

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

### YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Year 6 campers have had a fabulous week in Canberra exploring. This camp complements the learning that they have been doing over the last few weeks in their 'How We Organise Ourselves' unit of inquiry. Students have inquired into: types of governance, roles and responsibilities of electors and representatives in Australia's history and the initiation, passing and enforcement of laws. The camp provides students with fabulous opportunities to consolidate their learning and explore many places of interest around Canberra. They have visited the Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, Royal Australian Mint, Mt Stromlo Observatory, Geoscience Australia 'hazards', Questacon, Canberra International Sports and Aquatic Centre and Parliament House.

A huge thank you to our staff and parents for all of their efforts in ensuring an enjoyable and educational experience for students.

Please see some photos below:



### FOUNDATION TOURS

We are busy conducting our Foundation Tours. The enrolment process now commences earlier, which allows families to plan for their children starting school and for us to ensure a thorough transition process. If you would like to book a tour or know people who have a child starting school, please let them know that this can be done by contacting our office or booking through our website.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN will commence on Wednesday 13th March. Although this test is a small snapshot of the capabilities and skills our students possess, it does provide us with data to use when goal setting and considering future direction for the school. Information about the testing has gone home to families and access to the public demonstration site has also been shared so that students can familiarise themselves with the platform and tools prior to testing. If you have any questions regarding this testing, please contact your child's class teacher or myself.

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## PLANNING WEEK

Planning Week will take place in Week Nine of this term. This is a week where teaching teams have the opportunity to spend a day working together to prepare learning for the following term. This approach supports collaboration and enables our students to experience high quality teaching and learning across all classes.

## A MESSAGE FROM A NEIGHBOUR

We have had some feedback from a neighbour on Marie Court that there has been some rubbish left in their property. The majority of this appears to be Yogo type containers. They have also asked us to remind drivers to turn at the bottom of the court and not use nearby driveways. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend.

Yours In Learning,  
Caroline Chilianis  
Principal

# ATTENDANCE AT MOUNT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Attendance Requirements

*If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence**, by using the **Compass Education parent app**.*

*Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.*

*From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.*

*This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.*

*The Mount Eliza North Primary School Attendance Policy, which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences is available on our school website under the Policy's tab.*

## Contact details

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school by emailing [mount.eliza.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.eliza.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' full name, child's full name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

## Notify the school of your child's absence

*Protecting the safety and wellbeing of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.*

Please remember to call the school on (03) 9787 6611 or log your child's absence using Compass Education early in the morning if your child is going to be away.

For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absences please read our Attendance Policy: [Mount Eliza North Primary School » School Policies](#)

## Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

Our school will text you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by adding an Attendance Note to Compass Education, to let us know where your child is.

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences.

## YEAR 6 CAMP REBATE

Students from our school are currently undertaking an educational tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics & Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$45.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon the completion of the excursion.

Mount Eliza North Primary School would like to recognise the positive impact this rebate has had on families, as the school was able to take this rebate into consideration when initially calculating the cost of the camp.

## BOOK CLUB!

Issue 2 Scholastic Book club catalogues were sent out last week, please let me know if your child did not receive one. Every purchase you make on Book Club earns our school **15%** of the order value in Scholastic Rewards. We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for the school. It all helps!

Thank you to the parents that have already placed their order for Issue 2. Please note that orders will now be closed on **14<sup>th</sup> March** so they can be distributed before the holiday break.

When orders arrive at school I will let you know so you can make sure your child has received theirs. Thank you parents for supporting our school and your child's reading journey.

*Mel Plant*



## Grade 4 Learning and Social Lunches: Building Skills for Life

At Mount Eliza North Primary School, we believe that social and emotional learning is just as important as academic growth. To support this Year 4 students participate in two special lunchtime sessions each week: **Learning Lunch on Tuesdays** and **Social Lunch on Fridays**. These sessions help students build essential life skills, including communication, teamwork, and friendship-building.

### **Tuesday Learning Lunch: Strengthening Life Skills**

Each Tuesday we gather together as a cohort, eat our lunch and engage in structured activities designed to develop important social skills. For example in the first week we explored **Active Listening** – We explored how listening carefully helps avoid misunderstandings and improves playtime. Students watched an engaging video and discussed ways to be good listeners during games. This week we watched a short video on “How to Use Time Wisely” and made connections to our unit of inquiry and how making good choices with time helps us maintain a balanced lifestyle, ensuring we have time for learning, play, rest, and social interactions.

### **Friday Social Lunch: Connecting with Friends**

Friday's Social Lunch is a relaxed gathering where all Grade 4 students come together to eat outside 4W and 4V. It's a time to “**come as you are**”, enjoy lunch, and connect with peers. Occasionally, we introduce activities designed to encourage new friendships and strengthen social bonds. Whether students are chatting with someone new or participating in a fun group game, Social Lunch fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment. Through these weekly sessions, Year 4 students are developing essential social skills that will benefit them both in and out of the classroom. We look forward to continuing this journey of learning, growth, and friendship!

# FAREWELL TO JULIENNE OUR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHER

This year MENPS will be saying farewell to one of our wonderful Instrumental Tutors, Julianne Burke.

Julianne has been a huge part of MENPS, on and off for more than 43 years. Not only has she taught the piano to hundreds of MENPS students during this time, she was also a student herself when the school first opened in 1976.

Julianne was then also a student teacher here in 1988 and later watched her own children journey rough their schooling here from 2008.

We thank Julianne for all her time and talent and wish her all the best for the future. You will always have a place at MENPS Julianne.



