



Montmorency Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

We are two weeks away from being able to move furniture into our wonderful new building – very exciting. **The weekend of the 21 (8.00-4.00pm) and 22 June (9.00-4.00pm) will be one huge Working bee in order to set up.** Help is appreciated, with Michael Smith (School Council Buildings and Grounds Convenor) doing a great job of coordinating the move. Michael's effort and expertise has been exceptional but I have also been humbled and extremely grateful for the effort offered by so many parents. There are a myriad of jobs, small and large, that will make a huge difference to the move. So many families and individuals have given generously of whatever time they could spare – it all adds up to ensure a smooth and productive transition. There are lists of jobs on the noticeboard in the foyer and any time you can give us in the next few weeks will be greatly appreciated. The work of the school cannot stop of course. Staff have been busy with reports, a little earlier than is usual, in order to concentrate their efforts on the move and have also been streamlining and downsizing. Reports will be ready to go out in the last week of term with interviews in Term 3.

There are eight classroom spaces, an Art space and a Library space within the learning area and Grade 5/6, Grade 4/5, Grade 3, Grade 1/2 A&B, Foundation S, Foundation K and Foundation Green will set up there. Foundation Red and Blue will use our new portable building – it will be refurbished by the way. Sarah and Anna are really excited about the team teaching possibilities! Music and Physical Education will have some space in The Castle and the Kitchen will still double as an Art Room until we are established and can look at moving the Art supplies. The General Office will set up in the Library/ Resource area temporarily- not in a tent on the oval as previously indicated. Office access will be through the south doors of the building as the north doors will still be part of the building site.

How welcoming our school will look when the two buildings, set back, all on one level and with a welcoming space between them, are completed! As a bonus, it will all be in place for the start of the 2015 school year.

Working/Moving Bee – Sat 21 June 8-4pm / Sun 22 June 9-4pm

Last Day of Term 2 – Thurs 26 June – dismissal at 2.30pm

School Review – Two Important Surveys

In Term 3 we will be conducting our School Review. As we have grown we have directed our efforts at creating a team atmosphere involving ongoing review of our Curriculum and Welfare philosophy and practices. A review is very much about the plans we are making to go forward based on our self-knowledge. We have been forming up Strategic Directions for some time and have a draft Strategic Plan in place for future feedback. In the coming weeks two important documents will be distributed. One is about our choice of a language to be introduced in 2015. The other is a survey to ascertain and confirm your understandings of where we are at present and what future directions might augment the journey. The Department of Education puts out surveys each year but we are interested in a more immediate and relevant snapshot of your views to feed into our newly drafted Strategic

Diary dates

- **Tuesday 10: 9.30am**
Fire Brigade for Foundation
- **Wednesday 11 June**
Division Cross Country
- **Thursday 12 June**
Athletics carnival
- **Tuesday 17 June: 9.30am**
Fire Brigade for Foundation
- **Wednesday 18 June**
School Photos
- **Sat 21 & Sun 22 June**
Working/Moving Bee
8am - 4pm
Moving day -all welcome!
- **Thursday 26 June**
Last day of Term 2
dismissal at 2.30pm
- **Friday 27 June**
Curriculum Day
Pupil Free Day
- **Saturday 28 June**
Farmers Market
- **Monday 14 July**
Term 3 begins in the
new school!
- **Saturday 23 August**
Trivia Night
- **Term 3 – Wed 23 July**
Parent/Teacher Interviews
1.00pm – 7.00pm

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Plan. Please assist us by responding to and returning these surveys.

Principal's Report Cont.

Congratulations Michelle

Michelle Garvan, who supported Foundation S last year and has been working in Foundation K this year, will be finishing up in Foundation K on 13 June. Michelle, as many of you know, is a trained teacher and is fortunate to have been offered a part time teaching role at Hume Central Secondary College which starts on 16 June. Michelle has been a great professional in her two years at Montmorency and will always be a welcome visitor. I'm sure you will wish her well. This will result in a localised shuffling of Aide support until we can determine the right mix in the new classrooms.

School Council President's Report

Simon Clarkson | School Council President | E simondbclarkson@icloud.com

Please find below some key points out of the School Council meeting from 3 June. Please don't hesitate to contact me either on simondbclarkson@icloud.com or via the School Office if you want any further information, or have any other feedback to give.

1. After reviewing all feedback, it was decided to support the proposal to begin teaching Japanese from next year. This will be for Foundation only in the first year - building up from there. Further details will follow.
2. As part of the continual improvement of the school grounds and buildings we will be proceeding with replacing the roof on The Castle. On behalf of the School Council, I would like to thank Michael Smith for his extensive work in investigating options.
3. During the last month, the teaching staff have prepared 18 new policies to ensure the ongoing safety and welfare of our children and the rest of the school community. With minor amendments these were all endorsed by the School Council. This is a significant amount of work on top of the 'day-to-day' - well done to all involved!!
4. As an important part of the School Review, all parents will be asked for feedback. A feedback form will be sent out by the end of June - we look forward to seeing your comments.

