



Montmorency Primary School Newsletter

Issue 6: 29 April 2014

Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

Anaphylaxis and Allergies – No shared food. Please assist us

If a child is at risk, due to the likelihood of an allergic reaction, a management plan is lodged with the school and the appropriate medication provided by parents. The school has its role to play.

In line with recent upgrades to policy, you will notice that we have information regarding anaphylaxis and allergies posted outside each room. Students at risk have plans prominently displayed in the sick bay and relevant locations around the school such as the kitchen and Out of School Hours Care. The school has also run whole-staff Level 2 First Aid this year so we have a high level of knowledge regarding risk and treatment. I commend the staff for their willingness to participate in this intensive, out-of-hours training. We have also updated our policy and backed it up with the purchase of additional Epipens and Asthma medications to ensure the safety of children at risk. No sharing of food is critical and this is the approach recommended by the Royal Children's Hospital.

How you can help:

Please back up our "No Shared Food" policy. Make sure that your child's medication plan is up to date and do the same for any medications needed. Whilst it is impossible to enforce a "nut free" school for example, due to the number of foods processed in facilities that also process nuts, items such as peanut butter sandwiches should be kept for the home. If you are bringing birthday treats please let the class teacher know in advance. Parents of children with allergies can supply treats to be given out when it is someone's birthday.

Our New Building – The excitement is building as well.

As you can see this is at lock-up stage and on target for a Term 3 start – exciting! We are aiming to move out in the last week of Term 2 – this is to ensure that the current rooms and admin can be demolished over the June/July holiday break. The building contains asbestos sheeting in the guidance officers' corridor, staff toilets, breezeway roof and one run of eaves in the bike cage. Other eaves were replaced in the BER process. Although this does not amount to much, and is not dangerous, the holiday demolition will ensure that children will not be exposed to any risk.

How you can help:

We are meeting with parents and friends to look at mobilizing parent teams around the time of moving in. Michael Smith, School Council buildings and Grounds, has been doing a lot of thinking around the order of events that might need to be established. The current Phys Ed store needs to be moved to the Water Tank Shed and if old records could be cleared from the castle mezzanine, our office storeroom could be cleared, for example. If you have any time you can give around such tasks keep your eye out for future communications or just let us know.

Diary dates

-
- Tuesday 29 April: 3.45 pm**
Education sub committee
-
- Thurs 1 May**
Cross Country Fun Run
-
- Tues 6 May**
Foundation K & S
Bunnings and library excursion
-
- Wed 7 May**
Foundation Green, Red & Blue
Bunnings and library excursion
-
- Wed 7 May: 3 pm**
Mini Market
-
- Wed 7 May: 6 pm**
Mothers' day gift wrapping
-
- Thurs 8 May**
Mothers' Day stall
-
- Tues 13 May: 10 am**
P&F meeting
Max's Burger Bar
-
- 13 – 15 May**
NAPLAN tests
-
- 19 – 24 May**
Education Week
-
- Tues 20 May: 2pm**
Australia's biggest
morning/afternoon tea
Pop up cafe
-
- Wed 21 May**
School open morning 9-10.30
School tours, 10.30 am & 1pm
School info sessions 11am, 7pm
-
- Saturday 24 May Farmers' Market.** Hosted by Grade 3

Montmorency Primary School

T: 9434 5944 F: 9434 6028

W: www.montmorencyps.vic.edu.au

60A Rattray Road, Montmorency VIC 3094

E: montmorency.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

www.facebook.com/MontyPS

Stephanie Alexander Garden Position – Welcome Jasmine Lechte

Volunteers Welcome!

It is with pleasure that we announce Jasmine as our new Garden Specialist – she has been working to re-establish things over the holidays. Although class teachers and aides go with the groups, we need volunteers to keep the groups small and focused. The change of day to Wednesdays has seen a couple of long-standing volunteers drop out. If you are willing to spend a little time in the garden each week on Wednesday, please contact Darryl Deller (SAKG Staff Co-ordinator) or let us know at the General Office.