# YEAR 3 DRAGON EXPLORATION FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR

As a part of the Who We Are unit of Inquiry—Celebrations and Traditions Reflect Culture, the Year 3 students have had an exciting time working in teams to create a dragon for the Chinese New Year celebrations. The dragon is believed to ward of evil spirits!





We're celebrating the AWESOMENESS of diversity this Harmony Week!  
Get ready to paint the town ORANGE as we embrace and learn all about inclusivity, kindness and respect.  
We'll enjoy lots of special activities to highlight the joy of belonging!  
**Book NOW to join the FUN** – [www.teamkids.com.au/venues](http://www.teamkids.com.au/venues)

**Reach out to your DOS to find out when your venue will be celebrating!**

**17-21 MARCH**

# HARMONY WEEK

**EVERYONE BELONGS**





# DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2026?



Mount Eliza North Primary School invites you  
to tour our wonderful school!

2025 TOUR DATES

(Bookings Essential)

USE THE LINK OR QR CODE

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYURJ>

2025	
Thurs. 13th February	10:00AM
Mon. 17th February	10:00AM
Wed. 26th February	11:30AM
Wed. 5th March	10:00AM
Tues. 11th March	11:30AM
Thurs. 20th March	4:30PM <i>Twilight Tour</i>
Mon. 24th March	10:00AM
Wed. 23rd April	10:00AM
Mon. 28th April	10:00AM
Thurs. 8th May	10:00AM
Thurs. 15th May	4:00—5:00PM <i>Afternoon Tour</i>
Mon. 19th May	10:00AM
Thurs. 29th May	11:30AM
Wed. 4th June	10:00AM
Tues. 10th June	10:00AM
Mon 16th June	10:00AM
Mon. 23rd June	10:00AM
Tues. 1st July	10:00AM



# Drums.Melbourne

## Drum



1 Learning Drums is a great way to develop co-ordination and focusing skills. Boosting your brain - power learning drums will help with other classes at school. Your confidence will also take a boost!

## Fun

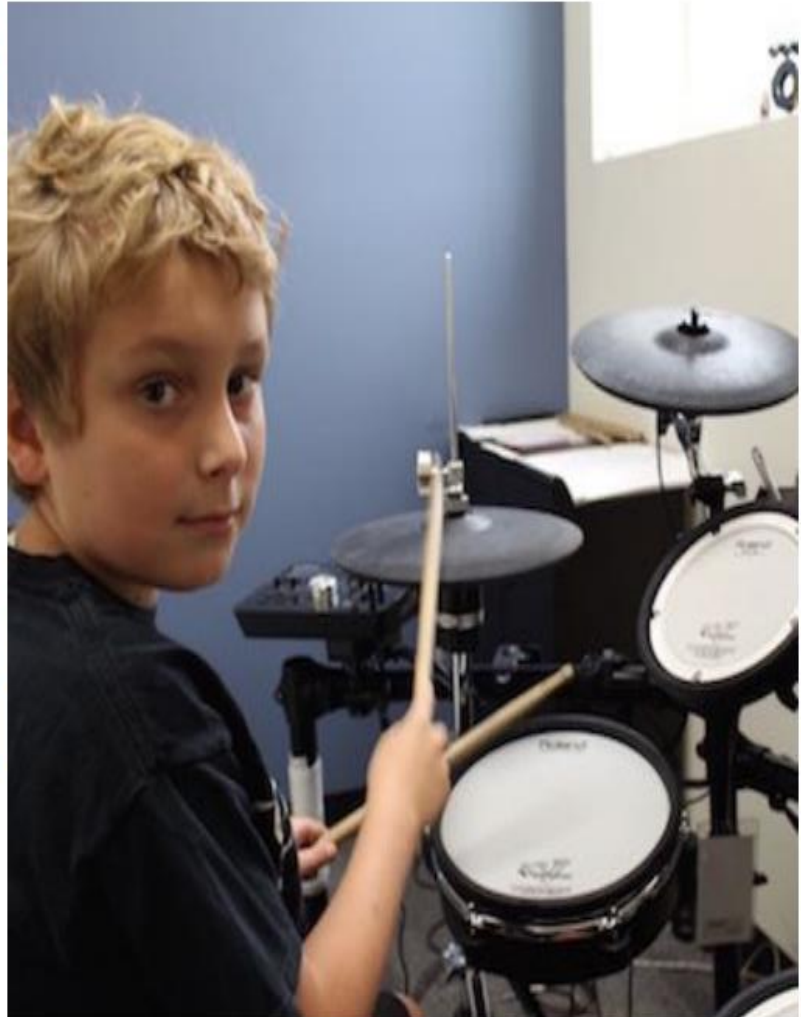


2 Best of all, learning Drums is fun! The enjoyment of playing drums will make you feel good, boost your mood and reduce stress. You will make new friends and learn to play music together.

## Learn



3 Learn by yourself or with friends. Play your favorite songs and learn different percussion instruments.



## Drum Lessons

Learn Drums and Percussion with Jim Nash, one of Australia's leading Drummers and Drum Educators.

Fully registered with The Victorian Education Institute of Teaching, you can be assured that your child will receive the upmost attention for their drumming needs.

To enroll please visit [www.drums.melbourne](http://www.drums.melbourne) and enroll under the tab for your school.



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Honouring & Celebrating  
First Peoples Cultures

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • CARING FOR COUNTRY • FOOD

We acknowledge Boon Wurrung Peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which the festival is held. We recognise their strength in maintaining their cultures over thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.



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