

MEPS Newsletter



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23rd February, 2017

DIARY

Term 1

February

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| Fri | 24 th | Gr 5 – 1000 Steps excursion |
| Mon | 27 th | Grade 5&6 - Beach Program commences |
| Tue | 28 th | School Photos – Prep to Grade 4 Michael Grose – Spoon-fed Generation 7.00 pm |

March

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| Fri | 3 rd | Movie Night under the stars – 7.00 pm |
| Mon | 6 th | Uniform Shop open – 8.30am to 11am Grade 1 – Point Leo Rockpools excursion |
| Tue | 7 th | Grades 3&4 – Practical Beekeeper incursion |
| Wed | 8 th | Grades 3&4 – Practical Beekeeper incursion Uniform Shop open – 2.00pm to 4.30pm |
| Fri | 10 th | School Photos – Grades 5 & 6 |
| Mon | 13 th | Labour Day Public Holiday |
| Tue | 14 th | Grade 2 – Aboriginal Dance Workshop |
| Wed | 15 th | Division Swimming Uniform Shop open – 2.00pm to 4.30pm |
| Mon | 20 th | Second-hand Uniform Sale during assembly School Council AGM & Meeting – 7.00 pm PTA Meeting – 7.30 pm in the Library |
| 28 th – 31 st | | Grade 6 – Canberra Camp |
| Wed | 29 th | Grade 3 – Science Works excursion |
| Fri | 31 st | Last day of Term 1 |

Term 2

April

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| Mon | 17 th | Easter Monday Public Holiday |
| Tue | 18 th | First day of Term 2 |
| Wed | 19 th | PTA Meeting – 2.30 pm in Conference Room |
| Mon | 24 th | Education Sub-committee Meeting – 7.00 pm |
| 26 th – 28 th | | Grade 4 – Phillip Island Adventure Camp |

May

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| Mon | 1 st | Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day |
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Uniform Shop

We would like to welcome Claire McAvoy who is now the co-ordinator of the Uniform Shop.

Please note the new opening hours for our Uniform Shop are:

Mondays – 8.30am – 11.00am
Wednesdays – 2.00pm – 4.30pm

A big thank you to Debbie James for all the work she did to ensure the Uniform Shop ran efficiently.

School Council Results

I am very pleased to advise that all the vacant positions on School Council have been filled.

I would like to congratulate and thank the following parents and staff members for nominating themselves to represent the Mt Eliza Primary School community on our School Council.

Sebastian Renato – Evie, Grade Prep; *Kellie Bambrery* – Fletcher, Grade 3 and Mason, Grade 1; *John Bothe* – Grace, Grade 3, Charlie, Grade 1 and Harry, Grade Prep; *Bianca Dobson* – Joshua, Grade 5 and Alexander, Grade 3; *Jodie Prendergast* – Harrison, Grade 4, Riley, Grade 2 and Connor, Grade Prep; *Nigel Church* – Jacquilie, Grade 3; *Donna Wheatley* (Prep teacher) and *Richard Barren* (Grade 5 teacher).

These positions are for a two year term and will end in March, 2019.

I would also like to sincerely thank the following parent representatives who will be completing their time on Council this year, for their invaluable input and support over their term on School Council and also their contribution to the various sub committees:

Dave Wilton, who has also been School Council President; Ralph Maggio; Katie Stafford; Sam Cunnington and Kate Eadie.

Brett Bell, Principal

MEPS Homework Matrix

“Strengthening the Link between Home and School”

This year we are trialling a new homework approach across the school. This approach is to engage children and parents in their learning at home by acknowledging the many things we do to learn at home as well as at school. At MEPS one of the overarching questions is, ‘How do we engage parents in their child’s learning?’ These homework matrixes will still allow different grade levels to set home tasks according to their needs. The children will be accountable for completing their homework but it will also give them some choice along the way. Parents can encourage their child to complete their homework and sign off on the tasks as they complete them. The first homework rubric will be sent home in week 4. We welcome any feedback through your class co-ordinators.



PTA

Movie Night under the Stars

An outdoor cinema is coming to Mt Eliza Primary School. Join us on Friday, 3rd March at Mt Eliza Primary School for a fun filled night under the stars. The movie screening is the amazing 2016 Disney movie: Jungle Book.

The festivities start at 7.00 pm with the movie screening at around 8.15pm. Bring your bean bags, picnic blankets and pillows (no chairs please). Rain, hail or shine the show will go on – we will use the new hall if rain is forecast so fingers crossed for great weather.

The flying Calamari Bros will be serving up their yummy calamari cones and the Travelling Chill Bar will be serving up amazing wood-fired pizzas as well as having a bar for alcohol to be purchased on the night. Popcorn and choc tops will also be available to buy!

Tickets are on sale now! \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Family tickets (2 adults and 2 children) are \$25 with \$5 for each extra child. Follow the link below to purchase your tickets.

<http://www.trybooking.com/OSMZ>

For enquiries please phone Catherine Trenham on 0423 558 263.

Thanking you, PTA



Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (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.

