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Mount Eliza North Primary School strives to create a community of learners who are empowered to inquire, achieve and contribute to the world around them.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

Reflecting on 2019, it has been another productive school year with many achievements to celebrate. Apart from teaching your children the Victorian curriculum, we have had many extra curriculum activities such as: camps, excursions, incursions, lunchtime programs, fun days, assorted musical events and the Year 6 Exhibition. It has been another busy year here at Mount Eliza North for students, staff and parents alike.

I am currently reading all student reports ready for distribution next Tuesday and am thrilled with our overall student achievements. I would like to congratulate our students for their outstanding accomplishments this year. Looking at our data the majority of our students across the school are working at or well above their expected level of achievement.

Huge congratulations to our hardworking PFA and Art and Design Show committees for their outstanding fundraising efforts. This year, just over \$76,000 has been raised by the school community. All funds raised this year will be spent to improve the schoolyard and facilities for our students in 2020. This could include such items as new goal posts and fencing for the newly developed school oval.

I would also like to thank our Parent Class Rep Coordinator and Representatives who have done a wonderful job this year. They have already organised a play date for our new preps on Thursday 23rd January at Overport Park. The PFA will also provide a Tea and Tissues morning tea for our parents on the preps first day of school on Monday 3rd February.

All these events not only raise money for the school but also strengthen the sense of community and pride in our school. By working together to support the Mount Eliza North Primary School goals, directions and ethos, we know that we are creating an outstanding educational setting for our children.

A few reminders - Team Kids our holiday care program will operate on site from the 13th – 28th of January. All staff will return to school on Tuesday 28th January for a DET mandated curriculum day. Students in Years 1 – 6 will commence on Wednesday 29th January while our preps start part time on Monday 3rd February.

Thank you to parents who have already paid the **Parent Contribution and Student Packs** for 2020. I would also like to thank those parents who have paid the optional financial contributions for ICT, school nurse and buildings and grounds. These contributions have a major impact on our school with all money directly allocated to these specific budgets.

Over the summer holidays the school painting program will continue, with the exterior of the portables repainted in school colours. All carpet across the school will be steam cleaned and learning spaces will be thoroughly cleaned in preparation for the new school year.

As is the case every year, we have staff moving into different sub schools. In 2020, Ms Jo Dow will be teaching Year 6, Mrs Cherylynn Playsted will be teaching Year 4 and Mrs Kailani Johnson and Mrs Natalie Haynes will job share in Multiage MAE. Thank you to Mrs Louise Atkinson for her work in the Senior School this semester.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK *continued...*

RETIREMENT NEWS

Mrs Andrea Mace will retire from teaching at the end of this year. Andrea has been teaching for over 56 years and has worked in six schools over her stellar career. Andrea has taught at Mount Eliza North Primary School for 37 years in many different roles, including the Senior School, leading our Junior School and finally as our beloved librarian. On behalf of the students, staff and school community, I would like to thank Andrea for outstanding contributions to our school. I know that she is very much looking forward to spending time with her family and in her garden.

At this time of the year, we say a fond farewell to our amazing Year 6 students and wish them all the best for their future learning. I always look forward to them visiting us again in the near future to hear of their inevitable successes.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to our amazing teaching, office and support staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. This is an outstanding school because of the professional contribution of many!

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support this year. I am very much looking forward to having a break with my family and friends. Have a happy and safe holiday with your families and I will see you all back for a new school year in 2020.

Kind regards,

Julie O'Brien - Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL / IB PYP COORDINATOR

It is hard to believe that another school year is almost over. It seems like only yesterday that our Prep students were walking into the school to meet their teachers and new friends. This week we welcomed our 2020 Preps into the Mount Eliza North Primary School community. They were eagerly accepted into their multi-age classes by the current Prep and Year One students and their teachers.

Mixed in with the excitement of welcoming the newest members of our community is also a sense of pride and sadness as we say good-bye to our wonderful Year 6 students. It has been a pleasure to watch these students develop into amazing young adults who have relished in all that Mount Eliza North Primary School has offered them over their time at primary school. I know I will be extremely proud as I watch each of these individuals reflect on and share memories of their schooling during their graduation ceremony next week. I wish them every success as they embark on the next stage of their education.

To all of our returning Mount Eliza North families, enjoy a safe summer break. Take the time to spend it with family and friends, and build fabulous memories together!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to hearing all about your holiday adventures when we return in 2020.