Physical Education & Interschool Sports

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher

Cross Country Fun run

This week is the school cross country fun run. Students please wear sports clothes with your house colour t-shirt or jumper. Thanks to everyone for their efforts raising money for the school. Please return money to the classroom teacher on Friday so we can see how much has been raised.

The grade 1's will race at 9:40 on the oval followed by all Foundation students for approximately 15 mins around the oval.

At 12:30 races start down at the creek. All ages will be running at the same time to ensure safety of children on the course. Helpers are urgently needed to assist with supervision on the course. We will return to school at 1:30.

Parents & Friends

Natalie Duffy | Parents & Friends Coordinator

What a wonderful start to Term 2! It's amazing how a short break can re-energise everyone so much and create such excitement amongst the school community. Congratulations to our school captains and students who attended the ANZAC march on Friday. You were great ambassadors for our school on this solemn day.

Gold & Silver Coin Drive - We hit the jackpot!

Who would have thought that a simple coin drive could raise over \$3700? The school community is so grateful for the efforts of all students and families for this outstanding contribution to our fundraising. These funds will be used for science programs for all grades. Well done Foundation Red who won the class prize for their top earnings of \$625.90. We hope you get lots of enjoyment from the new additions to your "home corner".

Easter Hat Parade

Thank you for all the donated Easter treats that enabled us to have close to 40 raffle winners on the last day of Term 1. Well done to all students for participating with such flair and a sincere thank you to the many parents and friends who gathered to watch the merriment. Congratulations to our creative Easter Hat winners. Please contact Natalie Duffy if you haven't received your Pancake Parlour voucher.

The Birthday Book

Our classroom book collections are growing and so is our library. Thank you to the many families who have donated a book to the school to mark the occasion of student birthdays. We are grateful to you and to Eltham Bookshop and Robinson's Bookshop at Greensborough for supporting this initiative.

Meera from Eltham Bookshop is kindly gifting a second book to Monty for any Birthday Books purchased from Eltham Bookshop and Robinson's Bookshop are offering a 10% discount for any Birthday Books purchased through them.

Your donated Birthday Books will remain in the classroom to be shared and enjoyed with classmates for the remainder of the year, and then relocated to the library as a legacy gift. Did you know that our school library is 17 students long? Yes, Foundation K students lined up along the bookshelves to measure it.

All students who donate a Birthday Book go in the prize draw to win their very own hardback copy of "The Birthday Book", an illustrated treasury of stories and poems by Michael Morpurgo & Quentin Blake.

Term 2 – What’s Coming Up in May?

We have a Parents and Friends meeting coming up and some fun days planned for Term 2 and later in the year. We would love to share our plans with you at the meeting and encourage your involvement where you can. Younger siblings are always welcome. Diamond Valley Support Services will also be briefing us at the meeting.

Thursday 1 May Cross Country Fun Run

Thursday 8 May Mothers’ Day Stall (or wrapping gifts Wednesday night)

Tuesday 13 May P&F Meeting. 10:00am Max’s Burger Bar, Rattray Road, Montmorency

Tuesday 20 May Australia’s Biggest Morning/Afternoon Tea at Monty Primary School

Saturday 24 May Farmers’ Market - hosted by Grade 3

Cross Country Fun Run: Thursday 1 May

Ready, Set, Go! Participation is the aim for this fun day. We hope the students are invigorated by the outside exercise and motivated by the fantastic fundraising prizes on offer. The funds raised are to be used for a worthy cause and if we reach \$2000 I pledge to run, stagger, crawl 3 laps of the oval too and challenge Mr Otway and teachers, parents and friends to join in. Thank you in advance to the parents and carers who have offered to help as marshals for the event. If you can’t help out on the day you can always hit up your work colleagues and neighbours to sponsor your child. Thank you Suzi Smith and Mrs B for organising this event.

