



# Montmorency Primary School Newsletter

Issue 3: 4 March 2014

## Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

### School Council Elections - School Surveys the question of SIGNIFICANCE

We sent out over 200 voting papers last Monday and hope to see a significant percentage back when we open the box after the close of voting, 4pm on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. It is important that elections are decided by a significant majority, particularly when voting is not compulsory.

We have had small samples in Student Testing and with the return of school surveys in the past. In terms of recent NAPLAN results, grade sample sizes have been small and, although we know we make a huge difference to student learning at all ability ranges, it has been difficult to see significant patterns when we are comparing a group of 14, for example, to the state population of 60,000.

Parent Opinion surveys are given out annually to assess your views. We are mandated to give out a certain number but have always doubled this to increase statistical reliability. Despite increasing the number often only 50% are returned. When our results are published in such places as the Annual Report, the Acara, "My school" they are compromised by the small sample size.

In 2014 we will initiate a **School Review** which will determine our strategic direction for the next three to five years. We have heard nothing definite from the department about this but part of the process will be surveying our population to find out how you are thinking about the school at present, in the past and for the future. In the past an external reviewer spoke to members of our community in person. We are not sure if this will happen in the 2014 process. The school values your opinions, when the opportunity comes around please assist us by returning your surveys.

### Co-option to Council

We have one Community position available. Parents can recommend someone to apply for **co-option** to the community position. Community members can also self-nominate for co-option. Co-option of a community member is done at the first special meeting of the new council (Straight after the AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March) which is called specifically for this purpose. This is a closed meeting where co-option submissions are considered by Council.

We also have three Casual vacancies due to resignations. These vacancies will be for the remaining term of the resigning members, that is, until the 2015 election is declared in March 2015. Co-option of a casual vacancy is done at the second special meeting of the new council (Straight after the co-option of the community member on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March) which is called specifically for this purpose. This is a closed meeting where co-option submissions are considered by council. Parents / Guardians of children at the school can apply to be considered for **co-option** to School Council as a parent member. Co-opted members will be called to attend the fourth meeting on the night of March 18<sup>th</sup> – the first meeting of the new School Council in order to elect office bearers and proceed with the meeting.

## Diary dates

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- 3-31 March**  
Gold and Silver Coin Drive
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- Tuesday 4 March: 4.00pm**  
School Council elections close
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- Tuesday 4 March**  
Division Swimming
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- Thurs 6 March**  
School Council "Expression of Interest for Co-option" forms and position descriptions due
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- Thurs 6 March**  
Grade 5/6 leadership program
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- Monday 10 March**  
Labour Day, no school
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- Tuesday 18 March**  
School Council AGM
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- Fri 21 March**  
National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
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- Sat 22 March: 9am – 1pm**  
MPS Farmers Market
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- Mon 24 - Wed 26 March**  
Grade 5/6 Camp
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- Thurs 3 April**  
Easter Parade Last day of term for students, 2:30 pm dismissal
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- Fri 4 April**  
Curriculum day  
teachers only at school
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- We need**
  - Roses pruned at front of office
  - X-box games for aftercare

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Candidates for the **Community Position** should produce a small paragraph for consideration by council, at the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, by Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are considering applying **for co-option as a Parent Member, Casual Vacancy**, you should produce a small paragraph about yourself for consideration by council, at the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, by Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>. **NOTE:** Unelected **Stage 1** candidates will **automatically** have their paragraph considered for co-option to Council.

*Your paragraph should identify any skills you feel you possess which might be relevant to council. Understanding of the context of this small school and the ability to work cooperatively in order to deliver the best result for every child at the school is vital.*

"Expression of Interest for Co-option" forms and information can be obtained from the General Office or by email from [montmorency.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:montmorency.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **Code of Conduct**

Please make sure that this document is returned to school signed. As you can see the behaviours described are appropriate when considering and adopting behaviours that apply to all our futures. With children it is vital to model the behaviours we expect. We all know the saying that "It takes a village to raise a child" however, let us not forget that the village should model shared wisdom and moral cohesion to raise children in a positive environment.