STUDENT REPORTS



On Tuesday 17th December, semester two student reports will be distributed via the Sentral Parent Portal. We hope that you enjoyed celebrating and reflecting on your child's learning and development.

Instructions on how to access the reports have recently been sent out via an email to all families. Should you experience any difficulties please contact the school office.

I encourage parents/carers to download a copy of their child's report to your home device or print a copy for future reference; this is best done on a computer.

Melissa Wisniewski - Assistant Principal/IB PYP Coordinator

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

I just want to extend a big thank you to our wonderful Mount Eliza North community for another fabulous year. Our students truly are amazing people, striving to learn both academically and socially.

A reminder that we have our Parent Helpers morning Tea on Tuesday 17th December and we would love all parents (and friends!) who have supported us in any way to come along.

I hope you all have a relaxing, enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing our students and their families in the new year.

Peita Cooper - Assistant Principal

PROPOSED EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2020

EVENT	SUGGESTED DATES	VOLUNTEER SIGN UP
PFA Committee	Term 1	volunteersignup.org/7YK4E
Hot Dog Day	Term 1	volunteersignup.org/BAKX3
Walkathon	Term 1	volunteersignup.org/EBWCX
Easter Snack Day (Last day term 1)	Term 1	volunteersignup.org/JRQLQ
Art Show Committee	Term 2	volunteersignup.org/LJPEL
Closet Cleanout	Term 2	No volunteers required
Trivia night	Term 2	volunteersignup.org/C8E9E
Mother's Day Stall	Term 2	volunteersignup.org/YR79B
Hot Dog Day	Term 2	volunteersignup.org/PW9EB
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	TBC	volunteersignup.org/8CKF7
School Disco	Term 3	volunteersignup.org/WRLFX
Father's Day Breakfast	Term 3	volunteersignup.org/9J7A9
Golf Day	Term 3	volunteersignup.org/9HM7L
Pie Day	Term 3	volunteersignup.org/J3QHT
Oaks Day Social Luncheon	Term 4	No volunteers required
Art Show Set up	Term 4	volunteersignup.org/R7JXX
Pizza Day	Term 4	volunteersignup.org/EW8LB

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property bins are overflowing. As the end of year approaches we would like to remind all families to check for any items that have been misplaced. We have several more valuable/sentimental items being held at the Office including watches, glasses, soft toys, keyrings, guitar etc. Please come in to check. All items remaining at the end of this year will be donated to a charity.

School banking at MENPS every Wednesday.

Our Piggy Saver account is the perfect way to start your kids saving. You'll also be helping the school and our local community. If MENPS can open 50 new accounts at the Mt Eliza Community Bank® Branch we'll be able to increase our sponsorship contribution.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

As another busy school year quickly draws to a close, I'd like to acknowledge the contribution and time given by the School Councillors to help with school governance in 2019. It has been another busy year of policy reviews, strategic planning conversations and meetings, all made easier by the fact we enjoy supporting Mount Eliza North Primary School any way we can.

The school oval project has seen significant planning and administrative work done over a long period of time involving various local and State government representatives and contractors. It is very fulfilling to see works well underway on what will be a great addition to school grounds and an asset that all students will be able to enjoy next year.

Our challenge will be to keep this momentum into 2020 and identify other opportunities for the continued improvement of our school community.

Trusting you will have a safe and happy Christmas, and I looking forward to hearing more of your thoughts and ideas into 2020.

Tony Walker - School Council President



CHRISTMAS CHEER



A wonderful time was had by all on Thursday 12th December, when the MENPS Super Choir went on our annual Cheer tour. With 105 students and 6 adults in toe, we visited 4 local retirement venues in our community, to sing and spread Christmas cheer. A huge thank you to staff, Sophie Vuat, Russell Gilchrist and Sarah Telford, parent helpers, Sarah and Leesa and of course our amazing choristers from Years 3 to 6.