Mothers’ Day Stall: Thursday 8 May

Each year Monty Primary holds a Mothers’ Day stall for students to purchase little treasures for mums, grandmas and special leading ladies. The Mothers’ Day stall will be trading to students from 9:30am on Thursday 8 May. Gifts of \$2, \$3, \$5 & \$10 will be available. We hope to raise \$600+ for technology resources for the school. Mums are invited to meet and mingle on Wednesday night 7 May to gift wrap and set up the stall in the school foyer. We are looking for volunteer shopkeepers so if you can spare 30-60 minutes or so Wednesday night or Thursday morning or please let Pauline Cassidy pauline.cassidy@hotmail.com or your class rep know.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea at Monty: Tuesday 20 May, 2:00-3:30pm

Come, meet and eat "Monty" our very hungry cupcake caterpillar at Monty Primary School’s Biggest (Afternoon) Tea. Monty Primary School is supporting the Australian Cancer Council by holding an advance morning tea for teachers and an afternoon tea for students and families on Tuesday 20 May. This disease affects many in our school community and one of the ways we can help to find a cure and improve experiences is to donate to the experts. Your donations made online through the Australian Cancer Council’s “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” website are tax deductible.

We are hoping that every student will buy a cupcake and hold their cupcake so we can measure how long Monty, our very hungry cupcake caterpillar will be. A pop up cafe will be operating for parents and friends who want to join in. Cupcakes will be on sale on the day for \$2 or alternatively you can buy them online or make a family donation to our Biggest Afternoon Tea event. To cater for those with allergies we will have some dairy free, egg free and gluten free cupcakes. Order forms and recipe requests will be sent home in the next week. Visit the link below to reach our Montmorency Primary School page to donate or join our team or post a comment.

<http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/montypsmorningtea>

For more information visit: www.biggestmorningtea.com.au > Click “Donate” > Find a morning tea Select “Vic” > Team Search enter “Montmorency Primary School”.

Farmers Market:

Thank you Kay Morehu and Mr K for coordinating last Saturday’s Farmers Market. Grade 4/5 were fabulous hosts and our stand had quite a remembrance feel with the springs of rosemary attached to baked goodies. A special thank you to the Jaeger, Middleton, Stephenson, Morehu, Charbel, Harris and Smith families and Mr K and Eta for your help on the stall. Thank you Mr Otway for your musical talent. You make such a difference. Mrs K, for your delicious Chocolate Toppers and everyone who donated baked goodies .. a big thank you! **The next market on Saturday 24 May will be hosted by Grade 3. Please contact Vanessa Jasper – M: 0498 135 016 | E: vjasper@live.com if you can help out.**

Entertainment Books

Leisa Lloyd has kindly offered to coordinate the popular Entertainment Book fundraiser. For \$65 you can get some great discounts at participating outlets and know that \$13 is being returned to our school. Please return your order forms to the office for books or order securely online at <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1906d65> for digital membership. Please contact Leisa on 0438 139 589 if you have any questions. Thank you Leisa!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Suzie Wilton | Jasmine Lechte | Darryl Deller | Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Kitchen

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break! Kitchen classes will be back up and running as of next Wednesday 30 April, please check your class timetable to see when your next class is! I can't wait to hear about everyone's holidays and cook some delicious food together! We are also so excited to welcome Jasmine in the garden and her hard work is already paying off, lots of new plants are starting to grow! This term in the kitchen we will be focusing on all things **bread** – what goes into bread dough, kneading, proving, shaping and baking all different types of bread!

Mini Markets are back!

Mini Markets will be held on the first Wednesday of each month during school terms so our first Mini Market will be on **Wednesday 7 May** from **3pm** onwards! Look forward to some tasty, home baked treats as well as some amazing Green Tomato Relish and Pear and Ginger Jam that won't last long!

Extra Produce

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! We are especially on the lookout for **lemons, cumquats** and **quinces**.