## **Foundation Enrolments 2015**

**Attention those wishing to enrol a child in Foundation (formally known as Prep) for 2015**

**PLACES ARE FILLING FOR 2015!** We are currently taking enrolments for Foundation, 2015. If you currently have a child at the school and you wish for a sibling to be enrolled, please fill out an enrolment form as soon as possible so that a place is secured. If you know of any other families planning to enrol a student at Montmorency PS in 2015, please encourage them to contact the school and complete an enrolment form.

## **Physical Education & Interschool Sports**

**Donna Barclay** | PE Teacher

### **Swimming**

A small, but willing Montmorency Swimming Team headed off to the District Sports on Wednesday 19 Feb at Northcote. The team performed well, trying out many events and giving it their best. Some great individual results with Sofia Gravier 4th Breaststroke, Sarah Streat 1st Freestyle and Breaststroke and 2nd in Backstroke. The biggest cheer for the day went up for the 12 and under girls freestyle relay team who got 1st place and will now go on to the division sports as a team. Well done to Abbey Smith, Harriet Lloyd, Olivia Papaleo and Sarah Streat for their efforts.

The judges also thought that the school showed great spirit and enthusiasm, and awarded Monty Primary the Spirit Award. Well done to all members of the team for their willingness to give it a go and try to the best of their ability.

Something to take away from the day was the girls relay team. The girls have competed together for many years. Before the race they said, "Last year we came 5th. I hope we can improve on that a bit." Even though the girls didn't think they would do very well, they all willingly had a go and tried. Instead of saying, it's too hard, there's no point we might lose anyway they tried. Now they are going on as the district champions. What inspirations they are. Well done girls.

### **Monty vs Holy Trinity**

A solid effort by Montmorency Primary School meant that Holy Trinity had no easy win in their matches on 21 February. The Girl's Volleyball team drew 1 all with Holy Trinity, while the Mixed lost in 2 sets. The Cricket put up a fighting 131, not quite matching the 176 of Holy Trinity and the Bat Tennis lost 4-2.

### **Monty vs Sherbourne PS**

There were some great results from the matches against Sherbourne played Friday 28 Feb. The Girls and Mixed Volleyball won both matches 2-0 and the boys and girls Bat Tennis teams won. The Cricket team tried hard under difficult conditions and went down fighting. Sports Awards for playing well, within the spirit of the matches and trying their best went to Sarah Streat, Zoe Gleeson, Jarrah Broderick, Darcy McDiarmid and Tommy Reilly-Neesham.

# Active April

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher

The Premier's Active April is fast approaching. Sign up at [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au) and improve your family's health and fitness, plus there are some great incentives for signing up. Join the "Montmorency PS" team and help the school win some great prizes.

**Just by registering every participant will receive\*:**

- 10 free YMCA passes
- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- One free child pass to the National Sports Museum and MCG Tour
- One free child pass to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- One free hour of tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- Regular tips and ideas on ways to keep active

**Every participant will also go in the draw to win the major registration prize valued at \$10,000\*:**

- Four tickets to the 2014 Toyota AFL Grand Final and Grand Final Breakfast (GFAFL14/13)
- Four Giant bikes and helmets
- A Tennis Warehouse voucher
- One GoPro camera.

# Out of Hours Care Room

Donna Barclay | OSHC Coordinator

Welcome to Casey Findlay our newest staff member in the OSHC room. Casey is completing her 2nd year in a Bachelor of Education. She is also the sister of Blake (grade 5) and Amber, one of last years grade 6 students. She did some work experience with us last year and was happy to return when the opportunity came up. She will be there most nights and is already very popular. Also helping out is Amanda, who worked in the childcare sector for a number of years before becoming a nurse and Rachel, a teacher who for many years ran her own OSHC program. Both are friends or cousins of Mrs B and happy to help out.

The room is now almost full to capacity in many sessions, so please check before dropping your children off in the morning or afternoon. We can be contacted on 9434 5944 to confirm there is space for your child. We are currently applying to increase the size of the program.

## Curriculum End of Term Day in OSHC

We are looking at trialing the re-introduction of the OSHC room opening on curriculum days. The cost and details are still being worked out, approximately \$45-50 minus the rebates. If you are interested in a space please contact me, or put your name on the list in the office.

