



Montmorency Primary School



Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

School Review 2014

Wendy Hubbard, School Reviewer visited today with Rebecca Haig, Senior Advisor Regional Planning and Performance (SARPP) from North Western Victoria Region. Rebecca is my manager. We are reviewing our previous Strategic Plan period and setting directions for our new School Strategic Plan (SSP). Wendy has four field days where she will talk to and observe staff as well as speaking to School Council and members of our community. We have already produced a Draft Strategic plan for 2014 – 2017 and a School Self-Assessment (SSE) that tells of our learning journey over the last four years. With our new building complementing new possibilities this is a great time to be reflecting and setting out on a new Strategic journey. Welcome to my WWA (Wonderful World of Acronyms)!

Building Update – A brand new world of learning at Monty

I am pleased to be able to announce that our site was cleared of asbestos pieces last weekend and site preparation has resumed this week. We attended a site meeting on Tuesday and the new Administration and Multi-Purpose room has a completion date of January 22nd 2015. It will be wonderful to be able to set up a resource/Library area where the temporary office is now located and to make full use of the Art/ Wet Area where the book stock is presently located.

A significant component of our project funding resides in the establishment grants that come with a new building development. We have received a **Furniture Grant** and will receive a **Library Grant** and **Technology Grant**. So far we have held back on expenditure and will need to assess the best strategic use of these financial assets. Most importantly, these funds will translate to your children as a well-resourced impetus for learning when our project is completed.

DEECD Parent Opinion Survey REMINDER

These were due last Friday – we have extended the timeline to this Friday, the 8th of August. Please assist by getting your survey back and contributing to our sample size. The survey generates important school data that will form part of the picture of any future School Review process.

Diary dates

- **Friday 8 August**
5/6 Hoop Time
- **Tuesday 19 August**
4-6 Boys Banyule Cup
- **18 – 22 August**
Book Week
- **Friday 22 August**
Book Week Parade
- **Saturday 23 August**
Farmer's Market – Hosted by Foundation K
Trivia Night
- **Tuesday 26 August**
School Council
- **Thursday 4 September**
Father's Day Stall
- **Monday 8 September**
International Day
- **Tuesday 9 September**
District Athletics Carnival
- **Thursday 11 September**
Foundation 2015 Info session 7pm
- **Thursday 18 September**
Last day of school - 2:30 finish
- **Friday 19 September**
Curriculum Day – Student free
- **Saturday 29 November**
Election Day – Voting & Market/Car Boot Sale at Monty Primary School

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The garden is looking great! The garden is starting to produce more, especially kale, leafy greens and parsley. Thank you to all of those that have contributed citrus and other produce over the last few weeks. The children have been showing real improvement in the kitchen and garden classes. In particular they have been mulching, weeding, planting and caring for our chickens, which are healthy and well! Bring on spring!

Parents & Friends

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School is such an exciting place for the children at the moment. Thank you to all parents & friends, teachers & students for making Monty Primary such a special place.

There's a lot coming up and hopefully you can find a way to get involved, help out or simply join in to make these events successful.

What's Coming Up?

Thursdays in August	Winter Warmer Hot Chocolate
Friday 22 August	Book Week Costume Parade
Saturday 23 August	Farmer's Market – Hosted by Foundation K
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Hot Chocolate Winter Warmers:

Thank you to Rachel Crosbee (mum to Sarah & Mark) and Rita Elley Leventis (mum to Jeremiah,) for serving up yummy Hot Chocolate on Thursdays for the next 4 weeks. Money raised will be directed into Book Week activities and fabulous student prizes for Book Week costumes. Cost: \$10 = \$2.50 per cup. Late payments are being accepted so please get your money into teachers asap.

On the environmental side, we are using compostable cups and students will be counting the rubbish for Nude Food Thursday. This is a great way to improve awareness about landfill and take away containers, as we work towards our school's sustainability goals.

