



Montmorency Primary School



Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

Welcome to an Exciting Term 3.

Everyone is enjoying our new accommodation and is finding it to be well lit, warm and well designed, functionally and acoustically. Wednesday was our Parent / Teacher interview day so by the time you read this you will have experienced this unique environment. Don't forget that we encourage you to make times at your convenience to touch base whenever you feel follow-up is needed.

Phone Lines - Apologies

Unfortunately we have only one line in operating at the moment. The number for this line is our central number 94345944. Obviously this line will be subject to heavy use – we apologise for the delay in communication. Parents using OSHC should have the OSHC Mobile number- 0481530332. We are working to rectify the issue.

Surveys – Japanese will be our LOTE. Thank you for the return

Parents completed the online "Survey Monkey" format and returned hard copies. The results were in agreement with Japanese, as our preferred Language Other Than English (LOTE). We will provide a sample of parent data not aligned to government surveys for our reviewer to consider.

DEECD Parent Opinion Survey

Following on from the above paragraph the Government Parent Opinion Survey will be sent out on Monday the 28th of July. Our administrative program generates a random list of 40 families to receive these surveys. The results form one part of results, which are seen by the Education Department as indicators of our organisational health. If you receive one of these surveys, please take the time to respond. Survey returns are completely anonymous.

Asbestos – Safety First

You will notice that areas of our new building site have barrier tape around them. As the concrete for the old toilet block and breezeway and bike shed asphalt was lifted, pieces of asbestos rubble were discovered underneath. As I explained at assembly on Monday, it was once common practice to bury rubbish and debris. These pieces are well weathered and are not friable so they pose no airborne risk. No matter how small and relatively insignificant they may be, they are still subject to the same certified removal procedures employed universally. As we have a market on Saturday they will be removed on Sunday.

Out of School Hours Care – OSHC Program

We have run an OSHC program for many years at our school. Although this program has struggled to break even, we know it is a vital service in support of our working families and families needing occasional care arrangements. With our increase in numbers, Donna has been able to apply for increased places – it is important that no one misses out. The expansion also has meant increased costs as staff / child ratios need to be maintained. Donna needs to book assistants according to bookings made for the program. If bookings are cancelled at the last moment we run the risk of paying assistants who are not actually needed. Please ensure that bookings are made in advance and cancelled with appropriate

Diary dates

- **Saturday 26 July**
Farmers market
Hosted by Grade 1/2B
- **Monday 28 July**
Parents & Friends Group general meeting
- **Wednesday 13 August**
Foundation 2015 Info session
- **Thursday 31 July**
The Ned Show 9:30 am
- **18 – 22 August**
Book Week
- **Friday 22 August**
Book Week Parade
- **Saturday 23 August**
Farmer's Market – Hosted by Foundation K
- **Saturday 23 August**
Trivia Night
- **Tuesday 26 August**
School Council
- **Thursday 4 September**
Father's Day Stall
- **Monday 8 September**
International Day
- **Thursday 11 September**
Foundation 2015 Info session
- **Thursday 18 September**
Last day of school
- **Friday 19 September**
Curriculum Day
- **Saturday 29 November**
Election Day – Voting & Market/Car

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We love the new learning centre – Thank you!

P&F would like to formally acknowledge and thank the entire staff of Monty Primary School for their tireless efforts in moving out of the old building and into the new learning centre. The dedication and extra hours worked by staff has been commented on by many parents. The care in transitioning students into the new space has also been noticed. We are grateful and very appreciative of the passionate and professional team of staff at MPS. Thank you to Michael Otway for your leadership and hands on involvement. Thank you also to Michael Smith for your personal investment and actions as Buildings & Grounds Coordinator to make this move successful. The kids are so excited, parents are happy and the school spirit is high. We are grateful to the school council and individuals (past and present) who have worked to make this new build a reality.

The next Parents & Friends Group general meeting is on **Monday 28 July after assembly**. All welcome (including young siblings). We will trial a P&F evening meeting this Term. Please let Natalie Duffy know if an evening meeting suits you.

What's Coming Up?

Monday 28 July	Parents & Friends meeting, after assembly in the new school
Saturday 26 July	Farmer's Market – Hosted by Grade 1/2B
Saturday 23 August	Farmer's Market – Hosted by Foundation K
Saturday 23 August	School Trivia Quiz – "A Touch of Hollywood" adult event 7pm Petrie Park Hall
Thursday 4 September	Father's Day Stall
Monday 8 September	International Day
Saturday 29 November	Election Day – Voting & Market/Car Boot Sale at Monty Primary School

Trivia Quiz – 7pm Saturday 23 August. Have you booked your tickets yet?

The Trivia Quiz, Saturday 23 August, promises to be a great social night. We are limited to 200 guests. Tickets are on sale now and prices are \$20 for a single ticket. There will be tables of 10 at each, so it's a great opportunity to book a table with other parents from your child's grade, or bring friends and relatives. Our teachers are raring to go and hopefully parents and friends can put up a good challenge to take home the "Monty". Bookings via www.Trybooking.com/95269

Can you help with fundraising donations?

Donations are still being sought for the Trivia Quiz – boxes of chocolate, wine and anything else you may be able to offer for auction/raffle prizes or class hampers. Thank you to those families who have offered prizes and contributed to the class hampers. All donations are gratefully accepted. Please let Suzi Smith know if you have ideas or can help. (E: Michael_suzi@optusnet.com.au) Raffle tickets for major prizes can be pre-purchased if you can't make it on the night.

Farmers Market – come along & help our school thrive!