Parents & Friends

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Help pack up the school for Monty on the Move – every Wednesday or anytime.

We need parents to help pack and clean the school in preparation for move weekend. Wednesday P&F Reps are on deck to coordinate things that need to get done. If you can help at any time during the day we would greatly appreciate it. However any day or time that you can help, we will easily find something for you to do. Check-in at the office to find out how you can help.

Farmers Market – Sat 28 June

The next Market is hosted by 1/2A. Even though it is the first weekend of school holidays we will still be at the market. If you can help on the day, please add your details to the signup sheet in the foyer or let the Class Reps Pauline Cassidy or Julie Bradford know. Don't forget, you can also help by baking something that can be sold at our Cake Stall. Bring the family and start the holidays with a leisurely wander around the market and sample some delicious products.

Keep the date – Trivia Night – 23 August 23

Book the baby sitter now and start talking to friends about organising a table for a great night out. Planning has started and there will be plenty of games and activities, prizes and auctions, music and frivolity, and the occasional dabble of trivia - and of course there will be a dress-up theme!!!

Further information will be sent home shortly. If you'd like to get involved in planning this event, please contact Suzi Smith at michael_suzi@optusnet.com.au

Student of the Week

Term 2, Week 6 : 26 – 30 May 2014

00G Linda Carter

Bettina Ambrose

For being such a valuable class member – always listening well, always trying your hardest and always helping others. Thank you Bettina!

OOS Sandie Symes

Jean-Claude Charbel

For being a wonderfully positive class member who is producing excellent results in all areas.

OOK Keryn Johnston

Cooper Jones

For being a cool loom-band maker. It has been great to see you making and sharing this with your Foundation K friends. You are a GREAT friend to all – well done!

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Memo Mark-Aitken

For being a wonderful friend and a good role model in our class. We are lucky to have a JSC Representative like you!

3A Darryl Deller

Elias Nassis

For perseverance and concentrated effort. Always doing his best, no matter what!

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Alannah Taylor

For showing perseverance and determination throughout netball games during Interschool Sport.

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Xander Nassis

For showing excellent sportsmanship during the soccer games at Lower Plenty. Well done!

Term 2, Week 7 : 2 – 6 June 2014

00G Linda Carter

Kai Kovacic

For being a wonderful, caring friend when Scarlett fell over. You checked that she was OK and you gave up your playtime to sit with her. This made Scarlett feel safe and happy. Thank you Kai!

00R Anna Hayes

Luc Cooke

For trying so hard with his Whole Body Listening for always doing such amazing drawings.

OOS Sandie Symes

Sebastian Baxevanis

For following instructions in class to improve his focus and being a great friend to others.

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Braydn Coppick

For showing kindness and friendship to others. Thank you for taking care of your classmates and cheering them up if they are upset.

1/2B Christine Turner

Alex Gravier

For being well organised and always doing his morning process and often finding interesting 'wow' words during reading sessions.

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Carlie-Jane Melbourne

For always working well in all areas and for supporting other students during Mathematics. Well done!

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Abbey Smith

For presenting an outstanding report on volcanoes and demonstrating a terrific experiment.

Building & Grounds

Michael Smith | Buildings & Grounds Coordinator

'Be a part of history' Working Bee

On Sat 21 and Sunday 22 June we will be holding two all day working bees. Book the dates in and come along at a time that suits your family's schedule to help with the historic task of moving into the new building. There are thousands of school items, from furniture to books to pencils, that need to be carried to their new home and all hands need to be on deck. Come anytime between 8am and 4pm.

Interschool Sport

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher

Friday May 30

Monty ventured down to Lower Plenty for a top of the table soccer match. They came home with a win 4-2, in a match that was played with great spirit and enthusiasm. Well done Michelle for coaching in Kevin's absence. The sports award went to Jordan.

The girl's netball played an enjoyable game, losing 18-3, but trying out players in several new positions. The sports award went to Harriet. They didn't have a boy's team to play against, so they had a friendly game of rounders/dodge ball.

Out of Hours Care Room

Donna Barclay | OSHC Coordinator

The OSHC room is now able to take up to 30 children a night. With the increased spaces there is not that worry of whether there will or won't be space for your child, as there certainly will be. It also means on busier sessions we will have an extra staff member to help with supervision. There will also be more space in The Castle after the 5/6 class move out into the new buildings.

Please ensure your bill is up to date before the holidays. If you are having any issues paying please speak to me about it.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

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

Are you the sort of person who likes to help in a practical way?

We need volunteers to help assist with our kitchen and garden programs. You don't need to be a Master Chef or a Green Thumb, you just need to be some-one who would like to work with the children or even do a bit of gardening without the children.

Come along on a Wednesday morning and find out just how easy it is to make a great contribution. Suzie, our kitchen specialist and Jasmine, our garden specialist, would love to meet you.

Newsletters

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The next newsletter will be published on Monday 23 June. If you have any notices or contributions I'd be pleased to hear from you by Sunday 22 June. 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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