Trivia Quiz – Saturday 23 August from 7pm:

We need you, your friends and families to come along to this fun night to help make this a successful fundraiser. Please book your \$20 ticket today. It's easy to select your table and book online at www.trybooking.com/95269.

If you can't make it on the night please buy or sell some raffle tickets in our 2 raffles. Every bit helps! Tickets: 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Details and raffle tickets can be found in the separate Trivia Quiz attachment. Simply photocopy the pages if you want more tickets.

Book Week – Can you help make this magic?

This week long celebration for book week needs some parents/carer helpers to bring our library to life. A pop-up book nook will be operating daily from the library Monday 18 August to Friday 22 August.

1. Can you help tidy book shelves and hang decorations on Friday 15 August?
2. Are you a storyteller and available to read stories to the kids at 11am for 30 minutes?

Please contact Vanessa Jasper on vjasper@live.com or M: 0498 135 016 if you can help.

International Day – Monday 8 September

Teachers and students are busily preparing for Monty's annual International Day celebration. Just a heads up that following the special 9:00am student assembly/concert, this year P&F and Bev have joined hands to include a community awareness social justice session for adults. Hope you can save the date to learn more about “The Widow's Cause” www.thewidowscase.com.

Farmers Market – come along & help our school thrive

The next Farmers Market is on Saturday 23 August and will be hosted by Foundation K. Please contact Anita Anderson (M: 0409 551 197) or Carly McDiamid (M: 0413 114 689) if you can help out. This will be a very busy day coinciding with the Trivia Quiz. The Monty Farmers Market stall holders are generously preparing a hamper of produce as an extra raffle prize for the Trivia Quiz.

Community Support – This Saturday 8 August, Eltham Bookshop win a box of books

Are you having a birthday this month? Eltham Bookshop generously donates a second book for every “Birthday Book” purchased from the store that is donated to your classroom. This Saturday 8 August is National Bookshop Day, a great day to wander past the Eltham Bookshop window to see local writers and poets crafting their next masterpiece. There is a competition to win a box of books by asking the writers 3 questions to guess who they are. Be one of the first 50 customers to buy a book and you will also receive a \$20 voucher. Window on Writers is happening on Saturday 8 August from 10am to 3pm Eltham Bookshop, 970 Main Street, Eltham.

Sport

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher

Good luck to the 5/6 Hoop time team, who will be coached by Mrs Worsam and assisted by Sandy Faulkner, they are playing this Friday. It is great to have interested students involved in these interschool sports days. In addition, the grade 4-6 boys are playing in an Aussie Rules day at Ford Park on Tuesday 19th.

OSHC

Donna Barclay | OSHC

We have been busy in the OSHC room allowing us to have extra staff. This enables us to offer a wider range of activities. We have certainly been making the most of the sun this week and enjoying some playground time. Welcome to our new helper Elizabeth who is on placement with us Thursday and Fridays this term. She is studying at Box Hill TAFE and is a Monty local. This month we are lucky enough to be joined by Arantzazu who is in Australia from Spain. She is a teacher in Spain and is here for intensive English lessons and to learn about some of the activities that we do here. She will be running some Spanish activities, including a few language lessons, so your child may be able to teach you a few words in the coming weeks. Arantzazu is here on Thursdays. In addition, if anyone is cleaning up and has any dolls or Barbie clothes they would like to rehouse, we will happily accept them.

While we are happy to serve breakfast to all children, if your child requires breakfast, please ensure they are in the room before 8:30. This allows us time to prepare it, time for the children to eat and time for us to clean up before we finish at 8:45.

Please ensure you notify us by 9:30 in the morning or 6pm the night before, otherwise we will have to charge you a late cancellation fee, to cover staff costs. Either email me or call the school number- 94345944.

Safety

We are committed to the safety of all those in our school community, so ask that scooters, bikes and skateboards are not ridden in the school grounds please. Thank you for your help with this!