# Uniform Shop

Michelle Duke | Uniform Shop Coordinator

Thank you to those of you who are being so patient waiting for your uniform orders. Windcheaters and the school polo tops are still yet to arrive however biz cool items have now arrived!

With the long lead time for winter items the time has arrived to place another order with our supplier. Orders placed on or before Friday 21 March at the office will be included. With limited stock being held by the school the only way to ensure you receive winter uniform is to place an order by this date.

There are also a number of discounted items that once cleared will no longer be for sale. In addition the school winter tunic and skirt options (both limited availability) are on display on the uniform board located at the end of the building.

The uniform shop is open 8:45am to 10.00am on Monday.

For those who would like to sell their Second Hand Uniform, please place an ad on the PFA notice board including your contact details. Thanks, Michelle.

# Chaplain's Chat

**Beverley Hardi** | School Chaplain

Hello school family and friends... It is the sixth week of Term 1 for the 2014 school year and already so much has happened in the life of the school! There have been some great school connections for new and existing families.... School life at Monty PS is flourishing with fun and excitement and is a great place to meet and connect with other families...keep an eye on the School Website that is always up to date with all the happenings...

There have been some great lunchtime activities that take place under the rotunda. Mia has built the longest hopscotch of 60 squares for the children to be challenged and have fun with. Hopscotch is a real 'back to basics' game that both the boys and girls enjoy playing. As well, the younger grade children have been playing the outdoor game Boules: another favourite for the children to share in fun and develop team and competitive skills. The school-yard is always filled with play and laughter and I have especially noticed these first few weeks the relationships students have made with the new students to the school. Well done to those students who have stepped out of their comfort zone to be a friend and make new children feel welcome.

\* This Thursday 6 March Mr. Otway and I will be attending the Grip Leadership Conference with the Gr. 6 students. It is a full day of learning and participating in leadership for the primary students. This has always been an experience to remember for our students. [www.gripleadership.com.au](http://www.gripleadership.com.au)

I leave you with...

*Leadership is the challenge to be something more than average*

## Introducing "The Birthday Book"

**Janene Worsam** | Acting Assistant Principal

Montmorency Primary School turns 92 this year, having opened in 1922. To celebrate our birthday, we will soon be moving into a new school building with plenty of room for a new library.

Birthdays are an important celebration in the school community and we invite families to mark the occasion of student birthdays by donating a new or in good condition book to their class. The Birthday Book will remain in the classroom to be shared and enjoyed with classmates on the day and for the remainder of the calendar year, and then relocated to the library at the end of each year, as a legacy gift.

School Council and the Teaching staff support this initiative and we hope you will too. Every student Birthday Book will have a sticker inside to recognise the donor. To help instil a love of literacy, joy in books and a sprinkle of birthday pride we encourage all Foundation and Grade 1 / 2 students to participate in this Birthday Book initiative. Other grades are also welcome to join in if they want to. Every student who donates a Birthday Book will go into the prize draw to win their very own hardback copy of "The Birthday Book", an illustrated treasury of stories and poems edited by Michael Morpurgo & Quentin Blake valued at \$55.00.

Many thanks to local independent bookshops who support our Birthday Book initiative and have introduced special offers for MPS families:

- The Eltham Bookshop will generously donate a second book to the school for each Birthday Book purchased from their fabulous shop. Located: 970 Main Road, Eltham. Ph: 9439 8700
- Robinsons Bookshop will kindly give a 10% discount at the time of sale for each Birthday Book purchased from their amazing shop. Located: Shop 308, Level 3 Greensborough Plaza, 25 Main Street, Greensborough. Ph: 9434 2201

## Building & Grounds

**Michael Mark** | Buildings & Grounds Coordinator **M** 0411 476 224 **E:** michael\_mark@hotmail.com

On the way to school last Monday I spotted a couple of road repairers distributing hot asphalt at the top of Were Street, so before you could say, 'Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers', I trotted out the wheelbarrow and shovel. After a shot of degreaser in the bottom and a brief 'how to' they loaded her up with 170° C of magic elixir for school grounds....and that is the story of how three holes were filled at Montmorency Primary School.

