



Montmorency Primary School



Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

Why we need your payments

This week we are sending out statements relating to charges showing on our system. Please check these statements; if there are errors, please let us know. If there are unpaid charges please assist us by making payments. Payment plans can be arranged with Julie or myself.

Consider the examples outlined briefly below:

Our Stephanie Alexander Program is a wonderful asset to our school. Salaries, however, are no longer subsidised and must be supplemented through our central funding. Garden and Kitchen materials are also only partly provided by the modest levy included with our fees.

We have made great strides in providing Whole-School reference materials to ensure a pool of activities for appropriate ability levels. The provision of new reading materials for children to take home and read in class is an ongoing task.

Technology is an area of great demand. In our new building we have needed to put the emphasis on small footprint devices and have parted with our aged desktop computers. Although we will receive a technology grant with our new build we are looking at sufficient numbers of Laptops, Netbooks and iPads to support our curriculum without adopting a 1:1 parent leased program at this stage of your child's education.

Out Of School Hours Care is an important component of service delivery. Many families will not enrol unless it is offered. It supports our working parents and provides a supervised environment when families experience unforeseen emergencies. With increasing numbers of places on offer, late payments can add up to thousands of dollars. School Council is looking at ways to improve and resource this program. A reliable cost-to-services trail is a vital part of any future planning.

In a small school the quality of education we can offer depends heavily on your contributions – even when they are listed as voluntary. Every missed payment presents a dilemma for us. Should the child be disadvantaged by exclusion? How can children be excluded from an important stimulus that will drive future units of work or impact on their sense of belonging? Please review your statements and assist us by making sure all payments are up to date.

Every Day Counts

A reminder to ensure that children **attend school regularly and arrive on time**. Days can add up to weeks and months missed over a year and late arrivals often will find it hard to settle in to routines which are set up first thing in the morning.

Diary dates

- **Thursday 4 September**
Father's Day Stall
- **Monday 8 September**
International Day
- **Tuesday 9 September**
District Athletics Carnival
- **Thursday 18 September**
Last day of school - 2:30 finish
- **Friday 19 September**
Curriculum Day – Student free
- **Monday 06 October**
First day of term 4
- **Saturday 29 November**
Election Day – Voting & Market/Car Boot Sale at Monty Primary School

SAKG Program

Jasmine Lechte & Suzi Wilton | SAKG Specialists

This week and last week in the garden, we had many wonderful things to harvest for the kitchen classes to cook with! We have had loads of broccoli, rainbow chard, silver beet, rocket, carrots, salad, spinach, parsley and herbs too! We had a large amount of potatoes that the classes made into a soup and that was exciting! We have had something eating our carrots, so we had to pull up as many as we could before they were munched up!

Some of the yummy dishes that the Kitchen teams have been cooking are: Pretzels, potato, celery and broccoli soup, veggie frittata, lemon delicious, salads with roast carrot and pumpkin. We have been doing some more weeding and mulching and getting some seeds in for planting out next term. Spring is finally here, the birds and bees are out looking for all our wonderful flowers and blossoms!

Have a great last two weeks, thanks from the Garden and Kitchen team for all your hard work!

Jasmine and Suzie



Look at our produce!



Parents & Friends

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Successful Trivia Night

A huge thank you to the wide spread group of parents and families who supported the Trivia Night. Thank you to the organising committee, to everyone who donated items to be used in hampers/silent auction or raffle and to those who helped setup or clean up. Thanks to everyone who attended on the night and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. The event raised approximately \$4500 which will go towards furnishing the new building. Everyone's time, effort and support are greatly appreciated, so thank you again.

The Trivia Night was a successful school community event. It was a fabulous intermingling of teachers, parents from all grades and past parents and new parents (as well as a few neighbours and cousins). This mix of attendees is what makes these social events so much fun. Thanks to everyone who came along and shared their knowledge, courage and competitive streak!

Thank you to George Ploumidis, a past pre-prep parent, who volunteered to be the Trivia Master for the night. The trivia was great (and challenging at times) and the games in between had us all in fits of laughter.

The financial success of the event is largely due to the generosity of businesses that donated vouchers and goods. Please see the Thank You page which lists the names of over 70 businesses that have supported the school this year. Please support these businesses with your custom.

International Day – Monday 8th September

9am – Special assembly and parade. Students are welcome to dress in a costume to represent any nationality. Parents welcome.

10am – 'The Widows Choice'. A parent's morning tea and information session regarding the plight of young widows in India.

11am – International Day lunch orders.

If you wish to have a sushi/pizza lunch order, please remember to return your order forms by Fri 5th at the VERY LATEST. Orders cannot be accepted on the Monday.

