



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an absolute joy it was to welcome back our Junior School students last Tuesday! For some students the return to on-site learning was a smooth transition and they were happy to skip off to greet their friends and teacher. For a few students, this was a difficult time to separate from their parents and siblings. However, I can tell you that after more than a week of on-site learning, all Junior School students are settled and engaged in their learning once again.

We are all very excited to welcome our Year 3 – 6 students on Tuesday 9th June! I know they are all very keen to return back to a normal school environment, where they can reconnect and play with their friends and reengage in their formalised learning. This second stage of returning to on-site learning signifies the beginning of our school community coming together again!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of our amazing school for their dedication and professionalism during the past 2 months of remote and flexible learning.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort they have all made to continue delivering high-quality education for all our students through the transition to, and delivery of, remote and flexible learning.

I would also like to thank you again for your support as your child experienced remote-learning for the first time. This world-wide pandemic has meant a huge shift for us all but I believe it has given us an opportunity as a community to strengthen our relationships and partnerships, with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contribution to the education of their children and students.

PARENT AND STUDENT SURVEY

Learning from home is a big change for schools, teachers, students and families. With Year 3–6 students returning to on-site learning next week, we are inviting **parents and students in Years 4 –6** to please take the time to complete the Learning from Home Survey. The information you provide will be used to drive the school improvements.

- The survey will be conducted online and should take 10 minutes to complete.
- The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop or laptop computer, tablet, smartphone and is compatible with most browsers).
- The survey will be open until **Friday 26 June 2020**

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended questions will be provided back to the school.



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Please follow the instructions below to complete the survey. **Please note that there are separate instructions for parents and students.**

To complete the **PARENT** survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey. **NOTE: Only one parent** from your family is invited to complete the survey.
<https://www.orima.com.au/lfh/parents>
2. Select the School Name: Mount Eliza North Primary School
3. Enter the School PIN: 938540
4. When complete, please click on the 'FINISHED!' button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

To complete the **STUDENT** survey, simply ask / assist your child to follow the instructions below:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey. **NOTE: Only students in Years 4 to 6 are invited to participate in this survey.**
<https://www.orima.com.au/lfh/students>
2. Select the School Name: Mount Eliza North Primary School
3. Enter the School PIN: 8968
4. If you don't know what a question means, please ask your parent or teacher to help you. When you have finished the survey, please click on the 'FINISHED!' button on the last page to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

STAFFING UPDATE

Early in Term 2, I ran an internal process to appoint an Acting Assistant Principal to take on the role of Wellbeing coordinator and whole school organisation. Mrs Kirsten Edbrooke will now take on the role of Acting Assistant Principal until Term 4 when I will advertise for the ongoing position. I would like to welcome back Mrs Louise Atkinson who will be taking on the role of Acting Senior School coordinator and Year 6 teacher in Kirsten's absence. I would also like to welcome back Amanda Baker (previously a parent) who has been appointed as a teacher aid. Mrs Bailey and Ms Minogue are currently on leave. Mrs Procter will be replacing Ms Minogue in the art room.

SIBLING PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

A reminder to all parents, if you have a sibling of a current student who will be attending in Prep next year you will need to complete an intention to enrol form. Please note, all sibling enrolments are guaranteed a place, you just need to get your form in! Intention to enrol forms can be downloaded from the school website and sent back to us via email at mount.eliza.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Due to social distancing restrictions 2021 Prep Tours have been postponed until early Term 3.

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School banking at MENPS every Wednesday.

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SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS

All families have received an email this week outlining changes to the Semester 1 Student Reports at Mount Eliza North Primary School.

The Department of Education and Training has adjusted the expectations of Student Reports for Semester 1 in recognition of the transition to remote and flexible learning during Term 2.

While our school has continued to deliver its teaching and learning program and monitor the achievement and progress of each student, there have been some unprecedented changes to our usual program.

At Mount Eliza North Primary School, we know it is vital to involve students and their parents/carers in learning. This process includes providing reports on student learning.

Mount Eliza North Primary School will provide a written report for the parent/carer of each student enrolled however there are some changes from our usual reports. Semester 1 Student Reports will not include teacher judgements and a five-point scale due to the unprecedented changes to our program due to COVID-19. We will report on student progress in the Semester 2 reports.

Student Reports for Semester 1 2020 will include:

- A description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum F-10 taught
- A general comment regarding student learning achievement, based on the Victorian Curriculum F-10
- A comment on how the student has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment.
- Student Home Learning reflection – where students reflect on their learning in Semester 1

In previous reports, students have completed a personal reflection page at school. This Semester, we would like students to write their Home Learning Reflections with their parent or carer.

We ask that you email the reflection back to your child's teacher by Tuesday 9th June as they will be included in their Semester 1 Student Report.

(This is your last home work task for Term 2, I promise!!)



The Home Learning Reflection should be a short paragraph of no more than 120 - 140 words.

Your child's Home Learning Reflection could include the following information:

- What you enjoyed the most about remote and flexible learning
- What you found the most challenging about learning from home
- What is your preferred learning style
- What you missed the most about being at school

Due to current health and safety restrictions, **Parent – Teacher Interviews will not be held this term.** We are anticipating scheduling these sometime in Term 3.