# Parents & Friends

Natalie Duffy | Parents & Friends Coordinator

Thank you! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts and friends who attended the markets & those who baked for the February farmers market. A special thank you to Jackie Lacey, (mum to Jackson Foundation Blue) for rallying favourite treats from family friends and even Jackson's Great grandmother. Thanks to Cheyanna, Amber, Sarah, Rory and families for welcoming our guests. Adrian, Michael, Scott and Stephen thank you for manning the BBQ. You did a great job selling all 100 sausages. Anita, Sheryn, Pauline and Victoria thank you for your company selling cakes.

**Next market, Saturday 22 March will be hosted by Grade 5/6.** If you can help please let Suzi Smith know or add your name to the list on the foyer notice board.

## Gold & Silver Coin Drive: (Monday 3 March – Monday 31 March)

This popular fundraiser is back in a big way. Every student has been given a milk carton & tasked with the challenge to collect as much spare change as they can from family, friends, neighbours and workplaces. Students are already jostling to win the class prize. Will Foundation Green take the title two years in a row? They had a little help from the workplace colleagues of one of the dads! Can you please assist your child collect coins for our school?

## Easter Raffle: (Drawn 3 April)

This year's Easter Raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1, at the Easter Hat Parade. We are seeking donations to fill our Easter Baskets that will be on view soon. Donations can be left at the office. Easter bonnets can be made at home or at school. Foundation grades will be made at home – other grades please check with your classroom teachers.

## Class Representatives

There has been a lot of excitement about this. There are still some vacancies for **parent representatives** to play a small coordinator role for P&F for that class. A coffee catch up will be scheduled after the long weekend to welcome everyone. If you are interested in this role or have questions, please contact our Class Rep Coordinator - Pauline Cassidy at [Pauline.cassidy@hotmail.com](mailto:Pauline.cassidy@hotmail.com) or Natalie Duffy at [ndu39182@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ndu39182@bigpond.net.au)

Class	Vounteers	Parent/Carer to:	Teacher
Foundation Green	Vacant Vacant	Jace	Linda Carter
Foundation Blue	Vanessa Jasper Jackie Lacey	Logan Jackson	Sarah Kechayas
Foundation Red	Vacant Vacant		Anna Hayes
Foundation S	Malin Rahm Natalie Ryan Ramona Charbel	Lovisa Mia Jean-Claude	Sandie Symes
Foundation K	Anita Anderson Anna Clarkson Carly McDiarmid	Tex Finlay Hamish	Keryn Johnson
Grade 1/2A	Pauline Cassidy Julie Bradford	Miya Braydn	Margarita Strateas
Grade 1/2B	Ingrid Whitcombe Victoria Harris	Emily Dominic	Christine Turner
Grade 3	Vanessa Jasper Vacant	Harrison	Daryl Deller
Grade 4/5	Kay Morehu Vacant	Shannon	Kevin Wilcockson
Grade 5/6	Suzi Smith Leisa Lloyd	Abbey Harriet	Janene Worsam
Art	Vacant		Cori Nelson
Music	Vacant		Cori Nelson

## Still Wanted – Farmers Market Setup Coordinator

Do you work but want to help out at school? Can you help out at school for a few hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month? Then this could be the role for you or to share with another parent!

The farmers market is run on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 9am – 1pm. For continuity, we **need a volunteer to be the coordinator responsible for the setup and breakdown process at each market**, roughly 8.30 – 9.30am and then 12.30 – 1.30pm (you would be welcome to stay for the intervening hours as well if you wanted too).

Classes would be rostered to provide helpers to run the BBQ and cake stalls, and to help set up and break down the school stalls. The Market Setup Coordinator will mean school equipment is used and maintained properly. It would be a great help if one person was the font of knowledge for doing this for the market.

The setup coordinator role involves:

- knowing where to find the BBQ, shade tents, and trestle tables
- guiding the provided helpers where and how to set it all up
- get the BBQ up and running
- at the end of the market, guide the helpers to ensure the BBQ is cleaned, shade tents dry and packed away, table and chairs packed away.