11.30am & 2pm – Sushi rolling demonstrations for interested students- by Junko Nichols (Japanese teacher)

Last Day of school for Term 3 – Footy day

Thursday 18th is the last day of term and will be a special Footy themed day. Further information to come.

Farmers Market 4th anniversary on Sat Sept 27th

The next Farmers Market coincides with AFL Grand Final day, and Prep S is the host class this month. To celebrate the 4th birthday of the market, there will be additional 'not so traditional' farmers market stalls. Please support the market by attending and buying from the stall holders. Coming to the Farmers Markets is not just about supporting the school. The school actually does quite well from the market, making over \$7000 per year from gold coin entrance donations and sales from our cake and BBQ stalls. It is also about supporting the other market stall holders who struggle with low attendance and therefore low sales. Unfortunately this means the market stalls turn over quite regularly, so you can never be sure who will turn up on the day. If we can help build up more attendees, the market will grow and thrive and be able to sustain itself. Tell your friends and neighbours about the market, invite to meet them for a coffee and enjoy buying fresh and healthy products direct from the market.

Thank you for supporting our school

These businesses have generously supported Monty Primary School this year with donations of vouchers, items, time and effort. Many of these are local business but many are also much further afield.

Please support these businesses.

Monty Farmers Market – Stallholders	Maki Sushi, Eltham	Puffing Billy
Elev8MMA (Kai FG)	Chocolatier (Luke FG and Lachie FS)	Ingrid Whitcombe - Puppy Celebration Cake (Joshua 1 /2 and Emily 1 /2)
Curvaceous Couture (Mia FS & Logan 4/5)	Traditional Fine Foods (Joel FR)	Home and Haven Manchester-Fairfield (Imogen 3 and Tex FK)
CabinetSmith (Abbey 5/6, Jake 3, Mollie 1/2)	Fort Knox Storage Eltham	Good Guys – Mornington (Imogen 3 and Tex FK)
Bartolo Scaffidi (Dominica FK and Valentino FG)	Eltham Bookshop	Schweppes Australia (Elisabeth FR & Alexandra 1/2)
Mojo on Main	Max's Restaurant Montmorency	Montmorency Bakehouse
The Were St Food Store	Kim-Kim Bakehouse	Pizza A Casa, Montmorency
Gourmet Butchers	Taffy's on Looker	Echo Giftshop and Balloons Montmorency
Brumby's Montmorency	Monty Newsagents	Spoilt Beauty Boutique
Allaway beauty therapy	Walkers Wheels	Montmorency Pet shop
Tops & Bottoms Clothing	Edes & Bibi Organic and Fine Food	Montmorency Fish Centre
Foodworks Montmorency	Montflora	Global Pizza
Orchard Fresh Montmorency	Montmorency Pharmacy	Gasoline Fuel Co Service Centre
Paul's Butchery Montmorency	Da vinci Pizza & Pasta Gallery	In Essence aromatherapy
In Essence Aromatherapy	Kimmy Rose	Intimo Lingerie
Margherita Pizza	Manhattan Skin & Laser Clinic	Thompsons Pharmacy Lower Plenty
Fem Beauty & Skin Therapy	Element Restaurant	Eltham Deli
Froot 2 Boot St Helena	Bunnings Eltham	JETS Gymnastics Diamond Creek & Eltham
Kids Leather Shoes	Gifts of Elegance, Eltham	The Main Café Bar
Heather Riley Swim School	Eltham Veterinary Practice	Endota, Eltham
Beach House @ Eastern Beach Geelong	Coles Greensborough	Godfathers Pizza
Luna Park & All Tools Thomastown	Lend Lease - Greensborough	Robinsons Bookshop
Brazilian Butterfly Greensborough	WaterMarc and	Body Knots Studio
Officeworks Bundoora/Doncaster	Eltham Veterinary Practice	Lunch by Lisa(Monty's lunch order lady)
IMAX – Melbourne Museum	Woolworths St Helena	Pelligra Cakes Greensborough
Pancake Parlour	Nurti Bullet	Bendigo Bank

Sport

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher



Hoop Time Report

On Friday 29th August, 10 students from grade 4 & 3 went to play in a Hoop Time competition. We were playing in the Future Stars league and the players in our team were: - James, Lachie, Liam, Mark, Callum, Joe, Harrison, Amy, Darcy and Carlie. Our coach was Mrs. Worsam. We were also very lucky to have the support of our parents, who drove us to the stadium, and cheered us on.

We played really well as a team, so well in fact that we actually won the competition for our level. In the final we won with a score of 8-2. We each won a basketball to keep.

I had a really good time and had a great day out. I hope to go back next year to play again.

