Prep 2016 Orientation Events
Mount Evelyn Christian School

Starting school is exciting...and a bit overwhelming! Our Prep Orientation program is designed to give both children and parents insight into how Prep works, and to build confidence and familiarisation in the children, contributing to a smooth transition into Prep next year.

These orientation events are for children who currently attend the MECS Kindergarten and are continuing on into Prep, and those children who are starting new to MECS in 2016.

Preschool Visits
First 2 weeks of Sept 2015
For children starting new to MECS, during the first 2 weeks of September our Prep teachers will visit your child at their Kindergarten. During this visit, one of the Prep teachers will spend one-on-one time getting to know your child and doing some activities together. This is arranged by MECS with your child’s kindergarten.

For children currently attending the MECS Kindergarten, the Prep teachers will visit the Kindergarten on a few occasions to get to know the children.

‘Step into Prep’ Orientation Sessions
These sessions are designed for the soon-to-be Preps to become familiar with the Prep rooms, Prep teachers and each other, while the parents get to know each other and learn some important information to assist their child’s transition into Prep.

Thurs 22 Oct 2015: 2 - 3pm in the Prep Rooms
When you arrive at the Prep rooms, help your child find their ‘Mini Me’ and do the activity together. Parents will then head up to the PUMP room (Primary Multi Purpose Room) for afternoon tea and an interactive session on ‘Preparing for school with the right equipment - all things bags, lunch boxes and stationery’.

Thurs 29 Oct 2015: 2 - 3pm in the Prep Rooms
Please drop your child off at the Prep rooms, then head up to the PUMP room for a fun parent information session on helping your child learn key components of beginning to learn to read using finger rhymes, songs and more. We will join the children in the Prep rooms at 2.45pm for a lovely time where we will share a story book and practice our newly learnt skills.

Thurs 5 Nov 2015: 2 - 3pm in the Prep Rooms
Please drop your child off at the Prep rooms, then head up to the PUMP room for a parent information session led by one of our Early Learning team, on how we create a sense of belonging and well-being in the Primary School.

‘Step into Prep’ Parent Information Evening
Thurs 12 Nov 2015: 7.30pm in the Primary Multipurpose Room (PUMP Room)
This session is designed to help parents prepare their child for school next year. You will receive a Prep Handbook and helpful information on the practicalities of getting ready for school. We encourage all parents to come along.

Orientation Day
Tues 8 Dec 2015: 9am - 12pm in the Prep Rooms
On Orientation Day, your child will get to be part of a Prep class. This is a great opportunity for the children to ‘come, see and be’ a Prep student for half a day.

This is a whole-school Orientation Day, so there will be lots of new families around the school, with new students going into all the year levels.

Please drop your child off at the Prep rooms at 9am, and pick them up from the Prep rooms before lunch at 12pm. Parents are invited to morning tea in the main school staffroom after dropping off your child, to connect with other new families starting at MECS.

Your child will need a nutritious morning tea and the MECS blue broad-brimmed hat: if your child currently attends MECS Kindergarten, please make sure they bring their blue hat from kinder. If your child is new to MECS, they will receive a complimentary hat on Orientation Day. You do not need to order a hat through the schoolwear facility. The hats will be named and will remain at school so that they are available on the first day of school.

Car parking will be available in the lower car park - entry via Gate 3 off the York Road Service Road (see MECS Maps for location).

First Day of School
Mon 1 Feb 2016: 8:45am - 3:15pm
An exciting day for parents, children and teachers! Please bring your child to the Prep rooms, ready to start by 8.45am and join us for morning tea in the main school staffroom. Your child can be collected at 3:15pm from the Prep rooms.