P&F will support this role by coordinating the ordering of food resources (bread, snags, sauce, napkins etc), ensuring there are plenty of helpers and asking for cake donations. **(We need a volunteer to do this small role once a month as well.)** If you can help out one Saturday morning a month, or help coordinate the preparation part of the market, pls contact Natalie Duffy.

## Student of the Week

### Term 1, Week 4 : 17–21 February 2014

OOS Sandie Symes

#### **Eve Gibney**

For always working hard, being a great friend to others and helping to clean the classroom.

OOK Keryn Johnston

#### **Dominic Loncar**

When you hurt yourself or need help in Foundation K, he is always the first person to come and help. He shows our school value of friendship very seriously. Well done!

1/2A Margarita Strateas

#### **Gaia Leonard**

For her excellent whole body listening skills and hard work in this week's skip counting maths classes. Well done!

1/2B Christine Turner

#### **Tom Hattam**

For demonstrating all the values of a leader, being an excellent role model to his classmates and showing friendship to others. Well done!

3A Darryl Deller

#### **Neo Cran-Oinonen**

Great effort with reading, showing concentration and a great attitude. Well done!

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

#### **Callum McLaine**

For working hard and enjoying your learning in maths. Your "positive" attitude is a pleasure to teach. Well done!

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

#### **Jarrah Broderick**

We were so impressed with your creativity and expression during our writing sessions this week! Keep it up!

### Term 1, Week 5 : 24 – 28 February 2014

OOS Sandie Symes

#### **Anthony Streat**

For being an industrious worker who has a genuine keenness to learn! Keep up your wonderful enthusiasm.

OOK Keryn Johnston

#### **Gabe McDonald**

For being a friendly and happy Foundation K student. You brighten our day with your cheerful attitude. Well done!

1/2A Margarita Strateas

#### **Freya Butler**

For her great presentation skills during 'Share and Learn' and literacy. Well done!

1/2B Christine Turner

#### **Dominic Harris**

For demonstrating self-confidence by doing his 'Share and Learn' on his own and sharing some interesting facts with his classmates about giraffes. Well done Dominic!

3A Darryl Deller

#### **Sophie Lloyd**

For always being 'tuned in' and for showing a high level of enthusiasm towards her learning. Well done Sophie!

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

#### **Shannon Morehu**

For completing all weekly tasks set and showing a high level of enthusiasm in your learning.

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

#### **Ethan Hastings**

For excellent endeavour (and an excellent serve) throughout the volleyball game at Interschool Sport against Sherbourne.

# Other News

"Congratulations to the Branch family, (Roger, Aleada, Zayne Yr 5 and Evelyn) on the safe arrival of their baby son and brother- Skyler Theophilus Branch. Arrived in the wee hours of 19 February. Wonderful news!"

# Newsletters

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Newsletters are sent out fortnightly during term time. If you have any notices or contributions for the next issue please email these to me by Sunday 16 March.

The MPS newsletter is supported by some advertising so if you have an event or activity to promote outside of school and that is suitable for children or families, please contact Julie in the front office for our current rates.

Also if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please fill in the slip below, return it to the front office and we'll put you on the list. **MPS is trying very hard to reduce paper so please consider this environmental option.** And 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 MPS newsletter sent electronically to the following addresses:

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### Advertisements



#### FoodWorks Community Reward Program to benefit Montmorency Primary

FoodWorks on Were St has implemented a new Community Based Reward Program designed to promote and support local schools and sporting clubs within the community by turning shopping points into cash. Montmorency PS is now registered and we encourage parents, friends and staff to join and to nominate to support our school.

The points accumulated when customers shop in FoodWorks equate to 1% of the sale transaction (excluding tobacco) and are turned into cash which will directly remunerate our school on a quarterly basis.

- **Go to FoodWorks for a new card, sign up online, then shop till you drop for Monty!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH 2014

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**TUESDAY:** Juniors: 6:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. & Seniors: 8:00p.m. - 9:30p.m.

**FRIDAY:** Juniors: 6:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. & Seniors (Year 7 – Any Age) 7:30p.m. – 9:00p.m.

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