The allowance will be 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 primary school student is \$125. If you believe that you may be eligible for the CSEF you will need to contact the school to obtain and lodge a CSEF application form by **Monday, 27th February, 2017** so that payments can be made from March. More information about the CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Community Notices

Mt Eliza Kuca Club – Kids at the Uniting Church in Australia. Held at Mt Eliza Uniting Church, 93 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt Eliza. Activities include sports, games, craft, stories, singing, Bible teaching, social justice activities, cultural learning and a meal. Cost \$4 per week. Families rostered for meals. Juniors, Prep – Gr2, 3.30 to 5.00pm on Fridays. Seniors, Gr3-6, 5.30 to 7.30pm Phone 9781 2636 or 0419 572 936 for more details or email amconnan@hotmail.com

Kids' Fun Run with K163 – Run alongside the historic Steam Train K163 to raise funds for the kids at Frankston Hospital. Held at Moorooduc Railway Station, Sunday, 19th March from 10am to 1pm for children aged 3 to 12. Sign up today at www.mycause.com.au/events/funrunk163

St James the Less Community Fete – Saturday, 25th February from 9.30am to 1.30pm at 105 Koetong Pde, Mt Eliza. Homemade treats, trash & treasure stall, BBQ, café, plants, jewellery, gifts and pony rides. Free community event.

Join us at Mt Eliza Redlegs Auskick - We run a 15 week trianing program starting at 9am on Sat 22nd April. For children at Kindergarten through to Grade 6. Registration is simple, visit aflauskick.com.au, select Mt Eliza in the centre locator. For more details phone 0419 380 630 or email mtelizaauskick@gmail.com

Net Set Go – Netball skill development for 6 to 10 year olds. Positive introduction to netball with skill activities, minor games and modified matches. Held Wed from 4pm to 5pm and Sat from 10am to 11am. Phone 9776 5155, email netball@fdna.com.au or visit www.frankstonnetball.com.au for more details and locations.

Hookin2 Hockey – MP Hockey Club is holding a Come & Try night on Wed 1st March from 5-6pm (free). Following this there will be a Skills in Action program for 8 weeks. Register online at www.mphc.org.au/juniors and click on the registration link. To be held each week at Peninsula Hockey Centre, Monash University, Frankston (parking end of Bloom St.) For more details phone 9766 7478 or visit www.hookin2hockey.com.au

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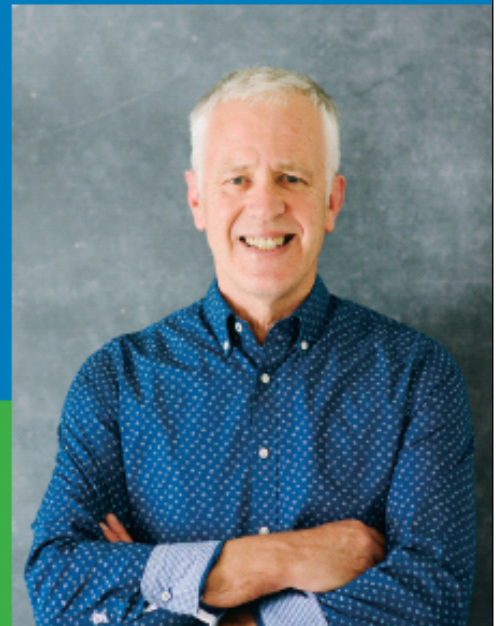
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The Parenting Masterclass

How to raise independent kids

"Never before has a generation of children been so dependent on their parents."
– Michael Grose



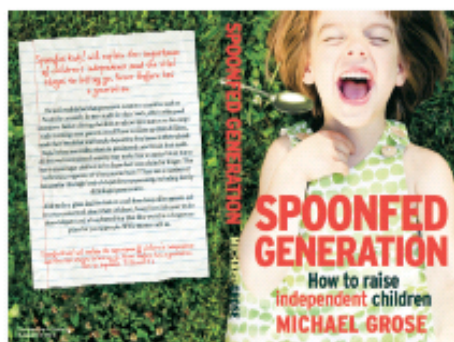
Lose the bubble-wrap and step away from the helicopter!

Join bestselling author and parenting expert, Michael Grose for an interactive evening designed to challenge thinking and empower parents to raise independent, resilient and confident children.

Michael will share hands-on and practical strategies to help:

- Encourage independence
- Build strong, caring and cooperative family relationships
- Reduce anxiety
- Foster emotional intelligence

You'll leave feeling empowered to move forward in raising your independent children.



Join us for our Parenting Masterclass

Date Tuesday 28th February

Time 7-9pm

At Mount Eliza Primary School
1 Wooralla Drive, Mount Eliza

TICKETS
\$10

100% of the proceeds will be donated to The Smith Family, helping young Australians in need to transform their lives through education.

About Michael Grose

Michael has been sharing his insights and strategies with parents and teachers for more than 25 years. Michael has been the teacher and he's been the parent. He's written 10 award winning books including *Thriving!* and is currently touring Australia with his newest release *Spoonfed Generation*.

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