



# Montmorency Primary School

# Newsletter

Issue 4: 17 March 2014

## Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

### School Council Elections

Congratulations to both candidates in our School Council election. 111 votes were returned and the final result was very tight. Natalie Duffy has been elected for a two-year term. Michael Smith as a candidate will automatically be considered for co-option to council.

### Children in Cars and Road Safety

We have had a lot of publicity this summer about leaving children in cars and had a report from a parent that this had happened on our street border. Although the weather is cooler **the inside of a car is no place for children** without an adult present. Please take the extra time to walk your children into the grounds.

Another concern expressed by parents has been children exiting the car on the traffic side. Road rules exist to ensure that this side of the car needs to be exited with a high level of care. Please also direct your child to stay on the footpath if you have other children or items to remove.

### Building Update

As you can see our building is really taking shape. It will be a unique learning space - able to support our culture and the development of exciting possibilities! We are still on target for a 20 June handover, giving us a week before the holidays to move furniture.

We have started 2014 with 185 students and so will be entitled to a Mod5 double classroom as well as our core classroom building. These buildings are well configured learning spaces – a far cry from the old “portables” concept. The fact about Departmental Building Projects is that a “Core” building is built, in our case to house a notional 175 children, and then Mod5's appear related to yearly enrolments. The good news is that we will never become the forest of portables seen in areas of rapid growth thus ensuring that the spacious grounds our children now enjoy will remain a feature of the school. Growth within the school is an aspect that will ensure better access to funding and resources but it is important to grow in a quality manner. It is so easy to look at big schools from afar and assume that everyone is being carried along in that stream and everything must be ok. Having come from big schools I really value the personalised leading, individual care and connection we have in this wonderful environment. The lessons we have learned about a small school need to inform our growth and development – we are so appreciative of you all for selecting our school and supporting our focus as we look forward to an even brighter future.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Council is planned for Tuesday the 18 of March at 6:30 pm in the Grade 1/2 Rooms. This meeting is typically about the Annual report which contains the Government School Performance Summary for 2013. With the late release of the template and a new requirement to demonstrate Victorian Quality and Registration Authority compliance I would only anticipate a draft report being produced for the coming week. In its final form the Annual Report will be available to all families and will be the subject of a future open Council Meeting.

## Diary dates

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- Tuesday 18 March: 6:30 pm**  
School Council AGM
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- Friday 21 March**  
National Day of Action against bullying
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- Friday 21 March: 2:00pm**  
P&F Class Reps catch up  
Espresso 3094, 44 Were St
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- Sat 22 March: 9am – 1pm**  
MPS Farmers Market
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- Monday 24 - Wed 26 March**  
Grade 5/6 Camp
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- Monday 31 March**  
Coin drive - last day
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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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- Tuesday 22 April**  
Term 2 begins
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- Friday 25 April**  
ANZAC Day
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- Sat 26 April: 9am – 1pm**  
Farmers Market
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- Thurs 1 May**  
Cross Country Fun Run
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- Sunday 3 May: 10am-12pm**  
Working Bee
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- 8 May**  
Mothers Day stall

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## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 21 March.

This annual day provides a focus for our school to strengthen our everyday message against bullying and violence in our school and wider community.

At Montmorency Primary, we seek to provide a positive culture where bullying is not accepted. In doing so we aim to uphold the following:

- the right of respect from others
- the right to learn or to teach
- the right to feel safe and secure in our school environment at all times

On Friday 21 March the students and teachers will be participating in activities that support this National Day of Action. Wristbands have been ordered for each child in the school and will be handed out at no charge. If any adults would like to support our involvement in this day by purchasing wristbands, they will be sold for \$1 at the office.

For more information about this day you can go to the website:

[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

Janene Worsam  
Acting Assistant Principal



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# Physical Education & Interschool Sports

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher

## Cross Country

The MPS cross country event is coming up on Thursday 1 May. The grade 1-6 will be running down at Montmorency Park along the tracks (at the end of Rattray Rd end), starting and ending in the large grass area. We will be looking for parent helpers to help supervise the runners – please see me if you can help out. Students will be running laps, based on their age group. A map will be displayed in the office window for those interested in doing some training.

The Foundation level will be doing an event at school and students have already started to practice running laps of the oval. The day is about participation and being healthy and active.