By James

District Athletics

Good Luck to the Athletics Team who are going off to District Sports next Tuesday at Meadowglen. We have a strong field and for the first time in a few years we have easily filled a team.

Footy Day- Thursday 18th September.

Our annual Footy Day the last day of term, Thursday 18 September. Come dressed in your team colours ready to run around and try the fun activities organised by the grade 6's. Your team colours could be the yellow and black of the Tigers, your Eltham Redback's shirt or Melbourne Storm. A note will go home shortly about it with further details.

OSHC

Donna Barclay | OSHC

When picking up your children from OSHC, please remember that cars are not to go past the portable. Please park at the end and walk up to the Castle. Children are playing outside until later in the day and their safety is our priority.

We are asking that all parents please pay any outstanding OSHC invoices urgently. As a not for profit program we require prompt payment to ensure its successful operation. If you have an outstanding payment, please see the office to rectify this as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

News from Grades 4, 5 and 6

Invention convention

For the past few weeks the grade 4, 5 and 6s have been doing a task called the Invention Convention. This is where students are separated into 8 groups and get their thinking caps on. Each group has a name and a folder to keep all their work in for the rest of the invention. 3 groups at a time build an invention by using recycled materials that they have in front of them. The invention cannot already be invented by another inventor or student in the class. This is the challenge that some children have to face. The other 5 groups have something a little different to do. Like my group Fleming, we had the folder "Household," so we had to think of something that would make life easier. We then had the idea of a "mini tree".

There were other selections of folders like Bounce Bridge, Old vs New, Wallace and Grommet, Toys, and Household. These folders get switched around every week. On some tasks students have permission to use a camera to film a television advertisement or record a radio advertisement.

Invention Convention is usually held on a Thursday, sometimes a Wednesday or Friday and thanks to our teachers, we have really enjoyed the whole experience. **By Hannah and Zoe**

Student of the Week

Term 3, Week 6: 18 – 22 August 2014

00G Linda Carter

Maddi Bates – For using such amazing imaginative skills to draw and create original sculptures with our fine motor games and materials. You share these willingly too!

00X Sarah Kechayas

Joshua Fitzgerald – For having and using the most beautiful manners! He is a delight to have in the classroom. Well done!

00R Anna Hayes

Sienna Fioretti – For being such a good friend and always looking after others. You make us smile every day. Well done Sienna:

OOS Sandie Symes

Isaac Loncar – For demonstrating grade 1 concentration while writing and proof-reading his interesting stories.

OOK Keryn Johnston

David Hamilton – For making such a big improvement with writing letters and numbers. You're really clever at sounding out words by using your stretchy snake bubble gum words too.

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Mason McMillan- For his excellent share and learn on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We loved hearing all about your favourite book! Well done!

1/2B Christine Turner

Tom Hattam- For being a wonderful friend to his classmates and always being a great role model for others.

3A Darryl Deller

Hayden Colvin – For some excellent poetry writing showing use of good, clever humour and for making some terrific contributions during class discussions. Well done!

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Logan Nichols - For making a great start with his Children's Story Book and for producing some interesting ideas in his planning. Well Done Logan.

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Ebony Triptree – For an outstanding contribution in group work and presentation time during the Invention Convention. Congratulations.

Chaplaincy – Bev Hardi

Joshua Charbel – For showing outstanding leadership. Joshua is always available with helping set up and organise lunch time activities and shows genuine care for the well-being of the younger children. Your character and personality is admirable.

Term 3, Week 7: 25 – 29 August 2014

00G Linda Carter

Luke Hancock – For listening well at mat time, working hard at table time and being a caring friend to others. Well done, Luke.

00X Sarah Kechayas

Henry Fitzgerald – For doing fantastic Whole Body Listening and for encouraging others to do the same. A great role model. Well done!

00R Anna Hayes

Lily Iaconis - For entering the classroom every day with a smile, for being such a good friend and always using her Whole Body Listening.

OOS Sandie Symes

Lovisa Rahm – For outstanding work and for always giving her “all” to learning. Lovisa your work ethic is an inspiration to all of us.

OOK Keryn Johnston

Eleanor Read - You always try very hard with all your work. You are enjoying challenges that are extending your abilities. You do 5 star work all the time and most importantly, you are very kind to all Foundation K students. Excellent work, Eleanor.

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Liam Moon for using his best handwriting and working hard to use the dotted thirds and form his letters correctly. Keep up the beautiful work!

1/2B Christine Turner

Aiden Harnetty-King - For showing interest and enthusiasm during the rehearsal for our International Day grade performance. Ola Aiden!

