

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

CURRICULUM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As a result of our recruitment process, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Emma Parnell to our school as Curriculum/PYP Assistant Principal. Emma is an experienced Assistant Principal who will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school. She will commence at the start of Term 2. Emma attended our Curriculum Day on Tuesday and had the opportunity to listen to the work happening within our school and meet staff. We look forward to welcoming Emma to our school community.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our Curriculum Day was held on Tuesday 1st April. We explored De-escalation of behaviour and discussed ways of supporting student needs. We also engaged in a presentation about Explicit Teaching followed by a presentation on learning difficulties in Numeracy and the use of Assistive Technology in learning. To conclude the day, we welcomed our Wellbeing Dog, Lux, to our school.

RAMP WORKS

The ramp works continue. I have been in contact with the VSBA, Architect and Builder in relation to the delays. They have provided me with a new completion date of 7th May. They will be doing substantial work over the school holidays. I have asked the builders to move the temporary fencing so that both girls and boys toilets can be accessed, as the timeframe is a lot longer than was first advised. Students are now able to use both junior toilets. The temporary fencing from our plumbing leak has been removed and this area is now fully functional. Once the ramp works are complete I will look to renew the synthetic grass.

COLOUR RUN

Our Colour run will take place on Friday 4th April. I would like to thank the students and families for their fundraising efforts. All money raised will go towards shade over the junior school playground. I am hoping the weather holds out for us and that we have a fun and fabulous afternoon to wrap up term 1.

2025 FOUNDATION TOURS

Our Foundation Tours have been very well attended and it is a joy to present our amazing school to prospective parents. If you know of a family who has moved to the area or are moving to the area and they are looking for a great school, please let them know tours of our wonderful school are available for families inside and outside our neighbourhood boundary. Tour dates are on the school website.

I would like to wish you a wonderful term break and to thank staff, students and our school community for such a smooth start to the year. I am excited about what the remainder of the year will bring and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed, rested and ready for Term 2.

Yours In Learning,
Caroline Chilianis
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ... WELLBEING

How is it already the end of Term 1! Time really does whizz by. It has been a term full of fun and engagement. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful break over the Easter period.

Peer mediation Training

To further support students in the yard the school has embarked on Peer mediation training. 23 teacher-selected, Grade 6 students engaged with a facilitator from Stride Education in a full day workshop to develop the necessary skills to become a Peer Support Leader in the yard.



Peer Mediation trains students to work in pairs to resolve low level issues that may happen between two students at break times. Through the *6 Steps of Mediation* and using listening skills, assertiveness, brainstorming and empathy, these students become our eyes and ears in the school yard. This gives younger students someone they are likely to come to for support and releases teachers to be more effective across a broader range of duties in the schoolyard. While mediators can and do deal with many of their peers' issues, we recognise there are some things that are too big for them. We train them to know what, why, when and how to pass on those bigger issues to staff. Rest assured they are given the skills, not the responsibility! Stride's Peer Mediation program fosters a helping culture within our school it provides younger students a safe and effective forum to seek help.



Peer Support Leaders will be seen in the yard from the start of Term 2, they will be easily identified as they will be wearing Hi Vis vests. These students will be introduced to our school community on the first assembly in week 2.

Wellbeing Dog

We are excited to welcome Lux to our school from Week 2 of Term 2. She is an Australian Cobber dog and has been bred to have the perfect temperament for this role. Her training is coming along well, and she is already displaying all the attributes of a perfect wellbeing dog. She is also very cute!



Please let your class teacher know if your child has concerns around dogs so we are aware before we introduce Lux to the community.

Until next time...

Lou Atkinson

Assistant Principal - Wellbeing

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SSB:

If you would like to use your school saving bonus for excursions/ incursions, you MUST email the SSB email with:

- Child's full name
- Grade
- Event/ excursion/ incursion
- How much SSB to use (note that for families with multiple children, SSB can be used across all children)

***Please do not tick the CSEF box in Compass Education if you wish to use your SSB.

Thank you:

A huge thank you to our amazing PFA Team for the organisation and execution of our MENPS fundraisers so far this year. A special mention to:

- Emma H for her work with the Easter Raffle and School Socks fundraiser
- Jemma and Team for their work with the Colour Run
- Emma B for her work with the Mother's Day Stall so far
- Jen B and her work to begin the 2025 MENPS Art Show preparations

Have a wonderful Easter Break everyone, and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 22nd April for Term 2!

STEM Donations:

Just a reminder that we are happy to accept clean and safe donations year-round, as we constantly use materials to create and build every day!

Paper & Cardboard:

- ✓ Paper towel tubes
- ✓ Wrapping paper tubes
- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Cardboard or shoe boxes
- ✓ Used wrapping or tissue paper
- ✓ plates, cups & straws

Plastic & Rubber:

- ✓ Plastic bottles & caps
- ✓ Spoons, forks & straws
- ✓ Small plastic containers
- ✓ Zip bags, rubber bands
- ✓ Rubber bouncy balls
- ✓ table tennis balls
- ✓ Desk organisers or plastic sorting trays

Craft & Creative:

- ✓ Wool, thread or ribbons
- ✓ T-shirts, fabric, felt
- ✓ Microfiber or sponges
- ✓ Cotton wool balls
- ✓ Large beads and buttons
- ✓ New icy pole sticks & pipe cleaners

Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Wine corks, marbles
- ✓ Old science/nature books
- ✓ Sticky tap or stickers
- ✓ Seeds & packets (even out of date)
- ✓ Magnets, old keys,
- ✓ Paper clips

FIRST AID WITH NURSE KATE

Dear MENPS Families

If your child(ren) require a change of clothing at school, it is much appreciated if loaned clothing can be washed and returned to school as soon as possible, so that the spare clothing pool remains adequately stocked.