## Interschool sports

Montmorency played 2 matches this week, one against Montmorency South and Lower Plenty. The cricket team had 2 close matches with a win and a loss, the bat tennis team only played competitively against Monty South, with the girls going down, but the mixed winning.

The volleyball teams have been having success, with the girls ' team winning 3-0 over Monty South though the boys went down in close sets. Both teams drew with Lower Plenty.

Sports awards went to Tommy Reilly-Neesham, Cheyanna Millington, Tom Horne, Carlie Melbourne and Lewis Cran-Oinonen.

## Swimming

Congratulations to Sarah Streat (Grade 6) who received third place in backstroke at the Regional Swimming Finals at Northcote Aquatic Centre. Sarah did exceptionally well in both her events - backstroke and breaststroke and must be congratulated on her courageous efforts! Well done Sarah!



Sarah Streat

## Out of Hours Care Room

Donna Barclay | OSHC Coordinator

The OSHC program has been very busy of late and on some occasions it has been full. Please check with me or the office to see if there is space for your child. We have applied for extra spaces, but at present we cannot accept bookings if we are full.

On the last day of term, we are going to run a Curriculum Day program in the OSHC room. If you would like to book in please make a booking ASAP so we can plan out the day. Cost will be approx \$50, minus rebates.

## Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open. The Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting their children to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. We will also be reading books from the Challenge list in our classrooms. An information letter and consent form will be sent home with your child shortly. For more information and book lists please visit:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)



# Parents & Friends

Natalie Duffy | Parents & Friends Coordinator

Thank you Suzi Smith and Leisa Lloyd for coordinating the upcoming Grade 5/6 hosted Farmers Market. The efforts of the school community in supporting this major fundraiser is certainly appreciated.

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

There has been plenty of milk carton rattling going on. Thank you to the parents and students who helped prepare the cartons for use. Many thanks to all families for your creative efforts to collect coins. Funds raised this year will go towards science education programs at the school.

What a competition! As we approach the half way mark there are some students who have already returned their cartons. Well done Sienna Fioretti (Foundation Red) \$258.50, Mason McMillian (1/2A) \$141.35 and Shola Magner (1/2B) \$9.85, for your fantastic contributions. Abbey Smith (5/6), Jake Smith (3) and Molly Smith (1/2) have collected \$47 each and are still going!

Which class will win the class prize for raising the most money? There's still time to change the leader board below:

Halfway 1 <sup>st</sup> place	Foundation Red	\$258.50
Halfway 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	1/2A	\$141.35
Halfway 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	1/2B	\$9.85

The coin drive ends Monday 31 March and it is very much a team effort. Whether you collect \$1 or \$100, every bit counts and is gratefully received.

## Easter Hat Parade & Easter Raffle: (Drawn 3 April)

The Easter Hat Parade is a fun free dress farewell to Term 1. Traditionally free dress days are a gold coin donation day. Parents are welcome to come and watch proud students parade and even join in. Please check to see if your child needs help making their Easter Hat at home. Easter Raffle baskets will be wrapped on Friday 21 March 9:15am in the foyer. Come along if you'd like to help.

Easter Raffle Donations are still needed and can be placed on the Easter table in the foyer. Please return Easter Raffle tickets before Thursday 3 April so you are in the draw. If you would like extra tickets they can be collected from the Easter table.

## Class Representatives

We will be having our first Class Representative catch up on Friday 21 March at 2:00pm in the courtyard of Espresso 3094, 44 Were Street Montmorency. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to take on this small coordinator role for P&F, including Danielle (mum to Sienna) and Junko (mum to Naomi) from Foundation Red. We hope this can add to the vibrant community spirit within the school.

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)

## Term 2 – What's Coming Up?

We have some fun days early in Term 2 and would love some parent/carer helpers. If you have some time on these days please let your class rep know.

- Thursday 1 May – Cross Country Fun Run.
- Thursday 8 May – Mothers Day Stall (or wrapping gifts Wednesday night)
- Tuesday 20 May – Australia's Biggest Morning/Afternoon Tea at Monty Primary School
- Tuesday 12 May – P&F Meeting. 10:00am Max's Burger Bar, Rattray Road, Montmorency. All welcome especially younger siblings!