Garden

Hello to everybody from the garden, and welcome back from holidays! My name is Jasmine, and I am your new gardening teacher. I have previously volunteer taught in veggie gardens at other schools. My background is that I am a formally trained Horticulturalist and I completed my Advanced Certificate IV at Melbourne University's Burnley Campus.

I have been hard at work topping up the beds with fresh compost, which Suzie was kind enough to help with. I have also planted some seeds in the garden, and in the greenhouse so that we can get started as soon as possible. There is still plenty for us to do, so I will need your help!

It will be great to get everybody involved again in your fabulous Kitchen Garden. I am excited and I hope you all are too! I look forward to meeting all of my new students.

Newsletters

Penelope Aitken | Newsletter Editor **M:** 0411 274 472 **E:** penelope.aitken@gmail.com

The MPS newsletter is sent out fortnightly. If you have any notices or contributions for the next issue please email these to me by Sunday 11 May. 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 overleaf, 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 to multiple addresses, even if you still want a hard copy.

✂.....

YES, I would like the MPS newsletter sent electronically to the following addresses:

Email 1:

Email 2:.....

Email 3:.....

Parent Name/s:.....

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

Take me off the hard copy list please

Eltham Lacrosse Club

www.elthamlacrosseclub.com.au

PLAYERS WANTED for season 2014
Join a great, family friendly club

girls/mixed: training Wednesdays 5.30pm - 6.30 pm, GAMES Sunday 9.45am
boys/mixed: training Thursdays 5.30pm - 6.30 pm, GAMES Saturday 9.30am

All enquiries can be directed to juniordirector@elthamlacrosseclub.com



My Parents 'N' Me Program

My Parents 'N' Me is a program designed to help children understand their parents' separation, adapt to changes in their family and feel safe and comfortable to express themselves.

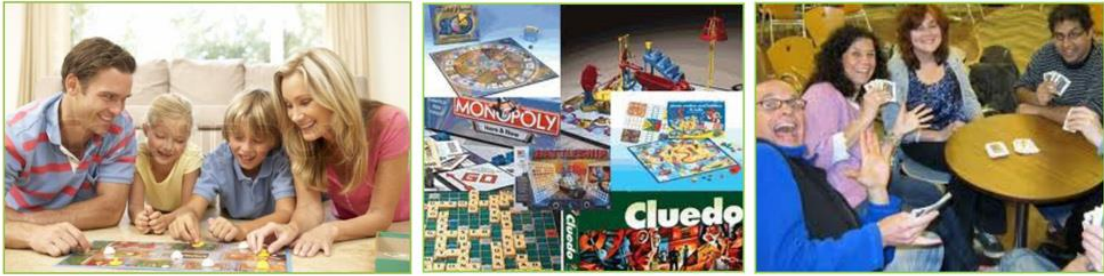
Children attending the sessions will be given the opportunity to share their experiences with trained facilitators and other children who are in similar situations. The children will also be helped to develop coping strategies which can help improve their resilience.

There is no cost to attend this group

When: 4 – 5.30pm
Duration: **6-10 y.o. group**
30 April - 28 May (4 consecutive weeks)
10-12 y.o. group
4 June - 25 June (4 consecutive weeks)
Where: David McKenzie room
Banyule Community Health Centre
25-33 Grimshaw Street
Greensborough

For more information please contact the Greensborough Family Relationship Centre

Telephone: 9404 7800
enquiries@greensboroughfrc.org.au



Playing Games in Monty

In an Electronic Free Zone

Remember all the games we used to play?
Come join the fun for all ages!

Where: Monty South Primary School Hall

Time & Date: From 6.30 pm, 3rd May 2014

Bring nibbles to share and your favourite game to play

Drafts Cluedo Canasta Chinese Checkers

Contact: Barbara Jackson, Monty Community Group, 0406 588 417



Twister



Backgammon

Do you like 500 or Bridge? Come
find your card partners.