It is a good idea to include a change of clothes (especially underwear!) in your child's school bag.

Kind regards,

Kate Lyell

First Aid Officer/ School Nurse

SPORTS NEWS

DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 26th March our team of 12 division swimmers competed in the Division Swimming Carnival. This was a great day with our students absolutely shining in the pool. Our students swam personal best times, supported each other and displayed great sportsmanship. A big thank you to all of the parents for cheering on our team.



RUNNERS CLUB

Don't forget running club will be on each Thursday morning at 8.20am. We would love to have some parent helpers, if you are interested please email me on

angela.seaburgh@edumail.vic.gov.au

Our school cross country is going to be on Friday 2nd May. We encourage our students to begin training next week and challenge themselves during cross country training and runners club.



SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

On Friday 21st March our Year 6 students participated in the Mount Eliza District Summer Lightning Premiership. We had teams for volleyball, cricket and hot shots tennis. Our students had a couple of training sessions during their sport time this year to get prepared for the day. Our students enjoyed learning the rules of these sports. Thank you to our teachers and parent helpers who assisted on the day.



Interschool sport: cricket

Last Friday, the year 6 students went to The Peninsula School to participate in the Summer Lightning Premiership in cricket. There was an all girls team, with 6 girls representing MENPS. Out of all the girls teams, the North girls came 3rd, they played 2 different Derinya teams and one Mount Eliza team. The schools to participate were:

MENPS, Mount Eliza PS, Saint Thomas More, Derinya, Overport, Kunyung and Peninsula.

The day was held at Peninsula Grammar sporting grounds. All the girls had a great day, everyone supported each other and tried their best and the boys cheered us on.

By Zoe B & Lyla

TENNIS CLINIC

This term students in Foundation to Year 3 have been very lucky to be involved in a tennis clinic run by Better Tennis. The students have loved these sessions



and learned new skills while having fun. We have been really lucky to Mrs Atkinson's son, Evan and Mrs Hockey's son Ben running these clinics.

Tennis is returning in Term 2, it will be the same times, days and ages. So register quickly before spots fill up.

If your child would like to continue playing tennis then please contact Brad from Better Tennis on 0410483669.

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA STATE HOCKEY TEAM

Congratulations to Shivaa in Year 6 who has just been selected to represent Victoria in State Hockey Team. That's such an incredible achievement for Shivaa! Representing Victoria in the State Hockey Team is a huge honor and a testament to all his hard work and dedication. Training twice a week with Southern United Hockey Team must have really paid off! I'm sure he's going to do an amazing job competing in Bendigo this August. What an exciting opportunity for him to challenge himself against some of the best players in the country. Well done, Shivaa!



REMINDERS

- Please remember to wear appropriate footwear to PE classes and Sport lessons. Running shoes provide the best support while our students are participating in PE. Trainers and converse don't always provide correct support for our students during sports
- If your child is injured or has been unwell and you would like them to sit out of PE and Sport lesson, please provide a note so I can take the appropriate steps to assist your child.

Thank you

Angela Seaburgh

PE/ Sport teacher



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GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

**MT ELIZA NORTH PS
AUSKICK CENTRE**

On the School Oval

Starts May 8th
3:45PM - 4:45PM





Q MOUNT ELIZA **ART** & DESIGN **SHOW** 24-26 Oct 2024

The Mount Eliza Art show is MENPS biggest fundraising activity -
and it's on again this year!

Last year we **raised over \$93,000**, generating a **profit of \$37,000** for the school.
We had 140 MENPS student artworks on display, but impressively we **handled
over \$425,000 worth of professional art, jewellery and giftware!**
And this year we want to make it even bigger and more family orientated!

We need helpers like YOU to make it succeed!

So come along to our kick-off meetings in Term 2 in the school boardroom:

- **Meeting 1: Wed 30th April - 9-11am -**
Meet & greet and Recap last year
- **Meeting 2: Wed 7th May - 9-11am -**
Meet & greet and Brainstorm this year

www.MtElizaArt.com



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



Kids Unlimited


Extra Curricular Activities at

Mt Eliza North PS



CHESS

- ✓ Tue, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- ✓ Starts on 29 April
- ✓ \$200 for 8 sessions
- ✓ For Preps - Year 6
- ✓ Room: Library



ROBOTICS

- ✓ Wed, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- ✓ Starts on 30 April
- ✓ \$240 for 8 sessions
- ✓ For Years 1-6
- ✓ Room: Top of the Library



DRAMA

- ✓ Thu, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- ✓ Starts on 1 May
- ✓ \$180 for 8 sessions
- ✓ For Preps - Year 6
- ✓ Room: Multi-purpose room

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2026 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS AND TOURS

Frankston High School has an outstanding reputation as a high-performing school, particularly in the areas of academic achievement, music and sport. Prospective parents/carers are encouraged to attend an information session and tour of the school.

7 - 10 CAMPUS
PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE

Tuesday April 29
Thursday May 1
Monday May 5
Wednesday May 7

**9.15am Information
Session and Tour**

Book via our website or using the QR code:



www.fhs.vic.edu.au



**MOUNT ERIN
COLLEGE**

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday, 2nd of April 5 - 7pm

An Auslan interpreted tour will be made available if a booking is made for the 5.15pm session.

Bookings are preferred and can be booked by our friendly administration team on 5971 6000, via our school website or using the QR code below.



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