# Student of the Week

## Term 1, Week 6 : 3-7 March 2014

OOS Sandie Symes

### **Isaac Loncar**

For being an industrious worker who produces excellent work.

OOK Keryn Johnston

### **David Hamilton**

For being a friendly Foundation K member. Your confidence has been shining like a bright light and we love your cool dance moves at dancing.

1/2A Margarita Strateas

### **Tibaud Loewenguth**

For his fabulous work in our reading sessions and for always being so quick to start his work.

1/2B Christine Turner

### **Aiden Harnetty-King**

For completing all of his unfinished work independently and doing a brilliant job on his Maths Portfolio task. You have made me proud this week!

3A Darryl Deller

### **Kane Dwyer**

For showing a fantastic attitude and for producing work of a high standard. Great improvement! Well done!

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

### **Liam Barber**

For working hard during all tasks in class and for willingly helping others in their learning.

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

### **Sarah Streat**

For her fantastic group work during Science and for making us so proud by being one of the students representing our school at Divisional Swimming. Well done!

## Term 1, Week 7 : 10 – 14 March 2014

OOS Sandie Symes

### **Lovisa Rahm**

For being a beautiful girl in our grade who is 'speaking to everyone' and enjoying being at Monty.

OOK Keryn Johnston

### **Finlay Clarkson**

You are a friendly boy who gets along well with everyone in Foundation K. You are doing some brilliant colouring too! Excellent Finlay!

1/2A Margarita Strateas

### **Kitty Wallwork**

For being a good friend and showing kindness to others. Well done!

1/2B Christine Turner

### **Isabelle Bonnefoy**

For settling into her new school well and displaying all of the values and qualities of a responsible student and friend. Well done!

3A Darryl Deller

### **James Kay**

Polite, respectful, liked by all your classmates. It's terrific having you in our class. Well done on your attitude and efforts.

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

### **Kara Jaeger-Pound**

For being creative in your writing and for always producing quality work in 'ALL' areas.

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

### **Lewis Cran-Oinonen**

For making the most amazing zucchini fritters and for your focus in the kitchen. Well done Lewis!

# Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Suzie Wilton & Darryl Deller | Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, E: [suzie.wilton@hotmail.com](mailto:suzie.wilton@hotmail.com)

## Kitchen

It's all happening in the kitchen! Almost everybody has had a chance to make and roll out fresh egg pasta with eggs from our chickens. We have made lots of different types of pasta – linguini, angel hair and even bow ties! Here is some feedback direct from the students:

- *'I enjoyed working as a team'* Angel (Grade 3)
- *'Pastalicious!'* Sophia (Grade 5/6)
- *'I enjoyed picking tomatoes from the garden'* Emile (Grade 3)

Blake from Grade 5/6 also made a record breaking 1.73 metre long strip of fresh pasta! Mick, one of our incredible volunteers, brought in a measuring tape to ensure accuracy – thanks Mick!

Another big thank you to Sandie S. for the donation of some massive zucchini's which then were turned into pasta sauce, zucchini ribbons and zucchini fritters and for the anonymous donation of a bag of lemons that became lemon ricotta fritters and some super silky smooth lemon curd (nice work Xander!).

Don't forget you are encouraged to bring an **apron** on your cooking day to protect your school uniform.

### Volunteers in the Kitchen

We would still love a few more volunteers in the kitchen – you are welcome to come for a morning session (9.00am – 11.15am) or afternoon session (11.45am – 2.00pm) or both! It is a wonderful, rewarding program to be involved in. Please contact Suzie Wilton on 0419 132 584 or [suzie.wilton@hotmail.com](mailto:suzie.wilton@hotmail.com)

### Extra Produce

Do you or your neighbours have a lemon tree at home with more lemons than you can use? Or way too much silverbeet? We are glad to accept any extra produce that you can't use at home – be it citrus, fruit or veggies, we will figure out creative ways to use it in the kitchen or for fundraising!

### Garden

Another big thank you to our Environmental Captains, Olivia and Abbey, who are working hard keeping our garden watered with a clever Watering Roster for 5/6 students. Thanks everybody!

## 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 30 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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Oldest child's name:.....Grade:.....

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### 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!**

# Daniel Napoiltano Guitar Teacher


B. App. Music Performance (Jazz/Popular) / Dip. Ed. (Secondary)


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