The Farmers Market is on again this weekend, Saturday 26 July and will be hosted by Miss Turners' Grade 1/2B. Please contact Ingrid Whitcombe (M: 0466 996 861) or Victoria Harris (M: 0413 793 800) if you can help out. Please bring baked goods directly to school on Friday or directly to the market. Funds raised will go towards to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

The next market will be hosted by Foundation K on Saturday 23 August.

Hot Chocolate Winter Warmers

Feeling the winter chill? P&F will be offering Hot Chocolate to students on Thursday 7 August, Thursday 14 August, Thursday 21 August and Thursday 29 August for \$10 (\$2.50 per cup). If you have ½ an hour spare from 1:30pm on these Thursdays and would like to help as a "server" please let Natalie Duffy know. (M: 0422 916 171 or E: ndu39182@bigpond.net.au).

Community Support

ABC TV – Donation of \$1000 in July

Have you noticed the buzz in Were Street? ABC TV have returned to Montmorency to film new episodes of the popular children's series featured on ABC3. Many of our students enjoyed seeing their local shops appearing in the 2013 episodes and getting a glimpse of behind the scenes operation of a TV production.

ABC donate \$500 per day for hire of the school oval on filming days. We'll keep you posted when the news series will be aired.

Fort Knox Storage Solutions Eltham – Discount offer. In addition to providing boxes for our move, they have generously made a discount offer to MPS families. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter.

Sport

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher

Sarah Streat represented the school at the State Cross Country final at Bundoora Park last week. Sarah ran very well in a close field, finishing in the middle of the group. It is a fantastic result to be selected to compete against the best runners from all over the state. Well done Sarah.

On Friday the Monty Soccer team played in the final against Holy Trinity at the Eltham Redback's ground. The team played well and tried very hard. Mr K and Michelle were very impressed with their continued efforts even when the result became obvious.

OSHC

Donna Barclay | OSHC

The care room has been extremely busy of late, which is fantastic. Last week 29 children attended one of our sessions (we have 30 spaces). We have been enjoying the extra space and some of the toys donated from other classrooms in the move. If anyone has any Barbie toys or accessories that they no longer require we would love them. We have recently been given some dolls and are looking for clothes or toys for them.

As the popularity of the program is increasing, it is extremely important that you notify us of any changes to your bookings. Once we have over 15 children we need to hire extra staff. At times we have needed to hire extra staff unnecessarily as we were not advised of cancellations and changes.

As a result, school council and I have been investigating the operational procedures of other programs and we have decided to implement a late cancellation fee. We will now require any changes to be notified to us before 6pm the night before a morning booking or by 9:30 on the day of an afternoon booking. If we aren't notified of a cancellation we will be required to charge a fee that is equivalent to short stay visit - \$3 minus the childcare rebates you get. This is a small charge but will help us ensure the program stays financially viable. Many programs charge the full rate but we do not want to be doing this at this stage.

You can either notify us by email or by calling the school number – 94345944. Thank you for your help with this.

Student of the Week

Term 3, Week 1: 14 – 18 June 2014

00G Linda Carter

Willow Hancock - For trying hard to wait calmly for your turn, for always listening carefully and for enthusiastically answering questions.

OOS Sandie Symes

Lachlan Hattam – For demonstrating fantastic work skills, co-operating in the classroom and being a great friend to others.

OOK Keryn Johnston

Tatiannah Barker- For your wonderful work on matching upper case to lower case letters. All of your work is always 5 star quality. Well done Tatiannah.

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Jed Kirian – For being a good role model and friend to others.

1/2B Christine Turner

Emily Whitcombe – For making a great attempt to use some “words” in her writing this week and staying on task. Congratulations!

00X Sarah Kechayas

Matthew Galgano – For always being such an awesome friend to others. He is always caring and puts other’s needs before his own. Good boy!

00R Anna Hayes

Naomi Nichols – For settling back into class so well and always trying your hardest. We are so happy to have you back.

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Mark Crosbee – For an excellent start at Montmorency and for showing a positive attitude in your learning.

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Jordan Hayles – Congratulations on writing a fabulous piece of poetry – “The Man of the Future!” Very inspiring!

3A Darryl Deller

Jacob Holmes – For a great start to Term Three. Wonderful effort with your reading. Well done Jacob.

School Council

Simon Clarkson | President

Please find a summary from July 22nd's School Council Meeting below. Full copies of minutes are available at the school office, or alternatively if you want to find out more, please contact me on 04 2996 8671 or simondbclarkson@icloud.com - I would love to hear from you!

Andrew Whitcombe kindly presented a summary of his Masters degree thesis to School Council this month. This was a study into the impact leadership has on the self-efficacy of the children at MPS. As well as being interesting, this provided some great independent feedback on the performance of the school, outside of the traditional metrics such as NAPLAN. A summary of this will be put on the school website for anyone who wants to find out more.

Penelope Aitken was co-opted to the vacant position on the School Council. Penelope's experience on other boards and councils will be invaluable in improving the effectiveness of the MPS School Council - welcome Penelope!

The July meeting was our first School Council meeting in the new school building. This gave us an opportunity to experience the change that all the students at MPS have seen, which was extremely positive!

The NED Show

The NED show is a motivational assembly that teaches children how they can develop three valuable characteristics to become CHAMPIONS at school and in life. The lovable character NED and his message is an inspiration for all ages. We look forward to our show on Thursday the 31st of July. More information will be sent home next week. www.theNEDshow.com

N – Never Give Up
E – Encourage Others
D – Do Your Best

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A huge thank you to Penelope Aitken for editing our school newsletter over the last year. Penelope was also responsible for streamlining the process and designing our new template. The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 7 August. If you have any notices or contributions please send these to Lee by Friday 1 August lee@jamesherlock.com

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