2014 Prep Orientation Events
Mount Evelyn Christian School

This important orientation information is prepared for parents of children who attend the MECS Kindergarten and are continuing on in Prep and for those who are coming to MECS for the first time in 2014.

Wednesday 14 August, 2013
‘Are you Ready for Prep?’ Information Evening
7:30 pm in the Primary Multipurpose (PUMP) Room
This information evening is designed to present parents with the developmental milestones and Prep expectations in relation to readiness for formal learning situations.

During Week 26 - 30 August, 2013
Early Years Conversation (EYC)
If your child is NEW to MECS, you and your child will be invited to attend an EYC at the school, which will be conducted by one of our Early Learning Team. You will be contacted to make an appointment for this EYC, which will involve a chat and activities for your soon-to-be-Prep. This EYC is particularly helpful in finding out how your child learns.

During Weeks 2 - 13 September, 2013
Preschool Visits
Our Prep teachers will be visiting each child at their respective Preschools. At this visit, one of the Prep teachers will spend one-on-one time, getting to know your child and doing some activities together.

If your child is at the MECS Kindergarten, then this visit will occur during one of their Kindergarten sessions. If your child attends another Preschool, we will organise the Prep teacher to visit to them at their Preschool. Parents do not need to be present at this Preschool visit. MECS will organise this visit and inform you which Preschool session the teacher will be attending.

Tuesday 22 & 29 October, 2013
‘Step into Prep’ Orientation Sessions
2 pm till 3 pm in the Prep Rooms
The Step into Prep Orientation Sessions are designed for the soon-to-be Preps to become familiar with the Prep room, Prep teachers and each other. For those children new to MECS, parents are asked to drop their child off in the Prep rooms for the session, and pick them up at the end of each session. For MECS Kindergarten children, these two sessions will occur during the normal Kindergarten sessions, and you are asked to pick up and sign out your child at the Prep rooms after each of the two sessions. Any parent waiting for their child is welcome to come for a cuppa in the staffroom.

Wednesday 6 November, 2013
‘Step into Prep’ Orientation Session
9 am till 10.15 am in the Prep Rooms and Staffroom
For this Step into Prep Orientation Session parents are invited to a morning tea in the main school Staffroom, once you have signed in your child at the Prep rooms (for MECS Kindergarten children) or dropped them off at the Prep rooms (for children new to MECS).

During this time, as well as enjoying morning tea, one of our Early Learning Team will present an information session, which will include information on how we create a sense of belonging and well-being in the Primary School. This session will provide you with an opportunity to connect with other parents as well.
Thursday 14 November, 2013
‘Step into Prep’ Information Evening
7.30 pm in the Pump Room

This Information Evening is designed to help parents prepare their child for school next year. You will receive a Prep Handbook, which will be discussed and there will be a session on the practicalities of getting ready for school.

Tuesday 10 December, 2013
Orientation Day
From 9 am till 12.00 pm in the Prep Rooms

On Orientation Day, your child will have an opportunity to come along and 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. For MECS Kindergarten children, please sign in at the Prep Rooms and pick up your child at the Kindergarten at normal Kindergarten time. For children new to MECS, please come to the Prep room to drop off your child, and pick them up from the Prep classroom at 12 pm. Please join us for morning tea in the Staffroom after you have dropped off your child.

Monday 3 February, 2014
First Day of School
Drop off at 8.45 am at the Prep Rooms. Pick-up at 3.15 pm.

By the first day of school your Prep child will be very familiar with and confident about coming to school. Please bring your child to the Prep rooms ready and prepared for beginning a new stage of their educational journey at MECS. It is such an exciting day for the children, parents and teachers. Please join us for morning tea in the Staffroom after you have dropped off your child.