3A Darryl Deller

Harrison Jasper – For tuning-in well in discussion times and for putting good effort into classroom tasks. Also well done at “Hoop Time”.

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Joe Middleton- For showing great understanding of a 'fair game' during a Math activity and for sharing his ideas within the group, producing an excellent outcome. Well Done Joe.

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Olivia Papaleo – For making an outstanding improvement in her spelling results this term and for showing excellent leadership skills in the grade 4/5/6 Invention Convention.

One Hundred Days of Learning in our Prep Grades



Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt to read and the words are really easy. I've learnt how to draw properly and how to colour my work. I can count to 100 and by 2's to 100. I've made heaps of friends too and I've learn to say 'No' to some children. **Elisabeth Swann.**

Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt how to do a lot of writing. I can also spell lots of words. Last year, I pretended to read books but now I can read them properly. **Hayley Ward.**

Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt more English because now I can talk to all of the kids and I can really understand them. Now I can read and write and I love writing the most. I have also made a lot of best friends. **Lovisa Rahm.**

Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt how to read and how to draw and write properly. I have learnt to write my name and I can write on the line now but it still gets a bit wiggly and flies up in the air like Mary Poppins. **Mia Ryan.**

Since starting in Foundation S, I'm really high on Reading Eggs because I'm up to 100. I also know how to work out words. I'm really good at writing stories because I was Student of the Week. I'm good at maths, but Jasper's even better. **Marley Davis.**

Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt not to boss others and I'm way more friendly now. I learnt a lot because now I can read hard books and I'm really good at writing. I never go out of the lines when I'm colouring. **Tom Winney.**

Since starting in Foundation K, I have learnt to listen to Keryn and do good work. Now I know how to do all my letters and numbers. I have learned how to be careful with my friends and to say nice things. **Neo Smith.**

Since starting in Foundation K.... I have done lots of maths and I've learnt how to write long stories. I've also learnt how to do good work and get principal awards. **Finlay Clarkeson.**

Since starting in Foundation K.... I've learnt writing and about letters. I like to write words with the letters I know. I like to play with David and we play Kitties. **Tatianah Barker.**

Since starting in Foundation K.... I have learnt to write and I have learnt my letters. I can count up to 100. I've learnt that I should be kind to my friends. **Hamish McDiamid.**

Since starting in Foundation K.... I have learnt to be nice to people. I have learnt to read and I liked writing my Cuddly Kitten story. I have learnt my A,B,C's. My favourite thing is Reading Eggs. **Dominica Saffidi**

Since starting in Foundation K.... I have learnt counting and I play with my friends. I've learnt all the letters and sounds. I like playing with blocks. **Jaimee Le.**

Newsletters

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The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 4 September. If you have any notices or contributions, please send these to Lee by Monday, 1 September. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please fill in the form below and we'll put you on the list. Don't forget that you can get extra copies emailed and to multiple addresses, even if you still want a hard copy.

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Many children who experience parental separation cope well with the changes over time. However, some children will experience difficulties along the way and require support to help them build resilience.

My Parents 'n' Me is about helping children to understand their parents' separation, to adapt to changes in the family and to feel safe and comfortable to express themselves.

My Parents 'n' Me sessions:

- are age appropriate with children divided into two groups (ages 6-10 and 10-12)
- allow children to gain more insight into their own approach to painful issues as they freely select a balance between watchfulness and participation in group activities
- give children the opportunity to talk to a neutral person about the changes in their family and share their experiences with other children in similar situations
- can assist children to develop resilience and coping strategies.

When

The course is offered for 4 consecutive weeks on Wednesdays 4 - 5.30 p.m.

Group dates

6 - 10 year olds

15 October 2014

22 October 2014

29 October 2014

5 November 2014

10 - 12 year olds

12 November 2014

19 November 2014

26 November 2014

3 December 2014

Bookings and information

For more information and to make a booking, speak to a staff member at reception at the Greensborough Family Relationship Centre, phone (03) 9404 7800 or email

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- Certificate III in Children's Services
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- Diploma in Children's Services

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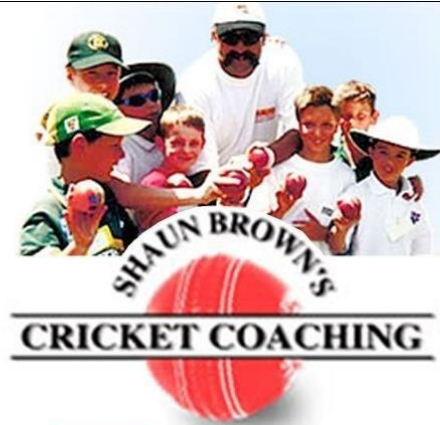
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