Melina Garbers - Music Specialist



YEAR 5 POETRY



TERRIBLE



The world is a terrible place
So don't try to convince me that
You can always find happiness in everything you do
Everybody, including
Me being apart of this world can see
The world is a pretty evil place
Even if
Some light does shine through once in while
Contentment and joy doesn't last
This stuff we call love and happiness is in our heart
Nobody can be loved in this place
And I am in no position to believe that
Beauty exists within the world
And we start wars and world-wide problems
We are selfish, ugly-hearted humans
Its lying to say that
We are optimistic
Everything is unachievable and uncontrollable
And you'll never in a million years here me say that
The world is a wonderful place

(Now read from the bottom up)



WONDERFUL



By Amelia 5D

YEAR 2 BRIARS CAMP

On the 11th of December the Year 2's went to the Briars. First, we went to a little room. We were split into six groups. There were six activities and all the groups only got to do four. There was hut building, a flying fox/zipline, a giant swing, damper making, an obstacle course called the low ropes, Gaga ball and Bush Karts. With hut building, we had to make a hut out of sticks but it had to be waterproof. The flying fox was big, fast and high. With the giant swing, you were put in a harness and the people who were watching pulled you up with a rope then the guy pulled a rope and we swung it. When we made the damper you would get a stick and put damper on the end and roast it on the fire then it became bread. We put jam on it and it was delicious. On the low ropes you had to have a helmet and two spotters. You had to balance on ropes and try not to fall off. With the Gaga ball and Bush Karts we had 30 minutes either using the karts or playing gaga ball.

The Year 2's had great fun.

Kristen and Saffy MAK



YEAR 2 TABLOID SPORTS

During the last transition session the Year 2 students enjoyed tabloid sports. Wearing their house sports uniform for the first time they competed as teams to complete several activities. Well done to all students for giving it their best go.



YEAR 3 CAMP



ART NEWS



Head on down to the Mount Eliza Village to see our beautiful yarn bomb tree located outside Pops' Café. The village is looking very festive.

Thank you to staff, students and families who have contributed this year.



Well done 4W for creating this colourful Wacky Santa as a collective artwork.

Cindy Minogue
Art Specialist

MOUNT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Julie O'Brien

PRESIDENT: Tony Walker

VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Kuffer

SECRETARY: Peita Cooper

TREASURER: Melissa Wisniewski

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Alfred Basa, Jane Buchanan, Anthony Edgar, Adam Hanley, Kath Judkins, Matthew Purvis, Zara Lasater

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES: Renee Derriman, Anna Hendrey

COMMUNITY MEMBER: Paula Mogg

Team
Kids

WHAT'S ON SUMMER

MT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY

Jan 13 - Jan 28 | HOURS 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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YARD PARTY

PASSPORT TO SUMMER &
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MOUNT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2019

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Term 4 Starts	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Year 3 & 4 Incursion CERES	18 Year 3 & 4 Incursion CERES	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Art Show	26 Art Show
27 Art Show	28	29	30 Showcase of Arts	31		

NOVEMBER 2019

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3	4	5 MELBOURNE CUP DAY HOLIDAY	6	7 PFA Oaks Day	8 MA Flying Bookworm Incursion	9
10	11	12	13 Year 4 Camp	14 Year 4 Camp	15 Year 4 Camp PFA Golf Day	16
17	18	19 Prep Transition 9.45—10.45am	20	21 Prep Transition 9.45—10.45am	22	23
24	25	26	27 Prep Transition 9.45—10.45am Year 6 Exhibition 5.30pm	28 Year 6 Exhibition 11.30am—3pm	29	30

DECEMBER 2019

1	2	3 SRC Excursion	4 PFA Pizza Day	5 Year 3 Camp	6 Year 3 Camp	7
8	9 2020 Prep Meet the Teacher Yrs 5/6 Swimming	10	11 Yrs 5/6 Swimming Year 2 Briars Camp	12 Christmas Cheer Tour	13 Yrs 5/6 Swimming	14
15	16 Citizenship Assembly 9.15am	17 PFA Helpers Morning Tea Student Reports	18 2020 Year 3-6 Meet the Teacher Year 6 Graduation	19 Class Parties Year 6 Fun Day	20 Final Assembly 12.45pm Dismissal 1.30pm	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	27	28	29	30

DATES FOR 2020

TERM DATES

Term 1: 28 January (Teachers start) to 27 March

Term 2: 14 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

*See next column for student start date

SPECIAL DATES/CURRICULUM DAYS

29 January - Students Year 1-6 Commence Term 1

3 February - Preps commence half days

24 February - Preps commence normal school days

28 January - Mount Eliza North PS Curriculum Day

6 March - Mount Eliza North PS Curriculum Day

25 - 26 June - Mount Eliza North PS Curriculum Day