The advertisement features a green background with a leaf and a ruler at the top. On the left, it asks 'Do you want a rigorous academic program situated in a safe, serene learning environment dedicated to your daughter?' and includes the slogan 'girls flourish here'. The main text on the right reads 'CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE' with a small leaf logo above 'LADIES'. Below this, it says 'A YEAR 7 TO 12 CATHOLIC GIRLS' COLLEGE'. To the right of the college name, it announces a 'Morning Tour' on 'Tuesday, 12 August' from '9:00 – 10:15 am'. Further down, it provides contact information: 'For further information please go to our website www.clc.vic.edu.au or contact our College Registrar: Mrs Helen Cattapan T: 9439 4077. 19 Diamond Street, Eltham, 3095.' Below that, it lists bus routes: 'DIRECT PRIVATE BUS TO THE COLLEGE GROUNDS' with routes 'Whittlesea, Yan Yean via Doreen, Yarrambat, Plenty, North Greensborough Mill Park, Bundoora, Greensborough, Eltham North' and 'North Ringwood via Park Orchards'. A 'NEW BUS ROUTE' is listed as 'Hurstbridge, St Andrews and Kangaroo Ground'. At the bottom, there are social media links for Facebook and Twitter, and a small reference code 'CLC_1403264AG_7114' in the bottom right corner.

Student of the Week

Term 3, Week 1: 14 – 18 June 2014

00G Linda Carter

Xyon Smith - For showing us your beautiful fairytale book and using your good words to tell us about your favourite characters. You take great care with your table work too. Well done!

OOS Sandie Symes

Marley Davis – For writing a very exciting story about a kangaroo. Wonderful use of vocabulary and perfect spelling.

OOK Keryn Johnston

Neo Smith – You listened very well during the “Ned Show” and could explain what “NED” stands for. You are definitely showing us your “D” for “Do your Best” at the moment. Keep up the GREAT work!

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Miya Cassidy for using her "strong speaker voice" during her share and learn this week. An excellent job!

1/2B Christine Turner

William Trancredi-Blair – For making a huge effort to complete his work tasks independently, particularly during writing. You have tried your best this week!

00X Sarah Kechayas

Logan Jasper – For having a great attitude for learning and for trying his best to stay on task. He’s also a great helper.

00R Anna Hayes

Alex Reddrop – For remembering to not get upset when he makes a mistake and to just try again.

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Nate Russell – For an excellent week of learning in all areas and for being positive when things get a little tough. Well done Nate!

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Sofia Gravier – For producing an outstanding charcoal drawing relating to our study of Hugo Cabret.

3A Darryl Deller

Tyson Darcy – For showing wonderful improvement in many areas of the curriculum, especially reading and numeracy. Well done and keep it up!

The NED Show (Never Give Up – Encourage Others – Do Your Best)

The NED show was enjoyed by everyone and we were impressed with our host Nicole’s amazing yo-yo skills. The show was very entertaining and NED’s message that every child is a champion was very evident.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the NED program by purchasing yo-yo’s and accessories. The money raised enables another school to take part in the program. Thursday the 7th of August will be the day the products will be available, however we have lots of spare yo-yo strings at the office. A big thank you to Natalie Duffy for her help with selling yo-yos.

Newsletters

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The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 21 August. If you have any notices or contributions, please send these to Lee by Monday, 18 August. 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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YES , I would like the newsletter to be sent to the following addresses:

Email 1: Email 2:.....

Parent Name/s:.....

Oldest child’s name:.....Grade:.....

Take me off the hard copy list please

BOOK WEEK 2014

Book Week is drawing near and we have many exciting activities planned at Montmorency Primary School! As a special treat, Australian children's author, illustrator and story teller Kym Lardner will be performing live at our school on Friday 22nd August. Kym will be drawing, singing and sharing some of his original stories - it is sure to be lots of fun! The cost is **\$3.00 per child** and is due by Monday 18th August (Parents and Friends are kindly subsidising the additional part of the usual \$7.00 fee per child).

