentral Parent Portal.

Below, you will find the steps that outline the process of creating a Sentral Parent account, so you can access your child's report (when it is published) and other discreet information.

NOTE: If you have recently created a parent account, you do not need to create a new one!

1. Please log on to the Internet using either Google Chrome or Firefox (not internet Explorer) and register for access to our Parent Portal here: <https://sentral.mtelizaps.vic.edu.au/portal/register>
2. You must use a valid email address to create your username.
3. Once successfully registered you will be 'prompted' to enter your username (email address) and the password you created.
4. To see information from the school and to link to your enrolled children, enter the access key provided.
5. The access key for your Parent Portal was included in the letter sent home on Wednesday, 8th November.
6. Please note that the access key is case sensitive so copy it into the box provided on screen, exactly as it appears in this letter.
7. The URL for continued access to the portal:
<https://sentral.mtelizaps.vic.edu.au/portal/login>

As we progress with this initiative, we are confident that the Parent Portal will become more and more significant in your day to day management of your child's enrolment at our school.

Should you experience difficulties creating an account or accessing the Sentral Parent Portal please do not hesitate to contact Mr Richard Barren (Digital Technologies Co-ordinator) for assistance at 9787 1385 or via email at barren.richard.j@edumail.vic.gov.au