Enjoy the first week of winter!

Kind regards,
Julie O'Brien

MOUNT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY MEMBER: Paula Mogg

SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

Restrictions will apply on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students. Strict social distancing of 1.5m between all adults will apply.

To reduce the number of adults attending on site or congregating outside the school the following school health and safety measures will be implemented:

STAGGERED DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES WILL APPLY

- **Junior School** students to be dropped off between 8.45 – 9.00am & pick up 3.30 – 3.45pm
- **Students Years 3 – 6** drop off 8.30 – 8.45am & pick up 3.45 – 4.00pm
- Families with students in more than one sub school can choose either time to drop off & pick up
- Extra staff on duty in the yard at the four school entry/exit points during drop off and pickup times
- Students who are feeling anxious about returning to school can be escorted to class by a teacher on duty – parents as asked not to enter the school grounds
- If your child is feeling anxious about returning to school, please inform their teacher via email so that we can put support measures in place

Parents are asked to adhere to the following:

- Parents are asked **not get out of their cars** at drop off or pick up – kiss & go
- Parents are asked to **avoid or minimise time in or around the school grounds**
- If parents need to contact the school or a teacher, you can do so by calling the office or via email

We are encouraging students to walk to school

Every step counts so if you live close to the school students can walk all the way.

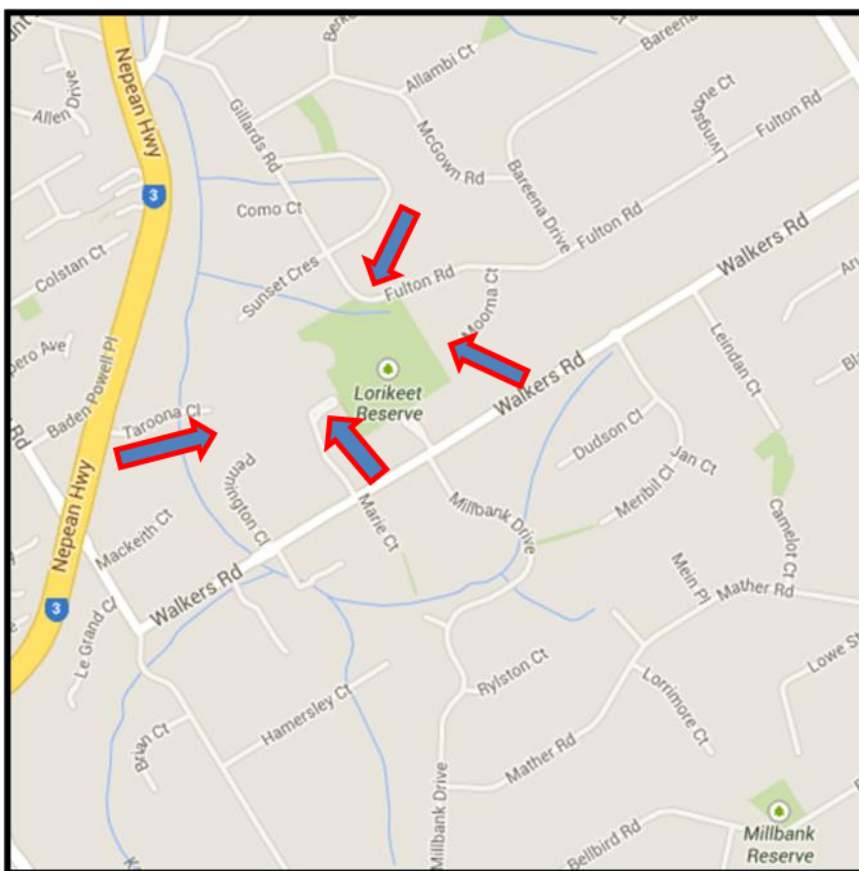
If you need to drive consider dropping off and picking up at one of the 4 entry points.

There are 4 entry points into school:

1. Moseley Drive
2. Walkers Road kinder track
3. Fulton Road
4. Tarooona Close.

Try one of the following options.....

- Park in Marie Court and walk down Moseley Drive (or Esme Court and follow the path to Marie Court)
- Park in Tarooona Close and follow the path next to the creek up to the back of school
- Park in Sunset Crescent or Moorna Court and walk through the Fulton Road reserve
- Park in Pennington Close and school is only a short walk up the hill with no roads to cross
- Park in Meribil Close and walk to school via the kinder track
- Park at Eden Gardens and walk to school via Tarooona Close



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MOUNT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2020

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Queens Birthday	9 Yr 3 - 6 return to school	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Reports to go home	26 Last Day Term 2 2.30pm finish	27
28	29	30				

JULY 2020

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Term 3 Start	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 2020

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

DATES FOR 2020

<p>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</p>	<p>SPECIAL DATES/CURRICULUM DAYS 26 May: Junior school return 9 June: Middle/Senior school return 17 September: Curriculum Day 18 September: Curriculum Day</p>
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