We will also be having a special dress up day on Friday 22nd August. Students can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character and participate in a parade to show off their costumes. Parents are welcome to attend the parade and join in the celebrations!



BOOK WEEK 2014 Activities

Monday 18th August – Friday 22nd August

Special *classroom activities* in each class

A pop up '*Book Nook*' will be set up in the library for students to use for reading during the first half of lunch time

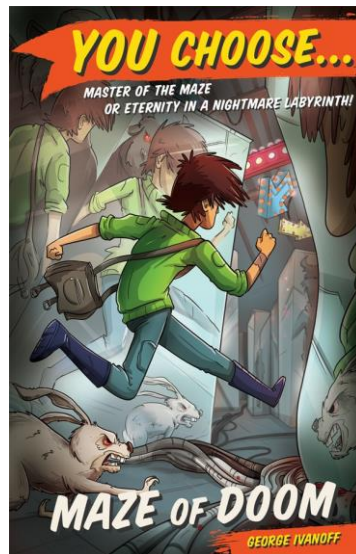
Friday 22nd August

Costume Parade (come as your favourite book character)
9:00am

Kym Lardner Performance
Foundation to Grade 2- 10:00am

Special event at Eltham Bookshop

Have you ever wanted to be in control of a story? Here's your chance!



You Choose is a new series of interactive novels for the highly adventurous. Read if you dare! Mistakes will cost you dearly!

Come along and meet author **George Ivanoff** for a Writer's Workshop and learn how to plot your very own *You Choose* adventure.

Date: August 24th

Venue: Eltham Bookshop, 970 Main Road, Eltham

Time: 3.00pm-4.30pm

Cost: \$20.00, which includes one signed copy of *You Choose Adventure*, the writing workshop by George Ivanoff and afternoon tea;
all accompanying adults pay \$5.00 each.

Prepaid bookings are essential: 9439 8700 elthambookshop@bigpond.com
Limited spaces so book VERY EARLY



You are invited to Monty Primary's
'A Touch of Hollywood'



Trivia Night

23rd August, 7pm @ Petrie Park Hall

Book your tickets now – \$20 per person.

Book online via www.trybooking.com/95269

Organising a whole table can be difficult so a table has been reserved for each class. Just book your tickets and let your friends know what table you are on so they can book and sit with you. Don't miss out. Remember to BYO drinks and nibbles (soft drink available for purchase on the night).

Donations still needed for prizes and games.

We are still asking for donations to help make the trivia night a success. Please help by donating a bottle of wine/spirits or contribute an item to your child's class Hamper, or donate a larger new item that could be used as a prize or silent auction. **Please drop all donations to the office or your child's class by Wed 13th August.**

Class	Buy items for this type of hamper
Foundation Red & Blue	Children aged 5-12
Foundation Green & K	Kitchen
Foundation S & Grade 3	Garden
Grade 1/2 - A & B	Ladies
Grade 4/5 & 5/6	Mens



Two Raffles – tickets for sale.

We have received some very generous donations (a huge thank you to the Anderson family for 1st and 2nd prizes in the Main Raffle) so we are running 2 raffles that will be drawn on the trivia night. So that the whole school can be eligible to win the prizes, we are pre-selling the raffle tickets.

Ticket sheets are attached, simply fill in your contact details for the raffles you wish to enter and return ticket sheet with money to the office by Friday 22nd.

Tickets are just \$1 each or 6 for \$5, for each raffle.

The prizes up for grabs are:

Main Raffle	Massive Were St Shopping Raffle
1st Prize - GVA 70cm HD LED LCD TV DVD combo – RRP \$284 2nd Prize - 2 sets of DriGlo towels – RRP\$200 3rd Prize – Family pass to Puffing Billy - RRP \$94	Includes over \$250 worth of vouchers from shops such as Mojo, Foodworks, Butchers, Coffee shops, Orchard Fresh – and we are still collecting donations!!!